

Coming Events, Jottings and Announcements

© **10–11 July 2006, Dulwich Centre** will be holding a free two-day 'Introduction to Narrative Therapy' workshop facilitated by David Newman and Kath Muller, for young people (30 years or younger) interested in stories and narrative ideas. It is not necessary to be working in the field in order to attend. What is necessary is an interest in stories and in exploring how narrative practices can be put to use in e.g. writing, film, or friendship networks. For more information see the website: www.dulwichcentre.com.au. For enquiries or to register please e-mail: dulwich@senet.com.au

© **3–6 September 2006, the 27th Annual Australian Family Therapy Conference, *Hallowed Turf: Common Ground: What's Unique, What's Shared***, at Melbourne's Hilton on the Park, overlapping with the Gestalt Association (GANZ) on the third day. For more information contact Pam Richards (enquiry@prcc.com.au).

© **25–27 September 2006, Bower Place** will conduct a three-day workshop, 'Introduction to individual, couple & family therapy' presented by Catherine Sanders, Malcolm Robinson, Nicole Best, Marten Johns & Rosemary Freney. This is Unit 1 of Bower Place Professional Practice Certificate in Individual, Couple & Family Therapy and Diploma in Individual, Couple & Family Therapy. For more information and enquiries go to Bower Place: <http://www.bowerplace.com.au/>; Rosemary Freney: rosemary@bowerplace.com.au

© **26–27 February 2007, Pat Crittenden** will conduct a 2-day workshop in Sydney on 'The Dynamic-Maturational Model of Attachment and Psychopathology' (see Pat's paper in this issue). Day 1, 'Pathways to psychopathology: Growing up unprotected and uncomforted' presents a developmental approach to risk for psychopathology tied to attachment relationships. Age-appropriate assess-

ments will be described. Day 2, 'Psychological patterns and psychopathology: The empirical evidence' surveys the empirical evidence from infancy to adulthood on the DMM. For more information, contact Andrea Caputo, The Children's Hospital at Westmead, phone + 61 2 9845 2005 or e-mail Andreac2@chw.edu.au

© **In this special attachment issue, you** will read accounts of inspiring clinical work. However, some therapies for maltreated children invoke the term 'attachment therapy', but resort to practices which no readers of this journal would endorse. The 'Report of the APSAC Task Force on Attachment Therapy, Reactive Attachment Disorder, and Attachment Problems' by Mark Chaffin et al. (*Child Maltreatment*, 11, 1 (2006): 76–89) concludes with a list of recommendations. Imagine having to specify that no treatment should include 'humiliation, withholding or forcing food and water intake [or] prolonged social isolation ...'

© **The University of East London, in** conjunction with the Tavistock Clinic, recently presented Carmel Flasks with an Honorary Doctorate of Education. Excerpts from the citation, written by Sara Barratt, follow: "Carmel is an Australian Family Therapist and Social Worker who has, in the past 15 years, written core texts which have been crucial to the developing theories of systemic psychotherapy ... Carmel's ideas are the ideas of someone who is prepared to sit in the middle of the muddle that is life and to try to help people bring forth something optimistic and new from the different theoretical perspectives at her disposal." We offer Carmel our delighted congratulations!

© **John Kaye of Adelaide, who is on this** journal's list of assessors, is co-author of 'Asylum Seekers, Therapy and Ethics' in the *International Journal of Critical Psychology* Vol. 16. The volume

is entitled *White Terror/Post Empire*, and is edited by Damien Riggs and Lorraine Johnson Riordan. John also has a chapter 'Psy No More: Towards a Non-iatrogenic Psychotherapy' in *Ethically Challenged Professions: Enabling Innovation and Diversity in Psychotherapy and Counselling* edited by Yvonne Bates and Richard House, published by PCCS Books in 2003.

© **Colin MacKenzie, who has been** involved with the journal from its outset, as subscriber, Board member, Network News correspondent and author, is now in busy retirement in Launceston (still giving feedback to the editors!). He wrote recently: 'One of my hobbies is bookbinding, at which I am a complete amateur, but I have it in mind to bind my sets of journals, and I wondered if there was a way of accessing the great design that is on the cover, as I'd like to somehow incorporate it either on the endpapers or even, if I can find a way and I have the tools, resources and skill, on the outside covers.' Everyone who contributes (or has contributed) to the journal should take a bow!

© **No need to reinvent the wheel and** write this yourself — 'Systemic Family Therapy Outcomes' by Peter Stratton, is located at www.aft.org.uk. Find the link to this paper in the right hand column of the home page. The Association for Family Therapy in the UK would like all of us to use this report to convince administrators of the worth of what we do.

© **'Despite the common idea that fee** affects outcome, the body of research and the present study suggest otherwise'— this is the verdict of David B. Ward and Eric E. McCollum, in 'Treatment Effectiveness and Its Correlates in a Marriage and Family Therapy Training Clinic' (*American Journal of Family Therapy*, (2005), 33: 207–223).