

Professional Nursing Adviser report College of Respiratory Nurses, NZNO AGM 15th February 2019

Firstly thanks must go to the College of Respiratory Nurses, NZNO national committee who have shown strong strategic leadership, dedication and professional engagement. NZNO relies on the selfless work of volunteers as a membership organisation and acknowledges the huge commitments made by the Committee over and above the personal and professional commitments each and every one of these members hold. The systems, networks, external collaboration, and participation continue to be highly regarded and valued by NZNO. Thankfully this year the Committee has remained stable and well assisting a real sense of consolidation and partnership to develop between the older members and the three newer members.

The Chairpersons report outlined the achievements of 2018 year and the future directions for this well recognised and respected College especially the highlighting the coming work to update the Knowledge and Skills framework .

The Chairs report also welcomed new Committee members who were voted on at the 2018 AGM in Wellington – Mary Cox and Nicola Corna . Nicola is a returning Committee member whose past experience is proving extremely valuable and Mary has brought unique skills and experience with a rural nursing perspective to the Committee. As noted in the Chairs report very sadly the Committee will farewell their current Chair Mary Gluyas, Secretary Laura Campbell and treasurer Sharon Hancock at this years' AGM , All have made very significant contributions to the Committee and will be sorely missed. NZNO would like to extend sincere thanks for all the selfless (and wise) work you have contributed. Later in the AGM the process for selecting their replacements will be completed. Although the Chair has already highlighted this I would like to add very special congratulations to both Carol and Dawn for achieving their NP status. Incredibly, both nurses achieved this huge accomplishment whilst working for the national Committee plus Carol whilst organising the highly successful 2018 national symposium and Dawn during a very significant change of employment...Congratulations to them both.

SO what has happened for NZNO more broadly throughout 2018 ?

At the beginning of 2018 the Medico-Legal forums saw the NZNO Professional Services Team (PST) presenting a series of six forums about Informed Consent, led by the NZNO Lawyers. The forums were rapidly booked out and feedback proved they were extremely successful. 2019 our focus will be on all things Medication Management.

NZNO staff have had a busy year dealing with increasing issues related to staffing and collective bargaining. Both the DHB and Primary Health MECAs renegotiations have proven extremely challenging and there has been huge amounts of work undertaken to gain the best outcomes possible. In July New Zealand nurses went on strike for the first time in 30 years. Due to legislative requirements part of the strike action was the provision of Life Preserving Services (LPS). The NZNO professional and industrial teams were involved in the planning of these services both regionally and nationally and there have been many valuable lessons learned during this process. The resultant DHB MECA will see NZNO staff heavily committed to supporting DHBs with their CCDM processes under clear Ministry guidance.

The NZNO Strategy for Nursing: Advancing the Health of the Nation, was officially launched earlier this year. The five year strategy identifies actions that will increase visibility and position nursing to help meet the health needs of communities and the general population. It focuses on key actions related to five themes: Our Community (Whanaungatanga), Model of Care (Manaakitanga), Equity (Ōritetanga), Leadership (Rangatiratanga), and Nursing Workforce (Te Ohu Māori). And available on the NZNO website and I would strongly encourage you to access and read it.

In September the NZNO College and Section Day, National AGM and Conference were once again held and were highly successful and well patronised. At the AGM Chief Executive Memo Muso said NZNO's total membership grew 4.7% to 50,708 members (up from 48,444 last year). Financially the organisation had an income of \$21.4m (more than 90% from member's subscriptions) and expenditure of \$21.7m but with adjustments NZNO ended the year with a surplus of \$182,419. He provided a range "good news" statistics from the 2017/18 Annual report: Held 184 professional forums attended by over 6,000 people, Made 27 submissions to government and related agencies, Membership grew 7% to 50,708 members (up from 48,444 last year), Membership support centre took on average 770 calls a week, Medico-legal team dealt with 282 new medico-legal cases involving 354 members ranging from coroner's cases to Health and Disability Commissioner complaints, Strategy towards pay equity settlement agreed to as part of DHB negotiations, Negotiated around 33 collective

agreements and Official launch of NZNO Strategy for Nursing (one of seven major publications). The 2017/18 Annual report provides more details from the past years activities and is available on the NZNO website.

Colleges and section members and committees have provided valuable input into the many submissions prepared by NZNO this year and this is greatly appreciated by the policy analysts and PNA team. Specifically your Committee submitted feedback on the national Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy which was well complimented by feedback from the Asthma Foundation. NZNO knows that life is busy for everyone working within the health care environment and greatly appreciates being able to add your voice to important social/health issues such as the euthanasia debate (End-of-Life Bill) and many others also. This year Nursing must have a strong voice in the upcoming health and disability system review. The draft terms of reference for this review are available from the Ministry of Health (MoH) website.

Finally and again NZNO congratulate the College of Respiratory Nurses and wishes them success in their goals for the forthcoming year. NZNO and me personally look forward to working with the committee and all of the College of Respiratory Nurses members through this year to achieve their goals.

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