



**Enrolled Nurse Section**  
NEW ZEALAND NURSES ORGANISATION

# Regional Section Reports August 2024

## **Tai Tokerau Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report**

**Date:** 20 August 2024

**Representatives Name & Title:** Melissa Peterson / Chairperson

**Regional Membership Number:** 38

**Last Annual General Meeting Date:** 20 March 2024

**Last Meeting:** August 2024

**Next Meeting:** November 2024

### **Education in Region**

We are saddened to see the EAYL program disappear in 2025. This has been a valuable program particularly in Rural NZ where students have to travel upwards of 3+ hours to their nearest Tertiary Institution. It has meant that we have been able to grow our own nurses that already work and live in our community, and they have been able to continue to provide an income for their whanau.

In my practice alone we have had 2 Māori EN grads pass their States and get their APC and another soon to be Māori EN on her last placement with us. When she graduates, she will also work with us in the clinic.

It is sad to hear that our only Polytech North of Auckland may shut its doors on the Diploma of Nursing from next year once the current students graduate. This will be confirmed though in the next couple of weeks when I speak directly to the Northtec Clinical Tutors.

### **Current Issues in Region**

I know we must all sound like a broken record, but nursing shortages and Winter bugs weigh heavily on our ability to provide safe and best practice care for our patients and clients. Te Whatu Ora has not helped this by putting a block on hiring of nurses and in particular I know our local hospital in Kaitia definitely will not employ EN's. Also, with major weather issues totally cutting off some communities from accessing care all together.

We can only look out for each other, support each other and steady as she goes.

### **News**

We would like to welcome Selena Morritt to our Regional Committee. Selena has now taken up the position of Regional Secretary, taking over from Debra Peters. We know that Selena will bring a new positive energy to the Committee and hopefully a few more members as well.

We heard that not many nursing students ENs or RNs were very happy about this year State exams. Even making the newspaper, on how they were all feeling about the questions on the

exam, most students relaying the same information that some of the questions were based on information they were not taught in class or advised to review. Many students were concerned they might not pass their state exams.

I can proudly say of the EN students in the Northland region that sat their States in July, I believe only 1 student will need to resit. So, a great result in the end. We look forward to all of our EN's now getting employment very soon if they have not already had a job offer.

## **Greater Auckland Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report**

**Date:** 17.8.24

**Representatives Name & Title:** Dorothy Browning, Chairperson

**Regional Membership Number:** 88

**Last Annual General Meeting Date:** 15.4.24

**Last Meeting:** 12.8.24

**Next Meeting:** 9.9.24

### **Education in Region**

We are planning to host a study day in March 2025 incorporating our AGM in the hope of engaging members on what is happening in our regional section and to encourage more membership involvement.

Date to be advised once room booking confirmed.

### **Current Issues in Region**

As a committee of 5 we are focused on getting our members involved and trying new things, so far without any success. We have increased our profile on Facebook and sent an email out inviting all members to join us at our last meeting via zoom. We have also asked our membership for feedback on what is happening in their workplace, but sadly we had nil response. Information for our regional report is currently sourced solely by our committee members.

### **Te Toka Tumai Auckland**

We thank Hayden Erick – Student Placements and New Graduate Nurse Coordinator for his ongoing support to Enrolled Nurses this is his recent update:

- 7 EN's graduated this month from the ENSIPP
- 5 are on the programme that commenced in February
- Most are doing well; some have required additional coaching and this has gone well.
- 3 EN positions to be confirmed for September but still not approved

The February intake are in areas that didn't have ENSIPP before and are excelling e.g. child health, outpatients and ED.

### **Heath New Zealand Te Whatu Ora Waitemata**

Charge Nurse Managers have met together to look at the new scope of practice (SoP) and what it could look like into the future. Implemented study days will be required. A number of ideas were floated. Currently they are waiting for the implementation date of the new SoP. This is positive news.

Numbers of ENs employed at Waitemata remain the same as earlier in the year.

### **Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora Counties Manukau**

Continue to support Enrolled Nurses, jobs for experienced ENs are hard to fill, however new EN grads have secured these jobs.

