



Top of the South Regional Council Newsletter November 2020

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Primary Healthcare MECA



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NZNO members meet Rachel Boyack



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Grants, Scholarships & Funding

Contact the Regional Administrator, Phone 546 7217 or visit www.nzno.org for more information about how to access funds to attend conferences and/or other training opportunities.

Regional Chair Report

This year has raised challenges as we as a union family have steered our waka through some turbulent times. There is a great sense of moving into calmer waters following our NZNO AGM and Board elections and with the freedom of movement we are now able to enjoy within our country.

The release of more open and frequent communications (from NZNO nationally) directly with members and with chairs and management committees of all the groups within NZNO increases connectivity and the feeling of unity.

We, as a union, are still fighting on many fronts for parity, equity, fair conditions and above all health and safety. Please support your colleagues from all sectors in their campaigns to improve working conditions for their members.

‘Kanohi ki te kanohi - Pakihiwi ki te pakihiwi’

Face to face - shoulder to shoulder let's show we stand united.

Council Workplan

Regional Council has not been able to deliver forums targeted for the latter part of the year. Personal commitments, whether work or family, have impacted on the time we have been able to give and, of course, the ever-present concerns for Covid19 infection prevention also impact on the method of delivery.

We are planning for next year to be in a better position to deliver whether face to face or via Zoom. We have aligned our Top of the South Business and Operational Plan 2021 -2022 with the new NZNO Strategic Plan 2021 -2025.

The 2021 -2022 Top of the South calendar of events is included in this newsletter to enable you to diary and to consider requesting leave for events.

Please note regional convention (Top of South Tuesday 4th May) will be requested under Employment Related Education Leave (EREL) where applicable. Once you have registered NZNO will inform the management at your workplace within the required time frame next year. For roster

cover, we advise you request EREL on your leave request to your manager early in the new year.

Please use Professional Development Leave (PDL) where applicable for forums or convention if you are unable to access EREL.

If you have suggestions for topics for forums you would like to see delivered please contact Abby Wilmott, our administrator (see front page for contact details).

NSU representation

From July, with the death of Trudi Kent NSU representative and the resignation of Shannon Norton Te Runanga Tauira NSU representative, we have had no student representation on council.

We express our gratitude to Shannon and to Trudi's family for the valued input both had during their time as student representatives.

We await the election of new student representatives in 2021 and look forward to them joining us on regional council.

Conference 2020

Those of us who were able to attend appreciated the calibre of presentations despite the technological hitches to link us all in. Report in December newsletter.

AGM 2020

Technological hitches again caused delays, the ability to send messages via chat room assisted in resolving issues. The chat room also provided interaction outside the main floor of AGM giving groups ability to discuss issues between themselves and others although on a limited scale.

Primary Health Care MECA campaign

Nurses, within primary health care are still continuing their negotiation process. They are seeking pay parity with their DHB colleagues and for this to occur requires better funding from the government and DHB.

Please continue to express your encouragement and support for your colleagues in primary health.

Meeting new Nelson MP Rachel Boyack

Newly elected Member of Parliament for Nelson Rachel Boyack met with NZNO delegates and organiser Daniel Marshall on Friday 6th November at NZNO office. Rachel comes to her new role from a background in trade unionism.

Topics discussed covered staffing shortages and facilities deficits impacting on safe patient care, future hospital rebuild, the Simpson report and models of healthcare delivery for the future.



MP Rachel Boyack with delegates Jacki Nixey and Donna Price and Organiser Daniel Marshall.

Rachel will (when arranged) be visiting Nelson Hospital at the invitation of NMDHB. NZNO will keep in touch with Rachel and hopes that she will be able to meet members when she visits.

Rachel is including regular meetings in her calendar for the future but also stated that she encourages contact through her office as well.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Resignation

Our current representative Valerie Weir -Van Til is resigning from her role within the cardiology/radiology team at Nelson Hospital NMDHB and all her NZNO representative roles. Valerie's last day will be on 27th November 2020.

Top of the South sincerely thank Valerie for all her input within the workplace, regional council, and as our representative on the Membership Committee.

We wish her the very best for the future wherever this takes her.

Election for new Membership Committee Representative

Top of the South will set in motion the election process for a new representative at the December meeting from within regional council members.

