



Snippets from NZ College of Primary Health Care Nurses

October meeting 2017

This was the College's first face to face meeting of the National Executive and committees since the August Annual General Meeting (AGM). Eight new members were elected onto the Executive, Logic or Professional Practice Committees.

The first half of the day was focused on familiarisation and review of the College's Strategic Plan 2015-2020. The Operational Plan was discussed and roles were assigned. The NZNO's College and Section Handbook was distributed to the new members. The Strategic plan can be viewed on the College webpage:

https://www.nzno.org.nz/groups/colleges_sections/colleges/college_of_primary_health_care_nurses

2016 SYMPOSIUM: FUTURE DIRECTION - YOUR ROADMAP

This year's symposium in Auckland attracted a smaller number of attendees than previous years. Whilst the feedback on the day was very positive regarding the calibre of speakers and topics covered, the end result was that the symposium ran at a loss.

The College has a survey monkey coming out shortly to gauge interest on what members are wanting in terms of professional development and as important the networking that occurs at these national events. The survey should be in your electronic inbox shortly or it can be accessed on the College webpage.

One of the expectations of being an NZNO College is to hold annual or biannual conference/symposium and to hold an AGM. The AGM requires we have a quorum of five percent of total membership. With the College growing in membership (now 1800 members), it is becoming increasingly difficult to gather this quorum for the AGM. This year's AGM held during the morning tea break at the symposium didn't achieve a quorum attendance. As a consequence, remits are being passed through an electronic process.

THE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE NURSES KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS FRAMEWORK

The NZ Primary Health Care Nursing Knowledge and Skills Framework is a Joint Venture between MidCentral District Health Board, the New Zealand Nurses' Organisation and the NZ College of Primary Health Care Nurses. The Framework is intended to provide support to achieve best practice by primary healthcare nurses and used alongside other national guidelines and standards of practice. The draft document has been distributed to College members and other interested parties for consultation. The Professional Practice Committee is in the process of collating the feedback; the results will be

presented to the National Executive meeting in early December. Recommendations for any required changes will be fed back to MidCentral before Christmas.

NEW ZEALAND DOCTOR MAGAZINE

We will continue to write a short article for this journal. It is a great opportunity to get a nursing perspective into the GP arena. A roster has been organised; please let us know if you would be keen to write a short paragraph, 400 words, on some aspect of PHC nursing.

GUEST SPEAKER

Eldred Gilbert is the Project Lead with NZNO for the 'Visibility of Nursing Strategy: Advance the Health of the Nation'. She spoke about the development of this piece of work. She added another three determinants of health being climate change, commercial and culture. The committees were shown the nearly completed video clip which helps depict the visibility of nurses and it was agreed that it will be an excellent tool for nurses to use. Eldred asked the National Executive to update the 'Maximising the Nursing Contribution to Positive Outcomes for The New Zealand Population' document. Again the Professional Practice Committee will send this out to the membership for consultation, with the draft going back to the February Executive Meeting.

LOGIC JOURNAL COMMITTEE

The Logic committee discussed their plan for 2018 and publication dates. Luckily four previous members have remained so the journal is in excellent hands. More details of 2018 themes and dates later in the journal.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE

The refreshed Key Objectives for the coming year were ratified. Work streams consist of maintaining the College webpage; reviewing and updating the Electronic Resources document (found on the College website); ensuring we have a link with NZNO Nursing Research section, and developing links with tertiary providers of both undergraduate and post graduate nursing programmes. The committee will also post a link showing the Health Workforce NZ co-ordinators within each District Health Board.

Lastly, the College is very keen to continue growing the membership. One way to facilitate this is to encourage the development of the Regional Networks. Please see the article in the December issue of LOGIC or contact one of the Professional Practice Committee members for further information.