

## Cancer Nurses College Committee Election



### **Nomination Profiles x 10**

#### **1. Kate Whytock**

Blood and Cancer Centre

Wellington Hospital



#### **Profile:**

Kate is a southern trained NZ Nurse with almost 25yrs experience, the last 15 years spent growing both her paediatric and adult oncology expertise at Capital & Coast DHB in Wellington.

Kate has been in her current role as CNS Cancer Nurse Coordinator since the initiation of the Faster Cancer Treatment (FCT) Initiative in 2013. Kate provides care coordination, navigation, health literacy and support to patients and whanau with Sarcoma and Upper GI/HBP cancers. With a strong equity focus she works collaboratively across surgical and oncologic specialty's, including inter-DHBs. Recent activities include an FCT Manager secondment.

Key projects include the development of CCDHB's FCT target data, process mapping and audit of tumour streams to identify system issues against the National Tumour Standards; a regional PET project to improve data collection and referral processes; an FCT Qlik tool to illustrate trends within the FCT data, and input into the design of a patient flow tool to track patients at points in the cancer pathway. During her Clinical Nurse Educator role she contributed to the National EVIQ Anti neoplastic drug administration (ADAC) pilot, for evidenced based chemotherapy certification.

Kate has enjoyed her secondment to the committee, inclusive of hosting the ICCN conference, the role of Vice Secretary, CNC/NZSO 2019 conference committee member, and currently CNC input into the National Cancer Action Plan and a monoclonal antibody position statement. She has a keen interest in national collaboration to advance Cancer Nursing in New Zealand, improving the patients/whanau experience and cancer outcomes.

## **2. Rosie Howard**

Haematology  
Auckland City Hospital



### **Profile:**

*Work experience, including level of responsibility:*

Qualified as an RN in 1993. 23 years' experience in haematology/oncology within UK and NZ 20 at senior level

UK = Ward Sister on haematology ward/ Lead Chemotherapy Sister/ CNS haematology

NZ =CNS Bone marrow transplant/ Nurse Practitioner BMT allograft late effects

*Suitability for position:*

Seconded onto committee – Feb 2019

Credentialed as Nurse Practitioner in 2018, this is the 1<sup>st</sup> NP position in adult Haematology. I am passionate, proud and motivated to be leading the way for nurses working in Haematology. The umbrella term of `cancer` encompasses haematology, but often haematology feels the `poor cousin` to cancer. As a member of the cancer nurse committee I believe I have the ability, commitment and clinical experience to represent haematology nursing and the diversity of conditions and treatment that haematology patients receive. I have a strong network of haematology colleagues both nationally and internationally which will assist in ensuring all haematology patient perspectives are considered.

### **3. Fiona Sayer**

Thames Hospital



#### Profile:

Kia ora

I'm Fiona, a nurse coordinator of the oncology, haematology and infusion unit at Thames Hospital, base of the sunny Coromandel Peninsula

I started nursing at Thames in 1988 as a hospital aide, while I completed my comprehensive nursing training and then continued on as a registered nurse from 1991.

The needs of rural patients and rural communities can't be underestimated and as having being brought up on a farm in rural New Zealand I understand the needs of this group of patients.

I have been a committee member on the cancer nurses college, seconded prior to the last BGM. Since that time I have been involved in many projects such as the closed systems, the monoclonal working group, and more recently I have been working with Work safe on the safe handling and administration of cytotoxic drugs.

I am seeking re-election to the committee - I believe I am a strong voice for my colleagues and my patients with a strong rural focus.

Naku te rourou

Nau te rourou

Ka kit e kete

With your basket

And my basket

The kete will be full

#### **4. Mary-Ann Hamilton**

Waikato Base Hospital  
Hamilton



##### **Profile:**

Kia ora Kōoutou katoa, Ko Mary-Ann Hamilton taku ingoa. I'm the Equity & Access Clinical Nurse Specialist (cancer care pathway) at Waikato DHB. This role is targeted to ensure completion of diagnostics and additional support to first cancer treatment(s). A role designed to strengthen the opportunity to deliver equitable and timely cancer care particularly for Maori, Pacifica and other vulnerable populations across all cancer care pathways. I hold a wide cancer type, systems and community knowledge base.

