



April 2020 Newsletter



**WOMEN'S
HEALTH COLLEGE**

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Editorial

We hope you are all coping in these strange times. The College would like to thank all nurses working and looking after everyone. We hope you have all you need to keep safe.

If you have read the March Kai Tiaki you will see the WHC featuring on page 8 about Abortion decriminalisation, Mirena availability, and PHARMAC's lack in supporting menstrual products.

Anne Simmons has an article about informed consent page 19, and an article on Nurse led Hysteroscopy Clinics on page 43. The WHC hopes to support nurses who wish to become a Nurse Hysteroscopist, and are looking to develop the guidelines for this, as they have for Nurse Colpocopists.

A Word from our Chairperson:

I am writing this while the country is in lockdown for COVID-19, and it's hard to remember all the good things that have happened in the past year.

- We, as in WHC have achieved a lot with the PHARMAC decision to fund Mirena IUS for contraception. At this time of lockdown, there will be many women in the country who also do not have to worry about the supply of menstrual products, as by now hopefully their Mirena's are reducing their periods or they have amenorrhoea.
- The Surgical Mesh Forum is at the conclusion of the restorative justice process. WHC Chair Denise Braid represented NZNO. NZ Nursing Council, (NZNC) and NZ Nurses Organisation (NZNO) were invited to attend by the Chief Nursing Officer, Margareth Broodkoorn, as a nursing voice had been missing from the Hui that was carried out across the country.
- WHC Supported Sarah Donovan's proposal for PHARMAC to fund menstrual products, which was disappointingly declined.
- We made written and oral submissions to the Abortion Law reforms, which we are very pleased was passed on 24/03/2020. Abortion Services will move from being under the Justice Department umbrella to Ministry of Health.
- The AGM and Conference planned to be held in Dunedin in May 2020 has been cancelled. It is hoped we'll be able to offer a very similar programme in Dunedin in May 2021.

I hope you and your families have remained well throughout this strange time that we are currently living through.

Denise Braid

Education Fund

Anyone who had applied for the WHC Education Fund, and was successful can roll this over to next years conference.

Anyone wishing to access support must apply by February 2021 to the committee. See the [Scholarships and Grants](#) page on the NZNO Website to access scholarship form to complete.



Membership of College:
557 as of March 2020

WH Committee Photo:



Back row: Tracy McLeod, Denise Braid, Susan Rae, Kate Weston, and Janice Grant

Front: Trudy Galer, Ann Simmons

Absent: Wendy Diack, Robyn Kemp

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL SCREENING PROGRAM ON THE 24th OF FEBRUARY

they launched:

1. *'Give your cervix some screen time'* campaign launches today!

Young New Zealand women are being encouraged to look after their cervix in a powerful new media campaign, aimed at educating and empowering them to start regular cervical screening from 25 years of age. The *'Give your cervix some screen time'* campaign launched nationwide from 24 February and seeks to help women (and anyone with a cervix) feel informed, empowered and motivated to protect their body and future health through regular cervical screening. You can read about the campaign, and view the campaign videos on the Ministry of Health website here:

www.moh.govt.nz.

2. Phase 2 of the *'Give your cervix some screen time'* campaign toolkit is now available to download on the NSU website

Phase 2 of the communications toolkit is now complete and ready to support staff, communications teams, and providers to share and promote the campaign message through their local channels and networks. This includes a media release template that you can use to communicate with your audiences about the campaign, as well as a wealth of information and resources including campaign links, brand guidelines, best practice tips and information. Thank you for sharing this link with your colleagues:

<https://www.nsu.govt.nz/health-professionals/national-cervical-screening-programme/age-range-change-cervical-screening>

3. Article for staff about the new campaign and resources

You can use this article in your internal communication channels to help engage and educate staff on the new campaign. We encourage you to use the attached image to support the article.

4. Campaign now live on Facebook and Instagram

Providers can now like and follow the *'Give your cervix some screen time'* campaign on social media from today. Just search for Start to screen or @start.to.screen on Facebook or Instagram.

Please respond to ncsp@health.govt.nz if you have any queries about this campaign.



2019 Conference in Dunedin

Sadly we have had to cancel our Conference this year.
Thanks to Trudy, Alison and the team for all your hard work.
Hopefully we will be there in 2021.



*Southern Pearls and
other Hidden Gems*

*New Zealand Nurses Organisation
(NZNO Women's Health College)
presents:*

*Annual Women's Health Conference
Dunedin*

*Save the date
May 21-23 2020*

The Dunedin Public Art Gallery



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