



## **New Zealand Nurse Endoscopists Association Annual Report 2024.**

Our committee: Tania Waylen (co-chairperson), Sofia Krylova-Smith (co-chairperson), Michelle Harman (secretary).

2024 has seen the NZNEA solidify itself as a supportive platform for Nurse Endoscopists throughout New Zealand to meet, discuss issues, support one another, attend education, and share ideas. Our quarterly virtual meetings have seen great attendance, and we have our second yearly face to face study day/meeting scheduled for the day before the 2024 ASM. We are grateful for the financial support from NZGNC to the group as without this we would not have had a venue to hold the full day event. This will be the first event where we have had all NZ NE's together since the formation of the NZNEA.

We have been extremely lucky to have both Tania Waylen & Karen Kempin receive education grants from the NZGNC to attend BSG Live in Birmingham this year. Both Tania and Karen have submitted articles for the Tube which we hope will be of interest to all gastroenterology nurses.

We were recently asked for our views on the idea of establishing a nurse led flexible sigmoidoscopy programme targeting the under 50 yr old population in NZ, and have written a response which will be published on our website soon.

Our focus this year has been on establishing the group with regular meetings and communication, trying to establish some consistency nationally in the workload and expectations of the Nurse Endoscopist role and encouraging NE to ensure their employment contracts reflect this. We are also working towards updating the NE training and credentialling programme. We have updated our email address, [nzneassoc@gmail.com](mailto:nzneassoc@gmail.com), and this is now checked regularly.

Going forward, our goal for next year will remain focused on updating the NE training and credentialling programme, possibly with utilisation of online courses developed overseas.