



Enrolled Nurse Section
NEW ZEALAND NURSES ORGANISATION

Regional Section Reports February 2025

Tai Tokerau Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: 22 January 2025

Representatives Name & Title: Melissa Peterson / Chairperson

Regional Membership Number: 38

Last Annual General Meeting Date: 20 March 2024

Last Meeting: 15 October 2024

Next Meeting: January 2025

Education in Region

We are pleased to announce that NorthTec (No longer Te Pukenga) have continued to provide the Diploma of Nursing in Northland. Student numbers are small, due to no funding options that were previously available. There currently is an initiative being looked into by the DON of NorthTec to see if she is able to provide a faster pathway for experienced EN's wanting to complete their Bachelors of Nursing. This initiative, will be in Northland only if it gets across the line.

Current Issues in Region

There are no new current issues in Northland, apart from the ongoing issues of nurses who are newly graduated trying to find employment. These are both EN and RN new grads. The other issue seems that Te Whatu Ora have now road blocked funding for current nursing staff to progress on their pathways to NP. We have had 2 RNs in 1 week looking to leave the hospital and come over to Primary care because of this block in funding.

News

Happy New Year to you all. This year has started off with a bang, with the official EN Scope Statement coming into play and all EN's now officially being able to practice under the New Statement. It was very exciting and a long time coming. Unfortunately, it was disappointing that it slipped right under the radar and no big announcement, prior education or Q&A's were had before it's official release. The other disappointing fact was that it came into play on the exact same day as the RN Scope Statement. I know personally I emailed all 200 plus employees and CEO of the Organisation I am employed at to let them all know the news. Yes, I have had to explain to a couple of GP's and other staff the changes and what they mean.

We are looking forward to the Education Standards and Pathways to be released and made official.

Greater Auckland Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: 19.2.25

Representatives Name & Title: Dorothy Browning Chairperson

Regional Membership Number: 94

Last Annual General Meeting Date: April 24

Last Meeting: 17.2.25

Next Meeting: AGM and study day 10.3.25

Education in Region

We have our Regional Study Day coming up on March 10th 2025 with our AGM incorporated in the hope of getting some membership involvement.

Current Issues in Region

Struggling to get membership involvement, we have changed our study day time as we normally offer a yearly study day in November but this year it will be in March with our AGM included as we need membership involvement we have 2 committee stepping down.

This will only leave 3 committee members our section may need to go into recess if we don't get any commitment from other members.

At the time of report our registrations for our study day is much lower than previous study days, we do have enough to confirm the day will run.

We have tried engaging with our members through emails and face book. We have asked for information from these areas of work but nil response from any member.

News

We look forward to supporting the Wellington and National Section and some of the committee will be attending conference

Thank you to the National Committee for the wonderful work you do.

Midlands Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: 18.02.25

Representatives Name & Title: Sharon Becht, Chairperson

Regional Membership Number: 56

Last Annual General Meeting Date: 14.04.24

Last Meeting: 01.12.24

Next Meeting: AGM: 06.04.25

Education in Region

There is no issues with availability of education.

Te Whatu Ora Waikato held their annual Enrolled Nurse education day October 3rd, which was very well attended by both new and senior Enrolled Nurses.

Current Issues in Region

Midlands Enrolled Nurse section members remains static and of concern, that even though we have 56 members, meetings are usually only attended by committee members and perhaps one to two members. We could possibly have two of our committee members retiring later this year. The future of Midlands EN Section will be on our agenda at April AGM.

Opportunity was again taken to speak at the Enrolled Nurse study day, to update on the benefits of belonging to the Midlands Enrolled Nurse section, with a good response but am unsure if we had any new members following the education day.

News

EN update from Erin Foster who is the Nurse Educator – New Graduate Programmes Health NZ Te Whatu Ora Waikato:

In Erin's own words:

- “Unfortunately we have only been able to hire one EN graduate for the Feb/Mar cohort.”
We have also just extended an offer to one more EN graduate who we will aim to start in March.
- “The Wintec EN2 cohort were welcomed to Waikato this week (4.2.25) at the student whakatau (Maori welcome ceremony) – there are approximately 50 students which is the largest Wintec has seen.”
- “We have put approximately 30 ENs through the IV Administration Update Workshop so they will able to be signed off in practice for the new IV changes.”
- “We are working with the PDU to establish what the new scope will look like at Waikato but are waiting for some more guidance from Nursing Council – from this we have also started talks with Wintec to make sure we are all on the same page with the new scope going forward.”

Midlands are in the process of trying to engage with Wintec to have an opportunity to speak with Diploma of Enrolled Nurse students about the Enrolled Nurse Section. It has been a few years since we spoke with Wintec students and from those visits we attracted only a few new members.

Currently, at Wintec Nursing Graduation we present all enrolled nurses with a small gift and information about the Section and at the Special Awards evening we present two enrolled nurse awards

National EN Section NZNO award '**Demonstrating Leadership Skills**'

Midlands Region Enrolled Nurse award "**Best student in Clinical Placement**'

As we have had very few new members from our support of Wintec. We have had a committee discussion and have decided to discontinue supporting Midlands Region Wintec EN Award, this decision will be confirmed at our April AGM.

It is very exciting to have Nursing Council New Zealand Enrolled Nurse Scope of Practice rolled out in January. Many thanks to all involved in this process, to the nursing profession and stakeholders who have worked tirelessly at a national and regional level on working parties, writing submissions and giving feedback we thank you.

