

New Zealand College of Air, Surface & Transport Nurses Magazine

College of the New Zealand Nurses Organisation

COASTN Committee 2016



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A reminder to all Flight and Transport Nurses to remember to look after yourselves and each other during the busy upcoming Christmas / New Year period.

Welcome to the November 16 Edition

Hi all,

I hope by now you are enjoying some better weather for flying.

I want to congratulate the organisers of the Queenstown Conference this year by all accounts it was excellent. One I regret not being able to get to due to an untimely injury.

Next year we have a COASTN one day symposium in Christchurch and for those wishing to travel a bit further ASA have their conference in Sydney. So start planning now.

There is the COASTN Flight Nurses course running again next year so for those wishing to attend make sure your applications are complete and in on time.

Happy and safe flying

Kelvin

(kelvin.still@gmail.com)



A cool photo from <https://sciencebasedlife.wordpress.com/2012/11/01/the-kopp-etchells-effect>

A CH-47 Chinook at night in Afghanistan. The light on the blades is the sand Kopp-Etchells Effect. Check it out some amazing photos.

Greetings from the chair...

As this edition of Up & Away goes forward for publication we are all mindful that some of our colleagues across New Zealand will be dealing with the after effects of yet another natural disaster in the form of an earthquake. Our thoughts are with all of those who have suffered injury or illness & loss of property & employment as a result. Our colleagues from Flight Nurses Australia were quick to be in touch and send their best wishes, hoping our members were all safe & well. Dunedin was very lucky to have experienced little or no tremors, but some of the national committee members reported differing effects: from the loss of their swimming pool water – irrigating their neighbours' back yards – to being unceremoniously thrown out of bed. No doubt for colleagues in Christchurch it is also a vivid reminder of their experiences in 2010 & 2011 – I hope with not too much associated trauma or stress.

From an aeromedical point of view it is events such as this that show the value of a robust air network that functions within New Zealand. I know our local aeromedical provider was able to immediately release 2 of the 4 available BK117 helicopters and supporting crews (pilots & paramedics) within a few hours of the quake.

They travelled north to assist Canterbury providers in ferrying both people and supplies in and out of the affected areas – as, unlike Christchurch, the loss of roading infrastructure meant people could not just leave their damaged homes and escape to friends or family elsewhere. And for colleagues in the capital the initial extent of damage was unclear, but as time passes more damaged buildings are appearing – affecting the daily operation of the city.

Once we have survived Christmas & the holiday period the committee will be busy assessing applications for the 2017 COASTN flight nursing course. The decision was made to increase both course numbers (to a total of 20) and fees (to \$1500) in order to ensure the ongoing financial viability of the course. Dates have been altered slightly and no longer fall in school holidays – hopefully this will enable those who were previously unable to apply to be considered (as several employers had commented they were not able to release staff due to extra leave requests). There remain 2 places for paramedic colleagues, and 2 places have been set aside for Australian colleagues – to be filled by NZ nurses if there are no suitable applicants.

Please diary the 2017 symposium – to be held in Christchurch on November 13th. Make the effort to attend, and stay on to enjoy NZ Cup & Show week in the lovely garden city. Have a happy & safe Christmas, and enjoy time off for those able to take well-earned holidays!

Toni Johnston

ACNM – Dunedin Hospital ICU.

Letter to the Editor

Hi to all my friends and colleagues around the country,

As many are aware I recently chose to take early retirement from my position as CNM of the Hawkes Bay Travel Service and Flight Team. I have had the most awesome 12 years in the aeromedical sector and I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for being part of my journey. As a member of NZFNA, now COASTN and also ASA I have been lucky to meet some of the most outstanding, competent and supportive people involved in aeromedicine throughout NZ and Australia. I was also privileged enough to become a committee member for NZFNA and to work with other members whose passion, drive and enthusiasm led to the Association being recognised for college status (go COASTN)! The ongoing development of standards, position statements, skills and competency framework, education and professionalism ensures that the Flight Nurse role will continue to grow and I look to the day when we see the establishment of aeromedical nurse specialists.

Going forward I will again highlight what I spoke about briefly at the NZFNA/COASTN seminar in Tauranga. It is not a new message and as the reality of a rapidly growing demand on the health dollar starts to affect us all, change is inevitable to services as we know them.

