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Enrolled Nurse Section committee 2019 – August meeting

Enrolled Nurse Section Panui



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Highlights from the editor

by Maree Hurst & Brenda Columbus

As the new editor of the Panui I would like to send you a warm welcome to each and every one of you.

We have some new Committee members and would like to thank the outgoing committee members for all their hard work. The National committee embarks in another very busy year full of energy, commitment and an appetite to make a difference for Enrolled nursing. Together we ensure that enrolled nursing remains in the minds of our stakeholders.

Please give some thought to presenting at the next conference – share your working knowledge and contribution with your fellow Enrolled Nurses. This is to be hosted by the Southern Region in Dunedin.

I would like to thank Lea Thompson who was the previous editor for a great job she has done over the few years.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in helping us to get our Enrolled nurses message out to the general public and fellow members. A huge shout out to Sharyne Gordon, who ensures our Pānui is released looking sharp and pristine, thank you.

This year's conference (the Challenge of Change) covered a wide variety of topics including pay conditions to mental health. The calibre of the speakers was exceptional.

In particular interest to me was the topic, Supporting Survivors of Sexual Violence by Louise Nicholas. This was very informative and emotional as she described how supportive her family were and that Louise had not yet told her young son her own

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**“He ora te whakapiri”
There is strength in unity**

story. I think this touched everyone in the room.

The work Louise has engaged in must be very painful but rewarding at the same time. Helping others through the journey of sexual violence is not for everyone and having empathy and understanding would be beneficial. Louise helps the survivors through the court process and this must bring back lots of bad memories for her. Louise is very poised and I imagine she would be calming and reassuring. During the court process as an advocate Louise has no say but goes to court to act as a support person for the victim by just being there. Louise helps explain the process before the victim gets to court to make that part of their journey easier and appear less frightening.

The presentations from the Enrolled Nurses were excellent and varied. Melissa Peterson who works as a Practice Nurse awed us with her job and all that she does including Woman's Health Champion and Mental health and Addictions Credentialing. Melissa definitely works at the top of her scope of Practice.

We had a new graduate Ange Ogilvy talk about her journey into nursing and her role in mental health.

Our final Enrolled Nurse presenters were four nurses from Burwood Spinal Unit. They were Debbie Handisides, Brenda Columbus, Michelle Prattley and Maree Hurst.

They talked about the various roles and gave us a good idea on how a spinal unit works.

The conference dinner – A Night in the Pacific. The evening got started by the National Committee dressing up as air hostesses with Captain Suzanne Rolls on ENS Airlines who gave us our safety instructions to ensure that everyone

had a fun night which created a lot of laughter. The challenge was a poi dance.

The conference had many different speakers which kept the audience engaged.

We played Kahoot! With the Polytech tutors (Louise Van Den Berg and Morag Mackenzie) from Wintec in Hamilton. They told us how they prepare the Enrolled Nurse students for today's work force. A new graduate won Kahoot which was great as it showed that they knew the competencies very well

The panel discussion "How have you and your organisation managed to advance the role of the Enrolled Nurse's since 2010 and measured the success of those strategies. They had to outline their future actions.

The discussion was very lively.

More about the conference is in the Panui with a conference report by Leonie Metcalf and Robyn Hewlett.

The Midlands committee did an exceptional job on organising the conference which flowed smoothly. Great venue, Yummy food and of course wonderful company. Well done.

This will be a hard act to follow and next year's conference is in Dunedin and. being hosted by the Southern Region. See you there.

Finally, to you, the Enrolled Nurses membership, you are truly champions who together make a difference.

Cheers

Robyn

Chairperson's news

by Robyn Hewlett



Welcome to my report as Chairperson of the Enrolled Nurse Section.

We had 123 enrolled nurses join us in Hamilton for our 41st Annual Enrolled Nurse Section Conference. It was great to see old and new faces over the duration of our conference. A Conference report by Leonie Metcalf and Robyn Hewlett is further in the newsletter.

