

Minutes of the Cancer Nurses College BGM
The Dunedin Centre
Friday, 10 October 2025, 1330-1400



Present: Shelley Shea (Chair), Heather Bustin, Laura Ledger, Jani Witchall, Edith Paulson, Andrea Reilly, Becky Upston, Anne Brinkman, and 24 members

Apologies: Olivia Collier, Natasha Chisolm

Meeting opened 1332 by chair Shelley Shea – Committee members introduced.

Minutes of the last BGM (2023):

Circulated prior to the meeting and in hardcopy at the meeting, taken as read.

Moved: Heather Bustin, Seconded: Laura Ledger

No matters arising from minutes, none raised from floor. Motion accepted by majority show of hands from floor.

Correspondence: No correspondence received relevant to meeting.

Reports:

All reports circulated prior to the meeting, taken as read.

Shelley Shea (Chairperson)

Summary provided regarding the cancer nurses college work surrounding equity and education

Moved: Andrea Reilly, Seconded: Heather Bustin

Motion accepted by a majority show of hands from floor.

Laura Ledger (Treasurer)

2024-2025 Financial statement summary provided.

Laura discussed that 8 nurses have been provided education grants to the total \$7750 to enable attendance at international conferences and post graduate study.

Total finances:

No questions/ comments from the floor.

Moved: Edith Paulson, Seconded: Heather Bustin

Motion accepted by a majority show of hands from the floor.

Anne Brinkman (Professional Nursing Advisor)

Acknowledgement of Shelley Shea outgoing Chair, and committee members and roles. Key points of interest provided. Discussion regarding member engagement.

Moved: Laura Ledger

Seconded: Andrea Reilly

Motion accepted by majority show of hands from the floor.

No matters arising from any reports.

Remits:

Received from the Cancer Nurses College, presented by Heather Bustin proposes a amendment to the wording of full membership requirements to belong to the cancer nurse's college (3.1)

The college recommends:

That membership of the Cancer Nurses College be: *"Open to any nurse, nursing student, or individual involved in the care and support of people affected by cancer, who is a member of NZNO."*

Rationale: The current wording restricts full membership to qualified nurses, excluding nursing students, who are neither qualified nor financial members of NZNO.

Inclusivity: Nursing students are the future cancer nursing workforce. Including them ensures they feel welcomed, supported, and able to participate fully from the outset of their professional journey.

This proposed change aligns with NZNO's commitment to fostering both current and emerging members of the profession.

Workforce development: Early membership offers students access to cancer nursing networks, professional guidance and learning opportunities, strengthening the pipeline of skilled cancer nurses.

Moved: Deb Hamilton

Second: Viv Garrick

Motion accepted by majority show of hands from the floor.

General Discussion/ Business raised:

Educational opportunities presented to members from the Cancer Nurses College highlighted including Cancernet, and new YouTube channel.

BGM 2027 – TBD, however, will be notified via multiple avenues. Discussed that Cancer Nurses College will be seeking feedback regarding platform of conference i.e independent Cancer Nurses College Conference vs a conference presented in partnership with NZSO, and content of conference.

Cancer Nurses College provided a number of subsidies to nursing registration to support accessibility of conference for membership. This included offering a code for early bird nursing registration discount, and an all-inclusive package prize draw. This was won by Tessa Newman.

\$50 Prezzy card winners drawn from BGM sign in sheet. These were drawn using a random number selector.

Winners: Marie Jackson and Kirstin Wagteveld.

CNC Committee Election Results:

One vacancy on the committee advertised prior to the BGM, one nomination received. No requirement for vote. We welcome Natasha Chisolm to the Cancer Nurses College Committee

National Committee for next two years:

- Heather Bustin
- Laura Ledger
- Jani Witchall
- Edith Paulson
- Andrea Reilly
- Olivia Collier
- Becky Upston
- Natasha Chisolm

Meeting closed at 1357