



Enrolled Nurse Section
NEW ZEALAND NURSES ORGANISATION

Regional Section Reports April 2021

Northland/Taitokerau Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: 29/04/2021

Representatives Name & Title: Charmaine Parker - Chairperson & Co-Secretary

Regional Membership Number: 31

Last Annual General Meeting Date: 8/04/2020

Last Meeting: 5/10/2020 and 21 November 2020 Christmas Enrolled Nurse (EN) Function

Next Meeting: TBC for AGM

Tena Koutou Katoa,

Education in Northland Region

Mahitahi Hauora PHE – offers a credentialing Mental Health and Addictions Programme Nationwide. Mahitahi Hauora PHE is situated in Te Tai Tokerau, which is beneficial for our ENs. One EN's in Kaitaia has completed the Mental Health and Addictions credentialing and finds this qualification very beneficial in her role as a Practice Nurse.

Alcohol and Drug (AOD) Clinician/Counselling Qualifications:

Auckland University (AU) supporting EN's clinical experience in the Mental Health and Addiction field. EN's can attend AU for Post Graduate AOD qualifications. EN's can make a "Special AU registration" should you work in the area of AOD nursing or counselling, and you are wanting, Post Graduate qualifications, Certificate, Diploma or Masters.

It would be fantastic if other areas of EN nursing also offered additional training opportunities that expanded an EN's qualifications.

One area of nursing that has offered extra qualifications in the past and is up to date - has been in maternity, with International training as Lactation Consultants. We have had some ENs in Northland with up to 20-40 years' experience.

Te Tai Tokerau Northtec Preceptor training has been completed by three of our EN's and more EN's have been encouraged to complete the training.

Te Tai Tokerau EN Study Day is to be confirmed, at the next EN committee meeting, with an intention to hold a study day at the end of 2021. Hopefully, this can be achieved but taking into account the EN Committee Members current workloads.

North Tec EN training programme started prior to Covid-19 Lockdown level 4; in 2020 and those students have recently completed their mental health clinical placements. Last year's midyear programme enrollees have completed their first clinical placements; and North Tec has started another class at the beginning of 2021.

EN training at North Tec now appears to be running business as usual for two EN intakes per year.

Last year Covid-19 did present a lot of challenges with EN student education moving to online zoom and changes to clinical placements due to Covid-19 levels 4, 3, 1, back to 2 and then back to 1. Most of rest home clinical placements were cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions and EN students moved to the Hospital for their clinical placements.

Current Issues in Northland Region

Te Tai Tokerau stopped training EN's in 1984 and since then only one intake of EN's was trained (approximately 8-9 years ago); with nothing since then, until last year. It is a very exciting new development having EN's trained again in our region and many thanks to NorthTec for starting the EN nursing programme; they have fantastic tutors who have a lot of passion for our EN students.

A big thank you, to our NDHB DON's for supporting EN students into the NDHB departments and thank you to the NDHB EN Working Group for supporting a smooth transition for all new EN students.

Enrolled Nurses working in Te Tai Tokerau, have declined in numbers rapidly over the last 35 years. Only 31 EN's, who are registered as members of the NZNO are confirmed as working. We are hoping with the recent reintroduction of the EN nursing programme

that EN numbers for employment in our region will increase, therefore assisting in creating safer healthcare settings.

No EN nursing positions have been advertised in medical and surgical inpatient wards in Te Tai Tokerau. EN's have been retiring from medical and surgical wards and have not been replaced. We are hoping that this routine practice will change, and EN's will be employed into inpatient surgical and medical wards in the future.

EN positions are now frequently advertised in NDHB Outpatients, Mental Health Inpatient Unit, Detoxification Inpatient AOD Unit, and as registered health practitioners for Mental Health, GP's and other NGO's.

With the removal of cheques as a banking option, Treasurer & Co- Secretary, Maree Tugaga, will be trained on the ANZ new procedures and processes, so Te Tai Tokerau EN Section can track account activity and start the new payments and receipts process.

NDHB has had a lot of departments short staffed, and this has impacted on our EN's being available for committee meetings and conference attendance.

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Te Tai Tokerau EN's are very keen to follow the development of a new National EN Programme, being largely promoted by Mahitahi Hauora PHE.