Enrolled Nurses celebrated at conference with the announcement that the Minister of Health, David Clark, has approved funding for a new enrolled nurse graduate transition into practice programme for enrolled nurses. This is part of the Accord, which the Ministry of Health, the 20 District Health Boards and NZNO signed in 2018. We are waiting for the final details on this.

The Enrolled Nurse Section NZNO committee have been lobbying and advocating for this since 2014, when the section committee put together their own programme and named it Enrolled Nurse Supported into Practice Programme (EN SIPP). Excerpts from our suggested programme have been used widely across some New Zealand DHB's.

Currently the enrolled nurse section and NZNO Principal Researcher, Jinny

Willis, are putting together a survey for enrolled nurses who are members of NZNO. The survey is about the enrolled Nurse Scope of Practice. It has been 9 years since the enrolled nurse scope of practice was broadened and pre 2000 enrolled nurses transitioned into the new scope of practice. This also saw the Nursing Council of New Zealand develop the Diploma in Enrolled Nursing, now titled the New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing. Please keep an eye out in your emails for this survey later this year.

The Section are also working on a marketing strategy for the enrolled nurses. A working party from the committee of Sue Goodwin, Robyn Hewlett; Rob Zorn, NZNO Communications / Media Adviser and Suzanne Rolls, the sections NZNO Professional Nursing Adviser was formed and have reviewed the first draft from Rob Zorn who has put together a great marketing strategy. We will keep you updated on the progress of this.

“Barriers for Enrolled Nurses” our working and living document which lists the barriers for enrolled nurses is updated at each committee meeting and we have managed to sign off some of the barriers which have been achieved over the past year. These are: increase in DHB PDRP payment for enrolled nurses accomplished and proficient levels, wage increase for DHB enrolled nurses, 2018 – but this will continue on our list for the next DHN/NZNO MECA negotiations; announcement from the Minister of Health for funding for a new enrolled nurse graduate transition into practice programme.

The Enrolled Nurse Section also this year updated our pamphlet, which is based around the Enrolled Nurse

Section Strategic Plan 2016 -2021.

Our strategic plan is available to view at the following link

https://www.nzno.org.nz/groups/colleges_sections/sections/enrolled_nurses/resources

Regional Enrolled Nurse Section study days are beginning around New Zealand with Southern Region Enrolled Nurse Section study Day 12th October 2019, Invercargill; Canterbury Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Study Day 17th October 2019 and Auckland Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Study Day 21st October 2019. Please visit our website at the link below for the registration forms and further details.

https://www.nzno.org.nz/groups/colleges_sections/sections/enrolled_nurses/regional/regional_study_days

Robyn Hewlett

Chairperson, Enrolled Nurse Section NZNO

Money was raised throughout the country to establish a benevolent fund to give assistance to nurses who through sickness or old age were unable to pursue their nursing careers. Nurses (Registered and Enrolled Nurses) from all over New Zealand are entitled to request an application form to apply for financial aid.

The fund accepts donations, annual membership is \$10.00 per person and life membership is \$100.00.

If you wish for more information on how to donate to NZ Nurses Memorial fund or to apply for funding please write to: NZ Nurses Memorial Fund Inc, PO Box 5363, Moray Place, Dunedin or email nznmfund@gmail.com

Conference Report

The Challenge of Change

41st Annual Enrolled Nurse Section Conference Report

Another very successful Enrolled Nurse Section NZNO conference with 123 Enrolled Nurse delegates registered, attended the 41st Annual Enrolled Nurse Section NZNO conference in May 2019. Hosted by Midlands Regional Enrolled Nurse Section and held at The Atrium-Wintec, Hamilton May 21-23rd May 2019.

The opening address by Colleen Vandy, Nurse Director for Adult Inpatients at Waikato Hospital talked about the challenge of change, in that nursing is currently under a microscope and nurses need a strong leadership voice to support and lead all nurses into the future. Registered and Enrolled Nurses working collectively together and focusing on the foundations of nursing care, compassion, courage and competence. We were encouraged to stand up for new nurses, give positive feedback, stand up for bad behaviour, and work to the top of our scope of practice.

