

## **Assessment & Teacher Training Committee Report for 2017 IYANZ AGM**

**Committee Members: Tessa Meek as Chair, Susie Lever as Junior Intermediate Level 3 Assessment Coordinator, Jo Peden as Secretary and Introductory Level Assessment Coordinator, Rosie Holland and Louisa Potter.**

Since the 2016 AGM the A & TT have organised the following assessments:

- Junior Intermediate Level 1 July 2016, all three candidates passed.
- Junior Intermediate Level 2 November 2016, all four candidates passed (one candidate didn't sit).

There was no JI 3 assessment in 2016 due to a lack of candidates.

In 2017 we have organised the Introductory Assessment in June 2017, seven out of eight candidates passed.

Junior Intermediate Level 3 in June 2017 had two candidates sit and both passed (also one candidate didn't sit).

Anne-Marie Tweedie upgraded to Senior Intermediate Level 1 and Monica Haar upgraded to Junior Advanced Level 1.

Vanessa Greenwood has been recruited to coordinate the Junior Intermediate Level 1&2 Assessments alongside A & TT committee and we are grateful for Vanessa's help.

A & TT also organised (in conjunction with the Moderators group) the All Assessors Meeting in March. This is a very useful meeting for all our Assessors to attend and work through issues that arise from Assessments and Teacher Training. Issues and action points arising from the All Assessors Meeting are being worked through by A & TT.

Two of our Moderators went to the Australian All Assessors Meeting who then reported back to IYANZ. This contact keeps the lines of communication and current understanding open and is a useful tool for our Association to continue to grow and develop alongside the Australian Association while encouraging our own clarity and independence.

A & TT liaise with new Teacher Trainers and are in the process of compiling a list of current Teacher Trainers to go on the IYANZ website.

A & TT have been keeping the TT Manual updated and current in conjunction with changes made to the Australian manual (we work closely with our Moderators Group and stay largely aligned with the Australian Manual).

There is currently discussion around assessment issues relating to cost viability and we are considering increasing the candidates' assessment fee to balance this out.

A & TT feel Assessments and therefore also Teacher Training are at the heart of our Association and our work is to encourage and promote our community to grow in number and confidence by upgrading and working through the levels and the processes as set out by BKS Iyengar. A & TT would like to see more of our trained teachers progress further through the Junior Intermediate levels and are discussing how our Association can

support our teachers so they feel valued and encouraged to continue to upgrade their teaching certificates.

A & TT are a committed group who work well together to uphold the duties for the Assessment and Teacher Training Committee of the Iyengar Yoga Association of N.Z.

Namaste,  
Tessa Meek  
Chair of IYANZ A&TT 2017