



NEW ZEALAND
NURSES
ORGANISATION

TŌPŪTANGA
TAPUHI
KAITIAKI O AOTEAROA

Top of the South Regional Council Newsletter August 2020

NZNO National Office
Membership Support Centre
Phone: 0800 28 38 48

www.nzno.org.nz

The NZNO Nelson Office
Ground floor, Monro Building
190 Bridge Street, Nelson
PO Box 1195, Nelson.

Organiser:
Denise McGurk
Phone: 0800 28 38 48

Organiser:
Daniel Marshall
Phone: 0800 28 38 48

Regional administrator:
Abby Wilmott
Office: 03 546 7217
Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-2.30pm
Email: abby.wilmott@nzno.org.nz

Regional Council chairperson:
Joan Knight
Email: joan.knight@nmhs.govt.nz

Membership Committee
representative:
Valerie Weir-Van Til
Email: vweirvantil@outlook.com

NZNO Remit Forum

6th August 2020

6 to 8 pm

Nelson NZNO Training Room
Or
Via Zoom

Details will be sent directly to members via email.

See article page two for more information.

Dignity for our Seniors

#safestaffingnow

Rally Saturday 15 August 11am
Church Steps Nelson

Support campaign

for minimum safe staffing levels in aged care facilities

See article page 2 for more information

Grants, Scholarships & Funding

Contact the Regional Administrator, Phone 546 7217 or visit www.nzno.org for more information about how to access funds to attend conferences and/or other training opportunities.

Trudi Kent

National Student Unit Representative

It is with great sadness that we share with you that Trudi died following a car accident earlier this month. Trudi was an inspiring young woman and she will be greatly missed.

Trudi was in her final year as a nursing student at NMIT. She represented her fellow NZNO nursing student members at NMIT and in the NZNO National Student Unit where she held the role of Vice Chair. Trudi also served as their representative on the NZNO Top of the South Regional Council.

Our sympathies go to her family, friends, and colleagues at NMIT and within NZNO NSU.

Regional Chair Report

Covid 19 has certainly disrupted the last five months impacting on all aspects of our lives. It has been through the efforts of everyone that we have reached our current position with no community transmission detected and new cases limited to new arrivals in quarantine.

Nurses have been at the forefront of testing and treating throughout this period. NZNO is seeking feedback on your experiences during this time to enable it to continue to act and respond on your behalf to ensure processes are in place to ensure safety of your patients, the community, and yourselves. Please feedback via delegate networks, organisers, and your Membership committee representative Valerie Weir-Van Til. Please also respond to other surveys circulating e.g. DHB, University of Otago.

From a regional perspective, events in the Top of the South's Operational plan scheduled during this period have been cancelled including our Regional Convention. It has been very disappointing that this has occurred but as you know completely unavoidable. Regional Council has commenced using Zoom to connect for meetings and we are intending to use this format over the foreseeable future for forums as well as in person when we can safely gather. Utilising both will provide more access for members to attend.

Remit Discussion Forum will be held on 6th August 6 – 8pm both in person at Nelson NZNO Training Room and via Zoom. The flyer has been sent directly to you via email.

Remits are the change proposals you, as members of NZNO, will be voting on. Voting opens 5th August online. Change proposals can alter the Constitution of NZNO or create policy for NZNO.

The forum provides the opportunity to discuss the remit proposals with other members and your Regional Council before you make a decision on how you will vote.

The Remits have been sent to you directly as part of the voting process which includes the election process for President, Vice president, and three Board director positions.

Dignity for our Seniors

#safestaffingnow

Etū and NZNO are running this campaign for mandatory safe staffing levels within aged care facilities. The current aged care staffing guidelines are 15 years out of date. Aged Care workers are struggling to ensure our elders receive quality care particularly in recent times.

Along with the rally advertised on front of newsletter, there is an open letter to Jacinda Ardern for all to show their support for the safety of our elderly in aged care.

