

## Top of the South Regional Council Newsletter July 2016

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### **2016 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- July 21 Regional Council meeting.  
Time: 4pm. Venue: NZNO office training room
- July 22 Regional TR Hui (contact Chanel Brinfield)
- August 3 *Protecting the Vulnerable – Our Duty of Care*  
Free NZNO forum (see flyer within for more details).  
Time: 7pm to 9pm. Venue: NZNO Nelson office training  
room.

**Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori**  
**4 to 10 Hōngongoi**  
(Māori Language Week - 4 to 10 July)

### **Grants, Scholarships & Funding**

Contact the Regional Administrator, [alisona@nzno.org.nz](mailto:alisona@nzno.org.nz) or visit [www.nzno.org](http://www.nzno.org) for more information about  
how to access funds to attend conferences and/or other training opportunities.

## Top of the South Regional Council Update

*Joan Knight Regional Council Chair*

Regional Council is pleased to have increased the number and diversity of representatives to three delegates from the DHB sector, two from aged care, one from the enrolled nurse section, and one representative from Te Runanga.

To all those who belong to workplaces, colleges and sections, student unit, or Te Runanga without representation, this is a timely reminder for you to look at the Constitution (accessed on NZNO website) as you all have entitlements to have representation on Regional Councils. This is one of the avenues for member representation through to the Membership Committee and ultimately to the Board.

Regional Council is planning forums this year on family violence and local body and DHB elections. Early next year we will focus on national elections. The first of these forums will be *Protecting the Vulnerable: our duty of care* focusing on safeguarding children, family violence, and elder abuse on August, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. Please watch for flyers on these forums.

We welcome input from members to identify topics for forums in the future.

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### The newest Regional council members: who are they?



#### **Jane Whitlow**

Jane is currently Vice Chair and was elected to council a year ago. Jane works as an Enrolled Nurse. She has been employed by NMDHB for 40 years and has been an NZNO delegate for the Paediatric Unit, Nelson Hospital for ten years.

Jane began her career as a Registered Community Nurse. The training programme at that time was hospital based and lasted 18 months. Jane has been employed in the Paediatric Unit for over 15 years.

Jane is passionate about improving working conditions for nurses. Her interests include reading and walking.



#### **Steven Howard**

Steven is a NZNO delegate employed at Whareama as a health care assistant and was elected to Regional Council in February 2016. He plans to further a career in nursing in the future.



#### **Chanel Brinfield**

*Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Maniapoto*

Chanel is the Te Runanga Top of the South representative. She works as a rural nurse in Mohua (Golden Bay) at the Golden Bay Community Health Centre. As the Te Tau Ihu representative on Te Poari, Chanel wants to see Māori nursing Taura/students and

colleagues nurtured to enhance the health and wellness of all people in Aotearoa. Chanel says she feels privileged to be collaborating with and representing members in the Tasman Nelson and Marlborough region, being part of Te Runanga Te Poari Waka and working towards better health outcomes for Māori through weaving Te ao Māori in all healthcare settings. If you are a member of NZNO, live in the Top of the South and identify as Māori, you are welcome to contact Chanel (chanel.brinfield@gmail.com). She may be able to offer assistance.



#### **Brigitte Fink**

Brigitte has been working at Green Gables Retirement Village as a health care assistant since 2010. She has been a union member for five and a half years and a NZNO delegate since

November 2015. Brigitte was elected to the regional council in June 2016. She has a particular interest in health and safety. Her motto is: if there is anything we can do to make positive changes; let's go for it. "No reira, ahakoa he iti, he pounamu" (Although it's small it's precious!)

## Top of the South Regional Convention 2016

*Joan Knight Regional Chair*

### Worksite Visits

Over the last three years, to coincide with our annual regional convention, the regional council has invited the President and Kaiwhakahaere of NZNO to accompany council representatives on visits to worksites within the region. On April 11<sup>th</sup> we visited the Hub in Richmond and met with PHO CEO Angela Francis, Te Piki Oranga Tumuaki General Manager, Anne Hobby, NMDHB Service Manager for Public Health District Nursing & Rural, Peter Burton, CNM District Nurses, Adrienne Whelan, and CNM Primary Health, Anne Maree Ballagh.

Discussions included the future of nursing service provision in the Top of the South and networking between NZNO and stakeholders.

### Pre-Convention Dinner

The annual Pre-convention dinner, held on the evening of the 11<sup>th</sup> April at 623 in the City, included Kaiwhakahaere, Kerri Nuku, President, Grant Brookes, and guest speakers:

- Trina Boyd (ATR Community Liaison Nurse NMDHB) – *Advance Care planning*
- Noreen Sargent (CNM Whareama Rest Home) – *Specialty Roles in Aged Care*
- Jill Clendon (NZNO Researcher/Analyst) - *Stories from Behind the Frontline*
- Willow Duffy (Safeguarding Children) - *Safeguarding Children E Learning.*

This event was well received by participants and professional development certificates were provided to attendees.

### Regional Convention

Attendance, at the Regional Convention, held on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Tahuna Conference Centre, was the highest number to date with over 65 participants including guest speakers. Registrations were in excess of 80 but a number were unable to attend due to illness and caregiving needs on the day.

This year the focus was on the primary and community sector. A panel discussion was held on *The Future of Primary and Community Healthcare Delivery in the Top of the South* with speakers: NMDHB CEO, Chris Fleming, NBPHO CEO,

Angela Francis, Tumuaki GM Te Piki Oranga, Anne Hobby, and NZNO CEO, Memo Musa.

The panel discussion was facilitated by NZNO President, Grant Brookes, and Kaiwhakahaere, Kerri Nuku. Along with the looming nursing shortage being acknowledged, it was identified that this will also be true for medical practitioners. Planning has begun with stakeholders in the region to determine how best to deliver healthcare services in the future.

The panel discussion, originally scheduled for one hour, extended to two hours as members enjoyed the opportunity to ask questions. Conference attendees appreciated being able to participate in this level of discussion with health care leaders in their region and said the panel discussion was a very positive experience.

In response to feedback from last year, in which members identified they wanted to hear nurses talking about their roles, regional council invited the following speakers to talk about their nursing roles within the community. Guest speakers and topics were:

- Noreen Sargent - *Specialty Roles in Aged care*
- Jo Kara - *Nursing Business*
- Willow Duffy - *Safeguarding Children*

An interactive Health Funding workshop proved to be a hit, with members getting very vocal in their fight to retain their regional services. It brought home the realities of working within an inadequate funding structure as well as the need to create public awareness and to be politically savvy.

A powerpoint presentation was delivered to inform members of the role of the Membership Committee and the work currently being undertaken.

Feedback from convention participants has been positive. Concerns were raised regarding noise, as this site is on the flight path for Nelson Airport and although intermittent it did impact on delivery of some sessions. Currently, due to the advantages that this venue provides; e.g. the versatility of room spaces, excellent catering, and the advantage of free parking, the Council does not envisage any change in venue at this point.



# Top of the south Regional Convention 2016



TOTS Regional Council with NZNO leadership.



NZNO CEO, Memo Musa; Kaiwhakahaere, Kerri Nuku; President, Grant Brookes

Health Funding workshop:  
who will get the money?  
(right)



Participants listening to speakers. (below)

