

Professional Nursing Adviser Report
COASTN, NZNO
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Thank you to those present involved with organising the Symposium. Thank you too, to the national committee who have shown strong strategic leadership, dedication and professional engagement over the past year. The systems, networks, external collaboration, and participation continue to be highly regarded and valued by NZNO.

The COASTN committee has remained unchanged this year after welcoming Di Fuller and Amanda Thompson post the 2017 AGM. Toni Johnston (Dunedin) Committee chairperson, Joanna Knight (Whanganui) deputy chair, Angela Coward (Auckland) Editor, Rachel Pringle (Christchurch) Treasurer and Lisa Black (Whanganui) Secretary and Anju Sethi have once again all accepted the COASTN Committee challenges whole heartedly and with professionalism. NZNO relies on the selfless work of you, the volunteers as a membership organisation and acknowledges the huge commitments made to COASTN by the committee over and above the personal and professional commitments each and every one of these members hold. NZNO thanks you.

The Committee Chair has reported on the Committees work throughout the year and the Flight Nurse Course Coordinator and Sub-Committee Chair have provided updates on the Flight Nurse Course and Sub-Committee work so the following is a summary of NZNO activities for the 2017-2018 year:

At the beginning of 2018 the Medico-Legal forums saw the NZNO Professional Services Team (PST) presenting a series of six forums about Informed Consent, led by the NZNO Lawyers. The forums were rapidly booked out and feedback proved they were extremely successful. 2019 our focus will be on all things Medication Management.

NZNO staff have had a busy year in 2018 dealing with increasing issues related to staffing and collective bargaining. Both the DHB and Primary Health MECAs renegotiations have proven extremely challenging and there has been huge amounts of work undertaken to gain the best outcomes possible. In July New Zealand nurses went on strike for the first time in 30 years. Due to legislative requirements part of the strike action was the provision of Life Preserving Services (LPS). The NZNO professional and industrial teams were involved in the planning of these services both regionally and nationally and there have been many valuable lessons learned during this process. The resultant DHB MECA will see NZNO staff heavily committed to supporting DHBs with their CCDM processes under clear Ministry guidance.

The NZNO Strategy for Nursing: Advancing the Health of the Nation, was officially launched earlier this year. The five year strategy identifies actions that will increase visibility and position nursing to help meet the health needs of communities and the general population. It focuses on key actions related to five themes: Our Community (Whanaungatanga), Model of Care (Manaakitanga), Equity (Ōritetanga), Leadership (Rangatiratanga), and Nursing Workforce (Te Ohu Māori). And available on the NZNO website.

More recently the NZNO College and Section Day, National AGM and Conference were once again held and were highly successful and well patronised. At the AGM Chief Executive Memo Muso said NZNO's total membership grew 4.7% to 50,708 members (up from 48,444 last year). Financially the organisation had an income of \$21.4m (more than 90% from member's subscriptions) and expenditure of \$21.7m but with adjustments NZNO ended the year with a surplus of \$182,419. He provided a range "good news" statistics from the 2017/18 Annual report: Held 184 professional forums attended by over 6000 people, Made 27 submissions to government and related agencies, Membership grew 7% to 50,708 members (up from 48,444 last year), Membership support centre took on average 770 calls a week, Medico-legal team dealt with 282 new medico-legal cases involving 354 members ranging from coroner's cases to Health and Disability Commissioner complaints, Strategy towards pay equity settlement agreed to as part of DHB negotiations, Negotiated around 33 collective agreements and Official launch of NZNO Strategy for Nursing (one of seven major publications). The 2017/18 Annual report provides more details from the past years activities and is available on the NZNO website.

Colleges and section members and committees have provided valuable input into the many submissions prepared by NZNO this year and this is greatly appreciated by the policy analysts and PNA team. We know that life is busy for everyone working within the health care environment and greatly appreciate being able to add your voice to ours on important issues such as the mental health review, the euthanasia debate and many others. More pertinently of course and as Toni has already outlined, COASTN Committee members have been heavily involved in contributing to the St John Ambulance Services review. This is ongoing work and looking at the year ahead it is important that COASTN continues to represent you, it's members in this work. Also this coming year Nursing must have a strong voice in the upcoming health and disability system review. The draft terms of reference for this review are available from the Ministry of Health (MoH) website.

Finally it has once again been an absolute pleasure to be able to provide your committee with support over the last year. On behalf of the NZNO I would like to thank the committee for their hard work and dedication and NZNO wishes the Committee and COASTN members success for the forthcoming year. Personally, I look forward to working with your COASTN Committee to achieve your goals.

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