



**Enrolled Nurse Section**  
NEW ZEALAND NURSES ORGANISATION

# Regional Section Reports February 2016

## **Northland/Taitokerau Enrolled Nurse Section Report**

**Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2016

**Regional Enrolled Nurse Section:** Northland/Taitokerau

**Representatives Name & Title:** Vinnie Walters

**Regional Membership Number:** 55

**Last Annual General Meeting Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015

**Last Meeting:** 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015

### **Education in Area**

Nothing new to report.

### **Current Issues in Region:**

No new issues same ongoing ones.

### **News**

We haven't met this year as yet but probably looking at late March early April. We are planning a study day this year so we need to get on to that

Cheers  
Vinnie Walters.

## Auckland Enrolled Nurse Section Chairperson Report

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016

**Representatives Name & Title:** Angela Thompson, Chairperson

**Regional Membership Number:** 120 (approx.)

**Last Meeting AGM:** 4<sup>th</sup> May

**Last Meeting:** November (Christmas get together)

**Next Meeting:** 28<sup>h</sup> February

### Education in Region

At our next meeting later in the month we will be discussing plans for hosting education in the region.

### News

Late last year Dorothy Browning and I attend the MIT medal pinning ceremony to present pens and scrolls to newly graduated enrolled nurses. We also presented the Enrolled Section Award to the enrolled nurse on the programme who had demonstrated leadership skills. The MIT tutors selected the enrolled nurse who received the award.

CMDHB has this year asked the MIT tutors to put forward 10 names of whom they would recommend for employment at the completion of the training programme. The students are also aware of this request.

I received an email from Dorothy Browning to share with us that her DON at CMDHB had cc her into an email that had originally come from Wellington Head of DON's and subsequently distributed to senior nurse managers. The email was the latest Enrolled Nurse Section Newsletter that had Dorothy's profile, so Dorothy hadn't gone unnoticed by her DON, which is such a positive move forward. Thank you to the national committee for making sure that this newsletter is reaching the senior nurses.

There have been several advertised employment opportunities for enrolled nurses, two at CMDHB in Mental Health Services, and two at WDHB Waitakere Hospital in the District Nursing Services.

Also at CMDHB a new graduate EN was employed in January onto an acute medical ward. While at WDHB Northshore Hospital a new graduate EN was employed onto the orthopaedic ward, as is being preceptor by one of our committee members.

In closing, the Auckland Enrolled Nurse Section would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a great new year and we look forward following what the national committee members will be doing.

Thank you for your continued commitment to enrolled nursing.

## **BOP/Tairawhiti Region Enrolled Nurse Section Report**

**Date:** 31/01/16

**Representatives Name & Title:** Val Scott-chairperson

**Regional Membership Number:** 72

**Last Annual General Meeting:** November 2015

**Last Meeting:** November 2015

### **Education in Region;**

Next study day still to be finalised.-maybe in April in Gisborne

### **Current Issues In Region-**

Still concerns around the E/N's who work at Althorp Rest home which has been sold. All staff had to reapply for their jobs and were reemployed on lesser rates. NZNO working with members at Althorp.

### **News;**

Excitement building around the 2016 conference. Fund raising well under way, travel plans in place and accommodation booked!! Yay.

## **Greater Wellington Region Enrolled Nurse Section Report**

**Date:** 1 February 2016

**Representatives Name & Title:** Angela Crespin, Chairperson

**Regional Membership Number:** 84

**Last Annual General Meeting Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> April 2015

**Last Meeting:** 21<sup>st</sup> November 2015

**Next Meeting:** 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016

### **Education in Region**

The GWENS committee are presently in the process of organising another Study Day on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016, We again have Dr Rex Faulkner as our opening speaker and we are having Susie Mills a local lawyer speak on Power of Attorney. Other topic will include Stroke and Heart Health.

### **Current Issues in Region**

Continuing to encourage CCDHB to employ Enrolled Nurses and find employment for our new grads

### **News**

We proved at a at our 2104 study day that it was a good idea to include our AGM. Last year in 2015 we held AGM independently and had a very poor response so again we will include it in our study day again to encourage more participation/attendance in the Greater Wellington EN Section

Our new Grad Tina Giles has now confirmation of a permanent position within CCDHB so this hopefully will lead the way for more EN employment.

March 17<sup>th</sup> is Graduation for our Whitireia Students who passed their State Finals at the end of 2015. I believe 24 Enrolled Nurses are graduating. Myself and Sue Goodwin are planning on attending once our invitation has been confirmed

GWENS committee had a lovely Xmas lunch get together prior to Xmas which is always nice and relaxed

## Top of the South Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: 02/02/2016

Representatives Name & Title: Debbie Hawkey- Chairperson

Regional Membership Number: 34

Last Annual General Meeting Date: 21/04/2015

Last Meeting: 17/11/2015

Next Meeting: 09/02/2016

Happy New Year to you all and I hope that 2016 brings you all an abundance of sunshine, happiness and good health.

### Education in Region

Nil education since last report, but NMDHB will be holding another Enrolled Nurse study day this year.

Top of the South Regional Convention is being held on the 12<sup>th</sup> April in Nelson, and we will be doing an Enrolled Nurse Section display. This will also provide a great opportunity to advertise and promote our Conference.

### Current Issues in Region

Although there has been a couple of Enrolled Nurse vacancies advertised at Nelson Hospital in the last couple of months, employment opportunities for Enrolled Nurses remain scarce across the region.

