



Enrolled Nurse Section
NEW ZEALAND NURSES ORGANISATION

Regional Section Reports May 2024

Tai Tokerau Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: 1 May 2024

Representatives Name & Title: Melissa Peterson / Chairperson

Regional Membership Number: 38

Last Annual General Meeting Date: 20 March 2024

Last Meeting: 30 April 2024

Next Meeting: Aug 2024

Education in Region

We held our study day on 20 March 2024. We had 49 people attend our study day. This year we opened it up to our NorthTec Nursing Students and via ZOOM. Overall, we are pleased that this was a successful day, considering the number of last-minute hick ups, changes, cancellation of speakers, etc. that we had to face on the morning of our study day and throughout the day. Our committee even had to do a last-minute fill in for a speaker that did not attend. We all spoke about our workplaces, what we do on a daily basis, where we work. From the feedback received this was actually one of the best received speeches of the day. It gave hope and renewed passion for Enrolled Nursing in Aotearoa for some of the nurses in the room. We had speakers talking about a range of topics including the new HPV screening program, Mental Health and the latest updates from NZNO on the progress of the EN Scope review. We have grown our numbers by a few since the study day by having paper copies of the EN Section registration that people could fill in if they were not already a member of the EN Section. NorthTec will be supporting us by helping the students register at a later date.

Current Issues in Region

As we head in another crazy busy Winter season we reflect on the dedication and service all of our nurses put into their mahi and communities. This year is expected to be extra busy with more cases of Influenza, Covid and RSV compared to last year. As you know Winter can take out many staff for a number of different reasons. This adds a lot of extra stress and nurses being run down, over tired and overworked. Please look after yourselves, protect yourselves where you can and keep an eye on a colleague.

News

We would like to thank the Midlands Region for hosting our Annual NZNO Conference 'Together, Towards Tomorrow' this year. We are sure it is going to be another great conference full of learning, reconnecting, and meeting new friends. We are very much looking forward to the dinner theme of 'Down on The Farm'.

We would like to say a very Happy International Nurses Day for Sunday 12 May. Which just happened to also fall on Mother's Day, so an extra special day for a lot of our nurses. We hope you were all loved and well cared for on that day.

Te Tai Tokerau Regional Committee would like to give a Very Special mention and Thank you to Dolly (one of our Committee members) who has now officially retired after many years as a nurse in Northland and to Debra Peters (our Secretary) who will also be standing down from the committee in June for all of your years of tireless work, commitment and free time to the NZNO Te Tai Tokerau EN Section Regional Committee. You will both be very much missed on the committee. In saying this we are trying hard to recruit new members to our committee and will be holding a Meet and Greet for our Members on Saturday 7 June in a relaxed and welcoming environment to meet the current Committee members to hopefully join the committee.

Greater Auckland Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: 29th April 2024

Representatives Name & Title: Angela Thompson, Chairperson

Regional Membership Number: 85 approx.

AGM: 15th April 2024

Next Meeting: 10th June 2024 Via Messenger

Education in Region

The Auckland Enrolled Nurse section hosted a study day on the 1st of November 2023, at Ko Awatea Lecture Theatre, Middlemore Hospital, including the committee there were 46 members in attendance, numbers were again down from previous years.

The day opened with a Karakia followed by a Whakawhanaungatanga – An interactive session, of getting to know each other.

Topics presented included, palliative care with information around syringe drivers; the safe use of insulin; delirium in the older adult and information on the Greater Auckland Face Book Page, titled “Online Community”. Since our study day the online community has grown.

NZNO, Professional Nurse Adviser, presented on the Enrolled Nurse SoP and discussions around the EN Education Standards consultation document.

Two individual EN's who had been in their practice for approx.12 months also presented, one on her workplace, Turuki Health Care, and the model of health that represents health and wellbeing as a wharehau (meeting house) with four walls, Te Ware Tapa wha, while the other enrolled nurse presented on chest drains and respiratory. The calibre of their presentations was excellent, and I would like to acknowledge them both for the preparation and confident delivery of their individual presentations. These presentations showcased the calibre of the next generation of EN's that are graduating.