In Queenstown, August 2017 the Associate Minister of Health, Peter Dunn spoke how 'Today's healthcare model cannot afford to meet tomorrow's challenges' and 'how we must find sustainable ways to deliver services, focusing our investments so they maximise outcomes'. Change is coming and it is inevitable but how it is applied is the challenge I put forward to you all. You are the specialists in your field and as such you have the opportunity to lead and direct your future services. Do not let change be authored by outdated or unaffiliated leaders whose knowledge of the industry is at best non-current and fleeting or even totally lacking. Ignorance is unforgiveable as driver of change. Instead I challenge all Flight Nurses to be vocal, actively involved and to position themselves to write future models with insight and vision.

The first step may be national coordination for services and this has potential to be an excellent move for all services if well understood, well developed and well utilised.

It is all the people of NZ who will benefit from greater efficiencies in health dollar spend not just the DHB's as we see it now. In time, the future may see the implementation of less aircraft providers but more involvement of frontline rescue services, already apparent in national policies for acute thrombolysed patients and acute spinal injured. It will great to see Flight Nurses leading and integrating these changes into their future roles and not having the roles written for them.

So thank you all – my last wee ramble on the state of the nation. For the emails, cards and calls, I have been awed and humbled by the support from all around the country over the last few months. For those who wander into Hawkes Bay over the coming few months, join me for al fresco coffee as the summer rolls on. Otherwise continue to fly high, safe and do what you do so well – delivering care for patients on the go.

Steph Boston

...and appropriately, from another outgoing leader – the final word!



Hawkes Bay Zoll monitor equipment bag redesign.

A collaboration between HBDHB Flight Team and East Coast Canvas.

By Kelvin Still (Flight Nurse)



View looking down on top

Side View.



The Hawkes Bay Transport Team have been troubled with the standard Zoll Bags for some time. After identifying that the team were having issues with the current Zoll monitor equipment bags catching on parts of our bridges and impeding views of the ventilators when in use, we attempted to find alternatives.



He had 2 rolls, one bigger roll with the monitoring equipment contained within it.

The second much smaller roll contained the cleverly placed the power charging adapter box behind the handle in its own

little sleeve. This means it can't come out accidentally but allows easy access for the power cord to fit in for charging. With pockets for the remainder of the power charging adapter box cord to fit into along with a pocket for those small NIBP cuffs that we all seem to keep losing, and a place for the spare ECG paper roll.

The bags also had issues with keeping all the equipment stored nicely and easily accessible and were being replaced reasonably regularly. Steph Boston then CNM Transport for HBDHB contacted Zoll and had discussions around what the team required. We trialled a new model of bag but it still didn't quite achieve what the HB Flight Team needed.

Steph considered a few options and looked around the world and found that different regions even though serviced by Zoll had different equipment bag setups. None of which really met the needs of the HB Team.

So back to the drawing board. This time to design our own. This led to an equipment roll design that looked promising.

A few years ago we had replaced but also redesigned the teams, flight nurse packs. East Coast Canvas did an excellent job of making these, so we took our rough

(very rough) drawings to Warren and asked him if he could make a prototype. After explaining to him what we needed and showing him our drawings he had a reasonable idea of what we were trying to achieve.

Warren contacted us a couple of weeks later and asked Steph and myself to come and pickup the monitor with the prototype roll fitted. He had given us everything we needed and a little bit more.



Power Charging Adapter Sleeve

With this installed on one of our Zoll monitors it was time for the team to trial and suggest alterations.

A few things that could be changed, became evident very quickly but on the whole the prototype was a success. So after a couple of months of use and our required changes identified, it was back to Warren at East Coast Canvas with our suggestions and into production of the 4 rolls we needed.

Some of the advantages of what we have designed.

- The power charging unit is actually behind the handle and is contained there out of the way. With easy access for the power cord to plug in. There is no impeding of the carrying handle with this charging unit where it is.
- There are dedicated pockets for each of the pieces of equipment which keeps the roll organised. No big tangles of BP cuffs with ECG leads and SpO2 probes when you take them out, unlike with the side bag model. It does mean that staff have to put equipment back into the individual pockets and whilst taking a little extra time to do, it does make it easier on the next nurse who goes to use it.

Roll unclipped



Roll unfolded to access monitoring equipment



- There are dedicated pockets for spares, such as ECG Paper, Defib Pads and ECG Dots.

- It narrows the width footprint of the entire unit to the width of the monitor itself, as the storage is moved behind the monitor. It doesn't get caught on bridges, doors etc as much as the wider bags seem to.

- The main roll is detachable with quick release clips (if you ever needed to).

We have now been using them for almost 2 months and whilst some team members are still adjusting to the change, on the whole, the response has been positive. It has resulted in the staff being able to check the equipment quickly and identify if anything is missing or needs replacing. Ensure that each time they go to get a monitor it is tidy and all the equipment is in place.

