

## **Assessment & Teacher Training Committee Report for 2018 IYANZ AGM**

**Committee Members: Tessa Meek as Chair and Junior Intermediate Level 1&2 Assessment Coordinator, Susie Lever as Junior Intermediate Level 3 Assessment Coordinator, Jo Peden as Secretary and Introductory Level Assessment Coordinator, Rosie Holland and Clare Davenport. Louisa Potter resigned from A&TT at the start of this year and Clare Davenport joined our committee. We thank Louisa for her work on our Committee and wish her all the best and welcome Clare onboard.**

The Assessment and Teacher Training Committee largely work behind the scenes to ensure that all levels of assessments are offered each year in New Zealand and are carried out smoothly. In 2018 we held our first ever Senior Intermediate Level Assessment here in New Zealand. We are striving to encourage our Assessors and Moderators to continue training so that our pool of available Assessors and Moderators continues to grow despite some of our long-standing assessors retiring.

This year Joy Sanders retired as an Assessor after many years serving our community and we were sad to see her go. Louisa also resigned from all Association responsibilities due to health issues. Anne-Marie Tweedie joined the Moderators' group which has now become the Senior Advisory Group (SAG) growing our numbers and we wish her well in this role.

The Assessment and Teacher Training Committee work closely with the Senior Assessors Group and the Executive Committee. Additional to organising and planning for the smooth running of all our assessments, we organise (in conjunction with the SAG) the annual All Assessors' and Teacher Trainers' Meeting. This Meeting is an important event for our Association as it brings our senior teachers, Assessors and Moderators and now Teacher Trainers together to discuss and develop ideas and help shape the culture behind our Association. We believe the All Assessors' and Teacher Trainers' Meeting is important for the collegiality and cohesion of our senior community which benefits our Association as a whole.

Part of our focus this year as A & TT has been to look for additional suitable venues for future assessments and we would like to consider sometimes holding these out of Auckland, depending on where the majority of applicants reside. We also work to ensure costs of assessments are kept to a reasonable budget.

Since the 2017 AGM the A & TT have organised the following assessments:

- Junior Intermediate Level 1 November 2017, all three candidates passed.
- Junior Intermediate Level 2 November 2017, all three candidates passed.
- The Introductory Assessment in May 2018, 6 candidates sat and 4 passed.
- Junior Intermediate Level 3 in August 2018, five candidates sat and three passed.
- Senior Intermediate Level 1 in August 2018, Paul Barton passed.
- The Junior Intermediate Level 1& 2 Assessments have been organised and are in November this year with 4 candidates sitting at Level 1 and 3 candidates sitting at level 2.

**The Assessment and Teacher Training Committee strongly believe assessments and encouraging more teachers to come up through the**

**certification system is what will enable our association to flourish.**

**We thank all our Teachers, Teacher Trainers, Assessors and Moderators for their time, energy and work which enables Iyengar Yoga to keep growing and evolving here in New Zealand.**

**Thank you.**