

### Summary

Healing memberships have increased slightly during this last year. With the new website and finance system settled, work on the Spiritual Healing Manual has started to progress again. We have held another weekend of spiritual healing training in Nelson in conjunction with the local church. With SNZ's review of its strategic direction this year, supporting the new spiritual healers, the training manual and regional workshops will remain priorities.

### Spiritual Healer Numbers

<b>Healers as at 1 July 2022</b>	<b>61</b>
New Provisional Healers (trainees)	7
New Registered Healers	5
Healers graduating to Registered Healers	4
Retired / Passed over / Resignations	-5
<b>Total number of Spiritual Healers 30 June</b>	<b>68</b>
Healer applications in progress at 30 June	10

### Healer Applications

Healer applications have increased this year as organisations, especially, have endeavoured to replace their retiring healers. Although most of our healers are registered healers (56), we are getting more organizations joining their trainee healers so they get the advantage of the insurance cover while completing their training. It's lovely to see the enthusiasm and competency demonstrated as we follow the new healers through their development path.

The NZ Federation of Spiritual Healers has announced that it will be closing this year and we are unsure what impact the reduced number of spiritual healing umbrella organisations will have on us. We have reached out to see whether we can assist their healers.

Our thanks go out to the trainers and organisations that have continued to encourage and support their spiritual healers through their training and development.

### Training Manual

With our new website and financial systems in place, we have had more time to develop the healing manual this year, but it's still progressing more slowly than we would have liked. It was revised to be consistent with other SNZ published material, for gender-neutral pronouns, and to hyper-legible font for those with vision difficulties. Who wants to be an author in these times! Some sections are now on their third iteration having received other feedback from the people training it. As a living manual, it will continually be reviewed and improved with feedback from the trainers and healers.

About 22 topics are complete and published, covering the basics of spiritual healing such as what spiritual healing is and how to do it, but they are yet to be put on the website for all trainers. But in the interim, they are available to trainers on request.

We have a wonderful team of volunteers working upon the manual to ensure it is a readable and practical document. Our thanks go to Amanda Cartridge who edits every draft for its English, Michael Thorn who improves it from an experienced spiritual healer perspective, and Jane Stephens who is creating many of the illustrations.

### Regional Workshops

The retirement of a number of healing trainers at some of our member organisations has continued to have an impact. The United Spiritualists of Christchurch have successfully got around this by splitting up their training material between their registered healers, so they take a turn to share the training workload. Other organisations have not had the capacity to do this and have asked SNZ to assist.

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In addition, we sometimes get queries from people looking for spiritual healing training in other parts of New Zealand that are not serviced by a spiritual church or spiritual healing organization. With SNZ's review of our focus over the next three years, we have decided to place more emphasis on delivering healing workshops in regions where there is a need not met by other groups.

During this financial year, we ran a beginners' spiritual healing workshop over a weekend for the Nelson Spiritualist Church, which was well attended by 18 people. Eight of those attendees now heal at the Nelson church and are continuing to meet regularly to practice and work through the healing manual until we return in six months to deliver the next phase of their training.

### **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, taking advantage of bulk pricing that individual organisations and healers would not qualify for.

We have been advised that insurance costs have risen by 15% across the board and to expect that when we renew this year. Spiritualism New Zealand uses the public liability insurance cost as the major determinant of its practicing fee cost because it is the bulk of the healer cost. The Board has set the practising fees for 2023/4 to \$35 per annum in line with the expected insurance increase.

### **The Year Ahead**

With the new website settled, we will be setting up secure website pages for the healing trainers from which they can download the latest versions of the training resources for use in their classes. We will be following up with existing trainers but any new trainers interested in training SNZ spiritual healers should also contact us.

The continued development of the healing manual will remain a top priority and running more training workshops in areas where they are required will also rise in priority.

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 Sub-committee who have kept our progress going.



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