A spinoff we hadn't considered at the time is that it has provided much easier access to the paper printer.

If you would like more information please contact the HBDHB Flight Team or Warren at East Coast Canvas.

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Hastings
Hawkes Bay
06 873 5595

View from the front showing the narrower width footprint with roll attached.



<http://www.eastcoastcanvas.co.nz>



The 28th Aeromedical Society of Australasia Conference – Queenstown - 2016

The 28th annual Aeromedical Society of Australasia (ASA) conference was for the first time this year co-hosted by the College of Air and Surface Transport Nurses (COASTN). The ASA conference was last held in Christchurch in 2010, just prior to the September earthquakes. This year's conference held in Queenstown was well attended with the maximum of 250 registrations, predominately filled by medical registrations due to the high registration cost usually associated with International medical

conferences. There were 30 COASTN members at the AGM on the Friday ensuring a quorum.

The conference opened with welcome drinks and canapés at the Skyline Terminal where a Mihi Whakatau launched the conference and Simulation Cup. The Sim Cup, or Sim Wars as they are otherwise known, is now a regular feature at ASA conferences where rotary and fixed wing aeromedical teams of three, compete for the title and trophy. This year the retrieval teams were from Auckland, two teams from Malaysia and one Australian team. Teams are judged on teamwork, communication, and clinical management skills in a simulated clinical environment in front of the conference delegation

audience. The case scenarios were based on actual cases attended by pre-hospital and retrieval teams and included paragliding and skiing accidents, all activities familiar to the local environment. The Malaysian team won this year's trophy with their smooth team work and considerate care and communication with the manikin in distress.

The conference theme: "Aiming Higher. Reaching Further", was applicable to the Queenstown location and the 37 presentations which showed innovations in the aeromedical industry. Several presenters discussed the importance of strong clinical coordination where knowledge around logistical experience is just as necessary as a solid clinical background in acute care medicine. In Australasia, retrieval teams are sometimes hours or even days away if weather conditions do not allow. With adjuncts to clinical aeromedical coordination such as telemedicine now available in many rural centres throughout New Zealand, the ability to observe, interact with patients and staff and give advice while a retrieval team may be on the way is invaluable to both sending and receiving centres.

The ability to weigh service provision against potential benefit also featured strongly in many presentations. The introduction of night vision goggles to night-time rotary wing operations has been fundamental to an increase in safety for such operations. Unacceptably, this equipment is still not available in many countries. A fatigue risk management system for pilots and crew is another area of advancement, with several fatigue calculators being developed in Australia to mitigate fatigue in the aeromedical industry.

The COASTN AGM successfully introduced two new remits for the constitution, permitting Student Nurses interested in aviation medicine to be eligible to join the COASTN membership. This was introduced to develop the membership and encourage participation in a wider catchment area. Unfortunately the AGM was pushed for time as the lunch break proved to be the only suitable time to run it. (With a quorum of 20 needed and only 30 COASTN members present at the conference it was felt that trying to have it the day prior to the conference or at the beginning or end of each conference day would not secure the attendance required.)

Next year's COASTN one day symposium will be held in Christchurch on the 13th November. With the development of relationships between Flight Nurses Australia (FNA) and COASTN at the conference, the COASTN committee hopes to have good representation from Australia at this one day symposium. Since FNA nurses are required to have a midwifery degree as well as a nursing degree, the committee believes there is much to learn from our Australian colleagues, and we hope they can come and share this knowledge.

The conference highlighted the common challenges shared by the two countries and strengthened our trans-Tasman relationships. We look forward to the next time the ASA conference is on our shores. The COASTN award for best presentation by a New Zealand Flight Nurse went to Karyn Hathaway for her presentation on the development of the new aeromedical simulation facility and education program at Wellington Hospital. The only other New Zealand flight nurse to speak was Sally Houliston from Hawkes Bay, who delivered a historical review of the founding of the New Zealand Flight Nurses Association and their recent progression to become the College of Air and Surface Transport Nurses.

Delwyn Ratttray

Outgoing Chairperson of COASTN



Upcoming Events



ICAM 2017 : 19th International Conference on Aerospace Medicine
April 24 - 25 2017 London, United Kingdom



COASTN Aeromedical Retrieval Course 2017

Location: Auckland AUT South Auckland Campus

27TH MARCH - 31ST MARCH 2017

Details on the NZNO COASTN website and in this magazine



AEROMEDICINE.
Learning from the past.
Adapting for the future.