EN Service Establishment Programme:

The Programme is being led by the School of Nursing, University of Auckland in partnership with Mahitahi Hauora PHE; The Fono; Victoria University of Wellington; and the University of Otago. Other key partners are Te Rau Ora; Te Ao Māramatanga - NZ College of Mental Health Nurses Inc; NPNZ (Nurse Practitioners New Zealand); and the Enrolled Nurse Section (NZNO).

The purpose of the EN Service Establishment Programme:

To improve access to mental health and addiction (MH&A) services in primary health care and community settings by supporting ENs (and NPs) into positions with health providers. Equity and achieving equitable outcomes, underpins the Programme.

The specific objectives are to:

- Establish EN positions into PHC and community settings where the ENs have a substantive role in delivering MH&A services
- Promote the contribution of ENs in PHC and community settings to provide mental health and addiction services

- Work in partnership to co-design EN positions in health providers
- Prioritise Māori participation in the workforce and Māori service delivery models
- Increase Pacific participation in the workforce and Pacific service delivery models
- Evaluate the models, including role; how the service has improved access to MH&A services; funding to establish the service.
- Share learning's and ideas to increase the success of the Programme through a network of health providers and stakeholders across both North and South Islands.

Approach:

The Programme will seek expressions of interest from health providers and ENs (or EN students).

The National Coordinator (or Regional Coordinators) will work with local stakeholders and health providers to identify, plan, and establish EN positions.

The emphasis is on co-design with local Māori and non-Māori stakeholders and the community, anticipating different models being developed for different areas and communities.

ENSIPP and ACE have been discussed at the monthly EN NDHB Working Group, it would be helpful if the ACE programme pushed the IT CV's (those suitable candidates) out to the CNM's. CNM's are requesting for this IT update to happen as currently CNM's have to scroll through the ACE - CV pool.

Vaccinators – No EN's have trained to carry out vaccinations at this time but are aware that they can train to be vaccinators.

PDRP Advisory Group; as Chairperson, I regularly attend these meetings.

North Tec Nursing Advisory Committee; as Chairperson, I regularly attend these committee meetings.

EN Section National NZNO Committee Meetings – currently also the National EN Section NZNO Secretary. This has helped with feeding back nationally any EN issues within Te Tai Tokerau more effectively and being present to advocate as a voice for our EN's, when working on national projects.

NDHB EN Working Group monthly meeting, as Chairperson, I regularly attend these meetings, to contribute towards Northtec Students integration into the NDHB and other Services. This EN working group has greatly helped the smooth transition of new EN students into the NDHB departments again by working on any issues that arise promptly and collaborating with all stakeholders.

Great Mahi and a big thank you to all our essential workers over the last year with Covid-19, the extra pressures have been a lot to manage, keeping safe in bubbles, following strict requirements, scanning QR codes, and taking care of your Whanau in your workplaces and at home.

Thank you to the Southern Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Committee who are hosting the 43rd Annual National Enrolled Nurse Section NZNO Conference 2021 – Dunedin May 2021. Te Tai Tokerau appreciates all your hard mahi to make this Conference happen.

Thank you to Suzanne our PNA and Sharyne Gordon who consistently support Te Tai Tokerau and the National EN Committee.

Lastly many thanks to our Committee Members and Enrolled Nurses for all your hard mahi over the last year!

It has been a transformative year in Te Tai Tokerau for the future of Enrolled Nursing with training, and employment opportunities happening.

Nga mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Charmaine Parker', written over a light blue circular stamp or watermark.

Charmaine Parker
Chairperson & Co-Secretary
Te Tai Tokerau Enrolled Nurse Section NZNO

Me mahi tahi tatou mo te oranga o te katoa
We must work together for the wellbeing of all.

Greater Auckland Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: 24th April 2021

Representatives Name & Title: Angela Thompson, Chairperson

Regional Membership Number: 102

Last Meeting AGM: 13th April 2021

Last Meeting: 13th April 21

Next Meeting: 22nd June 2021

What a journey the past 15 months has been with the announcement of our first COVID-19 case in February 2020 followed by the State of National Emergency announcement in March 2020 and the implementation of Level 4 Lockdown soon after.

Auckland returned to Alert Level 3 in August 2020 and again in February 2021 due to community outbreak.

The roller coaster ride brought uncertainty into both our workplaces and home environments and balancing the restrictions and emotional stress levels was at times very challenging.

As a nation we have done well collectively, it hasn't been without its personal costs, some of which are on going and we are all consciously aware that many nations around the world continue to struggle with COVID-19 and all the variants of this virus.

