

# Te Tai Tonga/ Southern Regional Council

## Newsletter 2021

### Regional Councils

Regional Councils are a key part of the New Zealand Nurses Organisation's structure. Regional Councils:

- Assist the planning of membership activities including the successful operation of regional conventions
- Ensure members are informed and consulted with on matters of common interest and importance
- Provide input to the Board of Directors and national office
- Provide opportunities for members to meet to learn about matters of common interest and importance
- Assist with the implementation of policy and strategy within the region.

### Kia ora to all our Te Tai Tonga/Southern members.

Welcome to the NZNO Te Tai Tonga Southern Regional Council (TTT/SRC) newsletter. This is our first electronic newsletter to our regional members as Kai Tiaki Nursing New Zealand is moving online.

Congratulations to all the Bachelor of Nursing and Enrolled Nurses who are graduating this year from Otago Polytechnic and Southland Institute of Technology. We wish you all the very best in your future nursing careers.

What a challenging time we have all endured especially with Covid-19. Covid has affected the way we work, study, live, socialise, holiday and have down time for ourselves. It is worrying times as we don't know what is ahead of us. You may wish to seek support from colleagues, friends, family/whanau or check out the employment assistance programs available in your workplace.

The NZNO Te Tai Tonga/Southern Regional Council sends our best wishes for a merry Christmas / meri Kirihimete and a happy new year in 2022.

*"Don't worry 'bout a thing, cause every little thing's gonna be alright."  
Bob Marley*

*Writer: Robyn Hewlett, Te Tai Tonga/Southern Regional Management Team*



### Did you know our regional council has a Facebook page?

Your NZNO regional council has set up a private group Facebook page to highlight meetings, regional conferences, study days, fun activities, industrial/professional events, and links to various things happening within the region. If you wish to join this group, please click on the following link

[Te Tai Tonga/ Southern Regional Council \(NZNO\) | Facebook](#)

# NURSES

Can  
We  
Help  
You?



The New Zealand Nurses  
Memorial Fund (Inc.)

## The NZ Nurses Memorial Fund

The aims of the Fund are to provide financial relief for nurse in distress caused by sickness, age, accident, or other misfortune. Any nurse or midwife, practising or retired who has given two years' fulltime service after registration in NZ can apply.

To apply, write or email directly to the Fund at PO Box 363, Dunedin 9054  
[nznmfund@gmail.com](mailto:nznmfund@gmail.com)

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## Submissions and Consultations

NZNO welcomes your feedback on submissions and consultations.

For further information check out NZNO website  
[Consultation requests \(nzno.org.nz\)](https://www.nzno.org.nz)

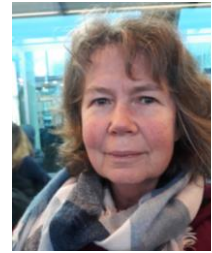
## Events for 2021:

### International Nurses Day Dinner with Guest Speaker:

TTT/SRC hosted a dinner on International Nurses Day at the Equinox Restaurant in Dunedin and were privileged to hear from Barbara Turnbull. Barbara spoke of her involvement with the Red Cross surgical teams in war zones, her adventures, and missions she has been on as she shared her nursing skills and knowledge with fellow nurses around the world. She had been deployed to North Korea, Pakistan, Democratic Republic of Congo and Afghanistan. Her passion for people and nursing saw her awarded the Florence Nightingale medal for her service to nursing. The International Committee of the Red Cross awards this medal to honour exceptional courage and devotion to the victims of armed conflict or natural disaster.



Congratulations to the new  
NZNO President, Anne Daniels



### Te Tai Tonga/Southern Regional Convention which was held in April



NZNO 2021  
Conference  
and AGM –  
te tai tonga/  
southern group



## NZNO Membership Committee Vacancy

Are you interested in this role?

Te Tai Tonga/Southern Regional Council are looking for a representative from our region to sit on the NZNO Membership Committee.

The Committee is accountable to NZNO members and its general purpose is to bring a membership perspective to the Board. It is made up of one representative from each region, two College and Section representatives, two representatives from the National Student Unit, and the President and Vice President. A knowledge and/or involvement in NZNO either as a member, delegate, or College and Sections would be helpful.

If you are interested or wish more information please email our past Membership Committee representative, Robyn [robyn.hewlett@xtra.co.nz](mailto:robyn.hewlett@xtra.co.nz) Robyn has offered her support to the person taking on this role.

Further information is also available on [Membership Committee \(nzno.org.nz\)](http://Membership Committee (nzno.org.nz))

Southern DHB Strike



2021 Enrolled Nurses Conference held in Dunedin



TTT/SRC – 'Services to NZNO' regional award was presented to Debbie Robinson by Linda Smillie