Enrolled Nurse Section
NEW ZEALAND NURSES ORGANISATION

Regional Section Reports

August 2026

Tai Tokerau Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Regional Chairperson	**Selena Morritt**
Region	Te Tai Tokerau
Report Period	August 2026
Last Regional Meeting	4 August 2026 – Jimmy Jack's
Next Regional Meeting	28 November 2026 – TBC

1. Regional Overview

Te Tai Tokerau has experienced a notably cold winter, with heavy frost and ice conditions across the region, creating some unusual "winter wonderland" mornings for many residents.
More broadly, this has been a very busy period for nursing services, with winter illness contributing to increased demand and ongoing pressure across health settings.

2. Regional Membership

Te Tai Tokerau currently has 33 members.
The committee remains focused on strengthening visibility of the Enrolled Nurse (EN) workforce, supporting members, and ensuring ENs are recognised for their skills, knowledge, and contribution across health services throughout the region.
We continue to encourage ENs to engage with the regional committee, participate in local activities, and ensure their perspectives are represented in both regional and national forums.

3. EN Workforce and Education

A key ongoing concern is the limited pipeline of new ENs entering the workforce.
Since the conclusion of the Earn as You Learn initiative, there have been no EN students identified in the Far North and very limited opportunities for newly qualified ENs. No new EN positions have recently been advertised in the areas monitored.
This is concerning given current workforce pressures and the valuable contribution ENs can make across a wide range of clinical settings.
Despite these challenges, there are positive examples of EN development within existing services, including:

- An EN progressing through a Mental Health pathway in a specialist clinical setting several days per week.
- An EN undertaking a Women's Health pathway, developing skills including IUD support, pessary insertion, and related procedures.
- An EN recently appointed to an Outreach role within a community team delivering methamphetamine harm-reduction support.

These examples demonstrate the value of structured development pathways and the breadth of practice ENs can achieve when appropriately supported.

4. Rural EN Workforce

The appointment of a rural-based EN in the Far North is a positive development, particularly given the increasing difficulty in securing EN roles.
Rural practices that invest in ENs provide important opportunities for broader clinical exposure, skill development, and mentoring. These settings are critical in strengthening workforce capacity while also supporting access to healthcare for rural communities.
Continued advocacy for EN employment and development opportunities in rural settings remains an important priority for Te Tai Tokerau.

5. Committee Development

We are pleased to welcome two new committee members:
Their involvement brings valuable new perspectives and strengthens representation across different stages of the EN journey.
The establishment of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) is also a positive step, with several ENs now engaged. Collaboration between the regional committee and LOC is encouraged to strengthen connections, share ideas, and support meaningful participation in regional activities.

6. Study Day

Planning is underway for Te Tai Tokerau EN Study Day.
While details are still being finalised, progress is positive. The aim is to bring ENs together from across the motu to connect, learn, share experiences, and acknowledge the contribution of ENs.
Further information will be provided once arrangements are confirmed.

7. Regional Christmas Gathering

Planning is underway for the Tai Tokerau Regional Christmas Get-Together.
Date to save: 28 November 2026
Further details will be shared once arrangements are confirmed.

8. Regional Facebook Page

The Te Tai Tokerau EN Facebook page is now live.
Members are encouraged to follow the page for updates, events, education opportunities, and EN-related information.
The page will provide an important platform for improving communication and connection across our geographically dispersed region, while also increasing the visibility of ENs and the work of the regional committee.

9. Looking Ahead

- Supporting and growing EN membership.
- Promoting EN employment opportunities across the region.
- Advocating for appropriate utilisation and recognition of EN capability.
- Supporting education, professional development, and career pathways.
- Encouraging rural services to employ and develop ENs.

- Strengthening connections between students, new graduates, and experienced ENs.
- Working collaboratively with the LOC and regional groups.
- Progressing the regional study day.
- Maintaining strong Te Tai Tokerau representation at national level.
- Ensuring the needs of Northland ENs remain visible in workforce discussions.

