

NZNO PNS AGM Meeting. Friday 17th October 2025.

Sorrento Restaurant, One Tree Hill, Auckland

Time: 1:30pm – 3.45pm

Chair: Eseta Finau

Present: Abel Smith, Saunima’a Josephine Sasa, Angela Clarke, Loli Mesepa Channing, Taiivao Siniva Cruickshank, Metua Daniel-Atutolu, Danielle Tangimetua, Marianne Harris, Lupe Helu, Sylvia Mafi, Siosaia Penitani, Caroline Rota, Aiva Panama, Dominic Autagavaia, Chermayne Raega, Fiona Lomata, Lavinia, Lorna Kunitau, Lannah Taueu, Verinika Vuki, Unaisi Wainivetau, Lomalinda Tasi, Fereni Maso-Afamasaga, Pulemau Vailima, Helen Patea, Anna Liki, Aiolupotea Hilda Faasalele, Jenna Keepa, Ofa Maukakala, Leilani Hipa, Salvindra Ram, Marisa Chu Ling, Inita Matautia, Jenny Kendall, Francis Benefield, Safia Sabir, Lena Emani-Manoa, Aliti Tawake, Atatose Canty, Simione Tagicakibau, Sally Cocker, Samoa Fotuika, Siosiana Penitani, Tolua Ariu, Mareta Peseta-Simanu, Vui Suli Tuitaupe, Jayshree Patel, Sisilia Peini, Amelia Fifitavi, Stephanie Tiseli, Marianne Pauuvale, Akenese Tuala, Naomi Talisa, Tauafu Fonua, Inoke Finau, Olivia Maka, Alrayyan Tautaiolevao, Justis Haioti, Sia Uili, Jessica Unu, Vasiti Taserenavanua, Siosifa Tupou, Daphne Misinale, Jannette Hennings, Viena Lasike, Kelera Tuifagalele, Doreen Leo, Noreen Tully, Mutui Alao-Snyder, Elsie Smith, Lupe Tasi, Andrew Arona, Siteri Kama, Vesenai Tikoicina, Jennifer Crisp, Sieni Lagaluga-Seve, Karen Bramley,

Apologies: Kupa Kupa, Violani Wills.

Item	Discussion	Action
Lotu		Fijian Nurses Association
Welcome		Eseta Finau – Chair
Roll call & apologies		Eseta Finau
Minutes of Meeting	Minutes read by Saunima’a Josephine Sasa. Questions. General Business:	Moved: Tausi Soifua Samoa Second: Tonga Nurses Association Passed
Correspondence	Eseta talked to correspondences that she has received.	
Financial Report	Abel talked to the report. - Financial report presented. - Prospective budget presented for next financial year	Moved: Tausi Soifua Samoa Second: Loli Mesepa Channing
Reports	Chairpersons Report – Eseta Finau.	Moved: Sia

	Pacific Ethnic Nursing Reports • Cook Island – Metua Daniel Atutolu, President • Fiji - Abel Smith • Niuean – Aiva Panama presented on behalf of the Tau Nosi Niue President, Richard Sihamau • Tausi soifua Samoa – Auckland & Wellington branches. • Tokelau – Malia Debriacher • Tonga – • Kiribati – Dr Mira Schutz – President	Second: Ulufafo Moved: Aiva Second:
Remits	No Remits.	
NZNO Reports	Professional Nursing Advisor Report – Angela Clark Angela presented a brief report.	Moved - Cook Island Nurses Association Carried - Niuean Nurses Association
General Business	Discussion about the transition of PNS to Pacific Nurses Ethnic Advisory Group (PNEAG) led by Abel Smith. Key discussion points • Discussed the new development of the Pacific Advisory Group (PAG) and Matua Council. PAG is the name at the moment, but members will discuss its final name and refreshed logo and will consult with the Matua about their logo. • The nomination process for the Matua Council members will go through a EOI process which the PAG will set up. • When you nominate for the PAG and Matua Council to nominate your best people who are the movers and shakers. • Building PAG membership will be important moving forward. • NZNO will recognise PAG as the Pacific voice. • PAG TOR will be developed by new members. Once the committee have their first meeting, they choose their own Chair,	

	Secretary and PNS committee will hand over to them in our next meeting in February 2026 and offer mentoring. • The establishment of PNS will have some negative aspects – losing Eseta as Chair who has been in her position for 6 terms, longer than the rules stipulate. It's a full-time role and Eseta has been in a prime position to be Chair. We will lose the collegial voice in Colleges and Sections, but we will build our voice as PAG. • The PAG charter is an interim document adopted from Te Runanga Nurses which was developed in partnership with NZNO and the PNS. If there are any concerns from members to email to Angela and discussed at the next PAG meeting. • PAG will be working alongside Te Rūnanga nurses, moving forward. • Matua council members must be an NZNO meeting and also living in NZ, including Cook Island members. Cook Island based members must be present at our meetings. • We need nominations for the Matua group. • We need to rebrand and refresh moving forward. PNS has done it's time. • A question from a member Hawkes Bay – The PNS members seem to be mainly from Auckland and small numbers from other regions. How are they represented who live out of the regions and tried to set up an association? There are also nurses who represent different Pacific Island in one region but are small in numbers, how can the be supported? • Abel responded – Associations are national groups but how they cover their groups is up to the individual associations e.g. Fijian Nurses Association has five branches Hawkes Bay, Wellington, Auckland. Are there members of your ethnic association you can contact? Bring their names to this forum and PNS can help them join an association and knowing who the associations are. PNS is a collective of groups of Pacific ethnic associations. Representatives who attend the symposium can connect with their ethnic specific association and when they go back to their region to inform nurses which associations exist and how to	
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	contact them. It's important for the Presidents of each association to look at new members and young members to join. For a long time young members were not coming to PNS because they were not confident to connect so associations must go out and spread the message to come and join PNS. It's a two-way process. It is a challenge in the rural areas. • Email Abel or Eseta if anyone needs clarification. • Next year will be the last PNS AGM and PAG will take over the leadership.	
Closing Prayer	3:45pm	Taiivao Siniva Cruickshank