ASA+FNA 29th CONFERENCE 2017
30th August - 1st September 2017
Doltone House. Darling Island, Sydney, Australia



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One Day Symposium & AGM

Commodore Hotel, Christchurch Airport

Monday 13th November 2017



Aeromedical Symposium

“Ready Steady Go...”

Commodore Hotel, Christchurch

Airport 13th November 2017

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Submission deadline: 31st July 2017

You are invited to share your knowledge, skills and experience through presenting a piece of research or a clinical bases issue of development. Presentations will be 15 minutes + 5 minutes for questions and answers.

Abstract Content and Format Guidelines:

- 11 or 12 point font
- Maximum of 250 words
- Use standard and well-accepted abbreviations only
- Include the background, purpose, method and results (or summary of clinical/ practice issue or innovation) and conclusions
- The theme of the symposium is ready steady go looking at decisions made prior to and during transfer. Your abstract may focus on any topic relevant to the aeromedical field, including research or practice

Submission Details:

- Email abstracts to: COASTN2017@outlook.co.nz
- Submissions must be received by 31st July 2017

Abstracts will be reviewed by the organising committee and you will be contacted by email when the process is complete.

Thank you for supporting this symposium

This is Canterbury Cup and Show week so ensure you book early to avoid disappointment, many websites offer accommodation with free cancellation.



Please go online and
support this worthy
cause

initiated by Registered Nurses at
Porirua Union Health centre and
supported by NZNO

They are running a petition at
the moment to restore funding to
anti-smoking services,
particularly Māori and Pasifika
providers, that has recently been
withdrawn.

The link to the petition is
http://www.together.org.nz/smokefree/?recruiter_id=20525

People can sign it quickly online.

There's a short video of Litia
talking about why these services
matter view at
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qK20AQsNb5Y>

NZNO's media release is
available at
http://www.nzno.org.nz/about_us/media_releases/articletype/articleview/articleid/2331/nurses-launch-smokefree-funding-petition-at-indigenous-nurses-conference

Hope you can help us out, we'd
be really grateful!

Ngā mihi,

Jennifer Lawless

Campaigns Adviser, Acting
Communications Adviser

New Zealand Nurses
Organisation

Regional



Roundups

Northland

Kia Ora from Northland!

Can't believe we are nearly at the end of yet another year. This year has seen our workload peak and trough with increasing episodes of several patients requiring urgent retrieval around Northland at the same time. We are very fortunate to have up to three NEST helicopter available to help us manage this workload. These periods are then usually followed by very few flight calls. It sometimes feels as though it is feast or famine. Despite this irregular work load we are on track for an increase in patient transports this year. This follows an increase in the volume of transports year on year.

The team itself has had a few changes this year. We welcome Carmen Shepherd to the team. Carmen is an experienced ICU nurse who successfully completed her orientation and buddy flights and is now enjoying the challenges of flight nursing. One of our long standing flight nurses Kerstin Larsson has taken a step back from flying. Kerstin, thanks for your many years of flight nursing leadership and constant support for the flight service!

We continue to use our telehealth system for flight retrievals from Kaitaia and have recently extended this to include Bay Of

Islands and Dargaville hospitals. We are beginning to collect a reasonable amount of data now and this was recently presented at an Australasian telehealth conference. I am very proud to say that we won best paper with Telemedicine for acute care and transfer decision making: preliminary experiences in Northland, New Zealand.

The silly season is nearly upon us and we will soon see a change in our workload with the usual increase in trauma (land and sea) over summer as people head north. From our team to yours we wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year!

Sarah and the flight team.

First and foremost, we would like to acknowledge our colleagues, friends and families that have been affected by the Earthquakes and weather in North Canterbury, Marlborough and Central New Zealand. Our thoughts are with you.

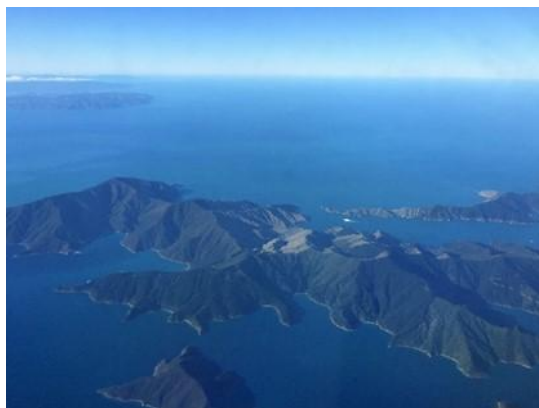
In August four NZAAS staff members including flight nurses and logistics coordination attended the ASA/ COASTN Queenstown conference.