10. Closing

Thank you to all committee members and our wider membership for your ongoing support and engagement.
It is encouraging to see new members joining the committee and new opportunities emerging for ENs across the workforce. These developments demonstrate the importance of continuing to advocate for ENs and ensuring our workforce is recognised and appropriately utilised.
I also acknowledge the National Committee for their continued work in ensuring EN voices are represented at a national level.
There remains much work to do, particularly around workforce development, employment opportunities, rural nursing, and ensuring ENs are supported to practice to the full extent of their capability. However, the positive developments across Te Tai Tokerau provide a strong foundation to continue this work.

Ngā mihi nui,

Selena Morritt
Regional Chairperson – Te Tai Tokerau
Enrolled Nurses Northland Te Tai Tokerau

Greater Wellington Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date:14/08/2026

Representatives Name & Title: Tina Giles Chairperson GWENS

Regional Membership Number: 134

Last Annual General Meeting Date: 12/09/2024

Last Meeting: 17/07/2026

Next Meeting: After Study Day

Study Day & Conference Update

Planning for our upcoming Study Day is now well underway, with the event confirmed for 23 September. A new venue has been secured at the Waikanae Chartered Club, offering an accessible and welcoming space for members across the region. where we will continue shaping a day that delivers strong, relevant professional development for Enrolled Nurses.

We are encouraged by the growing interest from members wishing to join the committee. This renewed engagement brings valuable perspectives and supports the ongoing sustainability and effectiveness of our regional activities.

Section Merger & Membership Update

The Central Enrolled Nurses Section has merged with the Greater Wellington Enrolled Nurse Section, due to declining membership and the absence of an active committee. Despite repeated attempts to gauge interest in reactivating the Central committee, no positive response was received.

This merger ensures that Central members retain a strong professional voice within NZNO and remain connected to regional advocacy and development opportunities. As a result of the merger, our combined membership has now increased to **134**, strengthening our presence and capacity across the region.

Regional Workforce Trends

Membership numbers had previously been declining, reflecting the broader workforce pressures across the region. Although there are some encouraging signs, overall growth remains constrained, largely due to fewer graduate placements within local services.

A significant proportion of Enrolled Nurse graduates are entering roles within Mental Health, Addiction, and Intellectual Disability Services (MHAIDS). Because most of these positions fall under the PSA collective agreement, this trend continues to influence NZNO membership growth and retention within our section.

These workforce shifts highlight the importance of increasing our visibility and engagement with new graduates and their employers. We remain committed to promoting the benefits of NZNO membership, strengthening awareness of the Enrolled Nurse Section, and supporting new practitioners as they transition into the workforce.

Nga mihi

Tina Giles, Chairperson

Canterbury Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: August 2026

Representatives Name & Title: Michelle Prattley (Chairperson)

Regional Membership Number: 157

Last Annual General Meeting Date: 25th September 2025

Last Meeting: June 2026

Next Meeting: AGM 31 August 2026

Education in Region

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our study day that was due to take place in October due to lack of registrations. It was a tough call to make but we decided to put all our time and energy into organising conference for 2027. EN Study Days are still being offered within Te Whatu Ora, but again some have had to be cancelled due to the lack of registrations, this is also due to not being given the leave to attend due to short staffing.

ARA: The last update I got from ARA was back in April. For the first years/ March intake there were 52 students started and Second years was 51 students. I have had no luck in finding out how many of those second years finished the Diploma and sat state in July unfortunately.

ACE

- 18TH May 2026 – release of the April 2026 ACE EN Talent pool. The National ACE talent pool had a total of 318 EN candidates (April 2024 – April 2026).
- Canterbury ACE Talent pool: 31 candidates –April 2026. 11 rolled over from 2024/2025.
- Aug 2026 – 202 EN candidates on the National talent pool. 13 x ENs on the Canterbury ACE talent pool + 5 x Internationals.

Recruitment of ENs in Canterbury - January -Aug 2026.