#### **New grads on the ENSIPP**

September 2023 EN grads 3 to graduate this month

February 2024 EN grads 13

May 2024 EN grads 3

Back from leave and joining the programme in August 2024 EN grads 2

The September 2024 cohort that is soon to start at this stage has 3 EN grads.

### **Manukau Institute of Technology, Te Pukenga**

New Zealand diploma of Enrolled Nursing continues to be going strong

One class has just completed state

The next class of 54 are set to sit state in November

### **Turuki Health Mangere**

Continue to support new grad Enrolled Nurses

Our EN Committee member Rhiannon will be returning from maternity leave to join the Mana kids programme and continue to make a positive difference in the school based team.

### **In Closing**

There are many opportunities for Enrolled Nurse jobs in the region in both public and private practice.

As a section we will continue to strive to get members involved and we thank the National Committee for the work you do, which then benefits all Enrolled Nurses Nationally.

## **Midlands Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report**

**Date:** 11.07.24

**Representatives Name & Title:** Sharon Becht, Chairperson

**Regional Membership Number:** 54

**Last Annual General Meeting Date:** 14.4.24

**Last Meeting:** 1.12.23

### **Education in Region**

Education is easily accessible on Ko Awatere alongside Health New Zealand Waikato education days and off site courses. Te Whatu Ora Waikato is holding an Enrolled Nurse education day on-site November 5th.

### **Current Issues in Region**

Midlands hosted the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Enrolled Nurse Section NZNO conference, May 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>. We had approximately 108 attendees nationwide, with a high calibre of speakers who spoke on a wide variety of topics including issues facing Enrolled Nurses today. It was a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and new. Feedback received was resoundingly positive. Looking ahead, we have the 47<sup>th</sup> Enrolled Nurse conference in Wellington 2025 and I would encourage all Enrolled Nurses to attend.

### **News**

This report comes to you from Spain so am keeping it brief, as the sun, surf and Sangria's are all calling!

Sharon Becht  
Midlands Regional Enrolled Nurse Section NZNO

## **Greater Wellington Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report**

**Date:** 04/08/2024

**Representatives Name & Title:** Tina Giles Chairperson GWENS

**Regional Membership Number:** 61

**Last Annual General Meeting Date:** 07/09/2023

**Last Meeting:** 01/08/2024

**Next Meeting:** 12/09/2024

### **Education in Region**

We are well underway for our up-and-coming study day which is exciting. Save the date for the 12<sup>th</sup> of 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. Lots of EN's asking when the new scope will be adhered to?

### **Job Vacancies**

Due to the current funding situation across the region (Country), we are seeing no vacancies for Nursing, unless mental health

New Grads: we still have 33 new grads on the ENSIPP with 12 new starting in September.

9 MHAIDS

2 ARC

1PHC

2 HSS

### **Other News**

We are in the planning stages for the next conference and will keep the national committee up to date with our progress as we go.

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:** 18/08/2024

**Representatives Name & Title:** Tamara Morrison (chairperson)

**Regional Membership Number:** 14

**Last Annual General Meeting Date:**

**Last Meeting:** 13/05/2024

**Next Meeting:** TBC

### **Education in Region**

Education and study days are happening.

### **Current Issues in Region**

Nil

### **News**

Firstly, we would like to acknowledge this year's conference and how much with those who attended enjoyed it. We would like to thank Midlands for hosting and the support of the National EN section. We are excited to know that next year's conference will be held in Wellington and excited to see what they have planned.

I am sorry to report that we have not been able to meet since conference and hope to meet in September to truly discuss with future of Top of the South. As said at the AGM, we are losing members to retirement, and we are not getting any new Ens through as there seems to no interest joining a section which I know is an issue across the board. Unfortunately, I feel that this meeting in September could be our last as the members we do have not all are engaged and it is the faithful few that attended however we will not have enough to sustain this. In September we will be farewelling Robyn Kendall who is retiring at the end of the month.

I wish the new National Committee all the best in their work, I know there is hard work to do but I know you all have the fight in you to keep moving forward!

