



Chairperson's Report

Enrolled Nurse Section NZNO

Annual General Meeting

21st May 2026

Welcome to the Chairperson's report and review for 2025/2026.

Where has the time gone, it was a year ago that I presented the 2024/2025 Chairperson report/review. The past year has been extremely busy and tiring for all nurses in health care settings across New Zealand. Most Healthcare settings are still facing the challenges they were facing last year. I'd like to thank everyone of you for your commitment to Enrolled Nursing and for continuing to work through the challenges we all face within our workplaces, no matter how big or small they may be. We have continued to meet with stakeholders at our face to face meetings, which have included NCNZ, MOH and NZNO.

THINGS WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON:

Build Stronger membership for all regions.

Build relationships with all health stakeholders

Get ENSIPP graduates career opportunities in all health care settings

EN future in the health workforce.

SFYP specifications.

We were fortunate enough to be able to secure a face-to-face meeting with the Minister of Health Simeon Brown back in December. The meeting was attended by myself, Suzanne Roles, Debbie Handisides and Selena Morrirt. This meeting was well received; we presented to the Minister three key priorities:

- Implementation of the updated Enrolled Nurse scope of practice
- Development of a targeted workforce plan
- Addressing the underutilisation of Enrolled Nurses in the health system



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NCNZ

We have continued to meet with NCNZ and have put in submissions on the Code of Conduct review, Cultural Safety, and the Education Curriculum review.

NZNO AGM and Conference:

NZNO AGM and Conference was held back in September at Te Papa, Wellington, Myself and Selena Morrith attended to represent the Enrolled Nurse Section. Day one was the NZNO AGM and Day two was Conference Day. I was given the opportunity to be part of a panel discussion on Workforce, this was part of the NZNO Policy Suite being reviewed. Please see below my Powerpoint presentation and notes on this.



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NZNO COLLEGE AND SECTION DAY 2025:

College and Section day was held in Wellington on the 4th/5th March. Both myself and Glenda attended this year to represent the Enrolled Nurse Section. This was a successful two days with presentations from Paul Goulter, Anne Daniels and Kerri Nuku who outlined the focus on Colleges and Sections and an overview of the NZNO work over the past year. Paul Goulter highlighted the importance of the college and sections to represent their specialty, he also challenged us to grow in membership numbers, lift member involvement and influence and to consider any barriers which may need to be addressed to enhance their Mahi. We had the opportunity to share our key achievements and future aspirations, see powerpoint below



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ENROLLED NURSE SECTION NZNO, ENROLLED NURSING MARKETING STRATEGY:

This is still work in progress by the Enrolled Nurse Section NZNO National Committee and we have been working with the NZNO Communications and Media Advisor Neville to start progressing forward with this.

ENROLLED NURSE POSITIONS WITHIN NEW ZEALAND:

These continue to be advertised, with new employment opportunities opening up for enrolled nurses across New Zealand. These opportunities are not only within Te Whatu Ora but in Aged Care Facilities, Community and Primary Health. Thank you to Robyn Hewlett who puts any Enrolled Nurse vacancies up on the Facebook page.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE ENROLLED NURSE SECTION:

Our current membership is sitting at 645. We have had a decrease in numbers since the same time last year which was 650. We are working with Neville currently to establish a website and also working with NZNO on ways we can increase our membership. We are hoping to capture the students who have started the Diploma this year to join the section. Enrolled Nurses who are members of NZNO can now join online at [https://www.nzno.org.nz/groups/colleges_sections/sections/enrolled_nurses/join us](https://www.nzno.org.nz/groups/colleges_sections/sections/enrolled_nurses/join_us)

Membership numbers per region

Active Regions

- Southern – 122
- Canterbury/TOPS - 163
- Greater Wellington – 73
- Greater Auckland – 95
- Midlands – 52
- Bay of Plenty/ Tairāwhiti - 30
- Tai Tokerau/Northland – 36

Non-Active Regions

- Central - 59
- Hawkes Bay – 8
- Westcoast - 7

Leonie Metcalfe:

It is with great sadness that our lovely Leonie passed away on the 16 March 2026. Leonie will be dearly missed. Please see below the tribute that I wrote on behalf of the Enrolled Nurse Section for Leonie’s memorial service.

