



**Enrolled Nurse Section**  
NEW ZEALAND NURSES ORGANISATION

# Regional Section Reports August 2019

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

**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> August 2019

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

**Regional Membership Number:** 101 (approx.)

**Last Meeting AGM:** 6<sup>th</sup> May

**Last Meeting:** 22<sup>nd</sup> July

**Next Meeting:** 19th August

### **Education in Region**

The Auckland Section is well underway with the planning of the annual study day on the 21st October.

Venue: Ko Awatea Lecture Theatre at Counties Manukau Health (CMH).

Our section was able to assist with partly funding 3 section members to attend the enrolled nurse section conference in Hamilton this year.

### **News**

Three enrolled nurses have voiced an interest in joining our section committee, which we are hoping will come to fruition as our committee members are slowly retiring after many years of dedicated involvement.

Unfortunately if we don't get some more committee members we will struggle to have a fully functioning section.

We will be promoting the Auckland Enrolled Nurse Section at our study day in October with emphasis on the importance of the continuation of robust committee in order to share information pertaining to enrolled nursing and organising study days/conferences.

### **Waitemata District Health Board (WDHB)**

No new information received business as usual. Advertised positions continue when vacancies arise.

### **Auckland District Health Board (ADHB)**

ADHB are currently hosting 9 enrolled nurse students.

ADHB Director of Nursing, Margaret Dotchin stated that we would advertise positions as teams look and their skill mix, which supports enrolled nurses as part of the team.

### **Counties Manukau Health (CMH)**

Toa Fereti, Clinical Nurse Director, Division of Medicine, CMH is very supportive of enrolled nurses and has employed 4 new enrolled nurses this year, within her division. Toa Fereti has 30 Charge Nurse Managers under her and is wanting them to all employ more enrolled nurses as vacancies arise and also as part of ACCORD.

**Manukau Institute of Technology (MIT)**

Two MIT tutors attended the Enrolled Nurse Conference in May.

This year's intake of enrolled nurse students at MIT was 38.

The nursing tutors voiced concerns about there being enough employment opportunities for enrolled nurses completing their diploma.

**The Department of Corrections Auckland Prison**

Kirsten Harrison, Health Centre Manager, Auckland Prison also attended the Enrolled Nurse Conference in May. Kirsten was invited to participate in the panel discussion at conference.

Kirsten will also present at our annual study day in October on the topic of enrolled nursing in prison.

I also discussed with her that no enrolled nurses from the prison had attended conference and that it would be a wonderful opportunity for them to be able to attend the study day. She has since informed me that she has sent enrolled nurses in the prison sector the registration form and programme to date.

**In closing**, the Auckland Section trust you have a fruitful couple of days working on behalf of all enrolled nurses throughout New Zealand and as always we thank you for your continued commitment to the cause.

## **Midlands Enrolled Nurse Section Report**

**Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2019

**Representatives Name & Title:** Leonie Metcalfe, Chairperson

**Regional Membership Number:** 71

**Last Annual General Meeting Date:** May 17<sup>h</sup> 2019

**Last Meeting:** May 17<sup>h</sup> 2019

**Next Meeting:** August 16<sup>th</sup> 2019

### **Education in Region**

Waikato DHB is holding their annual study day for enrolled nurses within the Midlands region on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019. The study day is titled 'Celebrating Diversity of Care and Equity' with a great programme including Refugee Health and Challenges, Care of Dying Patient in a Multi-Cultural Society, Caring Beyond the Borders-an Internationally Qualified Nurse experience, The Challenges of being HIV Positive, Using a Strength Based approach to improve health outcomes for Maori. Certainly a great day of learning.

Enrolled nurses are encouraged to check out new learning opportunities on Waikato DHB Ko Awatea e learning.

### **Current Issues In Region**

Due to the low numbers attending our Section meetings, we will set our Regional Enrolled Nurse Section meeting dates for the next year at our August meeting and continue to send out updates and news relevant to enrolled nursing via our email to our regional membership.

With the newly employed enrolled nurses at Waikato DHB, who are mostly new graduates, in some areas there continues to be a lack of understanding of the enrolled nurse scope of practice hence presenting some barriers in areas of clinical practice. Work continues on ensuring our nursing colleagues will have a better understanding of the Enrolled Nurse Scope of Practice.

There is still no clear direction as to whether enrolled nurses can collect patients from theatre, I am meeting with Kate Yeo, Deputy Chief Nurse Waikato DHB on August 6<sup>th</sup> to again discuss this ongoing issue so I'm looking for a good outcome for enrolled nurses to be able to collect their patients from theatre.

### **News**

There continues to be a few enrolled nurse positions advertised at the DHB. The intake of enrolled nurse students at Wintec has increased over the last year and there has been a significant increase in Maori and Pacifica student numbers. I am going to Wintec on August 5<sup>th</sup> along with NZNO Professional Nursing Adviser Annie to speak with the students. Annie will talk about the professional and industrial arms of NZNO and I will talk about enrolled nursing, NZNO College and Sections. Wintec now have 2 intakes of students studying the New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing. There will be 50-60 students attending this forum. We are hoping that Lea Thompson (outgoing National Enrolled Nurse Section TR rep) will also be joining us. A great opportunity to fly the flag for enrolled nursing. The peer support group meetings continue for the newly qualified enrolled nurses as part of

their orientation programme when employed at Waikato DHB, certainly a great and safe forum to discuss any concerns. The newly enrolled nurses are being employed across all areas of the hospital.