- 12 x Enrolled Nurses all HNZ. No Primary, ARC or Community.
- 11 via ACE, 1 x International.
- 6 x ENs into Hospital Specialty Services– working between 0.8 and 1.0 FTE (4 x Burwood, 1 x Outpatients, 1 x Ashburton). 6 x ENs into Mental Health and Addictions – all working 0.94 FTE.
- We will have 19 x SFYP ENs starting on the 31st August, 13 @ Hillmorton! The other 6 SFYP ENs at Ashburton, Burwood, Women's, Waipapa periop.

News:

The usual issue of staffing of being short on the wards, causing more pressure on the staff that are there to be nursing in a safe way. Lots of staff illness around at the moment and seem to be unable to replace with pool staff currently.

There have been a few EN positions being advertised in Canterbury recently, but still not enough positions available for the EN graduates and EN's that are retiring don't seem to be replaced. Here is hoping that with the workforce plan will help address this issue.
We are holding our AGM on the 31st August followed by a General Meeting. We are hoping that we get good attendance with the option of attending via zoom as well as in person. The current committee are looking forward to organising the conference in 2027. We will look at getting more information out to the Enrolled Nurse Section once we have the approval from NZNO.

Not a lot more to report from Canterbury this time around. We would like to thank the National Committee for their continued commitment and mahi to Enrolled Nurses.

Take care everyone and stay well and warm.

Nga mihi
Michelle Prattley
Chairperson

Southern Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: 25th & 25th August 2026

Representatives Name & Title: Robyn Hewlett

Regional Membership Number: 120 at 26/6/2026

Last Annual General Meeting Date: 5th May 2026

Last Meeting: 23rd June 2026

Next Meeting: TBC

Education in Region:

Otago Polytechnic – New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing appears to have commenced in July. I see they have added "**Transition into Practice, Level 6, 30 credits"** on the website, so that is good.

Southern Region Enrolled Nurse Section Study Day:
Saturday 17th October 2026 at Hutton Theatre, Tūhura Otago Museum
Registrations have opened online. Registrations low so far, will review prior to 20th September 2026 as whether to proceed or cancel.

Presentations on the following:

- "Nurses, Our Future – Empowered Nurses Save Lives' Jane Wilson, Chief Nurse, Health New Zealand, Te Whatu Ora – Southern (apparently Jane has some very important updates re Enrolled Nurses)
- Misled or Misfed? Nutrition claims for women – Professor Katherine Black, University of Otago
  (This is about recent research about messages on social media platforms regarding diets, exercise etc. that are misleading)
- The Big Questions – Opening up Conversations about Life and Death, Denise Van Aalst, Kowhai Programme Coordinator, Otago Hospice
- Enrolled Nurse Role in looking after a Deteriorating Patient, Di Hanson, Educator, Orthopaedic Service, Dunedin Hospital
- Stoma care – title to be confirmed
- Continence – title to be confirmed
- Orthopaedic Rehabilitation Post-Surgery – Physiotherapist Orthopaedic Service
- Enrolled Nurses presenting on their areas of practice- two

News:
Since May 2026 we have had the following EN positions advertised within the Southern Region

- Dunedin Hospital & District Nursing 9
- Dunedin Private Sector- Ashburn Clinic -3
- Dunedin Aged Care Sector – 3. Aged Care Services NZ Ltd have advertised for 1 EN at Mossbrae and Oxford Court. New Grad EN (male) has secured a position at Oxford Court, which is great. This facility has a new Nurse Manager following a lot of controversary earlier this year within Oxford Court.
- 1 EN position advertised at The Grange, Mosgiel, which is a new retirement village and has care facility. Previous Nurse Manager indicated there was no place there for EN's. Since she left, they have employed EN's.
- Southland – Presbyterian Support Southland advertised for new graduate EN's at 2 of their facilities in Invercargill and 1 in Gore.
- Southland Hospital advertised for EN's in AT&R and district nursing x2
- Good to see Enrolled Nurse positions still being advertised across the region. 2 EN's also got positions in General Practices in Palmerston and Dunedin.

Current Issues in Region:
Nil issues within workplaces reported by committee members
Our committee currently only has 6, so we are always on the lookout for new committee members

Very sad news regarding Catherine Byrne, Chief Executive, Nursing Council New Zealand resigning

Robyn