



**Enrolled Nurse Section**  
NEW ZEALAND NURSES ORGANISATION

# Regional Section Reports February 2017

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

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017

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

**Representatives Name & Title:** Vinnie Walters

**Regional Membership Number:** 55

**Last Annual General Meeting Date:** 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016

**Last Meeting:** 17<sup>th</sup> October 1916

### **Education in Area**

No new education in our area as yet.

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

No new issues same ongoing ones.

### **News**

Many of us have been on holiday and have just returned to work so nothing happening in our area just yet. Happy new year to you all. Our first meeting for the year will be in April

Cheers Vinnie Walters

## **Greater Auckland Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report**

**Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> January 2017

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

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

**Last Meeting AGM:** 15<sup>th</sup> June

**Last Meeting:** 23<sup>rd</sup> January

**Next Meeting:** 13<sup>th</sup> February

The Auckland Enrolled Nurse Section is well underway with organising the 39<sup>th</sup> Enrolled Nurse Section Conference to be held at the Crowne Plaza in May. Myself and committee member Dale Spellman met with the National Committee at their last meeting in November to discuss progress. It was a valuable meeting where the draft programme and our progress were discussed. Thank you to the national committee for your involvement, encouragement and feedback.

### **News**

Enrolled Nurse positions are being advertised more positively throughout the Auckland area with positions at Waitemata DHB in both theatres and the orthopaedic surgical ward, at Mt Eden Correctional Facility and in Primary Care. Two of the positions advertised did specify for experienced enrolled nurses. As a section we acknowledge this positively because it is reflective of where we were and where we are heading, all good things do take time.

As enrolled nurses we want to move forward and it seems like slow progress but we are indeed moving forwards as we see employment opportunities in a variety of roles unfolding across different regions throughout the country and we embrace this.

Our section had a Christmas get together in an authentic Mexican restaurant in the Viaduct Basin in November before the rush of the crowd. All had a good time.

I continue to bring the Enrolled Nurse presence to the Professional Development Recognition Programme (PDRP) advisory committee at ADHB.

The Nursing Council Review of ADHB's PDRP is due in February.

I haven't had a lot of response for feedback for this report so it is short and sweet.

Our committee will continue to be head down tail up working together to hold another successful conference.

In closing, as a committee we hope you all had a fabulous festive season and wish you all a wonderful new year ahead.

## **Midlands Enrolled Nurse Section Report**

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**Representatives Name & Title:** Leonie Metcalfe, Chairperson, Midlands Enrolled Nurse Section

**Regional Membership Number:** Approx 80

**Last Annual General Meeting Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016

**Last Meeting:** November 25<sup>th</sup> 2016

**Next Meeting:** April 28<sup>th</sup> 2017

### **Education in Region**

Midlands Enrolled Nurse Study day was held on Friday November 18<sup>th</sup> 2016. There were 100 delegates registered, which included enrolled nurses joining us from Wellington, Auckland, Rotorua, Gisborne and Tauranga. Waikato DHB Director of Nursing and Midwifery Sue Hayward attended to give an update on what's happening at Waikato DHB in enrolled nursing. We are waiting for sign off on the policy to allow enrolled nurses to independently administer medications. Education on these policy changes will begin soon and will include Direction and Delegation training to changes of medicine management. Sessions are also being held for enrolled nurses in preparation for submitting PDRP portfolio's. The next Midlands Regional Council professional forum is being held on March 1<sup>st</sup> and titled 'Implications of Changes to Medicines Legislation'

**Current Issues in Region** - No reported issues

### **News**

We are continuing with our membership drive and to increase our section visibility. We have had a slight increase in our membership and no further resignations.

Our next regional Enrolled Nurse Section meeting is on April 28<sup>th</sup> 2017 and we are hoping to see some new faces at this meeting. We also plan to celebrate National Enrolled Nurse Day on June 30<sup>th</sup> and will celebrate our successes on that day with a presentation of awards to those section members who have contributed and supported regional enrolled nurse activities.

On March 15<sup>th</sup> 2017 WINTEC will celebrate the success of enrolled nurses graduating from the New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing programme. Midlands Enrolled Nurse Section will present all graduating enrolled nurses with engraved Enrolled Nurse Section pens and will attend the Special Awards evening to present an award to the recipient of the National Enrolled Nurse Section award for the enrolled nurse 'Demonstrating Leadership Skills' and Midlands Regional Enrolled Nurse Section award for 'Best in Clinical Placement' this is certainly a great privilege to celebrate enrolled nurse successes.

I would like to convey my thanks to PNA Suzanne Rolls and to the National and Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Committees for your commitment and support for enrolled nursing.

We are certainly looking forward to the 39<sup>th</sup> Enrolled Nurse Section conference being hosted by Auckland Regional Enrolled Nurse Section and being held in Auckland 17-19<sup>th</sup> May 2017. The Midlands girls have started planning, getting funding sorted and having fun planning our 'outfits' as we board the EN Tamaki but are a bit nervous about the regional section challenge!!!!!!

