Nāku te rourou nāu te rourou ka ora ai te iwi. With your basket and my basket the people will prosper.

We are delighted to introduce this special issue on “Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy in Aotearoa New Zealand”, edited by Dr Mark Thorpe, one of Ata's Editorial Board members.

Mark originally approached Keith and Alayne Hall (the former co-Editor of the journal) with a proposal for this special issue, which they were delighted to accept. The journal’s predecessor Forum had, in its time, three guest editors: Tony Coates (in 2000), Lesley King (2002), and Seán Manning (2005) (though none of these were special, themed issues). In this tradition, we were grateful to accept Mark’s offer of help to produce an issue of Ata, an offer that not only shares the workload but also furthers diversity.

This has not been an easy issue to bring together, and it has been subject to various delays, about which both we and Mark are mindful. Nevertheless, we hope that any inconvenience caused by the delay in publication will recede into the background when, you, the reader, are appreciating what we think is a rich and interesting collection.

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