Draft Biennial General Meeting Minutes 18 December 2025

Section/College:	MENTAL HEALTH NURSES SECTION	File Record Code:	2025
Committee/Division/ Region:	Biennial Meeting 2025		
Purpose of meeting(optional):			
Date & Time (dd/mm/yyyy):	**18 December 25 12:09pm**		
Location (eg city):	online		
Facilitator	Helen Garrick		
Minute Taker	Elisabeth Auchinvole		
Attendees	Mairi Lucas, Anne Brinkman, Helen Garrick, Jennie Rae, Katie Neal, Bruce Tomlinson, Brett Smith, Helen Bingham, Grant Brookes, Debbie Watson, Mark Baldwin, Jackie Cook, Polly Davies, Elisabeth Auchinvole		
Apologies	One member apology		

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TOPIC	Discussion	Action
Welcome	**Meeting began pm**	
Karakia and Introductions	Jennie Rae performed karakia at the start of the forum	
Minutes 2023		Move to accept Minutes Moved by Grant Brookes, Seconded by Jenny Rae, Motion carried.
Chairpersons Report	Chairperson's report summarised by Helen Garrick.	Move to accept Chairperson's report Moved by Katie Neal, Seconded by Mark Baldwin, motion carried.
Financial Report (Treasurer's Report)	Financial Reports. Treasurer Jenny Rae summarised the Treasurer's report.	Move to accept Financial Report Moved by Jennie Rae, Seconded by Grant Brookes, motion carried.
NZNO Professional Nursing Advisor report.	NZNO Professional Nursing Advisor Report Anne Brinkman summarised PNA Report Grant left the meeting 12:36pm	Moved to accept PNA Report Moved by Katie Neal Seconded by Jennie Rae, motion carried.
Mental Health Nurses Section remits	No remits presented.	
General business	Brett Smith – questions in the rules, at times biennial and some bi-annual. Needs to be "Bi-annual". Anne Brinkman – people are interested, but because of all the overtime, difficult to find members with enough time to attend MHNS events. Helen Garrick – police not attending so quickly is adding to chaos, activity is spreading to on-line resources eg. councillors on Helpline. Carla Berquist acknowledged that there would be plans to change police attendance at welfare checks. Anne Brinkman – Health NZ needs to assist with DAO's.	

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	Webinars to connect with members. Can discuss it with members at March meeting. Bruce Tomlinson, why can enrolled nurses not be a member of Mental Health Nurses Section? General consensus, there are courses to upskill – a lot of enrolled nurses filling gaps when no registered nurses available. Anne Brinkman – rules do not mitigate against ENs joining.	

Meeting Closed 12:58 hrs at 18 December 2025

Date minutes confirmed	
Signed	
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