



Snippets from the meeting of the National Committees of the NZ College of Primary Health Care Nurses, NZNO

November 2018

The November meeting was the first face to face meeting of the New Zealand College of Primary Health Care Nurses NZNO, National Executive and Standing Committees since the August Annual General Meeting held in Christchurch. Two new members were welcomed. Erica Donovan joined the Logic Committee while Kelly Robertson has joined the Professional Practice Committee. Please check their biographies on the College webpage.

A quorum was not obtained at Christchurch meeting, therefore a survey monkey was sent to all College members to vote on the remits. There were 68 responses to the survey from the nearly 1800 members, enough to form a quorum and the remits were passed 67/68.

Several actions are being implemented to improve the College's interface with members. The membership processes have been revamped, resulting in all new members receiving a welcome letter. The College webpage content is under review. There will soon be a new section on the home page especially for nurses wanting to move into a primary care role with a link to useful resources.

The Regional Networks contact list has been updated. There are four regions without a contact person, so if you live in Bay of Plenty, Taranaki, Nelson-Marlborough or Otago-Southland regions and would be keen to be involved with the College at a local level, please contact our secretary Fiona Murray via collegeprimaryhealthcare@gmail.com.

To increase the College Executive's ability to network with members, some of the regular meetings will be held in the regions, starting with Nelson next August. For Nelson Primary, Aged Care and other community nurses, now is your chance to let the College know what you would like in the way of information for a study session via the email: collegeprimaryhealthcare@gmail.com Similar events will be planned for Dunedin, Palmerston North and Whangārei.

The Professional Practice Committee (PPC) has been working on two big pieces of work and bringing them to fruition. Firstly the Primary Health Care Knowledge & Skills Framework is in the final draft stages. The Framework is currently being formatted by NZNO staff with the College Executive keen to have it released by the early in the new year. The second is the updated Electronic Resources document which is now available on the resources page of the website

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

There is a vacancy on the PPC of the current four committee members, three are Practice Nurses. The committee needs representation from another area of practice such as Aged Care, Public Health, District Nursing, or any other community nursing role. Nomination forms will be out shortly – check your emails or the website/Facebook pages.

LOGIC journal (Linking Opportunities Generating Inter-Professional Collaboration) is going from strength to strength thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Logic Committee lead by Yvonne Little, Editor and Publisher Celeste Gillmer. The journal is consistently over 50 pages in length with four editions each year. Businesses may soon be able to advertise in our journal which will provide an income for the College. The editorial team are always looking for more contributors in particular those from mental health nurses. Themes for the December issue are party health; safe sex/sexual health; wellbeing and prevention - needle exchange; Plunket; sun protection – melanoma.

The College has engaged the services of Linda Stopforth, a former NZNO librarian. Linda will produce a quarterly bulletin of news items and references to academic papers from New Zealand and internationally with relevance to Primary Health Care. The first bulletin has been delivered to your e-mail inboxes. If you haven't received the bulletin, please ring NZNO to check they have your correct contact details. We hope you find the bulletin useful – we would be interested in your feedback.

The meeting welcomed Steven Lillis from the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGPs) via a Zoom connection. Steven is a GP and Director of Assessment with the University of Auckland and Medical Advisor to the Ministry of Health. One of his research projects is looking at the importance of repeat prescribing which creates the biggest numbers of errors in general practice. The College of GPs is surveying its members around prescribing practices acknowledging the whole practice team is involved. The College would be keen to run a similar survey on repeat and nurse prescribing in collaboration with the RCGPs. The executive is in the process of developing objectives and a timeline. This is very exciting to be working with our medical colleagues on a joint project.

The next face to face meeting for the Executive and Standing Committees is to be held in Wellington in February 2019.