The ASA conferences are always a great opportunity to meet with our colleagues from all over Australasia and beyond and to learn from other services and disciplines.

Queenstown 2016 was no exception. Thank you to the organisers for a well organised and interesting conference programme in an unbeatable destination.

In November, a group NZAAS staff had the privilege of being present at the launch of the new Skyline Aviation Mustang Jet Service for Hawkes Bay District Health Board. The day included an aircraft blessing by the local Iwi, guest speakers and of course, afternoon tea.

NZAAS has recently welcomed two new first officers on the King Air service and a new captain for the Jet as well as a loadmaster for the PICU service and a pool of new flight doctors – we are gearing up for the busy holiday season that is almost upon us.



Beautiful Marlborough Sounds and Auckland Gulf Islands – sometimes there is a fine line between a beautiful day to fly and a day that's just too good to go flying – especially when the pilot is a keen fisherman!

Wishing you all safe flying and endless blue skies.

Angela and the team from NZAAS in Auckland.

Starship PICU

It has been a while since PICU has appeared here in Up and Away. We are still flying around the country most days to do inter-hospital transports of the critically ill children of New Zealand. There has been a lot happening for us over the last 18 months. The biggest, we changed our flight provider and now work with New Zealand Air Ambulance Service, who has spent a lot of time catering to our very specialised needs when we fly with them. We also at this time moved over to the life port stretcher which is still taking us time to adapt to. We said farewell to several members of the team and welcomed new ones.

PICU managed to have a very good representation at this year's ASA + COASTN aeromedical conference in Queenstown. Location may have had a little to do with it, but we managed to get half of our specialised flight team to it (with thanks to our manager for giving us all leave), while leaving the other half to hold down the fort. It was reported while we were sat in cool but sunny days there were high winds and rain back in Auckland.

We looked the part thanks to the Starship Foundation who provided us with merino tops to wear for the conference which we can now wear as part of our flight uniform.

We are really lucky to have such amazing on-going support from the Starship Foundation and their Five Star Sponsor SKY TV, who not only help fund the Starship National Air Ambulance but donate snacks for the flight team throughout the year for when we go on retrievals.

I am not sure this will fit with Darrell Bonetti low carbohydrate or fasting diet but we really appreciate the snacks, especially on a night transport.

The matching tops were a great conversation starter for many of us and everyone knew where we were from. This gave us an excellent opportunity to meet, chat to and build some great relationships with flight teams from around Australasia. There were a lot of very interesting presentations over the two days and it gave us an opportunity to learn some new ideas that we can take back to our team and put into practice, but at the same time it was good to know that we are doing a lot right and in line with the rest of Australasia. We are different to many of the teams that presented, as like NICU we are inter-hospital and not out of hospital retrievals, but it was nice to see many of our practices do cross over and we are doing it well. It would have been good to see a few more nurses present as we are a very important part of the team, and also a few more from the home land of NZ.

There was a fantastic opportunity over three days to watch some funny and informative SIMS, where the local HEMS team came second overall. Although there was a huge element of humour to the SIMS it also showed some of the more challenging sides to what the teams face when out and about trying to care for patients. The first round was held during the welcome drinks up the Gondola in Queenstown, with the sun setting behind us.

It was an excellent choice of venue to showcase what a beautiful country we live in to all the overseas visitors. The final was held at the closing dinner and drinks, at the AJ Hackett bungee bridge, what a great location to throw a dummy aka patients father 'Shawn' off into the water below. Also a little time to showcase winning skills with a dummy being retrieved from metal gantry above us.

It was a great chance for the teams to show how they are managing adversity and challenges.

We were spoilt with the locations of the social events, the conference location and the quality of speakers. There are some things we will be taking to try within our team but I am not convinced we will make the low carb or starvation diet stick.

Tamsin Irvine-Fynn
PICU Flight Nurse.

PICU Flight Nurses - Queenstown Conference 2016



Hawkes Bay Flight Team

The Hawkes Bay Team have again been busy with large numbers of flights over the past few months. With changes as a result restructuring it has been a rather unsettling time for the team. Along with the changes in staff as a result of this restructuring we have had some resignations and say farewell to Barry, Andy and Kirsty. But also some new staff starting their flying careers. With Kelssa, Vince and Alex joining the team. Although Alex has had to leave Hawkes Bay

for personal reasons he hopes to be back someday.

They along with the rest of us are looking forward to flying in the nice warm summer weather.