I don't think any one of us would have ever thought prior to 2020 that we would be living and working during a worldwide pandemic yet here we are and we continue to move forward supporting and caring for our, families, friends, patients work colleagues and for our nation as we move in strength and determination, one careful step at a time.

Education in Region

Currently, discussions are underway for planning a study day in October. Unfortunately the venue that we usually hold our study day, Ko Awatea Lecture Theatre at Counties Manukau DHB is charging a fee that is financially out of our price range. We want to enable as many enrolled nurses to be able to attend where the cost isn't prohibitive. We are currently looking at the possibility of a sponsor to assist with this, but that failing we will look at all our options.

Waitamata DHB

In October 2020 the first intake of three enrolled nurses were accepted onto the ENSIPP. Two work in AT&R and one in child health at the Wilson Centre, which has always had a representation of enrolled nurses.

Many of the ACE applicants live out of the Auckland catchment and do not want to make the move to Auckland, which is why the numbers are currently low. The hope is

to employ more enrolled nurses mid year. Conversations with other areas within WDHB that potentially may employ enrolled nurses are currently being discussed.

Counties Manukau DHB

Since September 2020-April 2021 nine enrolled nurse graduates on the ENSIPP have been employed, with a majority of the employment into the Mental Health area.

Auckland DHB

In total there are 38 enrolled nurses employed at ADHB. Eight enrolled nurses are currently participating on the ENSIPP, with the first intakes having started in September and November 2020 and again in February 2021. As part of the ENSIPP, two orientation days and eight study days are provided throughout the year and are designed to meet the needs of the enrolled nurse.

Areas of enrolled nurse employment are: perioperative, Mental Health (eating disorders), reablement, maternal fetal medicine, surgical wards, medical wards, ophthalmology clinic, general outpatients clinics, emergency department, district nursing and motutapu.

Moana Hapeta, Nurse Educator, Maori and Enrolled Nurse Student Development, presents the enrolled nurse SoP (scope of practice) in the various workplaces when a new enrolled nurse joins the team and readily makes herself available whenever a ward needs support to understand the SoP of an enrolled nurse, she has also recently met with the Nurse Unit Manager (NUM) for blood and cancer, as they want to employ an enrolled nurse.

Moana and her team are wonderful advocates for enrolled nursing, promoting enrolled nursing wherever they go so they can continue to grow the enrolled nurse workforce at ADHB.

I have had the added bonus of preceptoring for one of the newly graduated enrolled nurses.

Manukau Institute of Technology (MIT)

Dorothy received an update from Val Scott, Lecturer/NZ Diploma Enrolled Nursing (DEN), MIT stating in 2020 MIT increased the DEN student numbers, by having a July intake. There are now three cohorts of DEN students, approx.110 students in total.

25 students passed the NZ DEN State Final in 2020. 14 of these graduates have received employment across the three DHB's and 7 students entered into the MIT Nursing Degree Programme.

30 students are tracking to sit the State Final Exam in July 2021.

COVID-19 has impacted the delivery of the programme, with more content now delivered online and the student's clinical experience has been disrupted. Also with the increase in student numbers, the makeup of clinical hours required is challenging.

With the commencement of the ACE programme for enrolled nurses, many students provided feedback that the process and timeline was not to their advantage, as they could not apply until after the State Final results.

MIT is proposing to have a graduation in May 2021 all going well.

Dorothy Browning has been asked by MIT to assist with two sessions teaching enrolled nurse students the Safe Moving Handling programme.

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Job opportunities for enrolled nurses have continued to be advertised in the Auckland region, which is so encouraging. I have also been approached independently to advertise positions for enrolled nurses on our Auckland network.

Our committee has increased from 5 to 6 members post our AGM in April, and all positions on the committee remain the same, however we really need more interest from members to keep the momentum going.

A TRIBUTE to a wonderful enrolled nurse and friend

As many of us know, the enrolled nurse network is a tight, committed group who often know each other very well. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and pay tribute to Robyn Hodgson, one of our friends and colleagues and member of our Auckland Enrolled Nurse Section. Sadly Robyn passed away unexpectedly in March this year, her last posting at the Wilson Centre (WDHB), where she worked tirelessly for more than 25 years, firstly in the rehab unit, then running various clinics in the outpatient area, and finally in respite care on nightshift caring for up to six children with multiple disabilities. Robyn was respected and highly thought of by everyone and always gave more than was ever required of her. To her friends and family we simply want to acknowledge and pay our respect to an enrolled nurse that gave her all 100%. Thank you Robyn, rest easy our friend.