Best wishes

Tamara Morrison – Chairperson



## **Canterbury Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report**

**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024

**Representatives Name & Title:** Michelle Prattley – Chairperson

**Regional Membership Number:** 145

**Last Annual General Meeting Date:** August 2023

**Last Meeting:** June 2024

**Next Meeting:** September 2024 (AGM)

### **Education in Region:**

Canterbury had 15 members attend the 2024 conference in Hamilton. Everyone thought it was a great conference with great speakers.

Canterbury Section is well under way in planning their study day. This is to be held in September. We have a full day planned and are also incorporating our 2024 AGM.

Michelle and Maree attended the Ara Graduation back in June. They had 34 students graduating and preparing to sit state exam in July 2024. We gave out the two awards. There are 54 students that started the program in March 2024.

### **Current Issues in Region:**

Issues within the region remain the same, short staffing, sickness, ACC, not able to employ new staff to replace those that are or have left, including maternity leave. Everyone is getting disgruntled about the holidays act payments. Graduating EN's are concerned whether they are going to be able to get jobs and are unsure about ENSIPP placements

### **News:**

It is with great pleasure that we have one of our committee members Debbie Handisides on this year's bargaining team. This is Debbie's second time around on the bargaining team and she is ready to fight the fight for what we deserve. We have just recently had our treasurer Sharon Ford resign and also our Secretary Deb Clarke resign. I would like to thank them for their time, support and input into the Canterbury section over the years. We have successfully replaced them with Cherry Pavelka who is going to take on the role of both Treasurer and Secretary. Our section members have been stable with a few resignations but then have had some new members as well. We did give out the QR code to join the section to all the students that graduated back in June but so far, we have only picked up two new memberships from that.

The Canterbury section would like to thank the National Committee for their continued hard Mahi and support.

We are looking forward to attending the 2025 conference in wellington.

Michelle Prattley

## **Southern Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report**

**Date:** 27<sup>th</sup>/ 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024

**Representatives Name & Title:** Robyn Hewlett, Chairperson

**Regional Membership Number:**

**Last Annual General Meeting Date:**

**Last Meeting:**

**Next Meeting:**

### **Education in Region:**

Otago Polytechnic Enrolled Nurse Graduation is on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September 2024  
24 Enrolled Nurses are graduating.

Southland Institute of Technology Awards Ceremony is on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 at the Civic Theatre, Invercargill. Graduation ceremony later in December 2024.

9 Enrolled Nurses working in the following areas of mental health, aged care, private surgical hospital and Dunedin Hospital, graduated from the Dunedin Hospital Enrolled Nurse Supported into Practice Programme on the 14<sup>th</sup> of August 2024, from the September 2023 intake. They are all being permanently employed.

### **Current Issues in Region**

I am meeting with Jane Wilson, Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer, Southern to discuss what Enrolled Nurses will be able to do across the region when the new enrolled nurse scope statement and competencies are approved and gazetted by the Nursing Council of New Zealand.

The next September intake of ENSIPP at Dunedin Hospital, has 8 new graduates, including Mental Health and the private surgical, Mercy Hospital. 1 contract pending and 5 applicants unhired- still looking. I presume due to the current non-employment by Health New Zealand this has affected the ENSIPP intake at Dunedin Hospital. Southland Hospital has 3 new Enrolled Nurse graduates joining their ENSIPP.

A quick look on our website and Southern are now back advertising Registered Nurse vacancies across all areas.

### **News**

The annual Southern Region Enrolled Nurse Section Study Day is being held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024, at the Otago Museum.

This year we are having a theme of “**Celebrating Enrolled Nurses**”.

We have enrolled nurses from a variety of areas – public and private presenting.

Jane Wilson, Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer, Health New Zealand – Southern Is presenting also.

Suzanne Rolls has also confirmed to come and present. Thanks Suzanne.

We are still confirming some other presenters for the day.

Oamaru Trust Hospital is now part of Health New Zealand - Southern. Following the Health reforms of the 80's, all the 5 rural hospitals from Oamaru to Gore became Trust Hospitals and managed by the community. Oamaru has at times had to close their ED at night due to no staff. Hopefully this will now improve.