Conference keynote speaker Helen Pocknall, spoke what challenges and changes lie ahead for health in the future. Currently there are reviews all of which will impact on the way health is delivered in the future. The Health & Disability Review; Health Workforce Strategy – rural health strategy; the Review of Vocational Education (RoVe) and the Mental Health & Addiction Inquiry actions and implementation. All of which could result in potential changes in business models, models of care and funding streams.

Panel Discussion:

“How have you and your organisation managed to advance the role of Enrolled Nurse’s since 2010 and measured the success of those strategies. Please outline your future actions”.

Facilitator: Suzanne Rolls, NZNO Professional Nursing Adviser,

Panellists: Sue Hayward, Chief Nursing & Midwifery Officer, Waikato District Health Board;

Hilary Graham-Smith Associate Manager, Nursing and Professional Services, NZNO; Morag MacKenzie, Senior Academic Staff Member Centre Health and Social Practice Wintec, Kirstin Harrison, Health Centre Manager, Mt Eden Corrections Facility, Department of Corrections, Robyn Hewlett, Chairperson Enrolled Nurse Section NZNO

This session generated great discussion on where we are and how we can continue to advance the role of enrolled nurses enabling them to work to their full potential and be valued in the New Zealand health workforce. Correction Department continue to expand the roles of enrolled nurses working in their facilities and enrolled nurse employment is now expanding into Auckland prison. Sue Hayward from Waikato DHB acknowledged that the role of the Enrolled Nurse was critical and for enrolled nurses to make use of our wide scope of practice. Also that CCDM and models of care with the right skill mix should see more enrolled nurses employed in DHB’s. It

was also announced during this session that there will be funding attached to the ENSIPP and that enrolled nurses will now also be included in the ACE programme. Certainly a time for celebration!!!!

Ramai Lord, Senior Advisor, Office of the Chief Nurse, Ministry of Health, and presentation title was “Change is the only Constant”. Ramai gave an update on the government’s priorities for change, which are achieving equity, child wellbeing, mental health and primary healthcare.

In Aotearoa New Zealand, people have differences in health that are not only avoidable, but unfair and unjust.

The Accord signed by the DHB’s, NZNO and the Ministry of Health in July 2018, has seen a high level of engagement between the three organisations,

Elaine Fernandes, NP Intern- HDU Critical Care Waikato Hospital The focus for Elaine’s presentation on the deteriorating patient, and the use of the NEWS assessment tool is the need to follow the protocol, escalating concerns that arise from the protocol ensuring patient & staff safety when dealing with deteriorating patients.

Dr John Bonning FACEM, Emergency Physician. Waikato Hospital. The focus of John’s presentation was on the effect of alcohol, amphetamines and synthetic cannabis. The equitable access to emergency care and the rational use of health resources. This session certainly generated lots of discussion.

As a survivor of child and adult rape, and a survivor of a justice system Louise Nicolas now works as a National Sexual Violence Survivor Advocate. This is a New Zealand wide role and Louise explained her role working her with survivors, their

families and communities. She represents survivor perspectives in service development and the sexual violence and abuse services sector (networking, providing advocacy and advising). Louise also works alongside police in an advisory role.

David Wait, Industrial Advisor, Aged Care Sector, NZNO spoke about the implications of the Care and Support Worker pay equity settlement for Enrolled Nurses and ensuring the place and value of Enrolled Nurses in Residential Aged Care. The aged care strategy is that enrolled nurses must be paid more than care givers, which is having success. The NZNO and Etu Insafe Safe Hands campaign goal is for ratios – safe staffing levels and quality care.

“When people are living in crisis why can’t they just change?” was the topic of Nikki Mellsop, Salvation Army, presentation. Nikki talked about the challenges in trying to get homeless people into homes. There have had some great success stories and unfortunately there have also been some not so successful stories. There has certainly been an increase in accessing the services of Salvation Army and other community services including financial assistance, budgeting, food parcels.