Presentations are available on the EN Section NZNO webpage.

Currently our committee are planning our next study day, at Ko Awatea Lecture Theatre, Middlemore Hospital to be held on the 10th March 2025. We have had discussions around doing things differently to incorporate our annual AGM, usually we hold our study days later in the year, but low attendance at our AGMs over the years has prompted us to do things

differently. We want our members to be a part of the AGM and have a voice and hopefully grow our committee.

Updates on the study day will be emailed to members and advertised on the NZNO EN Section webpage.

As a committee we understand the importance of lifting our section profile to encourage EN's into becoming members of the Section.

Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand

Te Toka Tumai Auckland

Hayden Erick, Nurse Educator – Student placements and New Graduate Enrolled Nurse Coordinator **Manawa Awhi | Te Toka Tumai | Auckland**, provides us with regular up to date information surrounding EN's and he is very supportive of EN's.

7 EN's are currently on the ENSIPP, 3 from September 2023 and 4 from February 2024, unfortunately these numbers are down from the original intakes as some have left due to personal reasons.

Generally, the ENSIPP participants are going well and the EN's are enjoying attending the study days which have now merged with NETP, this means more study days for our EN's and a bigger resource team to draw from. Hayden sits alongside NETP for EN's to ensure they are supported, and any study is contextualised for EN.

Hayden has done some presentations, alongside an EN, in clinical areas, to talk about the EN SoP and the new graduate program, which has helped iron out some past issues.

Collecting the three-month feedback from preceptors/manages has been hit and miss with some areas, so a shorter version was developed to make it easier for the preceptor with an addition for the manager to make a comment, to ensure they connect with the new graduate.

Recruitment can be a challenge. Managers preferring to employ RN's, unfortunately this shows a bias toward EN's, with managers wanting to process or wait for RN.

recruitment to be completed before EN's recruitment, which leaves EN's uncertain about employment.

The current workforce (new graduate nurses) is looking for RN's which means EN positions may be overlooked.

There has however been some improvement with EN's from Manukau Institute of Technology (MIT) entering the ACE programme, but as mentioned above there can be uncertainty around employment. Some of the new graduate EN's are also finding the paperwork around applying for ACE quite involved and often seek independent employment in i.e. rest homes, bearing in mind that further down the track and with some experience under their belts that they may apply for a job at Te Whatu Ora, but they will have missed out on the valuable ENSIPP.

Currently there are 44 EN's employed at Te Toka Tumai.

Hayden states there has also been a decline in EN's moving forward in their education to become RN's and there is a need to have a program dedicated to bridging EN to RN, especially for the EN's that have worked for one year plus and have completed the ENSIPP.

Counties Manukau

EN employment continues to grow, 13 new graduates started in February 2024. On the ENSIPP, 6 have jobs in primary health and the remaining have placements in: inpatient and community, with a further 2 starting in the May cohort. Some EN's are being employed in areas that haven't had EN's before, so it is exciting times for the EN workforce at Counties Manukau Health.

Currently there are 18 new graduates are on the ENSIPP at Counties with a new cohort starting in May.

ACE applications open on May 13th, so the May /June recruitment will begin for the September cohort.

EN jobs continue to be advertised at Counties.

ENSIPP Clinical Coach at Counties Manukau

Enrolled nurse Dorothy Browning started the new role as Clinical Coach for EN's as a secondment in January 2023, at FTE.6 and over the past year saw what needs to be done and expanded on the role.

Dorothy's key role is to support the new graduate EN's in their first year of practice, tailoring the support to meet each graduates' individual needs. In April 2024 the role became permanent FTE.8

Dorothy visits the new graduates at least once every 6 weeks as a mentor, however during these visits she assesses if any of the EN's require more support to safely develop their practice, when more support is required, she engages with them on a more regular basis.

