

# Te Tai Tonga / Southern Regional Council Newsletter 2024

## Regional Chair Report 2023-2024 by Jo Wilson

- **Regional Convention 'Our nurses our future'**: Held in Dunedin last year on 18<sup>th</sup> July with an attendance of 54 members, speakers presentations were about nurse retention vs attrition, IQN to RN project and being a student in a cost-of-living crisis. Evaluations feedback was positive, everyone seemed to enjoy the day and speakers were interesting.
- **Te Tai Tonga Nursing Graduation Badge**: Changes were made to the badge with the wording on the back of the badge selected by last years third-year nursing students: Te Manawanui Nahi - Persevering Nurse. Badges were presented at Otago Polytechnic, Te Pūkenga celebration ceremony in November and the Southern Institute of Technology award ceremony in December.
- **Te Tai Tonga Matariki Dinner, Invercargill**: 40 members attended the dinner organised by our Te Poari Komiti representative, Charleen Waddell, and local helpers.
- **Regional Council Stalls**: Stalls were held at Thieves Alley market day in February and at the South Dunedin Festival in March with an interactive session asking the public to prioritise 4 health issues we selected and collected signatures for the 'reverse the announced cuts to the new Dunedin Hospital' petition. Over 22,000 signatures have been collected. The DCC also gathered signatures.
- **Celebrating Nursing**: Regional council held a dinner on 12 May at Parcels (Distinction Hotel), and contributed to morning tea celebrations at different workplaces.
- **NZNO 2023 AGM/Conference**: Regional council sent a delegation of 15 representatives.
- **Otago 2023 Polyfest, Dunedin**: Our regional council held a stall at Otago Polyfest in September promoting nursing as a career to our 'young people'.
- **Murihiku Hui, 31 October, Invercargill**: A successful dinner for delegates and members was organised by Invercargill delegates. Paul Goulter and Anne Daniels from NZNO spoke.
- **Services to NZNO Award**: Te Tai Tonga/SRC presented Charleen Waddell with this award to acknowledge the incredible mahi she does supporting NZNO members and staff in her role.
- **Membership Committee Representation**: Expressions of interest for this position were called for twice by Te Tai Tonga/Southern Regional Council last year, with no responses both times. There is still a vacancy for this position. If anyone is interested, please let me know.

All of this is possible because of the amazing members that have given up their time to man stalls at the market days, who have assisted with the planning of regional events and the effort that went into the design and execution of the badges for our graduate nurses. We really appreciate all the members have done and continue to do.

## Regional Convention 9 April

This year's convention held in the impressive new Balclutha Convention Centre was very successful with informative and inspiring speakers



Join our Facebook group: [Te Tai Tonga/Southern Regional Council \(NZNO\) Facebook](#)



## Vacancy

**NZNO Membership Committee Southern Regional Representative** - View Roles & Responsibilities and download Nomination Form at: [Membership Committee \(nzno.org.nz\)](https://www.nzno.org.nz/membership-committee).

## Upcoming Events

### TE RŪNUNGA CONFERENCE

16 & 17 August

MORE DETAILS TO COME

### NZNO BOARD LEADERSHIP

#### ELECTIONS 2024

Remember to **VOTE** before **12 September**

Find more info [here](#) on NZNO website

### NZNO AGM & CONFERENCE

*Kotahitanga - Together we are  
the Leading Voice of Nursing*

**18 & 19 Sept** in Wellington **Register Now**

at: [Conference and AGM \(nzno.org.nz\)](https://www.nzno.org.nz/conference)

### STUDY DAY

*Celebrating Enrolled Nurses*

**5 October at 8.30am**

Hutton Theatre, Otago Museum, Dunedin

### SOUTHLAND HUI

**10 October** in Invercargill @ 5pm

MORE DETAILS TO COME

### CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

**14 November** in Dunedin @ 5.45pm

Venue to be confirmed

## WORLD WIDE MOSAIC

**Cultural Competency Workshop 02/09/24**

4 hour session to better connect with and deliver effective services to people from ethnically minoritised communities \$250

To register phone 0211 734 7788 or email [info@worldwidemosaic.co.nz](mailto:info@worldwidemosaic.co.nz)

## Submissions & Consultations

NZNO welcomes your feedback at:

[https://www.nzno.org.nz/groups/te\\_runanaga/submissions\\_and\\_consultations](https://www.nzno.org.nz/groups/te_runanaga/submissions_and_consultations)

## Nurse Appreciation Day 7 May

NZNO and PSO provided morning tea to show appreciation to our nurses.



NZNO hosted dinner at Jo's Garage with guest speaker Michael Sutton, Clinical Manager, Dunedin Hospital speaking on 'Meeting the Challenges of Onboarding Multiple Team Members from Multiple Cultural Backgrounds'.



## Matariki Celebration 11 July

Tasty southern kai and a great catchup with colleagues was enjoyed at the stunning new Waihopai Marae in Invercargill.



### NZNO Staff

In May Jenny McCullum retired after 25 years with NZNO Dunedin as Regional Administrator and Southern Regional Council Secretary. Mary Hall from the Christchurch Office has taken over this role.



At the end of June we farewelled Organiser Gail Arthur who has moved on to an organiser role at TEU and we await the announcement of her replacement.

## Industrial Action

### Ratio Justice



### Ratio Bus Tour



### Access Strikes



### Southern Region Enrolled Nurse SECTION STUDY DAY Celebrating Enrolled Nurses



Enrolled Nurse Section  
NEW ZEALAND NURSES ORGANISATION

Enrolled Nurses, Enrolled Nurse Students & Registered Nurses are invited to our Annual Study Day:

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024**  
**08.30 – 4.30pm** approximately  
**Hutton Theatre, Otago Museum, Dunedin**

Send enquiries and requests for the Study Day Registration Form and Draft Programme to: [Robyn.Hewlett@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Robyn.Hewlett@xtra.co.nz)



Have you heard about the NZNO Holiday Home

### Sounds Cottage

Relax and recharge in a basic 1900's kiwi bach with great swimming and fishing in remote and peaceful surroundings  
NZNO Members stay in the 3 bedroom cottage in the Queen Charlotte Sounds for just \$30 each a night (under 16 free)

For more information and to make a booking go to the NZNO website or click here:

[https://www.nzno.org.nz/membership/benefits/nzno\\_holiday\\_home](https://www.nzno.org.nz/membership/benefits/nzno_holiday_home)

## Scholarships & Grants

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### The Nurses Memorial Fund

The fund provides financial relief to nurses in need due to sickness, age, accident or other misfortune. Any nurse or midwife, practicing or retired who has given 2 years service after registration in NZ is eligible to apply in writing to PO Box 363, Dunedin 9054 or by email to [nznmfund@gmail.com](mailto:nznmfund@gmail.com)