Ensuring new registered nurses are well prepared to meet the future health needs of New Zealanders. Pam Doole, Director, Strategic Programmes, Nursing Council of New Zealand updated enrolled nurses on the strategic review of the Registered Nurse (RN) Competencies, Education Programme Standards, Guide lines on cultural safety, Treaty of Waitangi and Maori health in education and practice, and assessment of competence for registration.

There is a need to ensure RN preparation adapts responsively to meet the changing needs of our ageing and increasingly diverse population, and in light of persistent inequities and poor outcomes for some groups, especially for Maori. There is also a need to adapt to changes in technology and the changing role of health professionals.

Are standards optional in healthcare in NZ?

Suzanne Rolls, Professional Nursing Adviser, NZNO, informed us all that there are a hierarchy of governance guide lines in all practices beginning with law or legislation, standards and workplace policy and protocols.

Nursing Council of New Zealand regulate and protect the public from you as a nurse. The Health and Safety at work Act 2015 means that a business has the primary responsibility for the health and safety of workers and others influenced by its work.

New Zealand Diploma of Enrolled Nursing programme tutors and academic staff members at the Centre of Health and Social Practice at WINTEC, Louise van den Berg and Morag MacKenzie shared their insight into preparing Enrolled Nursing Students for Today's Workforce.

Dr Pip Walker, Gynaecology Registrar, Waikato DHB spoke about 'The challenge of endometriosis' covering a basic yet comprehensive introduction to endometriosis - from theories of pathogenesis, to its presentation, diagnosis and treatment options; followed by some clinical case studies. Pips presentation certainly generated lots of questions.

Clinical Nurse Specialist, Adolescent & Young Adult Cancer Service Waikato DHB Ellyn Proffitt talked about the ever

changing challenges she has faced personally and professionally, while going from a nurse on the floor to developing a service that had never existed within New Zealand- the Midland Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer service. Ellyn also spoke about the unique challenges faced in and amongst trying to support young people with cancer, their whanau and health professionals.

Workplace Respect and Workplace Bullying was the topic of Deb Chappell, Organiser New Zealand Nurses Organisation, Hamilton presentation. There has been an escalation of both bad behaviours and people's intolerance to it. The world is changing, the behaviours that were acceptable 20 plus years ago are no longer acceptable. We must change and grow. Deb's presentation generated discussion on what is bullying, strategies to deal with it and how to start to change these behaviours.

There were 3 enrolled nurse presentations.



Melissa Peterson Te Hiku Hauora GP Clinic, Kaitia presented on the CHALLENGES of Mental Health Nursing in Rural New Zealand. Melissa is also Women's Health Champion across 3 clinic sites and in 2017 completed a 6 month course through the PHO and gained her Mental Health and Addictions Credentialing. Melissa's presentation was about a patient's journey, about a missed phone call and what affect this can have on

them. What can we do every day in our jobs to help? Empowering our people with knowledge and patient education, building Whanaungatanga and showing manaakitanga. Utilizing and building good working relationships with our services available. Melissa was the recipient of the Enrolled Nurse Section NZNO "Best Overall Enrolled Nurse presentation".

Maree Hurst, Michelle Prattley, Brenda Columbus & Debbie Handisides, who all work in the Spinal Unit, Burwood Hospital, Christchurch presented 'Day in the Life of a Spinal Nurse'

This combined presentation showcased the roles of Maree, Michelle, Brenda, and Debbie working in the spinal unit and covered Quality & Infection Control, Transitional Rehabilitation, Night Nurse and Nursing a Ventilated Patient with a Spinal Cord Injury.



Ange Ogilvy graduated in March 2019 and her presentation was titled Enrolled Nurse, Mental Health Waikato District Health Board. Ange spoke about enrolled nursing in mental health, why she chose nursing and mental health area, her role as an EN on the ward, what is mental health? Who does it effect? What treatments are used and how, why and when. Where to for the patient after leaving the ward. Support for families available and a case study of a patient.