During all of her visits with new graduates she has the opportunity to work along them, to assist in teaching a new skill or assisting them with other patient cares. Some EN's are developing their practice well and are not requiring extra assistance. So she works alongside them as a mentor and during her visit she discusses with them the past 4 weeks and also helps to guide them with their PDRP.

The role also requires Dorothy to attend the 1st two weeks of orientation, alongside both RN and EN new graduates.

She works in collaboration with the Nurse Educator to plan four independent EN study days and facilitates some of these sessions.

Another important part of the role is to liaise with Managers and Charge Nurses, in order to find new graduate positions for each cohort, during these meetings she takes the opportunity to explain the EN SoP and what an EN can do and how the EN can enhance their team. This part of the role requires her to read and assess all ACE profile packs and find suitable candidates to interview, she is also on the interview panel.

In this role Dorothy attends meetings at Counties representing ENSIPP.

Waitemata

Currently there are 37 EN's employed at Waitemata Health. Included in the numbers are those at North shore and Waitakere Hospitals.

The EN workforce are working in varied areas of practice; District Nursing, Outpatients, AT and R, Māori Health, Child Health, Theatres, PACU, Medical, Diabetes Services, Bureau, Corrections and Community.

The ENSIPP was set up in 2020 with recruitment still being a challenge due to clinical areas that are available for EN's to practice. However there has been interest shown in some sectors around the new SoP, which is a positive.

Manukau Institute of Technology (MIT)

Val Scott Lecturer / New Zealand Diploma of Enrolled Nursing School of Nursing (Manukau Campus)

There are approx. 50 students starting this semester in the DEN1. (Diploma of Enrolled Nursing) At the moment 57 students have placements in Acute Care, 34 are out on their Rehab/Mental Health and Addictions placement, then they will sit the State exam July 2024.

Currently Val Scott and Sue Gemmell are going through ACE references.

Ara Institute of Canterbury is trialing a new format for the DEN programme as outlined below, which shortens the Foundation Clinical hours, and those hours are completed as a transition paper. As yet it is uncertain about how this will impact going forward, but as with anything there are pros and cons.

Paper	Clinical Hours	Simulation
Foundation in Enrolled Practice (Level 4) [2024]	128	50
Enrolled Nursing Practice: Mental Health and Addiction (Level 5) [2024]	160	50
Enrolled Nursing Practice: Acute Medical Surgical (Level 5) [2025]	200	50
Enrolled Nursing Practice: Rehabilitation and Community (Level 5) [2025]	240	25

Regional News

There are employment opportunities advertised in the Auckland region. However sadly, some positions are not being filled due to EN's not applying for the positions.

The Auckland committee currently has 5 members, one of our members resigned due to taking up a job opportunity overseas and we wish her all the very best.

As a committee we have monthly meetings, mostly these are now virtual meetings via our messenger video link, and we have face to face meetings as required by having dinner together at a central location in Auckland. Having virtual meetings has freed up our work/life balance and we accomplish a lot; however, we enjoy having dinner together and have a lot of laughs.

In Closing

On behalf of the Auckland Enrolled Nurse Section, I want to say a huge thank you to the Midlands Enrolled Nurse Section for hosting the 46th Annual Enrolled Nurse Section Conference. You always host a wonderful conference, and we know the time and effort that goes into an event like this, well done team Midlands.

I would also like to mention our EN National Section Chair, Committee and PNA Suzanne Rolls for the tireless work that you all accomplish behind the scenes. We are where we are today because of you all.

And to a Regional Sections for keeping the ball rolling in your regions.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the Auckland Enrolled Nurse Section for all your support over the years.

This year at our AGM, our treasurer and secretary remain in their roles, and I have stepped down from my role as Chairperson, however I will continue to stay on the committee to support our new Chairperson Dorothy Browning and our committee.

It's been a privilege to be involved with the EN Section, in different rolls over the course of more than 22 years, as Chairperson of the Auckland EN Section, and participating on the National Committee through some really challenging times. Personally, I have grown a lot and these experiences flowed over in a positive way into my nursing practice.

