

The Canterbury Regional Council Delegates are elected by NZNO Members to represent you on matters raised in your workplaces. This regular newsletter keeps you in the loop on their work.

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Regional Council Awards

These awards are to recognise someone who has made a contribution to the Canterbury Region of the New Zealand Nurses Organisation. Awards are made at the Regional Council December meeting/Christmas Dinner.

If you have anyone you would like to nominate please email Fiona Palframan at:
fiona.palframan@nzno.org.nz

Nominations to be received by 20 November of each year

A word from the Canterbury | Waitaha Regional Council Acting Chair

Kia ora fellow members, from chilly Christchurch

I would like to start my report today by thanking our long-time outgoing Chair Cheryl Hanham who has led our Regional Council for several years, and was Vice-President for NZNO. In my almost eight years as a member of Regional Council she has provided strong leadership for our region at both local and national levels. She has spoken to countless journalists and been present at many protests and rallies within the region.

She has left big metaphorical shoes to fill, and as a Regional Council we are still making decisions regarding leadership going forward. But what we do know is that she will be greatly missed as part of the decision-making table, and we hope that she allows herself some rest and relaxation.

To introduce myself, my name is Erica and I've been working in the Christchurch Intensive Care Unit for the past year, and I work for Pegasus Health as a Small-Group leader in their education programme. Previously I have worked in General Practice, after-hours care, education and paediatric oncology/haematology. I started as a student delegate before becoming a workplace delegate in my first year of nursing.

Even in my relatively short career as a nurse I have been witness to change. From new models of care, paper to e-portfolios, workplace changes and rounds of industrial action. This year is my first time being part of the Te Whatu Ora MECA negotiations, and I have been heartened to see members from all over the hospital attending their meetings. I also applaud those staff who worked together to get members to meetings, in what we already know are trying times. A big pakipaki to the senior nursing team in ICU, who I've witnessed working hard to talk to newer members about what industrial action means for us all, and the importance of being a united front.

Of course, I haven't forgotten the members who work in sectors who work outside Te Whatu Ora. Your mahi is also equally important, despite the glaring differences in working conditions and remuneration. As someone who started work in the community and has taken students into Aged Residential Care, I see your hard work and unique pressures you face.

On a happier note, the Regional Council and members have been very busy this year as you will see in this issue. I was gutted not to be able to attend the International Nurses Day hot pools event, but happy to hear the event was well attended.

As well as facing potential up-coming industrial action, we also have several things up-coming including Regional Convention on August 15th, and the NZNO AGM in September.

As always, if you have any feedback, or are interested in joining the Regional Council or attending a meeting to see what it is all about please feel free to reach out.

Maranga Mai!

Erica Donovan

Canterbury | Waitaha Regional Council Acting Chair

GET IN TOUCH

We welcome readers to submit a comment, feedback, question, praise or complaint or suggestion please contact
Fiona.Palframan@nzno.org.nz

Forthcoming Events

Regional Convention

Tuesday 15 August 2023

Rydges Latimer Square,
Christchurch

The 29th College of Emergency Nurses Conference 2023

“Ready to Respond—Kia
Mataara”

19-20 October 2023

Rydges Latimer Square
Christchurch



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Closes on 7 July 2023



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ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

Tuesday 25 April 2023

Janine Randle and Sandi Richardson, a nurse researcher, marched at the Anzac Service on behalf of Canterbury Nurses and laid a wreath.



International Nurses Day

Friday 12 May 2023



Wreath laying at Earthquake Memorial



Janine Randle

A small group met at the wall from 11.30am - 12 midday - Janine Randle, Victoria Cullens and Terry McLoughlin, and Viv Jones...also a retired nurse passing on their way to a Lecture at the Nurses Chapel.

He Puna Taimoana, Christchurch Hot Pools

The Canterbury | Waitaha Regional Council arranged for tickets to the hot pools in New Brighton on 11 June 2023 for NZNO members to celebrate International Nurses Day and to relax and unwind for the evening. Numbers were limited but those able to attend enjoyed their evening with many happy comments posted on the NZNO Members and Supporters Facebook page.



Maranga Mai!

HNZ / Te Whatu Ora Stop Work Meeting

Thursday 1 June 2023



Al Dietschin

The stop work meetings were better than expected, given the difficulty in getting members released. Over 600 present with a sombre mood pervading the hall.

A resolution voted on nationally had overwhelming support with 98% in support.

While you could see the exhaustion on the faces of members, the commitment to continuing the fight for respect, recognition and a safe working environment was clearly visible.

The struggle continues.



Debbie Handisides





Stop Work Meeting

The stop work meetings held the week of 29 June with Te Whatu Ora members were a resounding success.

Attendance across all meetings exceeded registrations by 125 – 150 percent. The Christchurch daytime meeting at Riccarton Racecourse had nearly 600 members in attendance. There was standing room only!

Night meetings saw a further 150+ attend across the Christchurch hospitals.

This was a powerful demonstration that NZNO members at Te Whatu Ora are willing to take a stand to support the fight for better terms and conditions.

Members attending the stop work meetings voted overwhelmingly (95%) in favour of the resolution which called on the bargaining team to

- return to bargaining as the current offer is unacceptable and does not meet expectations.
- Report back any progress to members
- Members will decide on necessary action if progress isn't made.

Members will be meeting over zoom on 22,23,24 June to hear back from the bargaining team and discuss next steps.

Stephanie Duncan, Organiser



Figures from Christchurch Hospital ED – to represent their 28+ missing FTE



Timaru—Caroline Bay Tearooms



Ashburton—The Chapel