The Enrolled Nurse Section Te Runanga representative Lea Thompson welcomed the new Te Runanga representative Dalreen Larkin with Gifting the korowai to the National Enrolled Nurses Section is to motivate and inspire Māori Enrolled Nurses to come forward, to step-up to be the Te Rūnanga representative. This koha is to give inspiration to any of my whanaunga to take responsibility and accountability to serve as a leader. A leader first that promotes Māori and then to compliment a position that improves Enrolled Nursing at the same time.

In wearing this taonga, let it lift you with pride, with purpose and in the knowledge that it is embraced with trust and aroha from all your nursing colleagues of the Enrolled Nurses section. As this taonga is handed onto our future successor's they too will be empowered and escalate our existence in Enrolled Nursing.

For me, our korowai is a precious taonga. It is a revered, a living taonga. Everything to make up this taonga resembles a purpose and meaning. I use the metaphor of the korowai being restricted by bureaucracy, yet we remain steadfast, bound by the unity, positivity and strength. We want the same things. Together our endurance and 'rowing together' or the feathers in unity gives us the ability to persist and achieve positive outcomes for all.

When Dalreen received the korowai, the Midland's section whanaunga did a karanga, acknowledging the gifting of the taonga from Midland's, my region to Dalreen of another region, in this instance Wanganui.

Conference delegates also enjoyed an evening of entertainment and dinner. The evening theme was 'A Night in the Pacific'. The conference annual challenge was won by Wellington Regional Enrolled Nurse Section

We look forward to the 42nd Annual Enrolled Nurse Section conference to be hosted by Southern Regional Enrolled Nurse Section NZNO to be held in Dunedin in May 2020

Conference report by: Leonie Metcalfe, Chairperson, Midlands Regional Enrolled Nurse Section and Robyn Hewlett, Chairperson, Enrolled Nurse Section NZNO (Enrolled Nurse Conference report, page 39, Kai Tiaki Nursing New Zealand, June 2019)

Honorary Membership of The Enrolled Nurse Section NZNO was awarded to the following people at the conference AGM, for their services to the Enrolled Nurse Section either Regionally and or Nationally.

Leonie Metcalfe – Midlands
Angie Crespin - Greater Wellington
Deborah Urquhart - Canterbury
Helen Morgan - Hawke's Bay
Laurel Dick - Southern

Enrolled Nurse Section NZNO Education Fund – Applications must be received prior to committee meetings, by 1 February, 1 May, 1 July and 1 November each year

The Enrolled Nurse Section NZNO Award for Best Overall Conference Presentation by an Enrolled Nurse/s.

This year the Enrolled Nurse Section NZNO introduced an award for the best overall conference presentation by an enrolled nurse and the first recipient of the award at our 2019 conference was:

Melissa Peterson, Practice Nurse/ Enrolled Nurse at the Te Hiku Hauora GP Clinic, Kaitaia. Melissa presented on the ChallENGes of Mental Health Nursing in Rural New Zealand.

Nominations will be called for later this year for Enrolled Nurses to present at our 2020 Enrolled Nurse Section NZNO Conference



Conference Presentation

DAY IN THE LIFE OF A SPINAL NURSE



Michelle Prattley, Debbie Handisides, Maree Hurst, Brenda Columbus

Burwood Spinal Unit is a 26-bed rehabilitation unit. It is a unit that has both acute and arranged admissions

for spinal cord injuries. Alongside the spinal unit we have a transitional rehabilitation unit which is a 4-bed unit. Transitional rehabilitation is a 4-week programme to help patients transition from a hospital environment to home environment. Burwood Spinal Unit covers a geographical area of the entire South Island and the lower half of the North Island (Taranaki to Hawkes Bay and below).

We have 20 Enrolled Nurses working in the unit of which most of us are involved in other responsibilities such as: Document Control, Health & Safety Rep, Reassessments, Infection Prevention & Control Link Rep, Gold Hand Hygiene Auditors, Rosters, Carer Training, NZNO Delegates, Section Chair and Committee and National Committee. We also have a high uptake of PDRP. We also have our own Urodynamics team on site which includes Enrolled Nurses. The team that work in Urodynamics deal with VCMG's, Supra Pubic Catheter Insertions, Bladder Stone removal, Change of Catheter and Bladder Washout.

