



Pacific Nurses Section, NZNO quarterly news bulletin Friday 24 February 2023

Section message

Malo e lelei n Kia Ora everyone.

Welcome to our February newsletter 2023.

PNS acknowledges with humble appreciation of our Pacific nurses, health workers, families and colleagues that were affected at the latest disaster. We really appreciate all that you do and we pray for your safety and well-being for you and your families.

Enjoy reading!
'Ofa atu
Eseta Finau

Consultation

NZNO regularly seeks members input on a range of documents up for consultation. The listing is regularly updated and full information [can be found here](#)

Pacific nurses in NZ

Scholarship winner picks up Peer Mentor - Pasifika role at UCOL Te Pūkenga | Voxy.co.nz

Watching a nurse care for her brother dying of cancer spurred Charlene McGehan to sign up for the Bachelor of Nursing degree at UCOL Te Pūkenga... [Read more](#)

Sunny By Name, Sunny By Nature

"I've always cared for people. I don't care about colour, gender, or age. I've always been friendly," says Sunny, who recently completed his Bachelor of Nursing at UCOL Te Pūkenga Whanganui. [Read more](#)

Role model mum wins scholarship and sets sights on Bachelor of Nursing | Voxy.co.nz

Equipped with leadership skills from her late father, strong Tongan values from her mother and a Toloa tertiary scholarship, Uinita (Nita) Tapa'atoutai is ready to tackle her next big challenge at Ara | Te Pūkenga. [Read more](#)

Mum of five wins nursing scholarship

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Pasifika woman wins Winston Churchill Fellowship

Amio Matenga Ikihele is preparing to take a giant leap in her mission to bridge gaps in the health system for Pasifika people.

The Māngere mother of three received one of the 2023 Winston Churchill Fellowships earlier this month. [Read more](#)

Pacific health researcher, nurse and dancer Suli Tuitaupe

Suli Tuitaupe is an award winning doctoral public health researcher - whose dance videos during Covid-19 lockdowns went viral. [Read more](#)

New Year Honours 2023: Pacific Champions Recognised

The [New Year Honours list for 2023](#) saw a number of Pacific leaders recognised for their contribution to the Pacific and wider New Zealand community. Among the esteemed recipients are two of Etu Pasifika Christchurch's Board Directors and Pasifika Medical Association (PMA) members; Dr Apisalome Talemaitoga (ONZM), for his services to health and the Pacific community, and Father Paulo Filoialii (MNZM), for his services to the Pacific community. [Read more](#)

Pasifika health in NZ

Pacific medical group invests \$10,000 award into health education | Stuff.co.nz

The Pasifika Medical Association (PMA) has announced it will invest the \$10,000 – received with the Arataki Award for Leadership in Community – into health scholarships. [Read more](#)

Etu Pasifika Auckland Recognised For Outstanding Service At 2022 ProCare Quality Awards

The 2022 ProCare Quality Awards have been announced this year, celebrating the work done by general practitioners, nurses and their support teams ... [Read more](#)

Pacific And Māori Resources Now Available For Dementia Support

Alzheimers NZ has a new set of resources available in eight Pacific languages and te reo Māori to support people and whānau living with dementia in Aotearoa. [Read more](#)

New health alliance aims for equitable care for preterm babies

Equitable care for mothers and babies at risk of preterm birth is the focus of a new health alliance.

The Carosika Collaborative Taonga Tuku Iho will launch on Thursday at its first education event at AUT University's south campus in Manukau. [Read more](#)

Survey shows milestone drop in smoking among Pasifika youth

A newly released survey shows daily tobacco smoking rates for New Zealand Pasifika youth are at a record low of less than 2 percent. [Read more](#)

Nursing in the Pacific

Minister says over 800 nurses have resigned - FBC News

An astonishing 800 nurses resigned from the Health Ministry last year alone.

Health Minister Doctor Atonio Lalabalavu highlighted this during his maiden speech in parliament this morning. [Read more](#)

Kiribati teams up with NZ university to tackle mortality rates | RNZ News

The government of Kiribati has partnered with Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand in its efforts to reduce high maternal and child mortality rates in the country..

[Read more](#)

VSA volunteer the first qualified childhood nurse in Rarotonga - Voxy.co.nz

With a passion for child health and development, it is no surprise Molly Dalton was a successful candidate for the Well-Child Trainer assignment ...