I have strong working relationships with nursing and cancer services across the Midland Region and enjoy networking across New Zealand, having been part of the Cancer Nurse Coordinators Initiative.

I was seconded on the CNC committee and hold the co-Treasurer and co-editor Cancernet portfolios. Please see my full profile and editor's note in Cancernet September edition.

<https://www.nzno.org.nz/Portals/0/Files/Documents/Groups/Cancer%20Nurses/2019-09-06%20Cancernet.pdf>

I have been a cancer nurse in varicose services for over 25 years. This year I was nominated for Nurse of the Year at Waikato DHB. I have worked coordinating the Waikato Breast Cancer Register, worked as a Project Manager with Midland Cancer Network bringing Tairāwhiti tertiary oncology care to Waikato DHB. I co-project managed the New Zealand Breast Cancer Standards (2013), amongst other portfolios. I was nominated into the Ministry Leadership Group for the National Travel Assistance Scheme review, and have recently contributed to Waikato DHB's submission to the Inquiry into health inequities for Māori. I am a strong supporter for clinical supervision for nurses and safe working conditions physically and psychologically.

I believe I have the skills and experience to keep the nursing voice at the decision making tables. I would love to continue working for cancer nurses and people who experience cancer services from the Cancer Nurse College Committee platform.

## **5. Sarah Ellery**

Oncology  
Christchurch Hospital



### **Profile:**

I have 20 years of oncology nursing experience and have been practising as a Nurse Practitioner in Christchurch since December 2015. I am a current Cancer Nurses College committee member serving my first 2 year term. During my time on the committee I have held the role for writing submissions on the college's behalf for a wide range of consultations and have been co-editor and editor of Cancernet. My current roles are secretary and vice chairperson. I have previously served on the Medical Oncology Working Group – a clinical advisory group to the Ministry of Health Cancer Programme team. I have been involved in other national cancer nursing projects such as the working groups for the development of the Knowledge and Skills Framework for Cancer Nursing and the Antineoplastic Drug Administration Guideline. I remain passionate about working in with people with cancer and providing a point of difference as a Nurse Practitioner in delivering cancer care and am committed to continuing to develop the profile of cancer nursing locally and nationally. I welcome the challenge to continue on the committee to further cancer nursing in New Zealand for a further term.

## **6. Kirstin Unahi**

Oncology

Dunedin Hospital



### **Profile:**

Profile - Kirstin Wagteveld (Unahi) - Nurse Practitioner – Oncology, MHSc – Clinical Nursing, BN (Hons), Southern Blood and Cancer Service, Southern District Health Board.

Cancer Nurses College – current chairperson and committee member, previous Cancer net editor.

I have been on the College committee since March 2016. Being on the committee has been an exciting experience, with the opportunity to advocate for cancer nurses and influence policy at a national level. During this time I have come to appreciate the wealth of knowledge, experience, commitment and common sense amongst the committee members. I took over as chairperson in February this year and was previously the Cancer net co-editor. I am focused on advancing the profile of cancer nurses in New Zealand, developing education opportunities and promoting best practice.

I have been nursing for the last 19 years, the majority of that time in Oncology, both in the inpatient and outpatient setting and in a number of senior nursing roles. Over that time I completed a number of postgraduate papers culminating in a Masters of Health Science. I qualified as a Nurse Practitioner in 2015 in the area of Oncology and since then have been working in the outpatient setting.

## **7. Jane Wright**

Ashburton Hospital



### **Profile:**

Tēnā koutou

My name is Jane Wright and I work at Ashburton Hospital a rural hospital south of Christchurch. I have had a number of roles over the years both in the hospital setting and community however 14 years ago I was appointed to a position that involved the administration of chemotherapy. We started off giving a few patients weekly 5FU and the service is now a fully-fledged outreach oncology/chemotherapy service where I work as an oncology nurse specialist. I have found oncology nursing to be such a stimulating and rewarding job hence fourteen years later I am still there.

I also have an interest in education and research and have a nursing position part-time at our rural academic centre which is affiliated to the University of Otago. I completed my Master of Nursing in 2014 completing some research around teleconsultation, something we couldn't do our jobs without.

