

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.*



NZgNC committee update

from the outgoing chairperson, Merrilee Williams

It was great to see so many of you at the Annual Scientific meeting last month in Hamilton, it was a huge success, and we are grateful to the convening committee who made it so. Nurse convenors, Sarah Cook and Amanda De Souza, brought us excellent nursing speakers from far and wide to inspire us, share their knowledge with us.

As we wrap up 2024, I thank our committee members who have stood down from the committee after an extended term, and wish them all the best for the coming year. Jessica Southall (*Secretary and Hepatology rep*), Kirsten Arnold (*Treasurer and IBD rep*), Justin Augustine (*committee member*) and myself have finished our terms on the committee, which has opened up a wonderful opportunity for the members. The outgoing committee members will continue to support the new crew as long as they need us!

After the closing of the voting process, you will be able to welcome 4 new members on to your new look NZgNC committee, I know they will enjoy the opportunity to represent the membership, and the profession of nursing.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support and encouragement over my last 6 years on the committee, especially my last 3 as chairperson. I'd never been a chairperson before, so I sure learned a lot with the support of Julia our PNA, and my amazing committee. I feel that we achieved a lot of our key focusses including connecting the membership to one another, particularly our nurse leaders. Increasing the visibility of the committee so we can support the membership, growth of the member base (to 502!), and providing opportunities for professional development and networking, and many more! I've enjoyed meeting so many of you in your workplaces, as well as on the dance floor at conferences, what an amazing group of nurses within Gastroenterology!

Many, many thanks, and all the best to you all
Merrilee

Dates for education in 2025:

SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL ENDOSCOPY
SYMPOSIUM (SIES). 6/7 March 2025

Click here for more information and
registration. <https://www.sies.org.au/>

GENCA 2024 NATIONAL CONFERENCE-
ADELAIDE 16-18th May 2025

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registration. [https://www.genca.org/
education/2025-national-conference/](https://www.genca.org/education/2025-national-conference/)

Scholarships are available from NZgNC
to support you to attend meetings as
above - please find application form on our
website: Next round closes 1st March 2025.

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gastroenterology_nurses_college/
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Nurses prizes at ASM Gastro Conference:



Congratulations to all our presenters, authors and winners, we were impressed by the quality of the work displayed this year, and thank you all for sharing your knowledge to improve ours. These awards are to support your ongoing education. Thank you to our wonderful and generous sponsors- we are grateful for your ongoing support of gastroenterology nurses in NZ.



Best Nurse Poster:

Creating endoscopy specific education sessions for nurse PDRP domains.

Winner: Makayla Halafuka
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Best First Time Presenter:

Impact of anticoagulation on capsule endoscopy findings on Obscure GI bleeding and outcomes: A Pilot Study.

Winner: Gino Borromeo
Sponsored by Insight Medical LTD \$1000



Best Article in the Tube:

What is Green Endoscopy, and how do we achieve it in NZ.

Winner: Andrea Dixon and Holly Weale
Sponsored by Boston Scientific \$1500



Best Nurse Presentation:

Patient Journey of a colorectal patient

Winner: Caro Staheli and Jay Haden
Sponsored by Obex \$2000

Tube February/March 2025

The next Tube is due out in early 2025, where you will be able to read the articles from those who have received scholarships from our education fund, as well as other contributions. In 2024, the committee introduced a gratuity for those who submit an article that is not subsequent to a successful funding application. We welcome your submissions for publication if you have some learnings to share, in return, you may be eligible for a thank you gift!

Would you like to share your team with us in the "Spotlight on a team" section? Please get in touch with us: secretaryofnzgnc@gmail.com

New documents to share with you

On our website, you will find a new initiative following the approval of a college rule change at the AGM 2024- **NZgNC Networks and Subspecialty Groups**

Alongside our **Subspecialty groups**, we now also have **Networks**. Networks have been introduced to connect people working in specialty interest groups like Enteral Feeding nursing, and Capsule Endoscopy nurses, so they can share knowledge in a forum less formal than Subspecialty groups. Check out the details and differences, and let the committee know if you have an idea for a new Network, or Subspecialty, and how to go about getting things moving. You will find the newly updated College Rules on the website in the new year.



Christmas wishes

On behalf of the Committee- I'd like to wish you a very Merry Christmas, and hope that you get to enjoy some sun, and some time off with your families. I hope everyone in NZ remembers to chew well, not drink too much, and not swallow any batteries or bottle caps.
Merrilee, and your NZgNC committee.