



To all our PNC Members, Colleagues and Friends

I want to thank you for your ongoing work and dedication to providing safe and appropriate care to the patients despite many mitigating circumstances. Before this COVID-19 outbreak, we were already experiencing shortages of nursing staff and consumables. This Lockdown has created further issues. Our thoughts are with the Auckland region.

Unfortunately, because of the current COVID-19 outbreak, your National Committee has had to make the difficult decision to, yet again, postpone the PNC Conference. It was not an easy call for us. As a College, we cannot cancel at short notice; the costs are beyond our means. We take our responsibility of managing the budget of the PNC extremely seriously-therefore we had to take the option that costs the least.

With the continuation of the COVID-19 outbreak, we cannot run our Conference with the Alert Level 2 criteria (restricted in-person numbers), and this would mean that we would run at a significant loss. The National Committee considered alternative options for hosting the Conference, including an online event. However, solely online options would see us losing sponsorship-which again, would see us run at a loss.

We are working hard towards re-scheduling for the middle of 2022. We are aiming to avoid the school holidays, which will hopefully allow more members to attend. If you have registered, please roll your registration over; therefore, you will not experience any increased costs. National Committee will be working alongside the regional conference committee to continue to deliver an engaging educational opportunity for all nurses across the perioperative continuum.

We will be in touch with everyone in the next few weeks with a new date for our Conference. Please be assured that the PNC remains dedicated to providing its members with educational and professional development opportunities. Your National Committee members are working hard to achieve this for you.

With kindest regards and best wishes to you all.

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