My parting comment would be to encourage that flame that burns bright in you for enrolled nursing to fully ignite, get involved with your local region and once the flame takes hold, consider a step further and get involved at the national level, be a mover and a shaker. Always be proud to be an enrolled nurse, the health system needs our practical hands and awesome abilities.

Ngā mihi

Abbreviations:

New Zealand Nurses Organisation (NZNO)

Scope of Practice (SoP)

Enrolled Nurse (EN)

Registered Nurse (RN)

AGM (Annual General Meeting)

Diploma of Enrolled Nursing (DEN)

Enrolled Nurse Supported into Practice Programme (ENSIPP)

Professional Nurse Advisor (PNA)

Nursing Entry to Practice (NETP)

Advanced Choice of Employment (ACE)

Manukau Institute of Technology (MIT)

Bay of Plenty Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: 26th April 2024

Representatives Name & Title: Val Scott

Regional Membership Number: 33 and dropping.

Next meeting: Have been unable to get a meeting organised to suit all members but am hoping to hold a meeting in Tauranga in August.

Education in Region

No education has been held for the Enrolled nurses for quite a time now. It is becoming difficult to get the education hours required for APC. We are relying on online programmes for education.

NEWS. Nothing great to report from our region.

Enrolled nurses at the DHB are still being rushed off their feet and are doing extra hours. Two more E/N's have retired from Gisborne Hospital, and I believe a few have retired in Tauranga.

Gisborne Hospital very proud of the fact that they are training HCAs to upskill in the cares for their patients. Workshops have been held to increase and enhance their knowledge in a variety of nursing skills. Direction and delegation is given by the R/N.

An exciting piece of news is that Enrolled nurses are currently being trained at Windermere in Tauranga. 13 students are halfway through their Diploma training and doing well. I have only found out that this course is happening and am currently talking with their coordinator to organise a time to talk to the students.

Many thanks to Midlands for hosting. As always, I know we are going to enjoy renewing friendships and making new ones. Kia Ora.

Midlands Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: 29.04.14

Representatives Name & Title: Sharon Becht, Chairperson

Regional Membership Number: 53

Last Annual General Meeting Date: 09.04.24

Last Meeting: 01.12.23

Education in Region

Education is easily accessible on Ko Awatere alongside Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora Waikato education days and off-site courses.

Current Issues in Region

Minimal change in membership numbers. Attendance at committee meetings remains low. Recent AGM, had one committee member resign, replaced by a returning ex committee member. We are now a committee of five plus an awesome honorary member!

News

Communications are planned to come out May1st 2025 regarding changes to Enrolled Nurses dispensing oral and IV medications.

ACE applications will close on 30th April for the September intake of Enrolled Nurse graduates.

Midlands and National Committee will be supporting WINTEC at the Enrolled Nurses graduation in May. Midlands sponsor an award for "Best Student in Clinical Placement" and National Committee sponsor an award for "Demonstrating Leadership Skills".

Planning for the 46th Annual Enrolled Nurse conference in May has been exhausting at times, but we have a very supportive and resourceful committee, supported also in decision making by Suzanne Rolls, Michelle Prattley, and the National Committee. At time of report, we are on the countdown to D Day!

Thanks again to National committee for their support in conference planning and Suzanne Rolls for her on-going support of the Enrolled Nurse community.

Sharon Becht
Midlands Regional Enrolled Nurse Section NZNO

Greater Wellington Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: 13/04/2024

Representatives Name & Title: Tina Giles Chairperson GWENS

Regional Membership Number: 62

Last Annual General Meeting Date: 07/09/2023

Last Meeting: 18/04/2024

Next Meeting: 06/06/2024

Education in Region

We are in the planning stages of our next study day which is exciting. Save the date for the 12th September "How Well Do You Know Your Brain"!

Current Issues in Region

The issues in the region remain the same which is still round what we can and can't do or should we say what we are and aren't allowed to do.

