

# College of Respiratory Nurses

## AGM 2020

### Chairperson's Report

Since the 2019 AGM, the year has been very eventful. The committee welcomed three new members to our ranks. They joined the committee seamlessly and have worked hard along the rest of the committee to achieve the goals and objectives of the college. The committee has continued to provide a voice for Respiratory Nurses throughout New Zealand, working diligently to ensure new research, resources and information is easily accessible. I applaud and thank the committee members for all the work they have completed over the year. I would like to extend my and the committee's endless gratitude for all the knowledge and support given to the College by NZNO Professional Nursing Adviser, Annie and Administrator, Diana. The College Committee would not run quite as smoothly as it does without their support.

"Airways" continues to be published every quarter thanks to the Editor Carol. Every edition containing new and interesting information on Respiratory issues. Thank you, Carol for your excellent work keeping the newsletter going. The Committee Treasurer, Dawn has continued to work tirelessly keeping the finances steady and positive. Nicola, the Committee Secretary has been a superb source of information and support for the committee and this fledgling chairperson. Vineeta, new to the committee, had done a great work keeping the website up to date with information, web links and resources. Jill, also new to the committee has worked solidly to put together submissions to the various consultation documents. Most notably, Smoke-free Environments and Vaping products, Achieving Medicine Access equity and the Health and Disability System review. The third new committee member, Moira, has kept close eye on the ever-increasing membership to the College. Ensuring every opportunity for the promotion of the College, is taken.

In line with the Annual Plan, the College of Respiratory Nurses planned to hold their biannual Respiratory Symposium "Bronchiectasis Awhi Mai Awhi Atu". Vice Chair, Mary and her Committee, organised an amazing event but because of the Pandemic, the symposium had to be cancelled. Mary, in partnership with the CEO of the Bronchiectasis Foundation and the members of the planning committee are to be congratulated on the effort and energy that was taken to plan and arrange this awesome Symposium.

The New Zealand Adult Respiratory Nursing Knowledge and skills Framework (RKSF) has been reviewed and updated by a committee of very experienced Respiratory Nurses from throughout New Zealand. The RKSF, first developed in 2010 and endorsed by the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand (TSANZ), Nurses Special Interest Group (SIG) and the National Nursing Consortium. It is a living document which Nurses who are caring for adults with a Respiratory condition, may use as a benchmark for their practice. With all the changes happening in the management of Respiratory conditions, the College of Respiratory Nurses congratulate the committee on completing the update of this amazing resource. The challenge now is to embed the framework into our practice.

Because of the pandemic and the cancellation of the Respiratory Symposium, the annual face to face AGM was unable to be held in its usual format in April 2020. There is now going to be a virtual AGM happening on July 28<sup>th</sup> 2020. Three of our valued committee members will be

stepping down too - Mary, Dawn and Carol, thank you for agreeing to stay on until July. Your willingness and experience are most appreciated. The Committee has enjoyed your knowledge, and experience and will miss your enthusiasm to complete everything that is asked of you. The College of Respiratory Nurses wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

In this, the International Year of the Nurse, the Committee of the College of Respiratory Nurses would like to extend their best wishes and gratitude to all nurses working through this difficult time with the pandemic. The theme for International Nurses day is "A voice to lead, Nursing the world" and 2020 has shown the world that nurses have been the backbone in the fight against the COVID-19 infection.

As chairperson, I would like to thank the committee members for all their continued hard work and support over the past year. Their unrelenting optimism towards ensuring that Respiratory disease management is as important a health target as cardiovascular disease and Diabetes within the health system of New Zealand, is awe inspiring.

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