What we have achieved over the years as a rural hospital is very exciting and most importantly keeping patients in their own communities receiving their treatment and care close to home and a good example of how specialist services can be provided safely with support from our bigger centres.

I was seconded onto the committee at the beginning of the year and would really like the opportunity to continue being involved with a group of highly motivated nurses who are determined to ensure the voices of nurses are heard at a strategic level and advocate for both our patients and our peers to ensure the best possible outcomes of cancer care delivery. I also feel strongly that the rural aspect of healthcare and nursing needs to be represented. I think it is important to have a diverse representation of cancer nurses on the committee and my experience as a rural cancer nurse would add an important voice to the table

Ngā mihi and I look forward to meeting you at conference

Jane

## **8. Petra Stolz-Baskett**

Oncology  
Nelson Hospital



### **Profile:**

Living in Nelson for the past four years, I am working as a Clinical Nurse Specialist Haematology/Oncology at Nelson Marlborough Health. As a member of the NZNO Cancer Nurse College Committee, I would look forward to contributing to the further advancement of equitable evidence-based cancer care and development of a strong cancer nursing workforce. With 30 years of varied nursing experience in practice, education and research, I understand the issues faced by cancer patients/whanau and staff. Originally from Switzerland, I can also draw from rich international experiences with involvement in projects of the Oncology Nursing Society (e.g. development of a Geriatric Oncology Education course and Consultant on the International Nurses Chapter), the European Oncology Nursing Society (e.g. Adaptation of PEP resources for different cultural/language contexts), the Swiss Oncology Nursing Society and since 2015 as part of the leadership team of the Nurses & Allied Health Interest group of the International Geriatric Oncology Society (SIOG).

My priorities include identifying gaps in cancer service provision and shortcomings in educational opportunities for nurses in the specialty. I like to contribute my experience to solutions that ensure quality and safety in service provision and provide an environment that supports the recruitment and retention of skilled staff. I am committed to timely quality cancer care that is accessible to all, and that future investment delivers improved health outcomes for our community.



## **9. Karlene Krom-Williams**

Oncology  
Christchurch Hospital



### **Profile:**

I am an experienced Registered Nurse with over twenty years working in Oncology Nursing. Most of these in Paediatric Oncology at Christchurch Hospital. I transferred to Oncology Outpatients at Christchurch in May 2015, having worked in the oncology ward and outpatients before. I enjoy working in this area where changes are constantly ongoing and treatments are becoming less toxic and patients are able to lead fulfilling lives. I enjoy reading articles and feeding back to colleagues any interesting topics.

I work in the Chemotherapy suite, Radiation therapy department and in triage. I also have the role as Day Ward Co-ordinator. I have been the Brachytherapy nurse for cervical cancer patients in which I enjoy the continuity of following this group of patients throughout their treatment regime.

I have experience in being on committees with kindergarten and school, although my child is now at university now, hence I feel that I would be able to commit to being a member of the committee of the Cancer Nurses College.

I would be available to travel up to Wellington for the CNC meetings and enjoy networking with other members of the oncology nursing field around New Zealand.

Karlene Krom-Williams RN, PGDiploma.

## **10. Maarie Hutana**

Christchurch Hospital



### **Profile:**

Ko Aorangi tōku maunga. Ko Arahura tōku awa. Ko Ngāi Tahu tōku iwi. Nō Ōtautahi ahau.

My current role is Māori Haematology Nurse at the Canterbury DHB. This position was established to champion equity as an integral component to quality health care and has developed into one that involves service audits and service improvement activities that focus on supporting Māori health gains. Another key aspect of my role is to enhance the Haem/Onc teams' knowledge of kaupapa Māori and strengthen people's confidence to integrate this to daily practice.

I am an active member of Te Waipounamu Māori Leadership Group for Cancer which partners with the Southern Cancer Network (SCN) to understand Māori experience of cancer and aims to improve outcomes for Māori across the SCN work programme. I have also held a position with the Canterbury DHB NetP Advisory Committee.

I have a strong interest in the collection of high-quality and accurate health data.