Job Vacancies

Due to the current funding situation across the region (Country), we are seeing a reduction in positions for Enrolled Nurses, which is sad, we have a possibility of 10-20 places for the next ENSIPP intake which again is much lower than previous. However we have seen a huge uptake of Enrolled Nurses in Kenepuru hospital, when I first started there, we had 3 of us in the whole hospital we now have 34 in Kenepuru alone which is a huge achievement and something that we at Capital Coast and the GWENS are very proud of.

Other News

We are putting a survey monkey together to see how many central members will be interested in an amalgamation with GWENS.

Stay safe and warm and enjoy the winter 😊

Nga mihi
Tina Giles,
Chairperson For Greater Wellington Region

Top of the South Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: 30/04/2024

Representatives Name & Title: Tamara Morrison (chairperson)

Regional Membership Number: 19

Last Annual General Meeting Date: 8/05/2023

Last Meeting: 27/11/2024

Next Meeting: 13/05/2024

Education in Region

Education and study days are happening.

Current Issues in Region

Nil

News

Our section membership appears to be getting smaller with retirement and no new members coming through. At this time, it is hard to determine the future of the Top of the South Section and if it is able to still continue. I took chairperson position in 2019 after being vice chair in 2018, however, at most recent AGM meeting, I have announced that I feel that this will be my last year in this position and hope someone will continue with the section, now recently married, my focus is now on our future and starting our new Journey.

Te Whatu Ora – Wairau; now at a level of good staffing, however not new employment of Enrolled Nurses. Education and study days within Wairau continue to happen.

Te Whatu Ora – Nelson – Not much to report on this front, however they have employed an Enrolled Nurse from Australia in an HCA position.

Primary Health – it is a busy time of year in the medical centre with flu vaccinations in process and ongoing covid Vaccinations. Jen who works in Primary health has updated her bi-annual vacc certification and runs onsite clinics as well as working in a team with offsite vaccination, with extra vaccination clinic's running through the weekend. Jen continues to oversee the work closely with their HCAs who are now trained to do phlebotomy and basic BP readings, among other very helpful jobs. The EN Scope needs to grow as the HCA's take more of our role. Jen

continues to run two clinic's a week in general nursing with support when needed from the RN team.

We would like to thank Hamilton for their amazing conference and hard work that has been put into it.

We would like to thank the National Committee for their work, as being on the National Committee for four years, it has been enjoyable, and I have grown in that time. I wish the National Committee all the best in the hard work that happens in the time you all meet. Keep fighting the good fight in what you do for us as Enrolled Nurses, I look forward to seeing and hearing the outcomes.

Tamara Morrison – Chairperson

Canterbury Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: 22 April 2024

Representatives Name & Title: Michelle Prattley – Chairperson

Regional Membership Number: 154

Last Annual General Meeting Date: Aug 2023

Last Meeting: December 2023

Next Meeting: 22nd April 2024

Education in Region

Education in the region has started to pick up. Canterbury Section are planning to have a study day later this year.

ENSIPP: 20 EN's started in September 2023 and a further 10 in January 2024, and on the ACE talent Pool two EN's who are both waiting for the right position to come up. There were 43 EN's Graduate from ARA Te Pūkenga in July last year so this is a good result for ENSIPP positions. There have been 53 students start the Diploma in March 2024 and have 39 sitting state exams in July 2024.

Canterbury region has 17 representatives attending conference which is great.

Current Issues in Region

En's are concerned for future careers and the role of the Enrolled Nurses with what is going on regarding the HCA's roles. We have heard that the working group for HCA's is trying to get NCNZ to give them a Scope of Practice, there is also talk around more rumination and another step to be put forward as a claim in the next round of bargaining later this year. They are also wanting a career pathway.

Staffing is still an issue in a lot of areas, this seems to be due to sickness and work-related injuries. with some areas having nursing staff replaced with HCA's as unable to replace with nurses.

Holidays ACT payments, questions are being asked when we will be getting this.

We are struggling to get new committee members and are struggling to get the ENSIPP to join the section. This is a work in progress.

News

Not a lot else to report on at this stage. The Canterbury section would like to take the opportunity to thank the National committee for all the hard work they do. We know it is an uphill battle sometimes, but just want to express our gratitude for all your Mahi that you do.

