

# Panui

Welcome to the latest  
edition of NZgNC Panui!

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We hope you will enjoy this new publication to keep you in the loop with the goings on in the committee work projects, education opportunities, and news from around the country - in little snippets for you to share with your teams. Share it, print it for your tea rooms, let us know if you have anything we can include in it to share. *It's for everyone.*

## Update from the committee

The committee met on 12th April in Wellington for our Face to Face meeting, and were able to attend to some due diligence including the finalising of the Annual Plan, response to Paul Goulter (NZNO CEO) to provide input and ideas for growing the success of Colleges and Sections, and also reviewing our many applications for the Education Fund.

In addition to this, we discussed the plan for a new enteral feeding sub specialty group- and we agreed that this is a growing area of advanced nursing practice that we would like to support. If you are interested in being part of this group, please get in touch with us NZGNC Secretary [secretaryofnzgnc@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryofnzgnc@gmail.com) so we can pass on your details.

Also discussed was the current situation we have where the AS/NZ4187 standard for reprocessing of reusable medical devices has been updated but is now an Australian only standard. There is much work happening on this still at a national level, and we will continue to keep involved until we can endorse this standard, or a similar arrangement.

Work is underway to host the Gastroenterology Nurse Leaders day which will be held on Friday 20 September. The theme for this is Kotuitui- Connected Health Workforce, with a focus on Regional Health challenges too. Watch this space for more information.

The new DOPS (Directly Observed Procedures) are live on the website now - so please check these out for your team. GNC Resources ([nzno.org.nz](http://nzno.org.nz))

The committee's next meeting is by Zoom on 12th June, please get in touch with us if you have any questions. NZGNC Secretary [secretaryofnzgnc@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryofnzgnc@gmail.com).



L-R: Kirsten Arnold (Treasurer), Nicola Caine, Fiona Williams, Jessica Southall (Secretary), Julia Anderson (PNA), Merrilee Williams (Chair), Justin Augustine, Gino Borromeo. Absent: Karen Kempin.

## Upcoming education opportunities:

### GENCA FUNDAMENTALS OF ENDOSCOPE REPROCESSING DATES:

Register here: [genca.org](http://genca.org)  
26 July Auckland  
09 August 2024 Wellington

### GASTROENTEROLOGY ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

27 - 29 November - Claudelands, Hamilton  
Register here: [gastroconference.co.nz](http://gastroconference.co.nz)  
Registrations open July 2024.

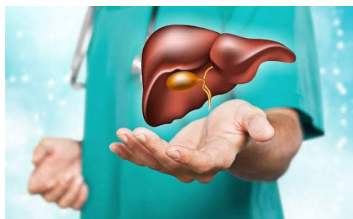
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## World Liver Day



This was acknowledged on 19 April by a worldwide campaign to highlight the growing prevalence of chronic liver disease, and the increasing healthcare burden. Our NZ hepatology nurses continue to grow their skill set and knowledge in this area as new diagnostic modalities are introduced and used in advanced nursing practice.

The NZgNC Hepatology sub specialty group are in the final stages of completing the Knowledge and Skills Framework which will help guide new and experienced nurses in this area to benchmark their learning development. They have been working with the AHA to finalise these, and have created a NZ specific framework.

Susan Gale (*Health NZ Southern*) recently spoke at the GENCA to share the NZ context for Hepatology Nursing, and our current successes and challenges. Her presentation was well received by the audience of nearly 350 gastroenterology nurses from mainly Australia.

While World Liver day was on the 19th April World Hepatitis Day is on the 28th July!

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Dates: January 15th to January 20th, 2025

## World IBD Day

This was acknowledged internationally on the 19th May, marked here in NZ by purple lights on prestigious buildings across the country.

The Hawke's Bay team pictured here getting into the spirit of World IBD day 2024.



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