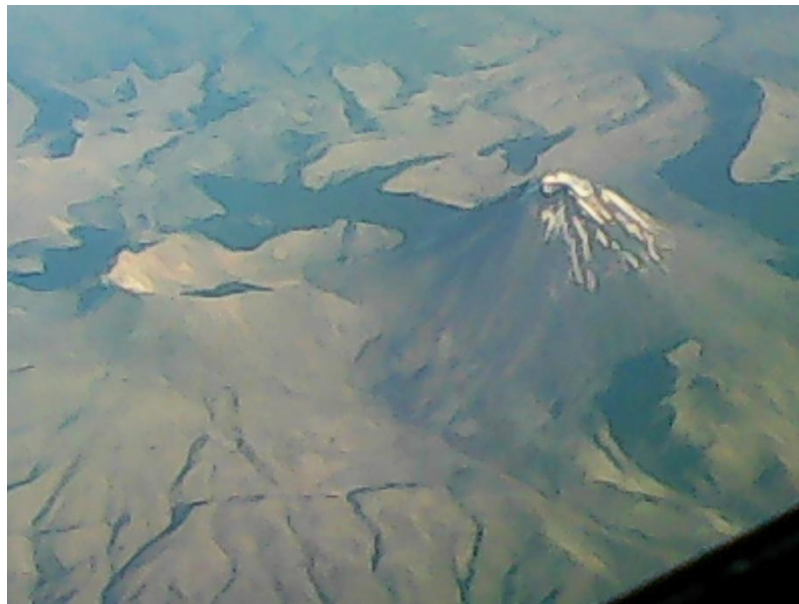
As mentioned in the NZAAS newsletter Skyline's Hawkes Bay base now is operating a Citation Mustang Jet. This has been brought into service and the staff are impressed with it's quietness and speed.

Although the Mustang can currently not land in Wairoa there is possibly going to be runway extensions done. This would enable the Mustang to land there, along with the rest of our King Air Fleet.

The Team wish everybody a very happy and quiet Christmas and all the best for 2017.

Stay safe whilst flying.

HB Transport Team



Wanganui

Greetings from Wanganui, like us I am sure that many of you are also glad that the winter is drawing to a close. This winter has seen us busy with transfers, as I am sure everyone is, we have had a very exciting addition to our form of transfer, in the way of a King Air 200. This has recently been fitted with its double stretcher system.

Our King Air c90, is currently having an interior and avionics upgrade. On its return our staff and patients will be very lucky to be flying around in upgraded comfort.

All the best for the festive season from the River City.



AEROMEDICAL RETRIEVAL COURSE 2017

March 27th – 31st (inclusive)

Venue: Auckland – AUT Manukau campus

NZ

FLIGHT NURSES: (16-18 positions)/AUSTRALIAN FLIGHT NURSES (2 POSITIONS)

All applicants are required to be a practicing registered nurse/midwife and currently working in the aeromedical environment. A minimum 6 months flying experience is strongly recommended.

PARAMEDICS - (2 positions):

Applicants must be a qualified paramedic either working in the aeromedical environment or about to move into it. Evidence of this must be provided with your application

For both health professional groups it is necessary to have sound pre-existing knowledge of normal physiology of the human body. COURSE CONTENT WILL INCLUDE (REMAINS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

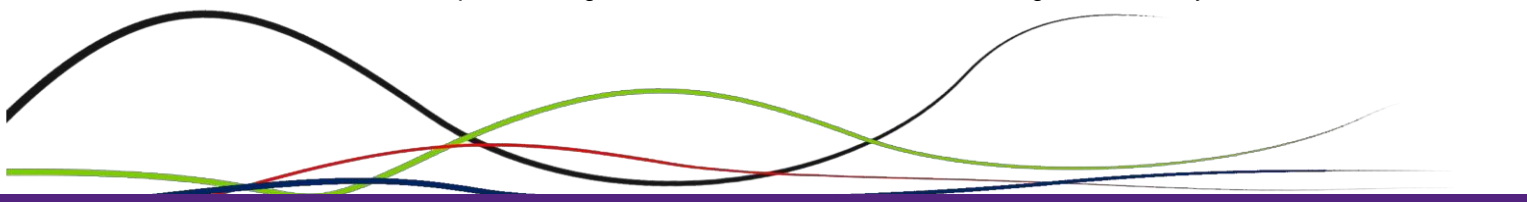
- Altered physiology at altitude
- Legal/professional issues in the aeromedical environment
- Simulation training
- Air Ambulance Standards
- HUET (Helicopter Underwater Escape Training) including other water based
- Flight stressors
- Land based survival training
- Crew Resource Management
- Pilots Perspective

Flight Nurses & Paramedics: \$NZ1,500.00 incl. GST

Payment needs to be made by 17th February 2017. A late payment fee of \$100.00 will be strictly enforced.