Take care everyone, enjoy conference and catching up with everyone.

Regards
Michelle

Southern Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: 22nd May 2024

Representatives Name & Title: Robyn Hewlett Chairperson

Regional Membership Number: 130

Last Annual General Meeting Date:

Last Meeting: 4th April 2024

Next Meeting: TBC

A big thank you to Midlands for hosting this year's conference.

Education in Region

Otago Polytechnic Te Pūkenga

30 enrolled nurse students commenced in February 2024. The students range from school leavers to mature students. One student is male.

Southland Institute of Technology Te Pūkenga

No update from Southland despite several attempts to get information. They usually aim for 25 each intake.

The 2023/2024 Enrolled Nurse students from Otago Polytechnic recently completed their acute clinical placements in Dunedin Hospital. Their next placements were to be in mental health. They will sit states in July 2024

There were some great students who were motivated to learn as much as possible on their placements.

Southern Region Enrolled Nurse Section Study Day November 2023

Another very successful Southern Region Enrolled Nurse Section Study Day was held at the Southland Hospice on 4th November 2023, with 45 attending across the region.

Presenters were on the following:

ORGAN RETRIEVAL - Helen Powley, EN, Southland Hospital, who is involved in this at Southland Hospital

"COPING WITH GRIEF AND BEREAVEMENT A NURSE'S PROSPECTIVE", Rowan Slocombe, RN, Oncology, Southland Hospital, former EN, from a personal prospective and working in Oncology, she has completed post grad papers on this subject.

"DENTAL UNIT", Tim McKay, Dentist, Southland Hospital, interesting presentation, especially around how the present government indicated in their election campaigning that there would be free dental care for those up to 30 years of age. He said it would have been good to consult with the Dental Association, considering it takes some time to train dentists. Some graphic

photos of mouths and especially of children, where they have had to have all of their teeth removed.

“NEW DEMENTIA UNIT INVERCARGILL”, this is currently being developed in Invercargill and is on a Hogewyk concept from the Netherlands, where they have a dementia village. Units are being developed to house 4-5 people with dementia, where they will be supervised if required, cook their own meals and live as they would have at home.

“HOME HAEMODIALYSIS IN THE SOUTHLAND COMMUNITY”, presented by an Enrolled Nurse from Southland. Southland Hospital have set up a dialysis unit within the hospital, where clients can come in for their Haemodialysis. She is the only one at the moment but have employed a renal physiologist from overseas.

“LIFE JOURNEY TO A SURGEON IN INVERCARGILL, presented by a General Surgeon at Southland Hospital, of Philippine descent, who came from Canada to Invercargill. His mother was a Registered Practical Nurse in Canada. Following several holidays in NZ with his wife and children, they decided that NZ was the place they would like to live and work, as they loved the outdoors of tramping etc. A humorous presentation.

DR DANIELLE JONES, Obstetrician & Gynaecologist, Southland Hospital, who presented on her life journey of student to surgeon. Doctors in the USA, train different to NZ medical students in that in the USA, they already have a degree, therefore the training period is shorter. Danielle is also a social media influencer with a blog site “Mama Doctor Jones”. She had her four children, all while training to be a doctor- twins, then two more.

“SOUTHERN CHARITY HOSPITAL”, Melissa Vining, Southern Charity Hospital Trustee followed by a tour of the new Southern Charity Hospital one block from Southland Hospital. Blair Vining was her husband and Melissa has put his bucket list to fruition. Most of us knew the background to this, but by the end of her very emotional presentation there was not a dry eye from those in attendance. The Southern Charity Hospital is due to open in early 2024, the operating theatre and dental unit is already outfitted, and a lot of surgeons have volunteered from throughout NZ.

Current Issues in Region

The ENSIPP at Dunedin Hospital took 9 new graduate enrolled nurses in September 2023 and 9 in February 2024. Enrolled nurses on the ENSIPP are working in mental health, various wards in Dunedin Hospital, Mercy Hospital- private surgical hospital and aged care facilities.