Indigenous Hui and Hui ā tau Report

He korooria, he maungaarongo, he whakaaro pai ki ngā taangata katoa rīre rīre hau pai maire



My name is Diana Manukau, Knox, Tupaea born in 1950 in a little maternity hospital overlooking a little township called Huntly. I graduated as a Registered Community Nurse at Tauranga hospital in 1969 and practice as an Enrolled Nurse today.

Teena koutou my fellow EN colleagues. Recently I attended the Maori nurses 3-day conference in Tamaki Makaurau and I would like to thank Te Runanga O Aotearoa Maori

nurses section and NZNO for making this awe inspiring event possible. The speakers over the 3 days we're inspirational, encouraging and the conference gave me the opportunity to hear and share many stories, aspirations and similarities with the struggles we face individually and organisationally.

I think, as ENs we face similar struggles. We have been called by many names, we have the knowledge, the experiences and we are still here. So, collectively we will stay strong. 'Wahine toa, Tane toa'. One of many key messages used at the conference.

The conference reaffirmed for me, that as a Maori I am privileged and proud to be working in an organisation whereby I walk in my ancestors' footsteps, talk without prejudice, celebrate my Māoriness and care for the people who are important to me

'This is me! This is who I am! I am me! (another conference key message)

Tena koutou, Tena koutou, Tena koutou katoa

Article

MY JOURNEY AS AN ENROLLED NURSE AT WAKEFIELD HOSPITAL

By Judith Green

I began my journey at Wakefield Hospital in October 1996, 26yrs ago I found that I was required to work in all the theatres and with my past training I was able to scrub for most of the surgical procedures that were performed here. At the time there were only 4 theatres; OT 3 & 4 opened onto Level Two's corridor, where the patients who come to theatre were checked in and greeted, then waited for surgery in a small

corridor between the ward and theatre.

Theatres 3 & 4 looked like below in 1996



The sterile consumables were between the two theatres, with the CSSD (Central Sterile Supply Department) behind it. The clean area was on one side and dirty area on the other with a formalin cabinet included.

I found I had to go backwards in my practice when I first arrived at Wakefield Hospital, before it started to move forward again over a period of time.

The staff employed during this period at Wakefield enjoyed a close working relationship; it felt like a big family working together.

Sterile Consumables

--- CSSD ---Formalin Cabinet





In the late 19-90's – 2000 the Hospital had a rebuild with the addition of another three theatres replacing the old OT's 3 & 4, which became two equipment rooms. They built a new reception area which included a holding area for checking in patients, as well as a new CSSD and recovery room. We still used the old medical and nurse's tea and change rooms.

Staff Tea Room



After this upgrade I ran two General theatres (Upper Gastric/ Hepatobiliary and Colorectal), mostly working with just two Wakefield surgeons. Endoscopic and laparoscopic surgery was just starting to be performed. I was given the task of being in charge of ordering the endoscopic equipment and the staplers required; processing the orders and invoicing purchases; as well as the training of the new staff to the general theatres I worked in, while overseen by the Vascular Charge Nurse.

THINGS STARTED TO CHANGE. During this time theatre went through a few different Theatre Managers in a short period of time and Wakefield Hospital was launched onto the share market. Management went through a major

overhaul; the feeling of being one happy family started to disappear and was replaced with a progressive culture looking to the future. Registered Nurses (RN's) were employed as Team Leaders to run each specialty and I took a step back with my job description at this time and was replaced by the Team Leader of General Surgery

There was talk about not training any more 2nd level nurses or "Enrolled Nurses" (E/N) and replacing them with all RN's or caregivers. This was not received well by the NZNO Enrolled Nurse Section; we had a battle on our hands. Wakefield Hospital looked at employing RN's only in theatre; there were only two EN's employed at this time. After a few years the EN Section convinced the NZNO that the 2nd level nurse was needed as a support for the RN. The EN training is back again thanks to the few who keep the fight in the forefront and proved that we were needed in the work force.

