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Enrolled Nurse Section committee 2019 – August meeting

# Enrolled Nurse Section

## Pānui



**Enrolled Nurse Section**  
NEW ZEALAND NURSES ORGANISATION

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## Highlights from the editor

Robyn Schakelaar

Welcome to another edition of the Pānui.

It has been with great disappointment that we have had to postpone the annual conference this year and it's the first time in its history that a conference has been unable to go ahead.

There will a conference the following year and more details will come out later in the year.

Thanks to the Southern Region and National Committee in having the Conference all organised. Great practice run!

The corona virus (Covid-19) has taken over our lives and who would ever thought that something like this would ever happen. Life is so different.

For nurses life has become busier than before and working under stress is worrying. Please everyone keep well and stay safe and of course wash your hands and do not go to work if feeling unwell. This is to protect us, our families and of course our colleagues

and patients. Social distancing is challenging especially at the supermarket but do your best.

It is with great sadness that we hear about the deaths from Covid-19 but get cheered from the recovery rates.

Voting is now online to vote for a new chairperson and closes on April 24.

There are two vacancies for the National Committee so if interested your application must be in by April 24.

I am writing this at Easter so happy belated Easter everyone and I hope the Easter bunny came visiting as he is also an essential worker.

This is my final time as Editor of the Pānui so I wish the next Editor all the best.

Keep well Stay Safe  
 Robyn Schakelaar  
 Editor

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

## Chairpersons News



**Robyn Hewlett, Chair**

Welcome to the Chairperson's report.

In my December 2019 Chairperson's report, I wrote that 2019 had passed us by very quickly and that we were entering a new decade and there would be exciting things happening for enrolled nurses who were graduating in 2020 and beyond.

No one could predict what was to come three months into 2020, as we all, as enrolled nurses are working in the front line of the current pandemic of Covid-19. Whether it is in a DHB, General Practice, a Residential Care Facility, Iwi provider, District Nursing, the Corrections Department and other facilities in New Zealand that enrolled nurses are currently practising in. I wish to pass on my sincere thanks to all enrolled nurses for the work you are currently doing and the work you will be doing in the future as nurses in the health work force during the fight to contain Covid-19 in New Zealand.

Firstly, I cannot stress enough that you need to look after self during this time, have plenty of down time, rest and spend as much time with family. The committee and myself are thinking of you all during this time.

You will know by now that we cancelled the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Enrolled

Nurse Section NZNO Conference in Dunedin from the 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> May 2020. This is the first time in the history of the Enrolled Nurse Section NZNO, that we have cancelled our annual conference.

But we will back next year, May 2021, in Dunedin. Further details will be out later in 2020.

My sincere thanks to the Southern Region Enrolled Nurse Section Committee members for their hard work towards the 2020 conference, by arranging the conference programme, presenters and regular conference committee meetings.

The Enrolled Nurse Section National Committee would like to thank Jinny Willis, Principal Researcher, NZNO, who gave the committee an update on some of the analysis of the responses from the Enrolled Nurse Scope of Practice 2019 survey, at our February 2020 meeting. Jinny was going to present at our annual 2020 conference. We hope to get the full report shortly.

The Enrolled Nurse Section committee met with the Nursing Council of New Zealand (NCNZ), Chief Executive, Catherine Byrne, in February, and have indicated to her that once the survey results are in, we will be wanting to discuss the results with the NCNZ and the Ministry of Health.

The June edition of the Kai Tiaki, Nursing New Zealand is dedicated to Enrolled Nursing. The committee is working with the editors for this edition.

A big congratulations to all the new enrolled nurses in New Zealand, who were to have graduation ceremonies during March 2020. We know that the Enrolled Nurse and Registered Nurse graduations at some polytechnics in New Zealand were cancelled due to Covid-19.

We hope that you all get to experience your graduation later this year.

The Enrolled Nurse Section continues to advertise enrolled nurse positions throughout New Zealand on our face book page. Since the Covid-19 lockdown welfare checks have been posted on our page and these appear to be well received.

The Enrolled Nurse Section NZNO Committee and our Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Chairpersons will be holding a virtual AGM to receive and approve our financial statements for the year 2019/2020 and the committee roles in May 2020.

We are continually looking for articles from Enrolled Nurses for our newsletter and encourage all enrolled nurses to submit to us over the following year. You may have a story to share of your involvement in the Covid-19 pandemic. Enrolled Nurses like to hear where other Enrolled Nurses are working and their contribution to the health care of New Zealanders.

**"When life gives you a hundred reasons to break down and cry, show life that you have a million reasons to smile and laugh. Stay Strong"**

Take care, stay safe, and stay strong

Robyn Hewlett  
Chairperson  
Enrolled Nurse Section NZNO

## Member Profiles



### **Jenny Mackay**

I always find it interesting to hear what other Enrolled Nurse's (EN'S) have

done within their professions and thought I would share my journey too. I trained as an Enrolled Nurse at Rotorua Hospital and registered in 1979, continuing to work there in the medical and surgical wards. They were great years working in a team where we all knew and respected each other's scope of practice and worked well together under the direction of the watchful eye of the Ward Matron!