ENSIPP at Dunedin Hospital – I was approached by the Co-Ordinator of the ENSIPP program who indicated that so far, there is no interest from wards/areas within Dunedin Hospital to have new graduate enrolled nurses for the next September intake.

She had recently attended an ENSIPP Co-Ordinator’s meeting, and they were all expressing the same in other Health New Zealand facilities.

She has asked if the Enrolled Nurse Section NZNO National Committee could follow up on this.

Aged Care Placements for Enrolled Nurse students are a concern as some students have reported to me, that if the facility is short of Health Care Assistants (HCA) during their placements, they are told they are working as an HCA that day. The students are in these placements to learn from either an Enrolled Nurse or Registered Nurse and is totally unacceptable.

News

Southern Region Enrolled Nurse Section is having our annual study day on the 5th of October 2024 in Dunedin, this year. We are Celebrating Enrolled Nurses and will have enrolled nurses presenting on their areas of practice. We have some great enrolled nurses practicing either in the hospital or the community. One Enrolled Nurse holds a urology clinic monthly in Queenstown, booking all the patients for the monthly clinic which is held by a locum urologist from elsewhere in New Zealand and they attend the clinic also. Our urology service is overwhelmed again, and only has 2 urologists, all the RNs were promoted to CNS's and hold clinics, we have one training to be a Nurse Practitioner.

More enrolled nurse positions are also being advertised in General Practice's in Dunedin.

We have enrolled nurses working as health consultants for two different organisations across Otago and Southland. Positions involve health wellbeing checks etc.

Oamaru Trust Hospital is owned by Waitaki Health Services (the Oamaru Council) and a new purpose-built hospital was built in Oamaru following the health reforms in the 1980's, where the rural hospitals in the Southern Region were closed and small trust hospitals were built.

Oamaru Hospital has been in negotiations to potentially hand over operations to Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora.

Oamaru Hospital's survival is Waitaki District Council's main focus as it begins negotiations to potentially hand over operations to Health NZ Te Whatu Ora.

It's been almost 25 years since Waitaki District Council took over the running of Oamaru Hospital on July 1, 1999, after it faced closure.

It took 13,000 people marching on the southern city to ensure its survival.

The Council announced it had approved entering into negotiations about potentially handing the hospital, its services, operations, and staff over to Health NZ Te Whatu Ora.

The hospital has been run by Waitaki District Health Services Limited — a council owned organisation — but with increasing funding pressure it was time to begin discussion on returning the hospital back to the public sector.

Awards To Enrolled Nurse Students Otago Polytechnic and Southland Institute of Technology.

The National Enrolled Nurse Section & Southern Region Enrolled Nurse Section gave awards to three graduation ceremonies in 2023. Two at Otago Polytechnic Te Pūkenga and one at Southland Institute of Technology Te Pūkenga

We however do not get invited to present to the students while in tutorials, this has been since covid.

However, I have been invited to two ENSIPP graduations at Dunedin Hospital.

Otago Polytechnic Te Pūkenga recently advertised for an Enrolled Nurse /Registered Nurse as a lecturer in the nursing department. The requirement was to be 3-5 years post-graduation and hold a recognised relevant teaching qualification or the willingness to complete such a qualification. Great news for enrolled nursing

Te Runanga Report

Date: 2nd May 2024

Representatives Name & Title: Gwen Ahuriri – Te Runanga Representative

News

My how the year has flown since the last conference.

From Te Runanga part the Enrolled Nurse.

It has been great working alongside a bunch of dedicated and committed Enrolled Nurses.

Known as the EN National Committee. Having Whakawhanaungatanga with the New EN Scope

While maintaining the principles of Te Tiriti along with Maranga mai.

Have worked with the committee putting a Karakia (Prayer) and Waiata (Hym) book in dual format.

So that everyone is included in what is said and sung.

I hope things are only going forward and upward from here on in for us Enrolled Nurses

Kia kaha Maranga mai

Ngā mihi

Gwen