IN CLOSING

Thank you to all the Enrolled Nurse Sections throughout NZ for all you do in your regions and to PNA Suzanne Rolls for always supporting and enabling us to move forward together.

Finally last but not least, a huge big thank you to Southern Enrolled Nurse Section for navigating the roller coaster ride of organising conference through the COVID-19 Zone, from postponing to rescheduling, to making it happen, what a tribute to your commitment. You absolutely deserve a round of applause.

Midlands Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: 18.4.21

Representatives Name & Title: Sharon Becht, Chairperson

Regional Membership Number: 64

Last Annual General Meeting Date: 9.4.21

Last Meeting: Next Meeting: 9.4.21

Education in Region

Waikato DHB facilitated a study day for enrolled nurses on March 24th 2021. All enrolled nurses working within Midlands region were invited to attend, there were approximately 50 attendees. The opening address by Waikato Chief Nurse Sue Hayward reinforced the DHB commitment to growing and supporting the enrolled nurse workforce at the DHB.

Midlands Regional Enrolled Nurse Section have confirmed November 23rd as the date for their annual study day so planning is now underway for programme topics. This day will be open to all enrolled nurses across the whole health sector.

Current Issues in Region

We continue to have poor attendance at Section meetings and membership numbers are declining mainly due to the retirement and aging membership. Lack of employment opportunities in the Midlands region for new graduates.

News

There has been some recruitment of enrolled nurses in the Midlands region but we need to continue to scope out opportunities within our region which needs to be wider than Waikato DHB eg Iwi providers, Primary Health providers, Corrections facilities. It was great to hear of free fees for the Enrolled Nursing Diploma in Enrolled Nursing programme as a result of Targeted Training and Apprenticeship Fund (TTAF). This has resulted in an increased interest in students wanting to study enrolled nursing, the February intake was approximately 70 students. Our concern is where, when and will these students find employment positions.

Wintec nursing graduation was held on 17 March when 33 enrolled nurses graduated, some of these enrolled nurses had graduated in 2020 but due to Covid-19 graduation that year was cancelled. Wintec Special Awards evening was held on March 18th where 2 of the Enrolled Nurse awards are presented by representatives from Midlands Regional Enrolled Nurse Section. These awards are the National Enrolled Nurse Section award for “Demonstrating Leadership Skills” and Midlands Regional Enrolled

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Nurse Section award for “Best Student in Clinical Placement” A very proud time to celebrate the successes of our future enrolled nurse workforce.

The Waikato DHB Professional Development Unit’s (PDU) site on the intranet which is accessed through the Nursing Hub has now been developed and includes information for new graduate RNs and ENs and includes information about Enrolled Nurse Supported into Practice Programme (ENSIPP) and Advanced Choice of Employment (ACE).

The next step is to embed videos snippets of Interviews with new enrolled nurse graduates, and CNMs about their experience and on the value ENs bring to the health workforce.

There are plans to form a small group of enrolled nurse to work in collaboration with the PDU team to ensure that enrolled nurses interests are kept on the agenda and they continue to have a voice in matters relating to enrolled nursing.

Due to our declining regional section members we are looking at innovative ways of increasing our membership and we are currently developing a poster/flyer to distribute via DHB educators, Professional Development Unit and also looking at ways we can reach our enrolled nurse students.

Due to the retirement of our Chairperson Leonie I have now taken over the role of Chairperson and for now will continue as the Regional Secretary with the support of our regional committee.

Thanks to the great work that the National Enrolled Nurse Section continue to do to support and advance enrolled nursing throughout our regional regions.

Sharon Becht
Leonie Metcalfe
Midlands Regional Enrolled Nurse Section NZNO

Bay of Plenty/Tairawhiti Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: 29th April 2021

Representatives Name & Title: Val Scott

Regional Membership Number: 36

Last Annual General Meeting Date: 2019

Last Meeting: 17th April 2021

Next Meeting: not yet set

There has not been much going on in the BOP/Tairawhiti region over the past year. Some of the hospitals within the region organise their own study days so the section is not doing these annually at present.

Members of the BOP/Tairawhiti section travelled to Hamilton in November 2020 to their study day, which was greatly enjoyed. So good to meet up with fellow E/Ns after an awful COVID year.

