

## **PETERSGATE COUNSELLING CENTRE**

A special note to say I hope you are all recovering from the frightening earthquake on 4 September. It is a stressful time for all of us and our thoughts are with you.

### **Client statistics**

Comparative figures for 2009 are shown in brackets.

Number of counselling sessions: **August 690 (714). Year to date: 5,449 (5,042)**

Number of new requests for counselling: **August 129 (103). Year to date: 1,029 (1,022)**

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Paul Dawson as our new Honorary Treasurer. Paul is a chartered accountant with his own practice, Affordable Taxation Service, located in Upper Riccarton, and it is wonderful to welcome him to our Board of Trustees.

In my June Newsletter article I outlined the role of our Office Volunteers. Currently we have an opportunity to engage one or two new volunteers, especially for Tuesday evenings and Friday afternoons. However, flexibility is important; so if you have a couple of hours spare at any time during the week we would like to hear from you. Give me a call on 347 4700 or Susan on 343 2932 and we can arrange to have a preliminary discussion.

Our application for building consent for the extension and refurbishment of our counselling rooms at 29 Yaldhurst Road is working its way through the City Council consent process. It's a slow but necessary part of getting approval for the work we are planning to do.

Our senior counselling team has begun to consider our staffing requirements for 2011, including offering student counsellors placements for next year. We are trying to arrange a student scholarship for next year and hope to be able to make an announcement within a few weeks.

If there is a topic you would like to see covered in these regular Newsletter/Bulletin articles let me know at [dianadenis@gmail.com](mailto:dianadenis@gmail.com).

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