



## Chairperson Report 2017

This year we are trying to build up committee members and increase our profile in general.

Mental health is a high profile topic this year and we have been part of the media profile for NZNO in regards to mental health and the role mental health nurses have in delivering care as much as possible. We have now included "Snips" as a monthly report for our members. This gives regular information regarding mental health in media from a variety of sources and topics. We have had positive feedback regarding this report, with members finding it a useful tool.

Our ongoing move from section to college is continuing. We are currently looking at getting support around this from an outside source to move forward. As a committee we are committed to this but are aware that the change requires us to gather all the relevant information in order to achieve this goal.

The relationship with Te Ao Maramatanga is developing and we continue to meet with their team to work at more open communication and recognise our differences and common threads. The relationship with Te Pou is also continuing.

We are also working on the relationships with NZNO and have been attending college and section days and other shared days to work on this.

In terms of committee members this is an ongoing process.

Helen and Elle are looking at working together as co-chairs of the committee and Toni remains treasurer. Philip has been involved with the section and will become regularly on the committee and others have applied to be on it.

We now have changing of the guard with Mary McMillan and I are finishing 4 years of being on the committee. I wish to thank everyone for their support as my role in chair and wish the committee and Mental Health Nurses Section all the best for the future.

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Chairperson

Mental Health Nurses Section