Leonie trained as a community nurse at Wairoa Hospital in Hawkes Bay, a long, long time ago, Nursing leaders were called Sisters and Matrons and nurses wore white uniforms, white shoes and stockings and smoking in the ward office after 8pm was seen to be OK.

Leonie moved to the Waikato in 1982 where she had a rewarding 34 years working at Waikato DHB. She was the only Enrolled Nurse working in the Gynaecology ward, where she ensured women received the best possible care and was a great advocate for them and their family/whānau.

Leonie was a foundation member of the Midlands Enrolled Nurse Section which was formed in 1993. She spent many years as the Chairperson. In 2011 Leonie was elected to the National Enrolled Nurse Section Committee and then in 2014 she was elected as the chairperson of the National Enrolled Nurse Section. She was actively involved in NZNO activities, a workplace delegate, Midlands Regional Council, Management Committee, Membership Committee, PDRP assessor and a representative on Wintec Employer Engagement Group. Leonie would never back down over a fight for Enrolled Nurses.

We have all learnt a lot about her diagnosis and journey through her illness over the past few years. Despite this battle and the hurdles, she came across Leonie still managed to help organize the 2024 conference in Hamilton and then appeared at the conference in Wellington in 2025 as our very special Diamond celebrating 60 years of Enrolled Nursing in Aotearoa. What an absolute phenomenal lady.

Our sincere condolences from the Enrolled Nurse Section to Leonie's Whanau. It is truly hard to say goodbye to a lady who has fought so bravely for herself health wise and for Enrolled Nurses. Our beautiful friend that led us all the way on our very long trying journey as Enrolled Nurses. A friend to many who are going to miss your smile, laughs, hugs, welcome with open arms, sitting down after conference with a glass of Pinot Gris, and chats on the phone, righting the world around Enrolled Nurses, the Nursing Profession, NZNO and the Health System.

Leonie the tears and laughs we have shared will never be forgotten. You have left this world far too soon, but you have left an impact not only with the profession of Enrolled Nursing, but also your involvement with setting up a support group for people in Aotearoa with Mesothelioma.

Leonie, please remember that when you are in heaven, that as an Enrolled Nurse you made a difference and knowing you, you will tell all the other nurses you meet that you are proud to be an Enrolled Nurse. You may be gone from our sight but not from our hearts. You will be remembered for your strength, dignity, fight and love for Enrolled Nurses. It was an honour to have been part of your life as fellow Enrolled Nurses and as a friend.

Rest well, fly high and be proud.

Love as always, your Enrolled Nurse family. 😊

THANK YOU'S & APPRECIATIONS

As I come to the end of my four-year term as chairperson, I would like to say a huge thank you to the National Enrolled Nurse Section Committee, Regional Section Committees and Suzanne Rolls for their support to me over the past four years as chairperson. This has been greatly appreciated and has not gone unmissed. To Suzanne Rolls thank you for your support, commitment and advice over the past four years. Suzanne is one of the biggest advocates that we have regarding Enrolled Nursing in New Zealand and mentions Enrolled Nurses and the employment of Enrolled Nurses at every chance she gets. Sharyne Gordon our administration support person, in Wellington, a big thank you for all your assistance to me and the national committee. Your support and help has been invaluable. In closing to all our Enrolled Nurse Section members in New Zealand remember you are all valuable members of the nursing team, wherever you work, your experience, knowledge, and nursing skills will take you into the future and beyond. Take every opportunity you can to increase your knowledge and experience. The nursing world is your oyster.

All the very best for the coming year
Michelle Prattley

Chairperson
NZNO Enrolled Nurse Section