



Annual Report for 2014 - “Looking forward”.

Previous annual reports have reviewed the previous year, outlining major events, activities and accomplishments; 2015 feels like a year to look forward.....

However, perhaps it's worth reiterating that the association's main purpose is to facilitate consistent public practice, which in turn encourages healthcare providers to allow practitioners to work with their clients. In addition, the association seeks to provide support and encouragement to individual practitioners in their personal and spiritual journey through Reiki practice.



PAUL MITCHELL – PERTH – OCT 3 – 12, 2015

Paul Mitchell is coming to Perth, as the ‘Head of Discipline’ within the Usui hierarchy, and someone who has dedicated over 35 years of his life travelling and teaching what Takata taught him, he brings an enormous wealth of knowledge and experience with his teachings. On Oct 3 and 4, Paul will present two, one day workshops which will explore various aspects of the Usui System, there will be ample opportunity to ask questions and to engage in discussions. On Oct 9, 10 and 11, Paul will facilitate a residential intensive examining the fundamental construction of the Usui System; this is most highly recommended for all teachers and serious practitioners. Yet to be finalised, on Oct 12, is a Gathering of the Teachers and Teacher Candidates, to review current practices and to consider how we may further develop and progress the very best of Reiki in WA. This will be held at the retreat centre, at Two Rocks.

The number of members of the Association has grown enormously, it is very likely that we will exceed two hundred members this year. In part, this allows us to be much more effective in meeting the increasing need for competent volunteer practitioners but it also places greater demands on committee members. Younger, enthusiastic and committed practitioners are asked to consider taking an active role within the organization; we need you to replace existing members who will inevitably retire from active committee service.

A re-modelled Continuing Professional Development program will be introduced throughout the year; it will provide greater flexibility, incorporate the use of internet technologies, and expand the permitted range of associated programs. This should assist both metropolitan and regional public practitioner members to meet our annual requirements.

In addition, on the last Saturday of each month, there will be a sharing afternoon open to all Reiki practitioners, held at the Cancer Wellness Centre, Cottesloe. This is clearly directed to support and encourage new practitioners, to further develop existing practitioners, and to cultivate a community of practitioners. People dealing with cancer, their carers and the staff of healthcare facilities will be invited to come and receive treatments. Existing sharing groups, distributed throughout the metropolitan area, will also be actively supported. Attendance at sharing groups will earn CPD points.

All future association meetings will be scheduled within these afternoons:
AGM on Sat 28th Mar – Welcome to new members and Thanks to volunteers.
General Meetings on Sat 27th June, Sat 29th Aug and Sat 28th Nov.

Another significant action will be to develop and implement a standard approach to the provision of retraining for students and teachers whose training does not meet our Training Standards. This is a controversial and difficult task, people can be emotionally attached to their teacher and training – irrespective of how inadequate or inappropriate it may have been. Selected teachers will offer this training on behalf of the association; they will be listed on our webpages. This issue of appropriate training will be reinforced by the continued distribution of our standards postcards, letting the general public know that there are defined standards of Reiki training in WA.

As another means of promoting the association, a high quality t shirt, embroidered with our logo, will be available to members. This may also reinforce the public perception that we are organised and professional practitioners.

It is also likely that we will progress the idea of having another category of membership – the professional practitioner. These will be members who meet the highest level of our public practitioner requirements; their additional training may include First Aid and having professional indemnity insurance. Negotiations are proceeding with an appropriate first aid course provider.

Volunteering will again be the public face and practice of the association; we intend to revisit all those organizations with whom we work, outlining our continuing commitment to provide them with the best volunteers. This service is deeply satisfying and members are encouraged to participate in voluntary activities whenever possible.

Finally, as a part of his Australian tour, Paul Mitchell will be a keynote speaker at the Australian Reiki Connection's conference to be held in Sydney on Oct 17 and 18, entitled "The Future for Reiki: Pathway to Wellness". Association members are offered a special discounted conference ticket, please ask for details.

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