I moved on to Auckland's Greenlane Hospital and had many informative years working in Children's Cardiology.

Saving for the big OE I moved home, free rent, and secured a job at Waikato Hospital working in a very busy and understaffed Medical Unit. I decided then to change direction and spent a couple of years training as a Pharmacists Assistant and working in this role. A challenging job counting out tablets and deciphering doctor's handwriting!

Next came the big OE and my nursing experience during that time only in Phlebotomy.

Following this a large gap from nursing marrying and raising a family. As my registration had lapsed I re-registered in 1990.

I worked limited hours for some years, working within family hours in home based care as a carer and Palliative care and rehabilitation as an EN.

I returned to Pharmacy work for 1 year, managing a vitamin counter and supporting people with their weight loss journey. I eventually found retail work unrewarding and returned to nursing.

I then worked for 4 years with a Medical Specialist, as an Enrolled Nurse, in the field of Brain Injury, running clinics in 4 South Island Centres and assisting Physiotherapists with rehabilitation as time allowed. The following 4 years, also employed as an Enrolled Nurse, I worked as a wound care specialist in the community within an ACC contract and under the umbrella of a Registered Nurse.

This contract was then won by another agency I was again on the lookout for another job.

I have spent the last 6 years working in a busy Medical Centre. I was employed as a HCA but knew with some perseverance, I could work my way into my Enrolled Nurse role. The challenge was educating the Registered Nurses (RN's) on the EN scope of practice.

I found great support from my fellow EN's in the Top of the South Regional Enrolled Nurse Section committee. Fast forward to now and I have a very rewarding job as an EN and have helped train 2 HCA's who I work with and support.

I work within my scope of practice under the direction and supervision of a great team of RN's and Doctors. My job description is interesting and varied and evolving all the time as my peers learn more about the EN scope of practice. We have RN students here on 6 week placements and I always ensure they have time working with me as an EN so I can educate them on the EN role!

A brief overview of my daily work may include clinical management, screening, phlebotomy, ECG's, recall and referrals, Flu vaccinations only, (I am working on other adult vaccinations at the moment), sterilising equipment, chaperones, assisting with minor surgery, supply ordering, repeat prescriptions, wound-care and many other jobs I can be called upon to help with.

I believe I am a valuable extra set of eyes and ears working within my scope of practice under the direction of a great team of RN's and Doctors. EN's have a big future in Primary Health. With health care more focused on keeping people out of hospital there is a growing need for bigger more health focused general practices. The EN scope of practice can fill a huge gap. We are cost effective, patient centred and work well within a team. Let's get those RN's and Practice Managers educated and on our side because we're worth it!

Jenny Mackay  
Enrolled Nurse  
Top of the South Regional Enrolled Nurse Section

## Level 4 (Accomplished) Enrolled Nurse

### **Brenda Baird**



In 2019, Brenda Baird was awarded the Auckland District Health Board Nursing and

Midwifery trophy – the Adult Medical Nursing Award.



Below is Brenda's enrolled nursing story.

My name is Brenda Baird and I have been an Enrolled nurse for many years now, having completed my training in the 1960's. We had a different title then – Registered Community Nurses (RCN).

There are still many of us left in the workforce and the second level nurses tend to stay in the same areas longer, although they also branch out into diverse roles.

Fast forward to 2020 and our current concern with COVID 19. I have had to take leave as I am in my 71st year and living with family members. My clinic has been closed temporarily. I look forward to New Zealand becoming free of this virus without too many casualties, so we can all return to our usual way of life.

Stay safe everyone.

Brenda Baird  
Enrolled Nurse

For the past 30 years I have worked in Respiratory Services, firstly at Green Lane Hospital on the wards, then in 2003 those wards moved to the new Auckland City Hospital and we became Ward 72, as there were only Eight isolation rooms ( negative pressure for possibly infectious cases ) and Two positive pressure rooms ( for immune suppressed patients ). Ward 7A was allocated to Respiratory Services as it had Nine (9) single rooms, all with negative pressure. As most of you will be aware that means the air does not escape when entering the room.

After working in and between both these wards for some years I was asked to work 3 of my 5 days a week at the Green Lane Respiratory Clinic, doing the induced sputum's.

This was a great opportunity for my then 64 year old self and I ran the IS Clinic under the supervision of our TBCNS. (Tuberculosis CNS) as well as working two days still on the wards. I enjoy the work and meeting new people each day. It is pretty much an autonomous position and very satisfying. When I was 66 I left the inpatient ward and just work 3 days a week in the clinic.

When I am not working, I enjoy gardening, reading and my family of 4 daughters and 4 grandsons. Occasionally I get out my sketch pad for some fun with my younger grandsons.

## Upcoming events and awards

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

12th May 2020	International Nurses Day “The Year of the Nurse and Midwife”.
30th June 2020	National Enrolled Nurse Day
18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Enrolled Nurse Section NZNO, Conference, Dunedin – further details to come later in 2020.

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

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