

# IYNZ Executive Report to the AGM 2022

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Our Association seeks to promote Iyengar yoga throughout NZ. With the proliferation of other forms of yoga in the West, this mission has become paramount. Now that the worst of COVID is behind us we have taken up the baton once again and have resumed live events alongside, and sometimes with a Zoom presence.

This year the Executive committee has continued to meet on Zoom to oversee the running of the association. Most members of the Executive Committee have are currently serving their first term of office. Thank you to the existing members: Renee Roos, Hayley Roberts, Sandra McLellan and Deborah Mann who will remain on the Executive committee for 2023.

Our teacher community has grown slightly over the last year to bring our association to 109 Certified Iyengar Yoga Teachers.

We held a Level 1 Assessment earlier this year. This was the first assessment held within the framework of the new guidelines from Pune. We are please to report that all 6 candidates passed Level 1. The first Level 2 Assessment following the new guidelines will be held in November this year.

We were excited to be able to hold a live Association Convention this year – the first one since 2019. This took place in Raglan, which proved to be the perfect town to hold a convention in. Glenn Ceresoli was the Association teacher this year, and this marked the start of the resumption of Senior Australian teachers visits to New Zealand. Since then we have had workshops taught by Peter Scott and Alan Goode, and later in the year Pixie Lillas will return for the first Kimi Ora retreat since 2019, and Glenn Ceresoli will teach his first Mana retreat in the coromandel since the start of COVID. We also had a Zoom workshop taught by Alan Goode last month.

Our NZ senior teachers – Monica Haar and Suzi Carson - have also taught live workshops and intensives this year: some locally, some further afield. And later this year Melodie Batchelor will teach her annual spring retreat in Piha – also the first since before COVID.

This year the association was not able to hold the Annual All Assessor's meeting in person, instead it was held on Zoom. Discussions focused on implementation of the new assessment system, preparations for forthcoming assessments, and the final push to getting the new TCH (Teacher's Certification Handbook) and CPM (Certification Procedures Manual) manuals ready for publication. Suzi Carson and I have had the task of working on the final edits.

In keeping with our efforts to grow awareness and interest in Iyengar Yoga, we have a wonderful team dedicated to creating a new website. This website will be ready to launch in the next few months.

All in all, we have had a successful busy **yoga** year. And everyone is thrilled at being able to get together, in person, at live events once again.

This completes the Annual Report of the Executive Committee 2022.

Eira Kramer  
Chairperson