



College of Respiratory Nurses AGM - July 2023 Chairperson's Report

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa It is my pleasure to present the Chairperson's report for the College of Respiratory Nurses NZNO for the 2022/23 year.

COVID-19 has had an ongoing impact on The College of Respiratory Nurses (CRN), members and activities in 2022/23. Workplace demands and other commitments have resulted in several changes in the Committee throughout the year. We sadly lost Alan Shaw and Karen McIntosh from the Committee during the year. Alan was Chairperson until April 2023 and had provided steady leadership through the challenges of the last couple of years. Karen served just short of two two-year terms on the Committee fulfilling the responsibility for membership and latterly interim Secretary. Our thanks to them for their commitment and valuable contribution. The Committee are volunteers fulfilling their roles on a voluntary basis on top of their normal clinical roles. I would like to acknowledge and thank all Committee members – Erin Foster, Jess Puru, Mikalya Neil, Miriam Manga and Tamsin Fitzsimmons for and their hard work and commitment throughout the year. Special thanks to Annette Bradley-Ingle CRN's NZNO Professional Advisor whose experience and support has been invaluable and Elizabeth Auchinvole for providing administrative support.

After two postponements the Committee were proud to deliver the Biannual College Symposium, with a focus on Bronchiectasis, held Virtually in September 2022. Our thanks to all that contributed to making this a successful event, in particular the wonderful speakers offering their time and expertise and the Respiratory College Committee for organising it. Special thanks to Marilyn Dyer, former Chairperson CRN, for her support and significant contribution to organising the event which she has been involved from the initial 2020 face to face version that was postponed due to COVID-19. The 2022 AGM was held during the Symposium lunch interval. Planning for the 2024 Symposium is in the early stages and the Committee look forward to welcoming attendees in persons to this and the AGM.

In addition to organising and delivering the symposium the College has continued with its other regular activities including:

- providing a number of submissions on relevant consultation documents, ensuring a CRN lens is taken and feedback given accordingly. In the last year this included the proposed changes to Vaping legislation.
- Publication and circulation of the College Airways newsletter three times a year, providing updates in respiratory nursing and College activities. This one of the

avenues the College utilises to share knowledge and updates in Respiratory management. Content includes members sharing their experience enabling others to build on this knowledge and help improve their understanding and Practice.

- Letter sent to Medsafe and Pharmac highlighting concerns regarding MDI instructions, in particular absence of spacer in pictorial instructions, and recommendation that these be corrected.
- Update of the College webpage including links to reference documents and guidelines for management of respiratory diseases.
- Extended College alliance through statement of support provided for the International Society of Respiratory Nurses (IRCN). The aim of this is joint cooperation in raising visibility and empowering respiratory nursing.

The New Zealand Adult Respiratory Knowledge and Skills Framework (Respiratory KSF) was developed in 2010 as a way of describing what knowledge and skills are required by nurses in caring for patients with respiratory disease, including asthma, COPD, bronchiectasis and pneumonia. This framework is underpinned by the Nursing Council of New Zealand competency domains which are linked to nursing scope of practice. The Framework is informed by national and international guidelines. The College encourages all nurses who are working with respiratory patients to utilise this Framework. The Respiratory KSF was reviewed in 2016 and 2020 and with the next review to be undertaken in the next 12 months. We are currently organising a sub-committee to undertake this project. We would welcome any feedback about the current Framework so that we can consider these in the review.

I would like to thank all College members for your contributions and feedback. Our committee strives to provide representation and a voice for you all. We wish to have as wide a representation on our committee as is possible, so I urge anyone who is interested in working at a national level to consider coming on the committee. Please approach any committee member for more details.

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