



COASTN Chair's Report for 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Welcome to members of the College of Air and Surface Transport Nurses (COASTN) for the 2022-2023 year. It is a pleasure to be able to hold the AGM in person as we have missed the opportunity to have face to face meetings over the last few difficult years. We are excited to be able to offer education and networking opportunities with the symposium. Our thanks go to the Wellington team led by Andy Gibbs who have put an incredible amount of work to making this day happen.

The members of COASTN have gone over and above to provide excellent nursing care to their patients in these troubling times. We applaud you for remaining professional and for striving to make sure that your patients are transported at the right time, by the right team and the right route. We acknowledge the barriers that both Covid and unsafe staffing made it increasingly difficult to fulfil your roles. Thank you for all your mahi over the last two years. You made a difference to your patients.

We have now changed to Te Whatu Ora - Health New Zealand and while there have been no real changes to the way we work yet we are aware that some changes will be ahead of us. We will keep updated with changes that will affect our members and will also keep you updated so keep an eye on the newsletter and our social media sites, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. We have written to all the interim leaders to introduce COASTN and to highlight the work that our members do.

NZNO has introduced Maranga Mai which means rise up. It is a call for all NZNO members to come together to take untied action. There are five aspects to Maranga Mai including

1. te Tiriti actualised within and across the health system
2. more nurses across the health sector
3. pay and conditions that meet nurses' value and expectations
4. more people training to be nurses and
5. more Māori and Pasifika nurses.

COASTN supports Maranga Mai and we will keep our members informed of what this means for us as a college.

We have asked for guidance from our Maori colleagues at NZNO with changing our college logo to reflect Te Reo and once we have a reply, we will bring it to you our members for consultation and ratification.

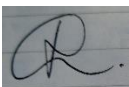
COASTN has worked at getting our voice heard in phase 11 of the MoH/ NASO aeromedical services restructuring where the focus is on integration and standardisation of infrastructure/ equipment/ plant, logistics and personnel across IHT/ interfacility transport community and utilising the current pre-hospital air and road resources in combination with specific IHT. As this work has significant impact on our members, we felt it was essential that we are at the table when these decisions are made. I am pleased to let you know that Avryl Way, COASTN Vice Chair is representing the college. As a NICU nurse, Avryl will also represent the Neonatal Nurses College Aotearoa (NNCA) and will feed back to both colleges.

With the main lectures on Zoom, the 2021-2022 aeromedical course was completed after a marathon effort by Taz, albeit with several cancellations and new learnings. While it was challenging during COVID, Taz did an amazing job pulling it together and making sure it was a positive and meaningful learning experience for the participants. The 2023 course is planned for early next year. Again, keep a look out on our social media sites and the NZNO/ COASTN website.

This year we have found ourselves with a positive bank balance for the first time in a few years. We wanted to make sure to give back to our members. We have increased our scholarships, so if you have training you would like to complete then look on the COASTN Scholarship website to be guided to the criteria and Application Form. We also have introduced an Excellence Award for Outstanding Nursing Achievement in Transport Nursing, Aotearoa which will recognise the work of one person annually in advancing transport nursing.

Finally, a huge thank you to the committee for the commitment to COASTN and the extra work you have taken on in your committee roles. Also, a very grateful thank you to Annie, our PNA who tirelessly keeps us on track and keeps us up to date on NZNO matters.

Yours in Transport



Lynette Will
COASTN Chair