

# NEWSLETTER

## **Robyn Hewlett reports . . . . .**

*Hi to all NZNO members in the southern region.*

*This year has gone by really quickly and a lot has happened in New Zealand. Aged care workers won a long battle for pay equity; a new government; a new Prime Minister; NZNO College of Emergency Nurses held their conference in Queenstown; and the NZNO Nurse Managers NZ conference was held in Dunedin. Another royal baby is on the way; Prince Harry got engaged, and if you are like me, you will be hanging out to see that wedding dress in 2018.*

*It's been a busy year in all health care facilities within the southern region and we appreciate the care you give your patients on a daily basis.*

**NZNO Annual General Meeting and Conference** was held in Wellington on 20 and 21 September 2017. The NZNO Southern Regional Council had 11 representatives attend from aged care, DHB, trust hospitals and hospice. The AGM day is where the representatives hear about NZNO's successes, and vote on remits. A full report on the AGM and conference day, where there were international and national speakers, is in October's Kai Tiaki pages 10 -18. Please take the time to read this, especially page 17, "AGM 2018 may change its voting system".



*SRC members attending NZNO Annual General Meeting and Conference dinner*

*Did you know that NZNO sends out a monthly newsletter called "**the nursing pulse**", via email, which keeps all members up to date, as well as the Kai Tiaki Nursing Journal? If you are not receiving this already please update your email addresses by phoning 0800-28-38-48.*

*Our NZNO Colleges and Sections are doing some wonderful work and representatives from C&S's*

*met the day prior to NZNO's AGM to showcase their work and debate issues (report on page 19, October's Kai Tiaki). Did you know that you, as a NZNO Member, can now join three Colleges and Sections for no extra NZNO Membership fee? Some C&Ss may charge a small amount yearly for receiving their journal (some are now changing to digital journals). Click on [www.nzno.org.nz/groups/colleges\\_sections](http://www.nzno.org.nz/groups/colleges_sections) "Join now" to fill in the online application form.*

**The Southern Region Enrolled Nurse Section** has had a busy year, organising and hosting two enrolled nurse study days - in Invercargill and Dunedin. Our first ever Invercargill study day had 40 attend with enrolled nurses from Dunedin travelling down to support the day. Our thanks to Dawn Acker who arranged a lot of the speakers from Southland Hospital.

*Ninety enrolled nurses across the southern region attended the study day in Dunedin at the end of September 2017. Among these were 23 enrolled nurse students from the Otago Polytechnic. It was great to have Jane Wilson, SDHB Chief Nursing Officer, attend and mix and mingle with all.*

*Our grateful thanks to all presenters at the two study days for giving up their valuable time to update enrolled nurses.*

*NZNO Southern Regional Council wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We hope everyone gets*

*some time to spend with their family, whanua and friends over the festive season.*



**NZ NURSES MEMORIAL FUND**

The 100th year of the NZ Nurses Memorial Fund (NZNMF) was celebrated in Dunedin with a special function in July.

The memorial fund was founded in 1917 by the Otago Trained Nurses Association as a practical memorial to the 10 New Zealand nurses who drowned when the SS Marquette was torpedoed in the Aegean Sea in October 1915.

Money was raised throughout the country to establish a benevolent fund to give assistance to nurses who through sickness or old age were unable to pursue their nursing careers. Nurses from all over New Zealand are entitled to request an application form to apply for financial aid.

The fund accepts donations, annual membership is \$10 and life membership is \$100.



If you wish for more information on how to donate to NZ Nurses Memorial Fund or to apply for funding please contact the NZNO Dunedin office administrator, Jenny [jennym@nzno.org.nz](mailto:jennym@nzno.org.nz) or phone 03 474 6490.

*Nurses Memorial Window at Nurses Memorial Chapel, Christchurch*

**PROFESSIONAL FORUMS**

**NZNO Medico Legal Forum 2018  
Informed Consent**

To be held at the Otago Golf Club on Thursday 22 February 2018.

Cost: Members \$120.00  
Non Members \$150.00

To register your attendance or to check out the programme please click onto the NZNO website [www.nzno.org.nz](http://www.nzno.org.nz) - 2018 Medical Legal Forums.

Please note you must register your attendance, registrations will not be taken on the day.

**NZNO Southern Regional Council  
Professional Issues Forum**

To be held in the Barnett Theatre at Dunedin Hospital on Saturday 3 February 2018.

Cost: Members \$50.00  
Non Members \$60.00

For further information please contact Jenny at the Dunedin office – [jennym@nzno.org.nz](mailto:jennym@nzno.org.nz) or phone 03 474 6490.

**SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL - CALENDAR FOR 2018**

Saturday 3 February	SRC Professional Forum
Thursday 15 February	Southern Regional Council meeting
Thursday 12 April	Southern Regional Convention and SRC AGM
Thursday 17 May	Southern Regional Council meeting
Thursday 19 July	Southern Regional Council meeting
Wednesday 5 September	Southern Regional Council meeting/remits meeting
Thursday 29 November	Southern Regional Council Christmas meeting

SRC meetings start at 5.45pm and are held in the meeting room, Dunedin Office, 10 floor, John Wickliffe House, 265 Princes Street, Dunedin.

