

# The College of Respiratory Nursing

Representing the professional interests of nurses working in Respiratory Disease settings including education and promotion of the management of Respiratory Health

The College is dedicated to  
Improving patient care  
throughout their life span

## Membership is free and gives you access to

- Education scholarships
- A thrice yearly copy of the College's Airways newsletter
- Opportunities to meet and network with like-minded nurses.

## The Role of the College of Respiratory Nurses.

### The Philosophy of Respiratory Nursing.

- Respiratory Nurses promote the respiratory health of individuals, families and communities regardless of their culture, as well as the care of persons with respiratory dysfunction at any stage during their life span.
- Respiratory nursing care has a holistic, educative focus and may be preventative, curative, rehabilitative or palliative, depending on the needs of the client and family/whanau.
- Respiratory nurses apply their unique knowledge to clients, assessing and defining the related nursing care and effective implementation of treatments, restoring or maintaining optimal respiratory health.
- Respiratory nurses collaborate with other health professionals/practitioners in partnership with clients, whanau/families to ensure optimum respiratory outcomes are achieved.
- Respiratory nurses, when appropriate, advocate for clients, families /whanau and communities to enhance optimum holistic respiratory health.
- As respiratory nurses, we recognise the importance of maintaining a contemporary knowledge base and implementing evidence based practices.
- Respiratory nurses are role models and act as resource persons to clients and health care providers in different learning environments, promoting the dissemination and practical application of research findings related to pulmonary health and respiratory nursing care.
- Respiratory nurses incorporate the articles of the Treaty of Waitangi, namely partnership, participation and protection in their practice.

### Airways

- "Airways" is the official newsletter produced thrice yearly by the College of Respiratory Nurses.
- The newsletter includes articles from Nurses working with people with Respiratory dysfunction.
- Keeps us up to date with new research and promotes upcoming respiratory conferences and symposiums.
- Airways encourages members to submit stories and news relating to Respiratory Health.
- To access past copies of "Airways" go to [https://www.nzno.org.nz/groups/colleges\\_sections/colleges/college\\_of\\_respiratory\\_nurses/newsletter](https://www.nzno.org.nz/groups/colleges_sections/colleges/college_of_respiratory_nurses/newsletter)

### Education Scholarships

The Scholarships are to assist RN's, EN's, NP's and student nurses, who are current members of the College to attend or participate in events related to respiratory nursing that will further their knowledge base of the field.

### Biennial Symposium

- Every second year the College of Respiratory Nurses hold a one day Respiratory Symposium.
- The Symposium covers topics specific to nursing and health, such as education and information relevant to respiratory disease with practical application of management.
- Speakers will include leaders of nursing in respiratory care and other Health Professionals with respiratory expertise.
- The College's Annual General Meeting is held during the Symposium, where regional and national issues are discussed.
- Trade exhibitions will be present at the Symposium.

# Join the College of Respiratory Nurses

## Benefit of Membership

Respiratory Nurses Membership Form (can be found on the NZNO website under Colleges and Sections—join us).

Being part of the specialty nursing group whose main focus is respiratory nursing:

- Indemnity insurance, specialised legal representation and professional and industrial assistance when needed through NZNO membership.
- Affiliation with other specialty groups in New Zealand and worldwide through international nurses organisation.

## Membership Categories

### Full Members:

- Any nurse in new Zealand currently practising respiratory nursing either full or part time is eligible for Membership
- Must be a financial member of NZNO

### Associate Members:

- Any nurse shall be eligible for membership if they have an interest in respiratory nursing, but not necessarily practising in this field, but are financial members of NZNO
- Allied health professionals interested in respiratory care who are not eligible for NZNO membership
- Members of consumer groups interested in respiratory care, but not eligible for NZNO Membership.

### Honorary Life Member

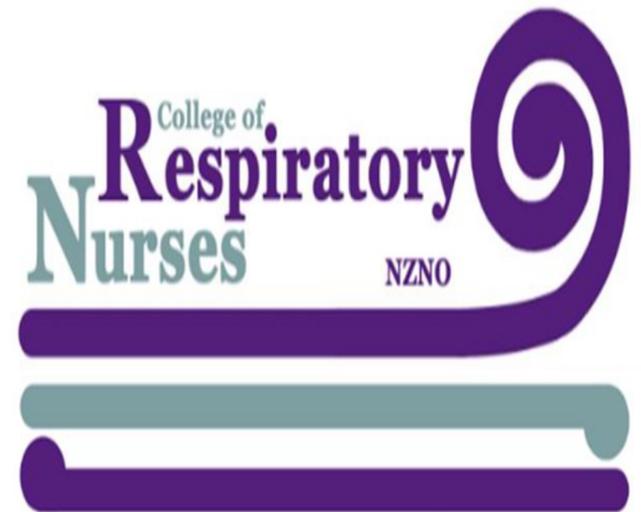
- Honorary Life membership may be bestowed from time to time and will be moved and agreed to at an Annual General Meeting.

## Rights & Responsibilities of Members

- Full members shall have the right to attend meetings, propose nominations and motions to vote, to receive information from the Section and become office bearers
- All members have the responsibility of notifying the membership secretary of any change of name, address, place of employment and occupation
- Delegated members may speak on behalf of the Section only after consultation

## National Committee

**Members meet regularly to discuss respiratory nursing and other issues in their region. Each of NZNO's nine regions has a representative on the College's national committee**



*Hongihongi te rangi hou'  
'Smell the fresh air'*

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