



# Newsletter of the Perioperative Nurses College of NZNO

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## Useful Links

### Knowledge and Skills Framework

The framework is available to download and print free of charge or purchase from the secretary for a cost of \$20.00 inclusive of postage and packaging.

To view – [Click Here](#)

### Career Planning in Perioperative Nursing

Check out our new resource:

To view - [Click Here](#)

## Contact Us

Email [pnc.sec@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pnc.sec@xtra.co.nz)

Website [click here to access](#)

Thank you Sunny Nelson for hosting a fantastic conference! We look forward to the report and photos in December's edition of The Dissector

## Introducing the NEW National Committee

Position/Portfolio	Name	Region
Chair	Johanna McCamish	Auckland / Northland
Vice Chair	Juliet Asbery	
Secretary (Ex-officio)	Berice Beach	
Treasurer	Rob McHawk	
Membership	Sarah Eton	Otago
Project Coordinator Trade Stand / Posters	Sabine Mueller	Marlborough / Nelson
Awards	Amanda Hammond	Hawkes Bay
Regional Liaison	Cassandra Raj	Central North Island
Professional Practice Committee Liaison	Juliet Asbery	Wellington
Website	Leanne Dalley	Southland
Editorial Committee Liaison	Tracey Lee	Auckland / Northland
Submissions	Ali Perry	Canterbury West Coast
NZNO Prof. Nurse Advisor	Suzanne Rolls	

## Perioperative Tweets

On twitter? Search #IFPNPresident and keep up with perioperative nursing discussions

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## Introducing Cassandra Raj



Cassandra Raj is the Central North Island representative on National Committee and holds the Newsletter portfolio. Cassandra trained at the Waikato Institute of Technology, Hamilton and qualified in 2001 there after completing new graduate year at Waikato DHB. She is a Senior Staff Nurse in the Perioperative environment at Bay of Plenty District Health Board, Tauranga. She gained extensive and broad perioperative knowledge and skills overseas and for the past decade has worked mainly in Urology, General, Orthopaedics and Acute surgery. During this time Cassandra graduated with Post Graduate Diploma of Nursing in 2014. Recently Cassandra has accepted an Acting Associate Perioperative Clinical Nurse Manager position within BOPDHB.

In addition to her normal duties Cassandra has been an active member of Central North Island Perioperative Nurses College since 2009, starting as the secretary/treasurer moving to chairperson for 4 years. Cassandra is passionate about perioperative education and looks forward to putting this motivation to use as the current Vice Convenor of the 2019 PNC Conference in Hamilton. In September 2017 Cassandra had the fortunate opportunity to work with the Friends of Fiji Surgical Team where they provided much needed specialist Laparoscopic and General surgery at Labasa Hospital, Fiji. Having worked in specialist Urological Laparoscopic Assisted Prostatectomies in both the private and public areas, Cassandra is interested in researching the prospects and limitations of RN's assisting during laparoscopic surgery. When Cassandra is not at work she enjoys the Coromandel Peninsula, fishing, diving and spending quality time with family and friends.

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## Conference 2019 Website is live

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to join us at the Annual Perioperative Nurses College conference in Hamilton 17th-19th October 2019.

Our theme is Lifeblood- the indispensable factor or influence that gives something its strength and vitality. Our goal is to provide you with talented speakers that show how nurses, health professionals and the human body can be the indispensable factor of our healthcare system. Research, education, time and passion contribute significantly to the continuing success and existence of New Zealand perioperative care.

Come and see what gives these people strength. What is their lifeblood? These are just a few of the topics we will be exploring at our conference and planning is well underway for 2019. We look forward to seeing all of our members and colleagues for an exciting, motivating and limit pushing conference. Click on this link to join the Perioperative Nurses College Conference mailing list.

<https://www.confer.nz/periop2019>

Lucy Johnson PNC Conference Convener 2019

