



Top of the South Regional Council Newsletter DECEMBER 2017

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SEASON'S GREETINGS TO MEMBERS AND DELEGATES FROM TOP OF THE SOUTH REGIONAL COUNCIL

2018 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 8	5:30pm - 7:30pm	Regional Council Meeting	Havelock venue TBC
February 21	6:00 – 8:00pm	NZNO Structure and Voting Change Forum	NZNO Training Room, Nelson
March 13	2:00pm- 4:00pm	NZNO Structure and Voting Change Forum	Blenheim venue TBC
March 15	5:30– 7:30pm	Regional Council meeting	NZNO Training Room, Nelson
March 29	2:00pm– 4:00pm	NZNO Structure and Voting Change Forum	Motueka venue TBC
April 12	6:30pm– 8:30pm	Alcoholism Magnifying Out Forum	NZNO Training Room, Nelson
May 12	10:00am- 12 noon	Regional Council meeting &AGM	Blenheim Venue TBC
May 12	1:30pm – 3:30pm	International Nurses Day Event Blenheim	Venue TBC
May 28	6:00pm – 9:00pm	TOTS Annual Dinner, Nelson	Restaurant Richmond
May 29	8:30am - 4:30pm	TOTS Regional Convention	Nelson

Grants, Scholarships & Funding

Contact the Regional Administrator, NELTemp@nzno.org.nz or visit www.nzno.org for more information about how to access funds to attend conferences and/or other training opportunities.

NZNO Membership Committee

Joan Knight NZNO Membership Committee Representative

The membership committee met on November 1 in Wellington with two groups, (structural diagram and voting strength) meeting the day before to progress work.

Currently, there are four joint working groups: Florence Nightingale Memorial Fund, Voting Strength, Honorary Membership and Strategic Diagram.

Presentations from both the Voting Strength and Strategic Diagram groups were delivered at NZNO annual general meeting in Wellington on September 20 and at chairs, section and colleges day on November 28. This is being followed with presentations and consultation with members at regional conventions and forums over next year. Information will be available on Nursing Pulse, in Kai Taiki *Nursing New Zealand* and on the NZNO website in the New Year.

Members need to be involved in the consultation process, as the changes proposed in the voting process will affect you. Your voice should be heard.

Regional Council Participation

All members in the Top of the South (from Marlborough to Takaka and down to Murchison) are welcome to attend regional council meetings.

Colleges and sections, National Student Unit, Te Runanga, and workplaces are all entitled to elect representatives/ delegates to regional council.

We would love to see more people involved in the decision-making for this region.

For information please contact our regional administrator Christina Minamizawa christinam@nzno.org.nz

National Awards

Nominations (for two national awards) from the Top of the South (ToTs) were successful this year.

Kerri Nuku was presented with the Award of Honour at the NZNO AGM dinner in Wellington in September. Kerri, kaiwhakahaere and co-leader of NZNO, is a very deserving recipient of this award. Te Matau a Maui (Hawkes Bay Regional Council) also supported our nomination.



Above: Tumu whakarae Titihuia Pakeho (left) with kaiwhakahaere Kerri Nuku, after Kerri had been presented with NZNO's Award of Honour.

National DHB delegate and workplace delegate for SCBU Nelson, Sue Holmes received an award for Services to NZNO, which was presented to her at the TOTS Xmas dinner (see photo below). Sue was overseas in September.

Both recipients expressed their gratitude and how humbled they felt receiving these honours.

Annual nominations for national awards come from groups within NZNO. The criteria and process are on the NZNO website.



Medico Legal Forums 2018 "INFORMED CONSENT"

February and March 2018

These forums are a regular part of NZNO's calendar of professional development events, and are held every two years. This is the first forum to be held on "Informed Consent" and includes contributions from nursing and legal experts within NZNO and the field.

Register at https://www.nzno.org.nz/get_involved/events

Membership support: 0800 28 38 48

Members \$120 / Non Members \$150

Registrations are open now

Regional Awards

To recognise the work of members and delegates in the ToTs, the regional council intends to implement annual awards based on similar criteria to the national awards for Service to NZNO and Service to Nursing and Midwifery. These will be presented at each annual dinner, next year's dinner will be in May.



Regional Council Member Profile

Hello, my name is Valerie Preston-Thomas. I am married to Mark and have two teenage children. Since coming to NZ, I have built my nursing career, finding my passion in paediatrics

and, more recently, youth health.

My nursing career has spanned 19 years, with the majority being in paediatric health. I am currently employed as a targeted youth health nurse for Nelson Bays Primary Health, having previously worked as a paediatric outreach Nurse for Nelson Hospital for seven years. I have a real passion for working with families, parents, children and communities to ensure good health and well-being.

As a targeted youth health nurse, I work with the most vulnerable and at-risk youth. I provide health and well-being assessments to youth in alternative education. I provide referrals and assist with access to services to ensure these young people can get the health services they need to lead healthy and productive lives. Overall, I have an interest in working with vulnerable children, youth and families.

I have been a member of NZNO all my nursing career and recently decided to take an active role and joined the College of Child and Youth Nurses (CCYN) and became a member of this committee. I have also joined in on the ToTs regional council representing CCYN. My hope is to be a voice that represents New Zealand's child and youth nurses and ensure we move forward with the rest of the world, along with learning opportunities to provide best practice.

Structure diagram and voting strength forums

We encourage all members to attend these forums as we are seeking feedback on change proposals.



The proposed voting change is to provide online voting for all members on NZNO constitutional and policy change currently voted on at AGM after member feedback has been sought by regional groups.



The NZNO structure diagram will eventually be an animated programme for orientation and education of members, delegates and staff. It will be accessible on the website.

Shortened versions will also be available for educational purposes.

This diagram is designed to inform members of how they can participate within our organisation and the services that are provided for them.

To all our members, we sincerely wish you a safe and happy festive season.