We will watch with great interest to see how the inclusion for a funded orientation programme and the ACE programme for enrolled nurse's progresses. Certainly great news as this has been on the enrolled nurse agenda for many years

We have had great feedback following the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Enrolled Nurse Section conference from both conference attendees and presenters and we are certainly looking forward to conference 2020.

My sincere thanks to our PNA Suzanne Rolls and to the National Enrolled Nurse Section Committee for your ongoing commitment, support and for advocating strongly for enrolled nursing at national and regional levels with key stakeholders.

Leonie Metcalfe  
Chairperson, Midlands Enrolled Nurse Section NZNO



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

**Date:** 23/7/2019

**Representatives Name & Title:** Angie Crespín, Chairperson

**Regional Membership Number:** 74

**Last Annual General Meeting Date:** 6/9/2018

**Last Meeting:** 26/6/2019

**Next Meeting:** 25/9/19

### **Education in Region**

Greater Wellington has their annual study day coming up on 15<sup>th</sup> August "Keeping Ourselves Safe"

We have an array of speakers with our opening speaker being Mikaela Shannon who has been instrumental at the CCDHB Kenepuru Hospital supporting and employing Enrolled Nurses. Of the four wards she manages she has employed Enrolled Nurse to be a big part of the nursing team. Mikaela will be speaking on Care & Dignity.

We have Suzanne Rolls from NZNO presenting on a Healthy Workforce

Dr Kate Mitchell will be presenting on Women's Health issues and have as nurses we can keep our health safe.

We have Robbie Schneider from DōTTERA New Zealand who will be presenting on Essential Oils for Wellbeing.

Our afternoon workshop will be a Tai Chi session with Leslie Kentfield.

### **Current Issues in Region**

I am personally still amazed at how nurses expect to be hand fed information. An example being that I received an email from a nurse saying she had just found out about the study day by a work colleague and her roster is now confirmed so cannot attend, I reminded her that I sent her the registration form back in July.

I was also surprised to be working with a new Graduate EN who is working in CCDHB and was not aware of how to join NZNO. So she quickly signed up to NZNO, I wonder how many other new Grads are out there working and not in NZNO.

### **News**

We will continue to have our AGM included in the Study Day as this ensures we have a captive attendance

Greater Wellington would like to thank Midlands for their amazing National EN Conference.

We had the highest number attend from our Region and the people attending for their 1<sup>st</sup> Conference were just in awe of the speakers and the content of the Conference,

Our challenge now is to get as many of our members to attend next year's Conference in Dunedin.

And our best news was just in case you didn't already know

Greater Wellington won the conference Challenge for the first time ever so thanks to Jo Gore and Rosie Schneider who both were first time attenders to an EN Conference,

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

**Date:** 18/07/2019

**Representatives Name & Title:** Tamara Gibbison (Chair Person)

**Regional Membership Number:** 30

**Last Annual General Meeting Date:** 06/05/2019

**Last Meeting:** 06/05/2019

**Next Meeting:** 16/09/2019

### **Education in Region**

No upcoming study days for the rest of 2019

### **Current Issues in Region**

Nil voiced

### **News**

Hello everyone since the last AGM I have taken on the chairperson role from Debbie Hawkey, Debbie has stepped down to vice chair to support me in my first year as Chairperson. I'd like to thank Debbie for commitment and dedication to the section over the past years of her being chairperson.

Top of the South celebrated Enrolled Nurses day with a high tea provided by Apples for Charlotte, however we were sad to learn that the business was up for sale.

One of our members Jen who lives in Nelson works in a Medical centre shared her exciting news in her developing role as an EN. Jen was initially employed as a health care assistant several years ago. Jen over the time with a lot of education to her peers and much pushing with her clinical manager is being utilized in her role as an Enrolled Nurse. The clinic is employing more HCA's so Jen can focus on her role. This is fantastic news, and I would like to wish Jen luck with this evolving position and that she has the support of the section behind her.

We had four members of our section attended Conference this year in Hamilton. We would like to thank Midlands again for their wonderful work and time they put into organising a fantastic conference. We are looking forward to Conference 2020.

Thank you to the National committee for your ongoing support.

## Canterbury Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

**Date:** 22.7.19

**Representatives Name & Title:** Brenda Columbus Chairperson

**Regional Membership Number:** 155

**Last Annual General Meeting Date:** 7.5.19

**Last Meeting:** 7 .5.19

**Next Meeting:** 1st August 2019

### Education in Region

#### Study days

Timaru            18 September  
Canterbury        17 October

### Current Issues In Region

Discussion on the new graduate Enrolled Nurses coming from Ara who are completing IV flushes on the wards and query should they do a DHB package, this led to discussion that there needs to be communication from Ara when changes in the Enrolled Nurse program our Liaison Officer Maree Hurst will contact Rose Mitchell .

### News

National Enrolled Nurses Day was celebrated at both Christchurch Hospital & Burwood Hospital At **Christchurch Hospital** Sharyn Forde (member of the CRENS committee) ran an event for Enrolled Nurses, morning tea was provided.

At **Burwood Hospital** morning and afternoon tea was provided on the Burwood site by members of the CRENS committee.

Study Day planning is well underway.

Maree Hurst our Ara Liaison person presented certificates and gifts to our Enrolled Nurse students who have just sat State Exam

Was great to see some new faces at latest meeting on 1 August and we had some robust discussion.

We are very lucky to have a great team on our Canterbury committee.