

# Healing Report for year ended 30 June 2021

## Summary

The Spiritual Healing Manual has progressed and the initial sections have been tested on some trainees. Reliance on volunteer availability and competing priorities will continue to be an issue, as with many other voluntary committees and boards. Healer applications and police checks have been processed as received.

## Spiritual Healer Numbers

Healers as at 1 July 2020	57
New Provisional Healers (trainees)	9
New Registered Healers	0
Healers graduating to Registered Healers	3
No longer healing at churches/organisations	-5
Resignations	-2
<b>Total number of Spiritual Healers 30 June</b>	<b>59</b>

## Healer Applications

The first Provisional Spiritual Healers to register under Spiritualism New Zealand have now completed their training and two years experience to graduate as Registered Spiritual Healers. We are seeing a high standard of healing, knowledge, participation and ethics reflected in the Registered Healer applications.

Most of our new applications this year have been for Provisional Healers, either just starting or continuing their training.

A big thank you to the trainers and organisations that have encouraged and supported their healers through their training and development.

## Training Manual

Spiritualism NZ has continued work on developing training material to help the spiritual healing trainers with consistent resources. While this is under development we have continued to accept the existing training regimes used by our churches and organisations doing Spiritual Healing.

Four chapters of the manual are written and going through the review process (about 27 individual topics). Some of the first sections of the manual were successfully tested in training sessions held at the Nelson Spiritualist Church in July.

As each section of the manual is completed, it will be published in the Spiritual Healing Trainers' section of the new website. The manual won't be static and will be reviewed with the trainers for feedback and improvements as they use it. The trainer meetings covering the initial sections which are likely to be familiar to any trainer, are likely to be held via Zoom.

## Police Checks

In order to help ensure public safety when having a healing session, spiritual healers are required to attain a satisfactory police check when applying and then every 5 years.

Thirteen spiritual healers were police-vetted during the financial year. However, the Police processing times have been slow.

## Public Liability Insurance & and annual Practising Fees

Spiritualism New Zealand arranges public liability and statutory liability insurance cover for all the registered and provisional spiritual healers to take advantage of bulk pricing that

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individual organisations and healers would not qualify for. This financial year Aon and NZI increased the premiums by 39% and we have been advised to budget for another 25% increase in the coming year as general insurance costs continue rise.

We again challenged the increase and were advised that all insurance costs have increased and this cost is still very competitive. An individual seeking the equivalent cover would pay in the vicinity of \$830 plus GST. Unfortunately, we can expect the insurance costs to continue to rise each year.

When the annual Practising Fees for spiritual healers is set each year, Spiritualism New Zealand uses the public liability insurance as a major determinant because it is the bulk of the healer cost. Consequently, the Board has set the Practising Fees for 2021/2 at \$30 per annum to cover the increased insurance cost.

### **The Year Ahead**

The continued development of the healing manual will remain a priority for Spiritualism New Zealand, alongside the website redevelopment. The roll out of the completed sections and their on-going review will also be scheduled with the trainers. As we did for Nelson, we are happy to travel and run introductory healing weekends by arrangement with individual churches or groups which have no Spiritual Healing trainer.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank those trainers and healers in our communities who are continuing to volunteer their time and knowledge to help others. We thank you all for being so committed to Spiritual Healing. Thank you also to the members of SNZ's Healing Committees who have kept our progress going.

Anne Roughton  
Chair Healing Sub-Committee

