

NEW ZEALAND COLLEGE OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE NURSES

(NZCPHCN)

CHAIR'S REPORT FOR THE 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)



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"Naku te rourou, nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi"

With your basket and my basket, the people will flourish, meaning, with the cooperation and combination of resources, we all will move together to get ahead.

As the Chair, I would like to thank all of you in Primary Health, who continue with the long hours and work, ensuring our community is cared for. As professionals in the sector it can seem arduous but please note that your work and effort does not go unnoticed. Thank you.

The members of national executive committee represent the college members on many external working groups, and at times members are called upon to represent as well. These representatives

- act in the best interest of NZCPHCN and communicate back to the committee as required
- provide reports as identified by NZCPHCN Chair of participation and progress; and
- provide an overview of external groups represented.

As well as the executive committee the sub-committees, professional practice committee (PPC) and LOGIC continue to work hard to ensure members voices are being heard and addressed.

WEAVING THE JOURNEY IN PRIMARY HEALTH

Like every year, 2023 presented with more challenges for primary health.

- A new government was elected, which brings ongoing challenges needing to be addressed for nursing.
- the dissemination of Te Aka Whai Ora began
- vaccinations to be introduced into pharmacies and
- HPV self swabbing commenced.

As we engage into another year, the reminder is that we can only make a difference if we are all at the table or on the menu. This was highlighted in ongoing discussions with the Interim Chief Nurse.

The college recognises and acknowledges the constraints each area of nursing face on a daily basis. Working collaboratively and engaging with each sector is the way forward. Now is the time for primary health to stand strong, united and be a voice "Maranga Mai!" Every nurse, every where.

REGULAR ENGAGEMENT

- Interim Chief Nurse Emma Dickson and Te Aka Whaiora Nadine Gray
- General Practitioner Leadership Forum

- Pharmac
- ACC Primary Sector Engagement
- LARC and Cervical Screening

The synergy of our committee and the collegiality, focus and determination of the national executive committee, LOGIC and PPC, and our Professional Nursing Advisor managed to successfully continue doing this without a secretary for the past two years.

We have newly appointed committee members to now bring the committee to almost full capacity, and one vacancy to be filled.

Together we will grow. Maranga Mai!

Tracey Morgan
NZCPHCN National Executive Chair