



## Chairperson Report to 2022 Annual General Meeting College of Emergency Nurses New Zealand (NZNO)

Kia ora koutou katoa, Hello everyone

The Annual General Meeting is a good opportunity to update members and look at the progress that has been made over the last year. We appreciate members making the time to join the online meeting.

In my report to AGM November 2021, the anticipated priorities for 2022 were the staffing situation, the management of endemic Covid, and supporting wellbeing. The priorities align well with goals of the Maranga Mai NZNO campaign announced in May, particularly:

- Patient outcomes that are culturally safe and equitable across the whole health sector
- Every nurse has the power and resources to do their job

The CENNZ National Committee have continued to prioritise safe staffing. Inclusion of Emergency Departments in the Nursing Safe Staffing Review Report released in February was a significant step forward, and we are continuing work to be involved in the implementation of the report recommendations. Following the 2021 AGM, the revised position statement on registered nursing staff requirements in emergency departments was approved by members through electronic voting, and has been added to the website. [CENNZ Position Statement RN Staff Requirements in ED](#)

The omicron Covid surge prevented National Conference from going forward earlier this year as well as impacting other regular events such as AENN study days and network meetings. Progress is underway on restarting many regular forums and development of working groups. Conference is now planned for 19 – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The recent changes in national Covid response remove many of the barriers to meeting face to face.

Improving access to professional development through webinars has been a new development to support wellbeing. There have been some challenges during the initial phases.

We are in the early stages of exploring ways to increase support for equity in Emergency Departments. A survey is currently under way asking emergency nurses in Aotearoa for their thoughts.

Revised position statements on triaging away and redirection of patients presenting to an emergency department have been circulated for feedback and are being presented for endorsement at the AGM. Triage is an area under even more pressure at the moment and with staff changes, many triage nurses have limited experience in the role. Continuation of triage courses over the last year is something to celebrate. We appreciate all the work that goes into making these happen. The process to appoint more triage instructors is underway to support course delivery.

The initial stage of revising the triage course workbook is almost complete. This has involved updating formatting and reference links, plus correcting some typo issues. The next stage will be a content refresh and planning for this will begin shortly.

Further AGM remits relate to endorsement of new CENNZ logo and establishment of national committee honoraria. All remits are included with the AGM papers.

The committee has responded to document consultations and support research relevant to emergency nursing. Representation of emergency nursing on the Acute Care Sector Advisory Group continues. Other committee activities will be highlighted in the portfolio reports.

Nominations are currently open for Te Tai Tokerau, Tamaki Makaurau / Auckland, and Top of the South regional representatives. It's vital to have representation from all areas to ensure the committee can be strong advocates and up to date on members issues and concerns.

The committee looks forward to continuing to work with you in 2023 so that we can keep making progress.

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