



Thank you for the opportunity to present my final Chair's Report at the 24th AGM of the Women's Health College.

It has been a privilege to work alongside such a dedicated group of nurses and midwives. The mahi of this College is vital in supporting nursing and leading high-quality care for our patients. I would also like to acknowledge Julia Anderson, our Professional Nurse Advisor, who has been instrumental for me in my role as Chair, and in supporting our committee as we have undertaken a range of projects.

Over the past year, the College has continued to work to advance clinical skills and improve access to care for our patients. This has included correspondence to the Minister of Health regarding women's health access in Aotearoa New Zealand, with a focus on addressing barriers to timely gynaecological, primary, and cervical screening care.

The College has also worked with tertiary providers and the Chief Nurse to re-establish ongoing hysteroscopy training. This is an important step in supporting earlier detection and management of our fast-growing gynaecological cancer burden.

Four of our committee members, including myself, attended the College and Sections Induction and Leadership Training Days in February and March. I found these days both inspiring and informative. The forum highlighted the importance of leadership capability and advocacy, and it was valuable to see EREL being used to support wider member participation.

Three of our committee members are standing down, and I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank them for their contribution and commitment. At the same time, I warmly welcome our three new members to the committee and wish them all the very best in their roles.

I am also pleased to welcome Sarah Marshall as the new Chair of the College, and I wish her every success in this role.

Maranga Mai! Rise Up!