A 10% cancellation fee will be enforced if you withdraw your application within 3 weeks of the course commencing i.e. any time after 3rd March 2017

TIME LINE:

- Applications close 16th January 2017 (please do not send payment with application)
 - Applications will be reviewed by the COASTN Committee week commencing 16th January 2017. Notifications of acceptance/or not will occur in the same week
 - On notification of acceptance to the course, fees need to be paid by 17th February 2017. A late fee of \$100.00 will be strictly enforced.
 - The week commencing 23rd January 2017, comprehensive course information will be sent out including the bank account number to make payment.
 - A USB stick with pre-reading will be sent out the week commencing 30th January 2017
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March 27th – 31st (inclusive)

Venue: Auckland – AUT Manukau campus

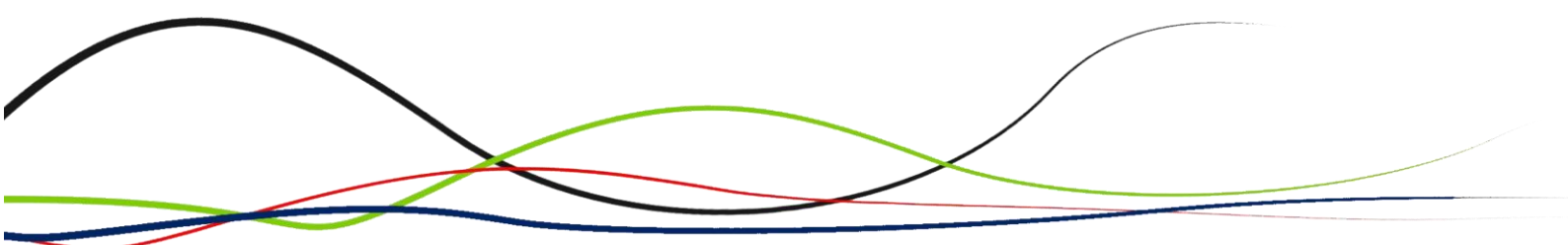
Applications to be in by 16th January 2017
Late applications will not be accepted

- During the week commencing 16th January 2017: COASTN committee meets to discuss & select participants. Applicants will be informed by email if they have been accepted onto the course or not.
- Week commencing 23rd January 2017: course information sent out online
- Week commencing 30th January 2017: pre-reading sent out on USB stick

17th February 2017: --- latest date that course fees need to be paid by
a late payment of an additional \$100.00 will be applied for any payments after
this date

3rd March 2017: any withdrawals from the course after this date will incur a
\$150.00 fee

Any questions please email Di
Fuller on: difullernzfna@gmail.com



AEROMEDICAL RETRIEVAL COURSE 2017

SELECTION CRITERIA

Some years the number of NZ flight nurse applicants exceeds the number of positions available on the COASTN Aeromedical Retrieval Course.

Below are the selection criteria used as a guide by the COASTN committee when selecting applicants; especially so when applicant numbers exceed positions available.

COMPULSORY CRITERIA

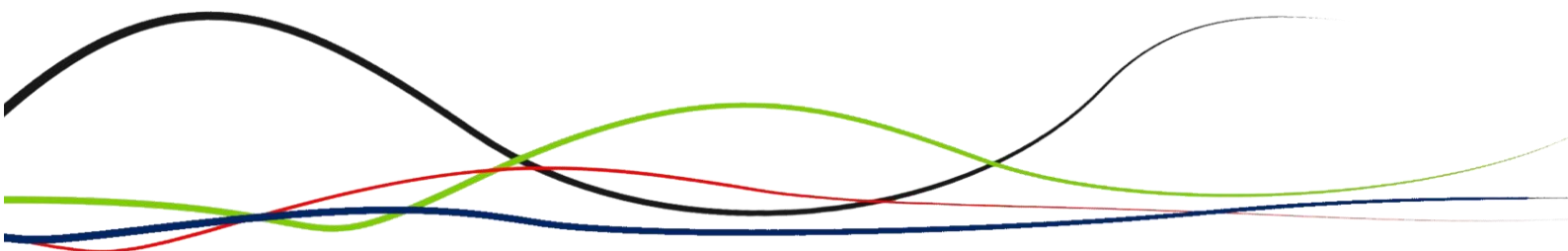
- Currently practicing NZRN/NZRCompN/NZRM
- Currently working in the aeromedical industry as a flight nurse/flight midwife

STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

- A minimum of 6 months flying experience

PRIORITY CONSIDERATION (in no order)

- DHB flight nurses
- Flight nurses who have previously applied for a course and not been selected
- NZNO/COASTN members
- A fully completed, professionally presented application form accompanied by ALL required documents, provided on time.



