



Chairpersons Report 2017 Annual General Meeting NZNO/ College of Emergency Nurses New Zealand

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Summary of activities for 2016/17

2017 has been a year of rejuvenation within the CENNZ national committee, most of the committee are in the first term and a redistribution of portfolios has been successfully accomplished. Paula Draper has quickly stepped into the secretary role, Jo King with membership, Michelle Peperkoorn into awards, Ben Storey with the staffing repository and Erica Mowat to triage.

Katie Smith a Nurse Practitioner with the New Zealand Defence Force has recently joined the team representing the Mid-Central region. She brings a wealth of Emergency Nursing knowledge and was a leading contributor for the CENNZ knowledge and skills framework.

Dr Sandra Richardson has taken a central role in the development of CENNZ submissions and consultations. As an emergency nursing researcher she brings a great depth of awareness and understanding with the contemporary issues faced in nursing today.

With much sadness Ben Storey (Wellington region rep.) will be leaving the committee. He has provided a fantastic perspective from a Unit Nurse Managers viewpoint. We wish him well in his new endeavours. By the time of the CENNZ conference we are hoping to have a new Wellington region representative in place.

Thank you to Sharyne Gordon at the NZNO Wellington office for her very efficient administration support and Suzanne Rolls our NZNO Professional Nurse Advisor. Suzanne always brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to support our decision making. Without this support from the NZNO it would be impossible for CENNZ to be as active as we are.

Updates from committee portfolio holders will provide detailed information but key areas of productivity for this year are:

- Last year was a recent record in levied membership at just over 600, this year is looking to be close to this again.
- CENNZ facilitated at national ED nurse managers day bringing together many of our ED nurse leaders to share ideas and develop networks.
- The CENNZ staffing repository has been undertaken this year.
- Our triage course continues to be well subscribed, this year it has been revised with completion of the updated course pre-reading and materials.
- The Advanced Emergency Nurses Network continues to be active with three study days.
- Auckland hosted a fantastic 25th CENNZ conference at the end of last year.
- Emergency Nurse New Zealand Journal continues to be published three times a year with some excellent original articles.
- Many emergency nurses have received financial support from CENNZ to undertake education or attend conferences.
- Contributed feedback to various documents and projects that relate to emergency nursing.
- CENNZ has participated in the NZNO Colleges & Sections banking review
- Feedback from membership is that many of our EDs are struggling to keep up with increasing demand. CENNZ will continue to raise these concerns at a national level.
- We continue to be engaged with the Safe Staffing Healthy Workplaces Unit looking at care capacity and demand within NZ E.Ds. The unit is responsible for supporting DHBs to address this difficult issue.

Best Regards

Rick Forster

Chairperson

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