Sign at:

<https://www.together.org.nz/safestaffingnow>

Primary Health Care MECA campaign

Nurses within primary health care receive 10.6% less than their colleagues employed within the DHB sector. They are seeking pay parity with their DHB colleagues and for this to occur requires better funding from the government and DHBs.

Please show your support by signing their petition:

<https://tinyurl.com/phcpetition>

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

This committee is one of the two standing committees of NZNO. It provides a link between the Board and members.

Representatives come from every region of NZNO within New Zealand as well as representatives from Colleges and Sections and the National Student Unit. The President or Vice President attend their meetings.

Top of the South Membership Committee representative is Valerie Weir-Van Til.

Representatives provide environmental scans for every committee meeting which are also sent through to the Board with a summary of the committee meeting.

Environmental scans provide opinion from members within the region and describe the status of nursing and NZNO within the region.

The committee establishes a business and operational plan in October every year outlining the work they intend to undertake in the following year.

The workplan may include projects that the Board or the committee itself wishes work to be progressed on. Projects are subject to the approval of the board.

“One member, one vote” for the AGM remit voting process and the structural diagram have been projects undertaken by the membership committee.

A **survey** is currently underway looking into how to **increase member participation in NZNO activities and increase visibility of professional and industrial arms of NZNO**. The survey has been sent out via groups in NZNO and Top of the South will email this directly to you or you may use this link to survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NZNOMCSurvey2020>. Members are also asked for open feedback on any topic.

Representatives at AGM/Conference 2019 were surveyed on these themes. Now the committee wishes to gain wider member feedback. Please take this opportunity to voice your opinion.

Representation on Council

We are delighted with a recent increase in council numbers with the election of four new DHB representatives. Our NSU and Te Runanga Taurira representatives attended the June council zoom meeting. We continue to have no representation from workplaces within aged care, primary health & hospice, private hospitals, or from colleges & sections and Te Runanga.

Please see the NZNO Constitution for **representation entitlements** for workplaces, colleges and sections, Te Rūnanga, and National Student Unit (NSU). Members also have a right to attend council meetings. If you have an interest, look out for council meeting notices and register your attendance with our administrator.

If you have an interest in representing your work place or group please contact your organiser Denise McGurk or Daniel Marshall. All work areas have a right to be represented, no matter how many members work there. If you are a member of one of the other groups listed above, please ask your national group if you have a regional representative. We need more representatives around our table.

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

MEMBER SUPPORT CENTRE

0800 28 38 48

Remember this is the one-stop shop, so to speak, for any queries about NZNO, professional practice, and industrial advice. Please ensure you also update NZNO when any of your details change, for example your name, your contact details, or your workplace

Contacts for Regional Council

If you wish to contact your regional council members please contact Abby Wilmott, Regional Administrator abby.wilmott@nzno.org.nz /03 5467217.

Top of the South Regional Council Members:

Joan Knight (Chair) Chris Dennis (Vice Chair)

Valerie Weir-Van Til (Membership Committee Representative)

Carolyn Hannah Luke Wigram

Rebecca McKegg Maria Briggs

Chris and Luke are in Wairau with the remainder of council based in Nelson.

We are all available if you wish to make contact.

The council represents your interests as members of NZNO within the Top of the South and nationally through the Membership Committee and at the Annual General Meeting

Our ability to do this democratically is based on your expression of your views to us directly or through your representatives.

Profile new council member

Carolyn Hannah

My name is Carolynn Hannah, and I have been nursing for almost twenty years, specialising in neonatal nursing. I am a Registered Nurse in SCBU (Special Care Baby Unit) at Nelson hospital. I also do the odd extra shift around the hospital now and again. I recently completed a Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences (Perinatal Mental Health), which is an area of interest to me. I am a preceptor within SCBU and enjoy working with our nursing students. I am also a new Trendcare Champion.

I am the NZNO Convenor across NMDHB and a Health and Safety representative for SCBU. I find that the two roles go well together.

Recently I have been elected to the Top of the South regional council.

In my spare time I am renovating an old bungalow and gardening, as well as spending time with my daughter and grown up son, and enjoying my black Labrador (which makes me exercise!).