Enrolled Nurse Section
NEW ZEALAND NURSES ORGANISATION

Regional Section Reports

November 2026

Tai Tokerau Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Regional Chairperson	**Selena Morritt**
Region	Te Tai Tokerau
Report Period	14 November 2026
Last Regional Meeting	4 August 2026 – Jimmy Jack's
Next Regional Meeting	28 November 2026 – Turk Az Restaurant, Rathbone Street, Whangārei (Christmas get-together)

1. Regional Overview

Te Tai Tokerau continues to focus on strengthening the visibility, recognition, and development of the Enrolled Nurse (EN) workforce across the region. The committee remains committed to advocating for ENs and supporting opportunities for members to contribute and progress within the health workforce.

2. Regional Membership

Te Tai Tokerau currently has 33 members. Membership numbers remain unchanged since the previous report.
The committee continues to encourage ENs across the region to connect with the regional committee, participate in local activities, and have their voices represented in regional and national discussions.

3. EN Workforce, Education and Career Pathways

Ongoing education opportunities remain a key concern for our members. There is particular interest in further education and development in mental health, alongside accessible and supported pathways across the scope of EN practice.
ENs are keen to continue learning, develop their clinical skills, and progress towards Registered Nurse (RN) scope of practice. However, support for these aspirations and pathways remains limited. Continued advocacy is needed to ensure ENs have meaningful opportunities to develop and advance their careers.
Funding remains available through Health Fund Plus for DHB members to support eligible education and professional development.

4. Recent EN Appointments

There have been two positive employment developments in the region:

- A new EN graduate has gained employment at a private hospital in Whangārei.
- An additional EN has been employed by Trend Healthcare in general practice services.

These appointments are encouraging and demonstrate the contribution ENs can make across both hospital and primary care settings.

5. Committee Engagement

The committee continues to experience difficulty engaging ENs working in private healthcare settings. Strengthening connections with these nurses remains a priority, and our focus is on encouraging greater EN involvement in the regional committee and its activities.
We want to ensure that ENs from all practice settings feel represented, connected, and able to contribute to the work of the regional group.

6. NorthTec Graduates

A NorthTec graduation ceremony is scheduled for next week. Invitations have been sent to key organisers within the LOC and EN groups to attend and acknowledge the graduates.
This is a smaller graduation ceremony ahead of the main graduation event in March 2027.

7. Committee Resignations and Retirements

This year we acknowledge the resignation of Ngaire Penning, who has served on the EN committee for a number of years and has been a strong advocate for all nurses. We wish Ngaire well in her retirement and sincerely thank her for her commitment and contributions to the committee over the years.
We also congratulate Alwyn Slade on her retirement and on finally putting down her scrubs. We wish Alwyn a very happy and fulfilling retirement.
Both Ngaire and Alwyn will be deeply missed by their colleagues and by all of us on the committee. We thank them both for their dedication and the support they have given to the EN workforce.

8. Regional Meeting and Christmas Get-Together

Our next regional meeting will be held on 28 November 2026 at Turk Az Restaurant, Rathbone Street, Whangārei. The meeting will include our regional Christmas get-together, providing an opportunity for members to connect and celebrate the year.

9. Looking Ahead

- Encouraging and growing EN membership and participation across the region.
- Improving engagement with ENs working in private healthcare.
- Advocating for accessible education, particularly in mental health.
- Supporting clear development pathways across the EN scope of practice and progression towards RN scope.
- Promoting EN employment opportunities across hospital and primary healthcare settings.
- Maintaining strong Te Tai Tokerau representation in regional and national workforce discussions.

10. Closing

On a personal note, I would like to sincerely thank our regional committee for its outstanding efforts throughout the year. Their dedication and ongoing commitment to the committee have been nothing short of amazing. I am incredibly grateful for the time, energy, and passion each member has contributed.

As the year draws to a close, we thank the National Committee for its tireless efforts throughout a year full of activity on the political front and behind the scenes. We acknowledge the committee's strong advocacy for Enrolled Nurses across the motu.
We also thank our regional members and colleagues for their ongoing support and commitment. We wish everyone a happy, safe, and fun-filled festive season. Be kind to yourselves, and we hope you are able to enjoy some well-earned rest and relaxation.
Our committee will meet again on 28 November 2026 at Turk Az Restaurant, Rathbone Street, Whangārei, for our meeting and Christmas get-together.

Ngā mihi nui,

Selena Morritt

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

Greater Auckland Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: 12.11.26

Representatives' Name & Title: Dorothy Browning Chairperson

Regional Membership Number: 98

Last Annual General Meeting Date: 9th March 2026

Last Meeting: 12.10 2026

Next Meeting: 16.10.26

Education in Region

Planning is underway for next year's Study Day, planned for Monday 8th March just awaiting room booking confirmation before we can advertise.

We plan to have our AGM as part of the study day this has worked well for our members. The content of the day comes from feedback from our previous study day, keeping in mind the broad areas our ENs work.

News

Our Greater Auckland EN Section Treasurer - Ellen Jones

Works at the diabetes outpatient services at North Shore Hospital part time. She also works casually at Hobsonville Hearing doing ear wax removal using the micro suction machine.

Congratulations Ellen on completing her expert PDRP.

Thank you

To the National Committee and Suzanne Rolls for all you do in advocating for Enrolled Nurses.

Midlands Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: 28.10.26

Representatives Name & Title: Sharon Becht, Chairperson, Secretary

Regional Membership Number: 46

Last Annual General Meeting Date: 12.04.26

Last Meeting: 05.07.26

Next Meeting: 15.11.26

Education in Region

Education is widely available online within Te Whatu Ora Waikato.
Enrolled Nurse Education Day is planned for 27.04.26.