E.g. during this time the few EN's employed by Wakefield Hospital were told that if they left they most probably would find it hard to find employment anywhere else.

With the return of the EN training, in 2011 the Nursing Council required all EN's to do a Competence Assessment of their Scope of Practice Transition. This helped with getting my EN PDRP. Around this time with the help of the Theatre Manager we tried to set up a pathway for the EN's at Wakefield, but unfortunately as I was the only EN employed at Wakefield Hospital it never eventuated and was deemed not needed.

Then another upgrade and expansion took place taking the Theatre Suite to seven theatres including two digital theatres. In the last change, OT 7

became the Cardiac Catheterisation Lab and vascular theatre, also providing new change rooms and a tea room for the staff.

Not long after I was asked if I would like to work in the ear, nose and throat (ENT) speciality as there was an opening there for a senior nurse to help the Team Leader. As I worked in all surgeries (without what I called a home), it would be a good change to concentrate on just one speciality.

ENT had changed over the years as a lot of the nasal surgery performed had converted to endoscopic procedures and I found this was an interesting time with having to learn about the new technology being used and applying it to my work. I also worked in other specialities when required, mostly General and Neurology.

When I decided to cut down my hours, Wakefield Hospital was changing to computer auditing and getting rid of paper charge outs. I was asked if I was interested in learning and being trained in the workings of our patient management system, TRAK. I was sent on two days of study to be educated in its use. With the changing of my hours I began working one day on TRAK auditing of theatre charges, keeping three days clinical theatre. I now work three days on TRAK auditing theatre charges and one day in theatre clinical, being available for more clinical if needed.

The parent company Wakefield Health Ltd changed its name to Acurity Health Group Limited in August 2012

Wakefield Hospital before upgrade 2019



2019 there was another change for Wakefield Hospital with a big upgrade and rebuilding of the Wakefield Hospital to meet earth quake standards.

After upgrade it will look like below ↓



A little history of where we began

Wakefield Hospital has had a few owners, name changes, rebuilds and redevelopments since it was founded in 1877 by Mother Mary. From a little hospital operated by a catholic order of nursing sisters, "The Little Company of Mary". Lewisham Hospital opened 1929 and changed its name to Calvary Hospital in 1953. Mary Potter Hospice operated at Calvary until 1990. In 1987 it changed owners again becoming Wellcare Hospital. Wellcare Hospital became a casualty of the 1987 stock market crash. It was purchased by a group of medical specialists and renamed Wakefield Hospital. From being owned by Wakefield Health Ltd. in August 2012 ownership changed to Evolution Healthcare, an Australian Company who now owns three private surgical hospitals in New Zealand; Wakefield, Bowen and Royston Hospital, known as Acurity Health Group.

Profile – Michelle Prattley National Enrolled Nursing Section Committee Member



I am married with two adult children and graduated from Ara Institute of Canterbury in August 2015 with a Diploma in Enrolled Nursing. I spent the first six months working in Orthopaedic Rehabilitation and am currently working in the Spinal Unit where I have been for the past three and a half years. I am passionate about working as a Rehabilitation Nurse and have come up against some challenges, but this has allowed me to work at the top end of the scope of practice. I am an active member of the Canterbury Enrolled Nurses Section, NZNO Delegate, Health and Safety Rep and most recently become a member of the National Committee for Enrolled Nurses. I gained my accomplished PDRP in January 2019 and have also just completed my IV certification. Most of all I am looking forward to working with the other members of the National Committee to make a difference and support Enrolled Nurses.

Upcoming events and awards

Please see NZNO/EN website for full details of Study Days and Conference updates

12th October

Southern Region EN Section Study Day – Invercargill

17th October

Canterbury Region EN Section Studay – Christchurch

21st October

Auckland Region EN Section Study Day – Middlemore

19 -21 May 2020

42nd Annual Enrolled Nurse Section Conference
Hosts, Southern Regional Enrolled Nurse Section

Regional Study Day dates will be available on the website once the regions have confirmed dates.

http://www.nzno.org.nz/groups/colleges_sections/sections/enrolled_nurses/regional/regional_study_days

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