

Reiki Teachers' Questionnaire Results – July 2011

These results were derived from a questionnaire distributed at the 5th Annual Teachers' Gathering held in Perth, and responses from a subsequent email request to other teachers. In total, 22 Teachers responded: 21 from WA and 1 from Victoria.

Part 1 – Quantitative results.

The totals for each question were divided by the number of responses:

1. Average years of teaching was 9yrs, but the results fell into two distinct categories;
One group of 10 teachers with an average of 5 years, and
Another group of 8 teachers averaging 15.5 years
2. The average no.of Reiki 1 students per year was 17, but excluding two responses of 50 and 62, the average reduced to 10.
3. On average, teachers taught 12 Reiki 2 students per year, but excluding two responses of 32 and 36 reduced the average to 7.5 students.
4. Two teachers indicated they had trained 3 new teachers and one had re-trained 4 teachers.
5. The average fee for a 1 hour treatment was \$60, with fees ranging from \$40 to \$80
6. The average level 1 class fee was \$245, but excluding one at \$594 reduced to \$225
7. For level 2, the average was \$390, but excluding one at \$880 reduced to \$360
8. The average fee to train a teacher was \$1450
9. On average, teachers provided 10 paid treatments per month and 10.5 voluntary treatments per month.

Part 2 – Descriptive comments.

This section sought to discover other issues and concerns; the responses included:

- (A) An overwhelming concern about how to ensure consistent standards of teaching; solutions included developing national training standards and ensuring teachers attend *Continuing Professional Development* programs.
- (B) Develop a register of recognised lineages and their teachers, to be made available to the public via association websites.
- (C) This was followed by the need for on-going support of new students; class training was acknowledged as just the beginning of the training of public practitioners.
- (D) The development of a *professional treatment practitioner* qualification; for example, additional training provided by a certificate 4 qualification for general healthcare employees.
- (E) How to progress acceptance by health fund providers.
- (F) One respondent expressed the need for some fee structure guidelines,
- (G) Another, the development of an Australian Reiki organisation.
- (H) Membership of an acknowledged association a pre-requisite to public practice.

Typically, reports conclude with a statement that 'additional research is necessary', and that certainly applies here. However, hopefully this survey would provide some insight into the public practice of Reiki in WA, and allow prospective patients and practitioners some basis for informed decisions.

The *Required Standards of Training*, and *Teacher and Practitioner Referral* lists contained on www.reikiassociationwa.com will help members of the public to make good decisions about selecting Reiki treatment practitioners and approved training.

*Questionnaire form follows.