

Women's Health College (WHC), (NZNO) Chair's Report for 2024 WHC AGM

Welcome to Queenstown in this beautiful autumn season. Thank you to the conference organisers who have worked with me, Maya Bachu, Denise Braid and Janine Graham-Jones to make this conference happen. Please enjoy this opportunity to learn, network and socialise.

I would like to thank Julia Anderson (PNA, Professional Nurse Advisor) who has supported us with our college work and this conference. Also, a special thanks to our sponsors for supporting the workshops.

Congratulations to Lauren Moore who in 2023 won the NZNO Nursing/ Midwifery National Service Award for her role as New Zealand's first Nurse Hysteroscopist.

The 2024 NZNO college & section day in Wellington that Callie Reweti (committee member) and I attended provided an excellent platform for us to present our current work and roles. We also had an opportunity to give feedback on questions relating to how NZNO college & sections can increase our membership, raise our profile and be more active and influential across the health sector. Maranga Mai! has been the underpinning vision of our strategic plan which we recently updated.

The Women's Health College membership has seen positive growth since the recent introduction of our Facebook page. Thanks to those involved and particularly Sandy Hamilton who looks after this. We are keen to promote nursing and the Women's Health College to students across a number of institutions, including tertiary and secondary schools. We have requested administration support from NZNO to assist us in approaching these groups, to help us grow the nursing workforce and showcase the advanced areas of nursing that our college has led the way in, nationally and internationally.

We are always keen to hear from any of our members with ideas to support and develop training. Any suggestions can be sent to Lauren Moore, our secretary for discussion at our next meeting in September.

Thank you to all who are on the committee for supporting the work we do. We have one member leaving our committee at the AGM, Janine Graham-Jones. Thank you, Janine, for your time and work on behalf of college members. We are pleased to welcome Sarah Marshall from Christchurch onto our committee. We would like to ask members to consider joining the Women's Health college committee. Committee roles are reviewed every three years and a term can last six years if you stay for the duration.

E hara tak`u toa I te toa takitahi engari he toa taiktini
My strength is not as an individual, but as a collective

Jill Lamb
WHC Chair
NZNO, Tōpūtanga Tapuhi Kaitiaki o Aotearoa