Current Issues in Region

Our numbers continue to drop, mainly due to retirement. The DHB's in the region appear to not want to employ E/Ns and there is no training happening in Tairawhiti or Rotorua. DON'S have been approached to no avail.

We have five members s from Gisborne and two from BOP attending. We are very excited to be able to be out and about and able to catch up with you all.

Our sincere thanks to Southern for hosting the conference and putting it all together again after the COVID disrupted last year's efforts.

Greater Wellington Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Report Date: 23/4/2021

Representatives Name & Title: Tina Giles, Chairperson

Regional Membership Number: 65

Last Annual General Meeting Date: 19/7/2020

Last Meeting: 14/4/2021

Next Meeting: 30/6/2021

Education in Region

Education in Region Greater Wellington We have not had a study day again this year due to Covid. It has again been a funny old year with Covid dictating what we can and cannot do.

Current Issues in Region

Our numbers for committee are small although we had Jo Gore join the committee but unfortunately for us, she has relocated back to Christchurch. Here in Wellington our number of Enrolled Nurses is growing on the wards with some of the Kenepuru wards having up to 5 on the wards, Outpatients at Kenepuru has 5 EN's and 7 RN's which is amazing to see.

News:

In July 2020 Angela Crespin stood down from chairperson of the Greater Wellington and I was asked to step up to the role of chair, we the committee would like to acknowledge Angie's years of hard work and commitment to The Enrolled Nurses of Greater Wellington, we are so grateful for everything she has done and continues to do for the region by remaining on the committee.

In 2020 we saw CCDHB with 8 new graduates on the ENSIP program and all have secured positions at CCDHB. This year sees an intake of 9 new graduates, so our numbers are growing (hopefully). Unfortunately, due to Covid Whitireia have not had many advisory meetings so the contact with the tertiary provider has been very minimal. As our numbers are small on the committee our aim is to have a big recruitment drive for GWENS for the next year.

Top of the South Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: 03/05/2021

Representatives Name & Title: Tamara Gibbison (Chairperson)

Regional Membership Number: 25

Last Annual General Meeting Date: 03/05/2021

Last Meeting: 24/02/2020

Next Meeting: 2/08/2021

Education in Region

Nil

Current Issues in Region

Nil

News

Greetings to you all. We have just our AGM for 2021 and set our dates for the rest of the year. Positions in office have been changed. Annie who has been our treasurer for many years has now stepped down as she will be retiring at the end of the year this will be Annie's last conference. Debbie has stepped into this position alongside Vice chair and Gail as secretary, I will remain as chair. We have lost a section member due to retirement and now settling in Christchurch which has brought our numbers down. We hope to add more over the years to build our section.

DHB members are still waiting for final sign off for IV AB's. The region is having its convention and section member Jane is receiving an award.

Section Member Jenny who works in GP practice, reports that they are busy with Flu vaccinations. They have also been approached by primary health if they can help with Covid Vaccinations. They are waiting for the confirmation.

Section Member Tam who works for Agency Nurse Maude, reports they have offered a position to an Enrolled Nurse, for an Enrolled Nurse position in the Nelson office. Awaiting to hear the outcome. If successful Tam will mentor new EN for a period.

Look forward to seeing you all at conference.

Kind Regards

Tam Gibbison

Chairperson, Top of the South

Canterbury Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: 24th April 2021

Representatives Name & Title: Michelle Prattley, Chairperson

Regional Membership Number: 162

Last Annual General Meeting Date: 12th April 2021

Last Meeting: 12th April 2021

Next Meeting: TBC

Education in Region:

Canterbury Region Enrolled Nurse section has now confirmed the date for their annual study day which is to be held on the 23rd September 2021. This will be open to all Enrolled Nurses across the health sector, more details to follow in the next month.

The Canterbury/Waitaha and West Coast regional convention was held in Christchurch on the 13th April 2021. A range of innovative guest speakers presented on topics such as, Nursing Leadership in Austere, Paediatrics, Palliative Care, Mental Health screening in Canterbury and Working towards Maori Equity.

Current Issues in Region:

Staffing seems to still be an issue with some areas having staff doing double shifts. Staff are being encouraged to do safety firsts so there is a paper trail of when this is happening. Burwood Hospital has had Trend Care rolled out. This has had its challenges throughout the hospital. Nurses are saying it is very time consuming and frustrating when you can't even logon to the system to predict and actualise. Lack of opportunities for Enrolled Nurses still, but there has been a couple of new graduates start at Burwood Hospital on the ENSIPP programme.

