

CANTERBURY NZNO ENROLLED NURSE SECTION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held 25 September 2025, at Hornby Club, Christchurch

Meeting opened: 10:33

Present:

Michelle Prattley (Chairperson), Debbie Handisides (Vice Chairperson) Cherry Pavelka, Treasurer/Secretary) Angelique Singh, Anne Yeatman, Ann McKeich, Anne Nicholson, Averil Cooper, Belinda Elliott, Beth Essex, Charleen Ashley Dawn Richards Dawn Whitaker, Debbie Hamlin, Di Hegarty, Diana Marshall, Faye Lee Helen Brain Helen Sheehan, Jacqueline Giles, Janelle McStay, Janis Hurst, Jemma Johnson, Jo Eastgate, Katharine Heine, Kay Smith, Kym Ryan, Lara Taylor, Leanne Allnutt, Loraine Gay, Lu Hasselberg, Lynda Payne, Maree Hurst, Marg Boyce, Marguerite Vivian, Marion Olliver, Marise Holmes, Maureen Reynolds, Michelle Cameron, Mo Shelley, Moira Newton, Monica Newton, Monica Costa, Natasha Palamountain, Rachel Garner, Sally Prattley, Sibö Moyo, Sue Smith, Suzanne Pauley, Vicky Mead, and Virginia Waghorn.

Apologies: Tam Gibson, Nicky Weatherley, Octavia Heugh and Karen Sword

Moved apologies be accepted Michelle Prattley

Seconded: Rachel Garner

Welcome: The Chairperson, Michelle welcomed everyone to the 2025 AGM.

Housekeeping: This meeting is being recorded for minute taking purposes.

If you wish to speak please raise your hand and wait for a microphone will be brought to you, please state your name for the recording.

Confirmation of 2024 AGM Minutes true and correct record

Moved: Michelle Prattley

Seconded: Natasha Palamountain

Matters Arising: Nil

Chairpersons Annual Report

Another year has passed since our last AGM. I would like to thank the Canterbury Enrolled Nurse Section committee for their continued support and engagement. There have still been some challenging times within the health sector over the past year with one thing or another. I know people are frustrated over the Holidays Act remediation, still not being finalised and the fact that the date keeps moving out for the pay-out for Canterbury. But fingers crossed this is on the way according to the last update. Bargaining continues for those working at Te Whatu Ora, hopefully we will get somewhere with this soon. Thank you to all those who have attended the rallies on strike days in trying to get our voice heard. Also a big thank you goes out to Debbie Handisides, one of our section members who is on the bargaining team trying to fight for what we deserve. I know it's been a long haul for Deb.

Our current membership is 159. Nationally section membership is 667. We have now merged the top of the south region, with Tam Gibson the outgoing chair of TOP, still wanting to be involved when and where she can.

Our annual study day last year was a great success with 42 attendees and some great feedback from the day.

The 46th Annual Conference was held in Wellington this year and was attended by 15 members from Canterbury. It also saw us celebrating 60 years of Enrolled nursing in Aotearoa.

The 2026 Annual Conference is being held in Pahia on 21st and /22nd May.

Key achievements and highlights Canterbury and nationally

Implementation of new scope of practice in January 2025, celebrating 60 years of Enrolled Nurses in New Zealand 1965- 2025.

Study days and Conference: Numbers of Enrolled Nurse students nationwide, still growing, we had 53 start at ARA this year.

Having 2 Enrolled Nurses on Bargaining Team, one from Canterbury

Future aspirations:

Educate stake holders internally and externally on the role of the Enrolled nurse.

Education on the new scope and standards of competence.

Enrolled nurse to be the voice of the profession of Enrolled Nursing in Aotearoa.

Ensure the employment of Enrolled nurse in Aotearoa, despite the challenges in the environment.

Recognition of skills to be standardised throughout the health system nationally.

Study and progression of Enrolled Nurses

District variation of Enrolled Nursing Practice due to history of bias and restrictive policies, to be standardised throughout the health system nationally. This is a work in progress for the National EN Section Committee.

To win the political and resourcing commitments needed to address the nursing shortage crisis permanently across the whole health sector.

To build our membership in Canterbury and nationally.

To build relationships with more health stake holders.

To get our EN graduates ENSIPP positions in all health care settings.

Ensure EN future in health workforce.

Provide a supporting role for new members and to achieve good communication.

Meeting stakeholders to hold them accountable for the future of Enrolled Nursing.

Keep up the good work. Remember stand up and fight back

Financial Report 31st August 2025

Opening Balance 31 August 2024 \$5500.78

Closing Balance 31 August 2025 \$8242.49

Moved Financial report be Cherry Pavelka Seconded: Maree Hurst Carried

Future gifts for graduation award winners has been stopped by ARA

Election of Officers

Chairperson: Michelle standing down. No nominations received.

Vice Chairperson: Debbie Handisides

Nominated by Michelle Prattley Seconded Cherry Pavelka

Secretary/Treasurer (roles now combined) Cherry Pavelka

Nominated by Michelle Prattley Seconded: Debbie Handisides

Committee

Maree Hurst

Michelle Cameron

Rachel Garner

Octavia Heugh

Christie Reedy

Natasha Palamountain

Nominated Michelle Prattley

Seconded Cherry Pavelka

General Business

Membership Is 159; 14 of those were from merging with the Top of South Section.

Our membership has stayed stable over the last year and that was through some resignations but then new members counteracted those that resigned.

Our numbers for study day are up 11 from last year

At present new young ones coming through are met at the polytechnic, when they finish their 18 months at their graduation awards. They are physically given the QR code to join the EN section. No one from this year's graduation joined. Last year we had 3.

As the awards are no longer held anymore, we will contact ARA to see if we can go in at the beginning, when they start, and give them the NZNO spiel and QR code, other than us going in with a laptop and signing them up there and then.

Display the QR code in workplaces so when new ENSIPP start they can be encouraged to join.

There is a restructure of the membership at NZNO. There is no longer a membership committee. Suggestion that on website, when joining NZNO that it is made clear that it is free to join EN Section as not all NZNO sections are free to join.

An option we are working on with NZNO at present is that when you join NZNO have an automatic entry into EN section. There is an opt out option

Top of the South

Confirmation that Top of South has now merged with Canterbury as of the AGM in May.

Scope of Practice

Has now been implemented and takes full implementation January 2026. That is when the PDRP will change to the new competencies as well.

Debbie Handisdes asked those persons present to put the hands together to congratulate Michelle for the amount of work she has put in she as on the scope review.

Michelle has been asked to be part of the education review

Question from floor as to role of chairperson.

Meeting closed 10:59