AEROMEDICAL RETRIEVAL COURSE 2017

March 27th – 31st (inclusive)

(please read attached documents: 'Guide to selection' & 'To all applicants')

COURSE APPLICATION FORM – NZ FLIGHT NURSES (16-18 positions)

(Please read attached documents: 'Selection Criteria' & 'To all Applicants')

Surname: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

Home ph: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Specific Area of work: _____ DHB: _____

Cost: Flat rate of \$NZ1500.00
incl. GST

- Payments are to be made no later than February 17th 2017 or a late fee of \$100.00 will be applied
- A 10% cancellation fee will be applied if you withdraw your application after 3rd March 2017

Are you a COASTN member: ☐ Yes ☐ No Please indicate source of funding

☐ Self Funded ☐ Education Fund ☐ DHB Funded ☐ Combination

Documents to be included with application form

- Current Nursing Practice Certificate
- Letter of support from immediate manager (to incl. how long you have been flight nursing)
- Transport log of last 12 months indicating types of missions (remove patient identifiers)
- Statement on why you believe this course will be of benefit to you and to your work place/transport team
- Evidence of any post graduate studies you have completed (**flight course assignment is to be written at level 8**)
- Send **complete** application form and **all** requested documents
- difullernzfna@gmail.com

APPLICATION IN BY

16th January 2017

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AEROMEDICAL RETRIEVAL COURSE 2017

March 27th – 31st 2017 (inclusive)

(please read the attached document: 'to all applicants')

COURSE APPLICATION FORM – PARAMEDICS (2 positions)

(Please read the attached document 'To all Applicants')

Surname: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

Home ph: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Region of Work: _____

Cost: Flat rate of \$1500.00
incl. GST

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Please indicate source of funding

☐ Self Funded ☐ Education Fund ☐ Flight Service Funded ☐ Combination

Documents to be included with application:

- C.V. with the application form (to include indication of any post graduate studies undertaken (**NB: flight course assignment is to be written at level 8**)
- Evidence of currently working as a paramedic with an aeromedical service *or*
- Evidence of imminently moving into a paramedic position with an Aeromedical service
- Send **complete** application and CV online to:
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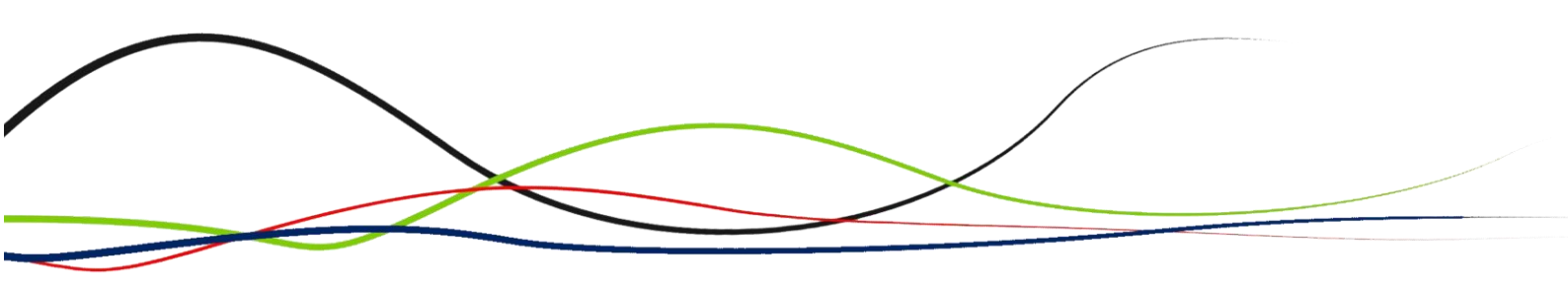
To all applicants
Flight nurses & Paramedics.
Please note the following for the 2017 course
(and future courses)

For any student who has received a DHB funding or external funding source, regardless of passing the course or not a letter will be sent to each student's nursing manager or service manager outlining the following:

- Number of days the course was attended (out of 5 days)
- Exam mark
- Assignment mark
- Overall grade for the course
- Level HUET was achieved to

For each student who **passes** the course, on the back of each course certificate will be:

- Number of days the course was attended (out of 5 days)
- Exam mark
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- Overall grade for the course
- Level HUET was achieved to



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