The Provisional Vaccinator Course has had its challenges in getting the peer assessment signed off. This was very frustrating especially when vaccinators are in high demand. Imac have managed to sort out getting signed off through simulation at Manawa in Christchurch.

News:

Firstly, thank you all for the continued support over the past year. It has certainly been challenging in one way or another, but we have got through it. Canterbury have had some changes to the committee this year after the resignation of three members, Tania Coles, Alice Jamieson and Vera Ledger. Thank you for your time and effort you put into the section. I would like to welcome our new members to the committee, Michelle Cameron, Octavia Heugh, Judi Jessop and Hayley Rustbatch. I look forward to working with you alongside the rest of the committee. We are also still wanting a liaison person from Ashburton or Timaru to join us.

Graduation at Ara is due to take place in early July and the new intake started in March this year. Last I heard there were close to 40 enrolled to start in March and about the same to graduate in July. We will be attending graduation to present the National Enrolled Nurse Section award and the Canterbury Regional Section award.

Thank you to the National Enrolled Nurse Section Committee for all their hard work and continued support they are doing to ensure Enrolled Nurses are advanced and supported throughout all regions.

Michelle Prattley
Canterbury Enrolled Nurse Section

Southern Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: 19th May 2021

Representatives Name & Title: Robyn Hewlett, Chairperson

Regional Membership Number:144

Last Annual General Meeting Date: February 2020

Last Meeting: 21st April 2021

Next Meeting: 28th April 2021

Education in Region:

Southern Region has two Polytechnics within the region offering the New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing.

Otago Polytechnic 2021 intake commenced on the 15th February 2021 with 26 enrolled nurse students. I met with the new enrolled nurse students on the 10th May.

Southland Institute of Technology (SIT) - have 24 full-time and 1 part-time student in 2021

Intake of enrolled nurse students. I am meeting with the new enrolled nurse students on 9th June 2021.

Dunedin Hospital were to have their first study day for new enrolled nurses on the Enrolled Nurse Supported into Practice Programme (ENSIPP) on 15th April 2021. But this has now been rebooked for September 2021. I have been invited to present at this day. There are approximately 8 new grads on the programme, including two from Oamaru Trust Hospital and one from an aged care facility in Dunedin.

News:

Enrolled Nurse positions continue to be advertised across the Southern Region. Latest advertisements have been for enrolled nurses at Mercy Hospital in Dunedin and Enrolled Nurses in Theatre at Southern Cross Hospital, Invercargill, Oamaru Hospital, Dunedin Hospital, Bupa in Invercargill, Ross Home and Hospital in Dunedin.

Enrolled Nurse Graduation Ceremonies 2020:

Southland Institute of Technology Awards ceremony was held on the 1st December 2020 in Invercargill. 16 Enrolled Nurses graduated from Southland Institute of Technology in December 2020.

Otago Polytechnic Nursing Graduation was scheduled for the 11th December. However, this was postponed due to a terrorist threat. Instead a ceremony on the morning of the 11th December for the EN's and RN's at the Otago Polytechnic, was held. 18 enrolled nurses graduated in December 2020 at Otago.

The 2020 intake of enrolled nurses sit their state finals in June 2021. We wish them all the very best.

42nd Annual Enrolled Nurse Section NZNO Conference in Dunedin May 2020 was cancelled due to Covid-19. The National Committee agreed to Southern hosting it in 2021. It has been a challenge for the Southern Region Committee, but we got ourselves back on track and organisation has gone well.

I would like to thank the Southern Region Enrolled Nurse Section Committee of Pauline, Robyn, Lynda, Sharron, Sue, Sarah, Rhonda and Marg for their great work and support, in organising the 43rd Conference for enrolled nurses. Attending weekly face to face meetings and via zoom.

Margaret Pink who was Chairperson of the EN Section NZNO in the late 1980's/1990's and a former enrolled nurse from Oamaru passed away in April 2021. Margaret was chairperson of the Enrolled Nurse Section National Committee when there used to be a representative from every enrolled nurse section in New Zealand. Southern at one stage had 5 sections of Oamaru, Dunedin, Central Otago, Gore and Southland. They all combined in 1998 to form the Southern Region Enrolled Nurse Section. Margaret attended our Southern Region meetings in Dunedin, along with fellow enrolled nurses in Oamaru. RIP Margaret