



Chair's Annual Report for the 2025 Women's Health College AGM

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The Women's Health College has had a successful year with our largest ever conference in Queenstown in May 2024, and significant growth of our college membership. Social media and a competition for one free conference registration has been useful in attracting new members. We were privileged to have Professor Bev Lawton (ONZM), New Zealander of the Year join us in Queenstown. Members from our committee have been engaging with NZNO by attending College and Section (C&S) and Induction. This is our opportunity to contribute to how NZNO can best support C&S work and functions. The Committee has also looked to engage more politically in the interest of nursing and health services for women/ wāhine. We have contributed to and made submissions on the recent consultation from the Minister of Health, *"Putting Patients First, Modernising Health Workforce Regulations"* and several months ago we submitted our support for the proposal to fund Cerazette.

This year's annual conference *"Wings of Change"* is being held on May the 15th in Auckland, which is also offering a Train the Trainer, Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) Training Workshop, and a new initiative workshop that will give nurses and midwives an interactive experience, using new technologies and seeing live presentations of new equipment. A chance to build new skills and hands on experience.

The Hysteroscopy Training is moving forward with three trained and more training. I am proud to be representing Aotearoa, New Zealand in May 25 in Zanzibar, at the first congress for nurses/midwives in hysteroscopy. This networking opportunity is significant. I feel privileged that I have this opportunity to present two posters and one paper.

I would like to thank the current and past committee members who make this work possible by volunteering for this work to enhance their own and the patient's journey. This is also an opportunity to invite other nurses and midwives to consider joining our committee, which has members joining and leaving every four years.