### News

- Arrangements for Conference 2016 are progressing well and our Committee has been meeting monthly.
- We have had a local graphic business generously sponsor matching polo shirts for the Conference Committee to wear.
- Our AV technician has been secured.
- We have had three Conference registrations to date.
- While we have not had anyone from Top of the South submit an abstract to present at Conference, I am hopeful that we can encourage a member who delivered a very informative presentation at the Enrolled Nurse study day in Nelson.
- We have a sausage sizzle and Easter raffle being organised with profits tagged to support members from Top of the South with attending Conference.

Debbie Hawkey

## **Canterbury Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report**

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> January 2016

**Representatives Name & Title:** Maree Hurst, Chairperson

**Regional Membership Number:** approx. 206

**Last Annual General Meeting Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015

**Last Meeting:** 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015

**Next Meeting:** 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016

### **Education in Region**

2016 study day will be discussed at the next Section meeting to be held 15<sup>th</sup> February. Short courses for Enrolled Nurses are available at CPIT in 2016.

### **Current Issues in Region**

Limited leave available for staff at Burwood and The Princess Margaret Hospitals April/May/June due to the amalgamation of the two sites.

### **News**

The last meeting/lunch of 2015 at Salmon Tales, Rakaia, was well attended by members from Christchurch, Ashburton and Timaru. It was great to see everyone there.

The new Burwood Hospital will be holding an open day for the public to view the new facilities, prior to the grand opening mid-year.

## **West Coast/Te Tai O Poutini Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report**

**Date:** January 2016

**Representatives Name & Title:** Helen O'Connell, Chairperson

**Regional Membership Number:** 34

**Last Annual General Meeting Date:** November 2015

**Last Meeting:** November 2015

**Next Meeting:** February 2016

### **Education in Region**

Several Enrolled Nurses attended a study day held in Hornby Christchurch with various topics concerning Older Peoples Health with speakers on COPD about sufferers who are at the End Stage making a life plan where their end of life will occur, where they want to be ie at home or hospital or Hospice. A lawyer spoke about the legalities of Enduring Power of Attorney and the decisions families would have to make about Health, Wealth and Property. Dr Michelle Dhank Geriatrician spoke on patients with a history of falls and looking at the co-morbidities that contribute to falls and the high risk of reoccurrence in the elderly patient.

In November a study day was held for Enrolled Nurses on Stroke and the journey to recovery through Assessment and Rehabilitation, there was an excellent response from the WCDHB who allowed so many of our EN's to attend.

In 2016 we are currently in discussion making plans for an EN Study Day around Pressure Injury Prevention and Management.

We all continue to take advantage of the short courses being run by CPIT with several EN's looking to take one or two in 2016.

### **Current Issues in Region**

The first sod has been turned in preparation for the new Greymouth Hospital Build, we await with anticipation the laying of the foundations.

All EN's in the Greymouth Hospital are currently being redeployed from their regular work areas to Mental Health Surgical, District, Out Patients Department, Paediatrics and Maternity, we don't always know when we are going to these areas but we go where we are sent and try to put a positive spin on it.

### **News**

We all had a good Xmas, some of us worked and some had a really good break. The future on the West Coast for Enrolled Nursing continues to remain positive, we are working with management to improve services to the public and promote goodwill with our clients from the coast.



## Southern Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016  
**Representatives Name & Title:** Robyn Hewlett  
**Regional Membership Number:** 200  
**Last Annual General Meeting Date:** April 2015  
**Last Meeting:** 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016  
**Next Meeting:** TBA

### Education in Region:

The second class in Diploma of Enrolled Nursing at Otago Polytechnic begins at Otago Polytechnic in February 2016.

Southland Institute of Technology (SIT) commences next programme October 2016. The present programme sits their state finals in March 2016.

### Current Issues in Region:

New Enrolled Nurses employed at Dunedin Hospital are settling in well. Also some enrolled nurses from other parts of New Zealand have got enrolled nurse positions at Dunedin Hospital in the Haemodialysis unit and Respiratory and Cardiothoracic ward.

Gore Trust Hospital – Report following on from restructuring of enrolled nurse hours at Gore Trust Hospital. One of the ward Enrolled Nurses has resigned and is now working in Clerical at Southland Hospital. A highly skill Enrolled Nurse. The two others have picked up her two day (a day each) and sometimes but very few, able to pick up an extra shift. One of them is also picking up a shift a week in Maternity. They can only pick up an afternoon in the ward if it is very busy and they need a third nurse on shift. This is all related to the supervision. A casual EN has been employed but am not hopeful she will get work. She gave up full time work in Ashburton to move with family to Gore. The Enrolled Nurse increased hours in District Nursing did not happen and she is still on the same hours as before the restructuring. My on call hours are now paid out at a few number of hours so if there is no patients in for a week, which has happened several times I will get 12 hours pay I am trying to also pick up extra shifts but they are very limited when you are working 12 hour shifts – Lorraine Borthwick.

### News

Kai Tiaki Nursing New Zealand are profiling the Dunedin Hospital Haemodialysis unit and Enrolled Nurses in the next issue. Three more Enrolled Nurses were employed into the unit in the latter part of 2015 to do patient dialysis in the community.

Currently investigating having a study day in Invercargill in early 2017. Feedback so far in regards to this not favourable.

Unsure how many from the Southern Region will be attending the 2016 Conference, but approximately 8 interested so far.

Hoping to have Enrolled Nurse from the Haemodialysis Unit present an abstract at conference. Southern Region are going to do a membership drive shortly, very hard to get the new enrolled nurses interested in attending meetings, study days etc.

Hoping to have our annual study again in early October 2016 and a trial of having the AGM at the study day.