

Panui

Welcome to the second
edition of NZgNC Panui!

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We hope you will enjoy this new publication to keep you in the loop with the goings on in the committee work projects, education opportunities, and news from around the country- in little snippets for you to share with your teams. Share it, print it for your tea rooms, let us know if you have anything we can include in it to share. *It's for everyone.*



Update from the Chairperson

I was lucky enough to be invited to the GENCA National Conference last week to present their first Trans-Tasman lecture, in what they hope to become a tradition each year. The conference was held in Perth, which is a very impressive city. Especially to a girl from little Dunedin like me!

The conference theme was Change, Challenge and Opportunity, and they asked me to speak on the NZ context...which is pretty broad. However, I gave them an overview of the health services here, and then updated them on each of our subspecialties. The conference was excellent, with great speakers. I hope you take the opportunity to go to the GENCA conference one day too, you wont regret it. Their 2024 conference is in Brisbane in May- keep an eye out.

If you become a GENCA member, you can take advantage of their education scholarship of around \$600 also, and they send out regular educational updates too. You can also apply for the NZgNC education fund which can give you up to \$1800 for International education- and you're on your way! You will be able to share your learnings with us in the Tube, and then be in to win the best Tube article prize at our Gastro conference as well- how about that!

[Link to Education Funding Application - NZgNC](#)

Merrilee Williams
Your Chairperson
NZgNC



Education dates June/July 2023

29th May 2023: IBD Ignite (online)
Click logo for link:



28 June 2023: WGO Climate Course
for Global Gastroenterology webinar
Register for the Zoom webinar [here](#)

30th June 2023: Endoscopic
Reprocessing Specialist Training
(ERST) - Nelson: Register [here](#) for
Nelson ERST June 30th

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IBD Corner



May 19th was World IBD day- to recognise and celebrate this day, a large group attended parliament to meet with our Minister of Health.

They shared with her some of the community's positive outcomes of having IBD which had been collated over the months previous by CCNZ.

There have been some major successes with new medications becoming available this year- these will bring renewed hope and improved quality of life for people with IBD in NZ.



Karen Murdoch and the Hawke's Bay IBD team.

Hepatology corner:



World Hepatitis Day is on July 28th - we would love to see what you do in your department! Mark the date!

Meanwhile, the community awareness bus travels around the South Island raising awareness of hepatitis C, providing education and POC (Point of care) tests.

This great work is being undertaken by peer support workers and hepatology nurses from each district.



The Te Whatu Ora Southern (Dunedin) team at **Wheels at Wanaka** event Easter 2023.

News!

Starship Hospital are excited to announce the employment of a new IBD Nurse and Psychologist dedicated to providing care for paediatric IBD patients and their families. This is wonderful news and the result of a lot of hard work and campaigning by CCNZ (Crohn's and Colitis NZ) and the IBD community.

Life Member

We are sad to hear of the passing of one of our life members, **Kate Bydder**.

Our thoughts are with her family and friends at this time.

Gastroenterology Leader's day

Our Gastroenterology Leaders day is starting to come together nicely! We have an amazing key speaker, the ultimate gentleman of a leader... Sir Ashley Bloomfield, which I'm VERY excited about. The programme is nearly complete, then we will send out the link for registering. We may cap this registration this year to keep it to a number that will enable networking as this is the most important part of leader day. Looking forward to seeing you in Wellington on Friday 8th September!

Keep an eye on our website for more details. https://www.nzno.org.nz/groups/colleges_sections/colleges/nzno_gastroenterology_nurses_college/conferences_events

GENCA Fundamentals of endoscope reprocessing dates:

04 August 2023 - Auckland

18 August 2023 - Wellington

<https://www.genca.org/education/find-an-event/>