Membership Committee Profile

This committee is one of the two standing committees of NZNO. It provides a link between the Board and members.

Representatives come from every region of NZNO within New Zealand as well as representatives from Colleges and Sections and the National Student Unit. The President or Vice President attend their meetings.

Representatives provide environmental scans for every committee meeting which are also sent through to the Board with a summary of the committee meeting.

Environmental scans provide opinion from members within the region and describe the status of nursing and NZNO within the region.

The committee establishes a business and operational plan in October every year outlining the work they intend to undertake in the following year.

The workplan may include projects that the Board or the committee itself wishes work to be progressed on. Projects are subject to the approval of the board.

Representation on Council

Council has seven members currently, however, as previously stated Valerie Weir-Van Til will be leaving us at the end of November.

We continue to have no representation from workplaces within aged care, primary health & hospice, private hospitals, or from colleges & sections and Te Runanga. We, also, await the election of the new student representatives for 2021.

Please see the NZNO Constitution for **representation entitlements** for workplaces, colleges and sections, Te Rūnanga, and National Student Unit (NSU). Members also have a right to attend council meetings. If you have an interest,

look out for council meeting notices and register your attendance with our administrator.

If you have an interest in representing your workplace or group, please contact your organiser Denise McGurk or Daniel Marshall. All work areas have a right to be represented, no matter how many members work there. If you are a member of one of the other groups listed above, please ask your national group if you have a regional representative. We need more representatives around our table.

All members in the Top of the South (from Marlborough to Takaka and down to Murchison) are welcome to attend regional council meetings.

MEMBER SUPPORT CENTRE

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Remember this is the one-stop shop, so to speak, for any queries about NZNO, professional practice, and industrial advice. Please ensure you also update NZNO when any of your details change, for example your name, your contact details, or your workplace

Contacts for Regional Council

If you wish to contact your regional council please phone/email Abby Wilmott Regional Administrator 5467217.

Top of the South Regional Council Members:

Joan Knight (Chair) Chris Dennis (Vice Chair)

Valerie Weir-Van Til (Membership Committee Representative)

Carolyn Hannah Luke Wigram

Rebecca McKegg Maria Briggs

Chris and Luke are in Wairau with the remainder of council based in Nelson.

We are all available if you wish to make contact.

The council represents your interests as members of NZNO within the Top of the South and nationally through the Membership Committee and at the Annual General Meeting

Our ability to do this democratically is based on your expression of your views to us directly or through your representatives.

Date 2020	Meeting type (T=Teleconference; F= face-to-face)	Purpose of meeting (RC, Mgt Team, IND etc)	Location	Duration (ie. 1 day, 1 hour)
11/02/21	F + T	Regional Council Meeting	Nelson Training Room	2 hours
24/02/21	F	Forum NZNO 101 + TBC	Nelson Training Room	2 hours
11/03/21	F	Forum NZNO 101 +TBC	Wairau	2 hours
11/03/21	F	AGM and Regional Council Meeting	Wairau	2 hours
15/04/21	F + T	Regional Council Meeting	Nelson Training Room	2 hours
03/05/21	F	Annual Dinner Forum	Nelson	3 .5 hours
04/05/21	F or T	Regional Convention	Nelson	7 hours
17/06/21	F/T	Forum TBC	Nelson Training Room	2 hours
24/06/21	F	Regional Council Meeting	Wairau	2 hours
24/06/21	F	Forum TBC	Wairau	2 hours
29/07/21	F + T	Regional Council Meeting	Nelson Training Room	2 hours
05/08/21	F + T	Remit Forum	Nelson Training Room	2 hours
09/09/21	F + T	Regional Council Meeting	Nelson Training Room	2 hours
XX/09/21	F/T	NZNO AGM	Wellington	
XX/09/21	F/T	NZNO Conference	Wellington	
25/09/21	F	Forum TBC	Wairau TBC	2 hours
14/10/21	F	Regional Council Planning Meeting	Havelock	3 hours
18/11/21	F/T	Forum	Nelson TBC	2 hours
02/12/21	F + T	Regional Council Meeting	Nelson Training Room	2 hours
02/12/21	F	Christmas Dinner	Nelson TBC	
XX/02/21	F	Regional Council Meeting	Nelson Training Room	2 hours
XX/03/21	F	Regional Council Meeting	Nelson Training Room	2 hours