



## EDITORIAL

I would like to congratulate the Organizing Committee of the Fifth Australian Family Therapy Conference in Canberra for a well planned conference where many and varied papers and workshops of a high standard were presented. Reports of this Conference will be published in the next issue of this Journal.

The A.J.F.T. has now completed five years of publication and this issue concludes my term of editorship. Including the "run-up" pre-publication time to the first volume, the period of my involvement as Editor is six years. During this time there has been a very considerable expansion of interest in family therapy throughout Australia and New Zealand. It has been an exciting time and I have enjoyed participating in this growth through my involvement with this Journal. I am looking forward, however, to having time to concentrate more on my own writing which I have largely neglected over these years.

There are many people to whom I owe a debt of gratitude for their work and supportive commitment to the Journal. The A.J.F.T.'s success represents a team effort. Moshe Lang, Graham Martin, and Brian Stagoll are the members of the retiring executive team whom I particularly wish to acknowledge. Moshe has always unquestioningly donated time and effort to the task, and his ideas, energy and support over the the years have been vital ingredients to our achievement. I have been keenly aware of his encouragement over this time, and can't thank him enough. I am very conscious of Graham's "behind-the-scene" contribution as Technical Editor. He has toiled arduously throughout the past six years and the extent of his input and support has rarely been fully recognized. Brian has contributed many things, including hard work and humour. His enthusiasm has been irrepressible and he has always been a constant source of new ideas.

I would also like to thank the Co-ordinators of departments. According to feed-back from our readers, their efforts have considerably broadened the Journal's appeal. I am grateful to the Representatives

and the Members of the Board of Assessors who have played an important and, at times, hidden role in the day to day running of the Journal.

I would like to acknowledge the participation of the Editorial Board in the Journal's success. The Members of the Editorial Board have always pledged their support to the Journal, and have always been responsive to any requests made of them.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank our subscribers and the various family therapy associations for lending their weight and their trust to our endeavour. I recall that we had over two hundred subscriptions well before the first issue went to press, and before prospective readers had even the faintest notion of what we would be publishing.

I would like to congratulate the incoming Editor, Max Cornwell, and wish him every success for his term of office. Max is not a newcomer to editing and publishing, and I believe he is well equipped to further develop this Journal.

Over the last couple of years I have been encouraging debates, in the form of letters to the Editor, over contentious theoretical, social and political issues. This has provided a forum for the airing of different ideas and values effecting both family therapy and the broader society. This present issue is a special edition that extends this practice. Jane Chapman *et al.* present a clear proposal for non-sexist language guide-lines for this Journal; Kerrie James' Plenary Address thoughtfully examines some important questions facing female and male therapists; Deborah McIntyre's paper looks at men's violence in marriage from a feminist perspective; Jane Chapman and Sue Park present a feminist analysis and guidelines for marital therapy; Penny Roughan and Beth Ryan discuss an approach that locates women's "weight disorders" within a multi-level context; and Darryl Cross provides us with an alternative research method that can be liberating for most therapists who are not into orthodox scientific method.

**Michael White**

## **REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE A.G.M. OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD, SEPTEMBER 1984**

The Editorial Board held its Annual General Meeting in Canberra. At the request of the meeting I would like to share some of the proceedings with the readers.

Max Cornwell has been appointed Editor for the next three years, commencing with the next issue of the Journal (i.e. 6:1). The Editorial Board agreed unanimously that Max is an excellent choice. He has considerable editorial experience, and has published extensively both locally and overseas. He is very familiar with the Family Therapy network. He has the fullest cooperation and support of the Editorial Board and we call on our readers to join with us in this commitment.

We were fortunate in having excellent candidates for the position of editor. This made the choice extremely difficult. It was agreed that all due processes took place and the selection procedure was fair and equitable.

It is with pleasure that I report the agreement of New Zealand Family Therapists to the proposal to rename the Journal the "Australian and New Zealand Journal of Family Therapy".

The decision to expand the Editorial Board is well underway. The State Associations of New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and Western Australian have each appointed their representative to the Board and they were present at the above meeting. The A.C.T., Tasmania and New Zealand have been invited to appoint their representatives.

The Editorial Board has formulated guidelines for the working of the Journal. These guidelines are open to discussion and debate. Thus it has been decided to publish them so that readers can comment through letters to the Editor, or by writing to Judy Cross who is the convenor of the subcommittee on policy/constitution of the Journal.

A draft proposal for a non-sexist language policy has been submitted. The Editorial Board resolved to publish this proposal in order to evoke discussions on this issue.

The Editors, Coordinators of Departments and contributors have frequently commented on the lack of response of readers to their articles and letters. The Journal is **YOURS**, for it to continue and flourish we need your involvement, your responses and we seek your opinions.

The finances of the Journal have always been precarious, a hand to mouth operation. Subscription fees are not sufficient to cover costs. Thus the Journal

relies on voluntary work and the contribution from the States of some of the conference profits. To make forward planning possible and provide some degree of security for those involved with the day to day running of the Journal, the Editorial Board resolved to recommend to all State Associations that at least 50% of the profits from future conferences go to the Journal.

The Editorial Board noted with satisfaction the good work of the Coordinators of the various departments. The contribution of the Associate Editors was acknowledged. Special thanks were expressed to Graham Martin for the often unnoticed but continuous work he has done for the Journal.

Finally, it is my pleasure to thank Michael for his contribution to the Journal. Under his leadership it has become a focal point in Australian Family Therapy and has achieved a fine reputation both locally and overseas. To reach this standard requires outstanding ability and dedication.

After six years of demanding work, editing 5 volumes of the A.J.F.T., Michael has earned a well deserved rest. We wish him all the best in the future and hope he will continue to give the Journal the benefit of his experience and knowledge.

In recognition of Michael's contribution, the Editorial Board resolved that all further issues of the Journal will include "Foundation Editor — Michael White 1979-84" on the front cover.

**MOSHE LANG**  
Chairperson  
Editorial Board