Current Issues in Region

Decreasing membership in Midlands Enrolled Nurse Section during 2026. Mostly only committee attending section meetings, along with one or two others. We are concerned for the future for our Section.

News

Update from **Erin Vernall**, Supported First Year of Practice (SFYP) Nurse Educator**,** Professional Development Unit.

EN graduates:

- We have four EN graduates from the start of year cohort (ED, Thames IPU, DOSA, MCC), and currently just one EN graduate in the mid-year onwards cohort (OPR)

Study day:

- The next EN study day will be on Tuesday 27th April. Information to come out about this, just confirming speakers/topics etc. Will send out to our EN email list for Waikato before the end of the year

Scope of practice:

- **Rhonda McKelvie**, Nurse Consultant, has indicated we are waiting to hear from the National EN section, also waiting for the curriculum document from Wintec so that we can better understand the new scope education programme. Rhonda will also contact Ara for this.

- In the meantime, we plan to circle back to services and check in as well as begin pilots on some new practices in a couple of areas.

The Midlands committee are looking forward to attending Canterbury EN Conference in Christchurch in October 2027, will be fantastic to catch up with colleagues and friends after the cancellation of 2026 conference in Paihia.

Wishing you all a very safe and happy holiday season.

Sharon Becht – Chairperson, Secretary
Midlands Regional Enrolled Nurse Section NZNO

Greater Wellington Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date:08/11/2026

Representatives Name & Title: Tina Giles Chairperson GWENS

Regional Membership Number: 134

Last Annual General Meeting Date: 23/09/2026

Last Meeting: 17/07/2026

Next Meeting: TBA

Study Day

We held a very successful Study Day in September, attended by 23 participants. This year, we changed the venue and held the event at the Waikanae Chartered Club, which proved to be an excellent choice.

We were fortunate to have an outstanding range of speakers, including our own Suzanne Rolls, our NZNO Advisor. We also welcomed Dr Mark Weatherall, who presented on bone density; Jennifer Watson, a life coach who spoke on burnout prevention; and Michaela Shannon, Clinical Director of Enliven, who discussed the Professional Development and Recognition Programme (PDRP) and offered support to our colleagues.

In addition, Tim Luxford and Manfred James from Geeks on Wheels delivered an informative presentation on IT safety, including guidance on trustworthy websites, online security, and how to stay safe in an increasingly digital world.

We were also pleased to have several of our colleagues from the Central region attend, which provided a wonderful opportunity to connect, share experiences, and strengthen relationships across our wider network.

We also held our Annual General Meeting (AGM) during the Study Day. Once again, this proved to be a very successful approach, allowing members to attend both events and contribute to the business of the organisation.

Overall, the Study Day was a great success and was very well received by attendees. We were also pleased to welcome several new committee members, which was a positive outcome for our organisation and bodes well for the future of the committee.

Regional Workforce Trends

Membership numbers continue to reflect the workforce challenges being experienced across the region. While there have been some positive developments, overall growth remains limited, largely due to the ongoing reduction in graduate placements within local health services.

A considerable number of Enrolled Nurse graduates continue to pursue employment opportunities within Mental Health, Addiction, and Intellectual Disability Services (MHAIDS). As many of these positions are covered by the PSA collective agreement, this continues to have an impact on membership growth within the NZNO Enrolled Nurse Section.

These ongoing workforce trends reinforce the importance of maintaining strong engagement with both students and newly graduated Enrolled Nurses. We remain committed to raising the profile of the Enrolled Nurse Section, promoting the value of NZNO membership, and providing support and advocacy for Enrolled Nurses as they begin and develop their professional careers.

Nga mihi

Tina Giles, Chairperson

Canterbury/TOPS Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: November 2026

Representatives Name & Title: Michelle Prattley (Chairperson)

Regional Membership Number: 150

Last Annual General Meeting Date: September 2026

Last Meeting: October 2026

Next Meeting: January 2027

Education in Region

Sorry, not a lot to report education wise, I'm trying to find out graduating numbers from Ara as well as SFYP numbers.

Online webinars are widely available and are frequently advertised on the EN Section Facebook page. Te Whatu Ora are running the EN Study Days still, but some have been cancelled recently due to lack of interest/enrolments.

News:

Unfortunately, we were unable to hold our AGM as we did not have a quorum. There were only 6 people attending, of which 5 were the current committee. This was very disappointing especially when we had zoom available for members to attend. We did manage to co-opt a new member on to the committee.

The usual issue with staffing being short on the wards, causing more pressure on the staff that are there to be nursing in a safe way.

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's hoping that with the workforce plan will help address this issue.

Planning is well underway for conference next year. We have just about got a draft program ready to put up on the EN Section website. We have come up with a theme of "Enrolled Nurses Unlocking Potential, Shaping the Future". We are hoping to get the registration details finalised and out soon.

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.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Nga mihi

Michelle Prattley
Chairperson

Southern Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date:12 November 2026

Representatives' Name & Title: Tracy Graves

Regional Membership Number:

Last Annual General Meeting Date: 5th May 2026

Last Meeting: Wednesday 21st October

Next Meeting: 2nd December 2026

Education in Region

Study day for 2026 was cancelled as not enough numbers, new Enrolled Nurse Study Day hoping to be arranged for Friday the 7th May 2027.

This is to be arranged At the Hutton Theatre, Tūhura Otago Museum. Presentations to be confirmed and there is a lot of interest from the speakers.

News

Te Whatu Ora are not employing new EN's. There are some EN positions still being advertised in Dunedin and Invercargill.

- Dunedin Medical Ward
- District Nursing has some vacancies
- 4 areas at Southland hospital

There are some ongoing issues with employment for the New Graduate RNs also.

Current Issues in Region:

Short staffing remains to be the biggest reported problem.
Our committee only has currently 6 so always on the lookout for new committee members.