Sharon Becht,
Chairperson

Midlands Regional Enrolled Nurse Section NZNO

Bay of Plenty/Tairāwhiti Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: 3 March 2025
Representatives Name & Title: Val Scott, Chairperson
Regional Membership Number: 27

Last Annual General Meeting Date

Last Meeting:

Next Meeting:

Education in Region:

Nothing exciting happening at present. Gwen and I went to Tauranga on 3rd February to attend the R/N and E/N student orientation day. We spoke to approximately 20 E/N students. Sadly the pass rate for last year's E/Ns was only 65%. Of the ones that passed only one has been employed. The others are back to being HCA's or working elsewhere.

Hello to all

Val Scott

Current Issues in Region:

We attempted to catch up with section members whilst in Tauranga but had no luck.

Greater Wellington Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: 23/0/2025

Representatives Name & Title: Tina Giles Chairperson GWENS

Regional Membership Number: 71

Last Annual General Meeting Date: 12/09/2024

Last Meeting: 20/02/2028

Next Meeting: 27/03/2022

Education in Region

We have not had a study day this year and nor are we planning one, but things are on the move for our Conference which is gathering great momentum with registrations we feel that we are on track.

Current Issues in Region

We have seen a slight drop in members, we feel that unfortunately due to reduction of new grads in general, as the majority have been employed into MHAIDS.

Nga mihi
Tina Giles, Chairperson

Canterbury Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: 4th February 2025

Representatives Name & Title: Debra Handisides vice chair

Regional Membership Number: 144

Last Annual General Meeting Date: September 2024

Last Meeting: 3rd February 2025

Next Meeting: 5th May 2025

Education in Region

Study day planned for September 2025 at Hornby workingman's club

Current Issues in Region

Lack of employment for ENSIPP

Lack of vacancies for ENS and ENSIPP with in Canterbury

Lack of EN Canterbury committee members, or recruiting new committee members.

Committee going to do an open invite to the next meeting in May at MacDonald's to try and engage members to join the committee.

Southern Regional Enrolled Nurse Section Report

Date: 25th February 2025
Representatives Name & Title: Robyn Hewlett, Chairperson
Regional Membership Number: 135

Last Annual General Meeting Date: 8th April 2025 (date to be confirmed)
Last Meeting: 5th February 2025
Next Meeting: AGM

Education in Region:

Otago Polytechnic are hoping/planning for 30 enrolled nurse students this year. They will commence on 24th February 2025

Southland Institute of Technology - 14 x year 1 enrolled nurse students and 14 x year 2. Zero fees continue again this year at SIT.

Second year Enrolled Nurses Students

Half of the 30 EN students are due to go back on clinical placements commencing 3rd March 2025 They are currently in classes. The other half are already out on clinical placements and then will be back in class.

The EN programme head has got the Dunedin Hospital ENSIPP coordinator's presenting to the students next week, on the process of applying via ACE. Polytechnic also arranging for education on preparing a CV to all the students and other relevant information they will require. This class has students whose ethnicity are from all the Pacific Islands and Asia. Interestingly quite a few of the students have come down from Auckland to do the New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing.

I presented to the enrolled nurse students on Thursday 20th February on what a day looks like on a ward within Dunedin Hospital. I also managed to present on the Enrolled Nurse Section and free NZNO fees for 3 years for BN students and EN Students, except if they were working part-time as HCA's They knew nothing about this, which is of real concern, and informed that they really should be a member of a union if on clinical placements. I plan to email the local Organisers regarding this. Not sure if Otago Polytechnic allows them to speak to all the first year nursing students or not.

As I get lot of inquiries locally regarding a shorter BN programme for Enrolled Nurses to RN, I asked the Otago Polytechnic, and the answer was - NO.

But, a few EN's have been accepted into this year's BN programme, from mental health, private surgical hospital and Dunedin Hospital. The EN's from Mental Health, once graduated, will be employed via the Mental Health new graduate programme, where they complete a post graduate paper and are bonded for ? a year.

Current Issues in Region:

No real issues presently. All those who applied for ENSIPP in 2024 got EN positions via the programme or found their own EN positions.

Emphasised to the all the students today to apply for the ENSIPP, as this will be the only avenue to get into a public hospital.

All the EN's are waiting to see what they will be allowed to do more under the new EN Scope. Jane Wilson, Chief Nurse, Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora – Southern is presenting at our study day on the 22nd of February, "Facing the Future- together".

We have just over 50 attending our study day, down considerably from previous years in Dunedin. Also 5-6 RN's attending, as they say they learn more by attending our study days, than attending specific topic study days.

News

We have had quite a few EN positions advertised within Dunedin Hospital, mental health and community etc. One EN got a position as Occupational Health Nurse at OceanaGold Macraes Mine.

Forums are to be held across Southern for RN's and EN's regarding the new EN & RN Scopes of Practice & Standards of Competence. Have heard that Lucy Prinsloo will be leading this. (previous tutor in EN programme at SIT, now CNM at Southland Hospital)

Enrolled Nurse Section Awards Southland Institute of Technology 2024

Enrolled Nurse Section NZNO Award "Demonstrating Leadership Skills" – **Tiharmy Mia Louise Barratt**

Southern Region Enrolled Nurse Section Award "Contribution in an Acute Environment"
Courtney Lee Argyle