



Snippets from NZ College of Primary Health Care Nurses' National Committees meeting held in Christchurch

23-24 August 2018

Membership is stable at 1778.

NZNO's Nursing Strategy has been published and can be viewed via the NZNO webpage or <https://www.nurses.org.nz/>. There are 98 action points arising from the strategy, the College will work with NZNO to develop these and ensure that the PHC Nurse voice is reflected.

PHC Knowledge & Skills Framework draft has been received from MidCentral District Health Board; committee members have till the end of August to make comments back to the Professional Practice Committee.

The Committees had a 'Zoom' tutorial as there have been problems running Skype sessions for our regular meetings. There seemed to be real benefits in using this platform.

Regional Activities: As a result of feedback received through the survey held earlier this year, the College executive is working hard to re-establish the regional networks. Auckland region will be having a suturing workshop in the near future, spaces will be very limited. Discussions are taking place for a meeting to be held in Whangarei in the near future.

Prior to the AGM in Christchurch the College hosted a very successful information evening. We explained the 'who, what, why and how' of the College. It was a bonus that Chris Wilson was able to join us to share her experiences of being on the District Health Board MECA (Multi-Employer Collective Agreement) negotiating team and how that will influence the Primary Health Care Nurses MECA. The PHC MECA expired at the end of August 2018. To ensure that you are kept fully informed of MECA developments, please make sure that NZNO has your current workplace and contact details including email address. Give the NZNO membership team a call on 0800 28 38 48 – if these need updating.

The Colleges Annual General Meeting (an NZNO requirement) was held on the Thursday 23rd August. Annual reports were tabled; you can view these on the College webpage. Following the meeting two remits (rule changes) need to be voted on via a Survey Monkey this will be sent out to all

members shortly. It is important to have your say. For more information the remits can be found here:

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

The last part of our evening was to present the New Nurse to Practice award and the Jane Ayling Tall Poppy award. Both have \$1,000 attached to them. Unfortunately no nominations were received for the New Nurse award. It is with pleasure that the Tall Poppy award is given to a:

"nursing colleague of genuine merit who is elevated above or distinguished from their peers? Nominate such a colleague who has shown leadership and exceptional commitment to patient care, who stands out and warrants acknowledgement and support of their growth."

This year's winner is Bronwyn Boele van Hensbroek-Miller. Bronwyn works as a Nurse Practitioner at Te Aro Health Centre in the heart of Wellington. Te Aro is a low cost practice which cares for some of Wellington's most vulnerable people. Bronwyn runs clinics at the Wellington Soup Kitchen and Downtown Ministries. Bronwyn also maintains her midwifery registration.

She is a deserving recipient of the Jane Ayling Tall Poppy award for 2018. Congratulations Bronwyn.