[Read more](#)

Second recruitment of nursing students to begin in June - Cook Islands News

Seventeen students pursuing Bachelor in Nursing Pacific are five weeks away from completing their first year of studies.

Academic Nursing Lecturer – Cook Islands for the Bachelor of Nursing Pacific (BNP), Mirella Simpson said they began the programme with 20 students. [Read more](#)

Tonga's new university to open on 27 January | Matangitonga

Tonga's first National University will open on 27 January, the Prime Minister Hon. Hu'akavameiliku announced yesterday, January 11. Tonga needs to urgently increase its training opportunities to replace many skilled Tongans who have left to work overseas, the first press conference for 2023 at St George Building, was told. [Read more](#)

Opposition slams gov't plans to restrict nurses to work abroad - Solomon Star News

LEADER of Opposition, Matthew Wale, has slammed plans by the Government to restrict local nurses from seeking job opportunities overseas.

The Opposition Office is aware that nurses are planning a mass departure to work at Aged Care Centres in Australia with offers also in Vanuatu. [Read more](#)

American Hospital CEO defends recruiting nurses from Fiji and Philippines

PAGO PAGO (Samoa News/Pacnews) — Hiring nurses from Fiji and the Philippines, instead of neighbouring Samoa has raised a lot of eyebrows in the U.S. territory of American Samoa. [Read more](#)

Health in the Pacific – general

Pasifika Medical Association to provide medical care to six Pacific countries

The [Pacific Medical Association](#) (PMA) has secured a contract to provide specialised medical services to six Pacific countries for the next five years. [Read more](#)

'Humbled to serve' - PACMAT mission in Niue complete | Voxy.co.nz

The Pasifika Medical Association's (PMA) two Medical Assistance teams (PACMAT) have now completed their deployment in Niue, having offered support to Niue Foou Hospital from December 18, 2022 to January 12, 2023. [Read more](#)

Pacific eye health research to combat blindness, vision impairment

Research into the state of eye health in the Pacific region is underway to improve health systems. [Read more](#)

Pacific Eye-health Survey Getting Under Way

An ambitious research programme named the 'State of Eye Health in the Pacific' is getting under way. [Read more](#)

Samoa health ministry to boost measles vaccination rates

Samoa's Ministry of Health is set to launch a campaign to boost the percentage of measles vaccination in the country. [Read more](#)

Tonga: NZ medical team notices signs of post-traumatic stress disorder | The Paradise News

Tonga's recovery after the January volcanic eruption has been hampered by the current Covid-19 restrictions, raising concerns about mental health. According to The Pacific Medical Association in New Zealand, there has been a rise in cases of post-traumatic stress disorder. [Read more](#)

Covid

Covid-19 and Long Covid's heavy impact on Māori, Pasifika and disabled

Results of a nationwide study released today show Māori, Pasifika, tāngata whaikaha Māori and disabled tāngata Tiriti continue to be disproportionately impacted by Covid-19.

[Read more](#)

Covid-19 outbreak: Probe exposes failings in contact tracing within Pacific community - RNZ

An investigation into the country's August 2020 Covid-19 outbreak has found there was delay in contact tracing for Pacific people, contributing to widening health disparities.

[Read more](#)

New Zealand items – general

New Zealand opens Manaaki scholarship: Papua New Guineans can apply

THE New Zealand government's Manaaki scholarships is now open for Papua New Guineans to apply.

According to information on the New Zealand government's website, scholarships are available for the 2024 intake. [Read more](#)

Journals, reports and articles

Bronchiectasis in children following kidney transplantation in New Zealand.

Everitt, J., Mulholland, A., Kim, V. and Prestidge, C. (2023),

J Paediatr Child Health, 59: 47-52. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jpc.16233>

Bronchiectasis is an acquired chronic respiratory condition with a relatively high incidence in New Zealand children. Bronchiectasis following kidney transplant has been reported internationally. This study aimed to identify the incidence rate of bronchiectasis following paediatric kidney transplantation. Secondary aims were to assess the impact on kidney allograft function and identify risk factors that might prompt earlier diagnosis [Read more](#)

Māori Health Review

Arotake Hauora Māori

Issue 101

In this issue, we highlight the poor long-term outcomes of Māori and Pasifika children with lupus nephritis, compared with non-Māori/non-Pasifika children.

- Mental health inequities for Māori youth
- ADHD medication for Māori and non-Māori children
- Contactless HPV self-testing for Māori and Pasifika women

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