
NEWSLETTER

Robyn Hewlett reports

Hi to all NZNO members in the southern region. We hope that you are managing to catch some rays of sunshine when they occur. This year is certainly going fast; it will be a busy year what with DHB MECA negotiations and the General Election in September.

Late last year NZNO Southern Regional Council nominated some of our regions long standing members for NZNO honorary membership due to their service and commitment to NZNO and nursing within our region. Honorary membership was awarded to the following recipients:

Jan Seuseu, who retired in April 2016 as Charge Nurse Manager of Dunedin Hospital's NICU. Over the years Jan represented NZNO members on negotiating teams for our DHB's /NZNO collective agreements, was a long standing workplace delegate at Dunedin Hospital; was on the DHB National Senior Nurse Scoping Committee (JERC); and a previous member of the NZNO Southern Regional Council Management Committee/Council.

Sharyn McGarry, who also retired last year, was CNM of the Dunedin Hospital Nursing Resource Unit and worked in Dunedin Hospital Emergency Department for many years. She had an extensive history of service to NZNO; a previous Chairperson of the NZNO Regional Council, member of the NZNO Regional Council Management Committee; NZNO Board of Directors member for the then Otago region, chairperson and member of the NZNO Nursing and Midwifery Committee (NMAC) and Dunedin Hospital workplace delegate for the Emergency Department.

Beverly Henderson, Operating Theatre at Dunedin Hospital, has taken on many roles within NZNO: Dunedin Hospital workplace delegate; Treasurer of Southern Regional Council when it was still NZNA; Women's Health section National Treasurer 2012 – 2015; long standing Southern Regional Council member; member of Preoperative Nurses Section and currently is the Southern Regional Council NZNO representative on NZ National Council of Women.

Important activities that you need to be aware of this year are:

“Shout out for Health” is the NZNO member led campaign for a fully funded public health system. Member leaders around the country are ready to talk about how underfunding is affecting their work, their patients and their communities. NZNO members from both the public and private sectors within the southern region attended a study day in Dunedin on this campaign. These members will be promoting this campaign over the next few months. More information on how you can get involved is at <https://www.nzno.org.nz/shoutoutforhealth> or read member's stories at the NZNO blog <https://nzblog.org.nz/tag/shout-out/>

Other New Zealand health unions are also running similar campaigns for more funding in health.

The General Election is this year on Saturday 23 September. Please check that you are enrolled to vote.

A very important event for our DHB members is the DHB/NZNO Multi Employment Collective Agreement which is due for re-negotiation this year. In April a survey will come out for all DHB NZNO members to complete. Please encourage all members to fill this in. MECA meetings will commence in May; it is important that members attend these meetings when they occur in your workplace/DHB. NZNO Industrial Adviser, Lesley Harry, has an article in the February 2017 Kai Tiaki Nursing magazine that DHB members should read in regards to the forthcoming NZNO/DHB MECA.

We welcome Linda Smillie, Registered Nurse at Dunedin Hospital who is the new Southern District Health Board representative on the DHB/NZNO national delegates committee. She replaces Robyn Hewlett who has completed her 4 year term on this committee.

NZNO SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONVENTION

Our Southern Regional Convention is being held at Otago Golf Club, Dunedin on Monday 3 April. Over 40 delegates and members have registered their attendance.

The theme for this years convention is: *‘Nurses at the forefront, transforming care – building productive workplaces’.*

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL PROFESSIONAL FORUM

We have had to put the date for our yearly professional forum on hold as the theatre at Dunedin Hospital is not available due to asbestos work which has yet not been completed.

SRC management team will make a decision soon on whether to run the forum later this year or defer it till early next year.

If the forum does go ahead flyers will be sent to workplaces and to our delegates for workplace notice boards.

REGIONAL AWARDS

At last years Christmas meeting we presented ‘Southern Region Service to NZNO’ awards for service to NZNO and the southern region to Linda Smillie and Pari Tautari.



Photo: Pari receiving his award from Barbara Findlay (SRC Chair)

FUNDING FOR NZNO MEMBERS

There are many opportunities for members to apply for funding through NZNO. Funding is available for a wide range of things like book grants, courses, attending conferences and professional development. The best place to look first is on the NZNO website -

www.nzno.org.nz



CALENDAR FOR 2017

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS:

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| Monday 3 April | Southern Regional Convention and Annual General Meeting |
| Thursday 18 May | Southern Regional Council meeting |
| Thursday 20 July | Southern Regional Council meeting |
| Thursday 7 September | Southern Regional Council meeting and remit meeting |
| Thursday 23 November | SRC Christmas function and regional awards |
| Other events: | |
| last week of March | Caregivers week |
| Friday 7 April | World Health Day |
| Friday 12 May | International Nurses Day |
| 20 and 21 September | NZNO AGM and Conference in Wellington |

If you wish to advertise a study day or conference in our newsletter please email the details to our Dunedin Office Regional Administrator – jennym@nzno.org.nz