Leonie Metcalfe  
Chairperson, Midlands Enrolled Nurse Section NZNO



## **Top of the South Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report**

**Date:** 26/01/2017

**Representatives Name & Title:** Debbie Hawkey, Chairperson

**Regional Membership Number:** 33

**Last Annual General Meeting Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2016

**Last Meeting:** 08/08/2016

**Next Meeting:** 13/02/2017

### **Education in Region**

NMDHB held a study day for Enrolled Nurses in September, which focused on the single checking of medications and the requirements pertaining to this.

The Top of the South Regional Convention is being held on the 6<sup>th</sup> April, with the Pre-Convention dinner the night before.

### **Current Issues in region**

Nil

### **News**

Our last Section meeting scheduled for November was cancelled due to the Earthquake, and we look forward to meeting again next month. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the messages of support over this very unsettling time.

NMDHB Enrolled Nurses who attended the Study day on single checking of medications and met the required competencies are now able to single check meds

It has been exciting to see an increase in employment opportunities for Enrolled Nurses at NMDHB. It is becoming a common theme to see vacancies advertised as "Registered Nurse or Enrolled Nurse" for positions across a number of settings.

Plans are underway for Enrolled Nurses from both Nelson and Wairau sites to meet with Pamela Kiesanowski (our DONM) via teleconference, on a monthly basis. We are very grateful to Pamela for her continued support and promotion of Enrolled Nurses district wide.

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

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017

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

**Regional Membership Number:** 185 approx

**Last Annual General Meeting Date:** 12th May 2016

**Last Meeting:** 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016 (Christmas lunch).

**Next Meeting:** 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017

### **Education in Region**

The Canterbury District Health Board have a variety of online learning available to staff. There is a Palliative Care study day being held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March at the PDU. The Canterbury/Westcoast NZNO Regional Convention is being held on 11<sup>th</sup> April at Addington Raceway, Christchurch.

### **Current Issues in Region**

Nil issues of note currently.

### **News**

The next Section meeting is 16<sup>th</sup> February, in Ashburton. The first meeting of the year is held in Ashburton so that Ashburton and Timaru members have the opportunity to attend the meeting without having to travel all the way to Christchurch.

A big thank you to everyone who attended the Midlands Study Day in November for the card and messages of love and support following the Kaikoura earthquake. Thankfully Christchurch did not receive any damage, but the Tsunami threat did cause a lot of upheaval and sleepless night for many people. Several Registered Nurses from the CDHB have been seconded to Kaikoura Hospital to cover staff who need a break.

The November meeting was very informal as was held at a busy café, with 12 members attending. Another lucky draw was held, with the lucky winner having their conference registration paid. The winner was Barbara Grant.

## **Southern Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report**

**Date:** 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017

**Regional Membership Number:** 205

**Last Annual General Meeting Date:** October 2016

**Last Meeting:** November 2016

**Next Meeting:** 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017

### **Education in Region:**

Otago Polytechnic commenced its third New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing at the end of January 2017.

Southland Polytechnic commenced NZ Diploma in Enrolled Nursing at the end of October 2016.

Currently investigating and planning towards an enrolled nurse section study day in Southland for early this year at Southland Hospital.

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

Direction & Delegation – The Southern region Enrolled Nurse Section chairperson emailed the SDHB executive Director of Nursing & Midwifery in regards to this. Her response was that would need to discuss with the Directors of Nursing of specialities.

### **Non replacement of EN positions in Oamaru (5)**

5 Enrolled Nurses at Oamaru Trust Hospital have retired over the past year. The latest two were in December 2016. The Enrolled Nurse Positions have not been replaced at Oamaru Hospital as yet.

Barbara Brown and Patricia McKeown retired on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December and met each other while training to be nurses 48 years ago and left their careers at Oamaru Hospital together.

Barbara was involved with the Oamaru Enrolled Nurse Section and then in 1998 when all the sections in Otago/Southland amalgamated to become the Southern Region Enrolled Nurse Section attended meetings in Dunedin. Barbara was a good support for enrolled nurses at Oamaru Hospital.

### **News:**

Inaugural Enrolled Nurse Award ceremony held 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017 and Otago Polytechnic graduation on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016 -12 Enrolled Nurses graduated.

The Chairperson was invited to be the key note speaker at the awards function a few days prior to the graduation ceremony.

Of the 12, 4 have positions, in OPH at Dunedin Hospital, one is looking after a tetraplegic in the community, one got a position at the Otago Hospice and one works for Pact (Mental Health area) in their day programme.

EN Positions continue to be advertised in the DHB with 4 positions last week – 3 at Dunedin and 1 at Invercargill hospital.

We have lost further Enrolled Nurse Section members at the Southern DHB through retirement and all their respective positions have been filled by Enrolled Nurses, which is great.

NZNO Southern Regional Convention is 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 at the Otago Golf Club.