



Enrolled Nurse Section
NEW ZEALAND NURSES ORGANISATION

**Regional
Section Reports
August 2016**

Northland/Taitokerau Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: 14th August 2016

Regional Enrolled Nurse Section: Northland/Taitokerau

Representatives Name & Title: Vinnie Walters

Regional Membership Number: 55

Last Annual General Meeting Date: 23rd May 2016

Last Meeting 18th July 2016

Education in Area

We have set a date for our study day. It will be held on the 28th October 2016

Current Issues in Region:

No new issues same ongoing ones.

News

No news really. All the girls who went to conference enjoyed themselves and gave great feedback to other members who were unfortunate in not being able to go. Auckland looking good for next year.

Cheers Vinnie Walters

Top of the South Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

The 38th Annual Enrolled Nurse Conference provided an excellent opportunity to gain knowledge on a broad range of interesting and thought provoking topics delivered by dynamic speakers. The networking opportunity at Conference also gave insight into the different areas that Enrolled Nurses are working and the valuable contribution they are make in the Health care system, across the Sectors.

NMDHB will be holding an Enrolled Nurse Study day next month for NMDHB employed Enrolled Nurses, with the focus being the single checking of medications for Enrolled Nurses. We look forward to progressing with this.

There were no reported issues in the region at our last meeting.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended Conference for their overwhelming support. Thank you for making Conference the huge success that it was. It was heartening reading all the fantastic feedback. We look forward to Conference next year and wish Auckland the very best with their planning of this event.

Kind regards,
Debbie

West Coast/Te Tai O Poutini Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: August 2016

Representatives Name & Title: Helen O'Connell Chairperson

Regional Membership Number: 31

Last Annual General Meeting Date: June 2016

Last Meeting: June 2016

Next Meeting: Dec 2016

Education in Region

The WCDHB recently ran an EN Focus_Group Day organised by our Educator Brittany Jenkins and our Director of Nursing Karen Boustridge. It was very well attended by Enrolled Nurses from across the West Coast representing Hospital and Aged Care /rest Home levels of expertise. The day was to look at how the EN will fit into the new Model of Care provided in the region once the new Health Care Delivery Centre (Hospital) is built, and how we will be working in areas we have not been accustomed to in the past.

We were split into groups and each group focused on how the existing services could be improved upon in our communities.

Better communication between the wards and the Clinical Community Managers responsible for patients in the more rural areas was discussed widely ie: Follow up appointments and the availability of transport.

We were promised a comprehensive feedback report when it was available from Karen and Brittany.

Current Issues in Region

The new Health care Provision Facility is now_ well under production and ready for opening late 2017.

We continue to be very short staffed and extremely busy, a lot of our younger RN's are becoming overwhelmed with their workload, a recent outbreak of Norovirus in our Medical Ward was a gift to those of us who have been working nonstop without a break. No admissions or stress, wonderful.

News

We are continuing to promote education opportunities for our Enrolled Nurses and the completion of PDRP's.

We are planning a night out for the later in the year for a nice meal and catch up.

We would like to welcome all the NENS Committee back for another year of working for the betterment of all EN's across the country.

Southern Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: 16th August 2016

Representatives Name & Title: Robyn Hewlett, Chairperson

Regional Membership Number: 182

Last Annual General Meeting Date: TBC

Last Meeting:

Next Meeting:

Education in Region:

Southern Region Enrolled Nurse Section Study Day Saturday 8th October 2016 registrations open and slowly coming in.

Showcasing three Enrolled Nurses within the region, prison nursing, Assaults against nurse in Mental Health. Funeral Director, Mask-Ed, Pu-Ed and Simulators Down Under, Southern Enrolled Nurse Supported into Practice and AGM.

Enrolled Nurse Students from 2015 programme currently out on their last clinical placement 2016 Enrolled Nurse Students have just begun their 1st placements in aged care etc.

Current Issues in Region:

Recent membership drive in Southern Region where 70 letters and membership forms were sent out along with registration forms for our annual study day in October. To date we have only got two new members.

News

Two enrolled nurses have retired from the Oamaru Trust Hospital and a newspaper article reported the retirement in the Otago Daily Times on Saturday 13th August as per below.

“With a combined working history of 80 years under their belts, two Oamaru Hospital nurses have called it quits.

Odette "Dette" Marris (70) will work her last shift at the end of September, while Jeanette "Jac" Carlson (64) finished in late July.

Both were thanked for their years of service at a ceremony in the hospital on Wednesday afternoon that had people spilling out of the room and lining the corridor outside, straining to hear farewell speeches that provoked laughter and cheers from the audience of colleagues, friends and family.

Originally from Picton, Ms Marris said her favourite moment in her decades of nursing was the day she was accepted into the hospital training class.

For her, the low point was every time a patient died.

"No matter what you do, if you know it's going to be the end result, it might not be that night or that week, but it comes."

Ms Marris said what she would most miss was her workmates.

Mrs Carlson, originally from Dunedin, said the highlight of her 40-year career at the hospital was when staff shifted patients, equipment and medicines from the old Oamaru hospital that once sat on the hill overlooking the town.

The most negative point — when the hospital lost its surgical services — was also a positive, as the town fought to keep the services and marched in protest.

"I do feel rural communities miss out on health services," she said.

Both women were looking forward to retirement.

Ms Marris said she would stay in Oamaru and continue her volunteer work; reading for the blind and working for the Cancer Society.

"I had a dear little lady who couldn't see and one of her highlights was listening in to the *Oamaru Mail*."

Mrs Carlson said she was planning to do motorbike tours with her husband.

The couple are members of the Ulysses motorcycle club.

And just like the club's motto, Mrs Carlson said they were planning on "growing old disgracefully".

Hospital manager Robert Gonzales called the duo's years of service "incredible" and said their friendship and sense of humour would be missed by all staff.

"You're going to be very well missed by everyone."

At this stage we are unsure if their positions will be replaced by enrolled nurses or registered nurses. The position of an Enrolled Nurse who retired in 2015, has not been filled.