



Chairpersons Report 2019 Annual General Meeting NZNO College of Emergency Nurses New Zealand

It is a privilege to present the Chairperson's Report to the 2019 Annual General Meeting of the NZNO College of Emergency Nurses New Zealand (CENNZ).

The committee is a cohesive and hardworking team who continue to work towards CENNZ's strategic aims of improving health outcomes, supporting the development of skilled emergency nurses and building a strong workforce. It is recognised that there are some key challenges facing our specialty. These are safe staffing in emergency departments, strategies to respond appropriately to unpredicted acuity and demand, and violence and aggression. These areas continue to be the focus of our work.

To be an influential organisation, we believe we must continue to work strategically to position the College as a leading voice for emergency nursing. Activities to achieve this have included; continuing to build and support national nursing networks, contributing to submissions and consultations, seeking engagement with key stakeholders, assisting nurses in education and advocating for safe staffing and work on violence and aggression.

Summary of Work for 2018-2019

- Providing the NZ Triage Course continues to be a key activity of the College.
- 8 National Triage Courses were held.
- The CENNZ social media platforms have of Facebook and Twitter experience increased activity and provide clinically relevant resources and communication.
- The Emergency Nurse Journal has been published in electronic format.
- Support of the Advanced Emergency Nurses Network who continue to be very active holding 3 study days per year.
- Support of the CENNZ National Nurse Practitioners Network and the National Charge Nurse Managers Network. Providing a formalised structure for nurses across the country to collaborate on shared issues is seen as key to strengthening emergency nursing. Meetings were held in Wellington.
- A remit will be presented at the, 2019 CENNZ AGM, to support the establishment of a CENNZ Emergency Nurse Educators Network. This will allow national meetings and the collaboration of educators across the country. This will enable the sharing and strengthening of initiatives to develop our workforce.
- A CENNZ position statement has been formalised on 'Emergency Department Overcrowding'. A remit will be presented at the 2019 CENNZ AGM to adopt this.
- Allocation of funds for education, study and conference grants.
- Support of the 27th CENNZ National Conference in Hawkes Bay 2018.
- CENNZ represented emergency nursing at the Australian College of Emergency Medicine (ACEM) Mental Health Summit held in Wellington in June. CENNZ supported 10 nurses from around the country to attend the symposium to ensure emergency nursing contributed to this discussion.

- A CENNZ Emergency Nurse Leadership grant was established following a remit at the 2018 conference. High quality applications were received from around NZ. Two nurses will attend the highly regarded course in Australia in November this year.
- A letter, on behalf of College members, was presented to the 2018 NZNO AGM to request NZNO prioritise work on violence and aggression. This resulted in NZNO establishing a working party, action plan for future initiatives and collaborating with Work Safe NZ. Following this, Work Safe NZ have presented the 'Draft good practice guidelines: Violence in the healthcare industry'. CENNZ continues to advocate for mandatory and enforceable regulations to ensure work place safety.
- We have sought to optimise media opportunities to articulate our concerns regarding violence and aggression in emergency departments.
- CENNZ position statements have been reviewed.
- The CENNZ website is undergoing review and upgrade.
- We continue to seek opportunities to engage with the Safe Staffing Healthy Workplace Unit (SSHW) / CCDM. The CENNZ Charge Nurse Managers Network continue to investigate methods to calculate base staffing, Variance Indicator Scoring (VIS) and contributing to the trial of Trend Care in emergency departments.
- We have been very active in our submission and consultation work including -
National Stroke Clot Retrieval
Work Safe Draft Guidelines on Violence in Healthcare.
Health and Disability Review
- 5 complimentary conference registrations were allocated to Christchurch emergency department to acknowledge their work in serving the community on Friday 15th March, 2019.

I would like to thank the CENNZ Triage Instructors for the success of the Triage Course. Their work is vital to ensure this course remains the highest benchmark for triage education. The revenue received from the national triage course also enables CENNZ to maintain its significant grant and education programmes. I would like to also acknowledge the tremendous work, support, knowledge and skills of Sharyne Gordon at the NZNO Wellington office and Suzanne Rolls our NZNO Professional Nurse Advisor.

I will shortly step down from the CENNZ committee as my 4-year term comes to a close. It has been a privilege to represent the 'Top of the South' region and to contribute to the world of emergency nursing in New Zealand. It has been a professionally challenging but rewarding role. I thank the CENNZ committee for their support and look forward to ongoing involvement in the College.

Regards,

Jo King
Chairperson
NZNO / College of Emergency Nurses New Zealand.