



MESSAGE TO ACHSM – AOTEAROA MEMBERS

Spring 2022

Tēnā koutou ACSHM - Aotearoa members, welcome to the ACHSM – Aotearoa Spring Newsletter

It was terrific to have 15 of our members in Perth for the ACHSM Congress which was a great success. It was an absolute privilege to be able to award 10 of our members with their Fellowship Awards - 6 via Alternate Pathway (from over the past three years) and 4 via examination (2022). Congratulations to you all!



Above is a photo showing the signing of the updated Memorandum of Understanding that ACHSM - Aotearoa holds with ACHSM. In the photo from back left to right are new Fellows: Christine King, Cathy Cummings, David Waters, Catherine Parkes, Professor Sharon Brownie, Gary Lees, Thérèse Jeffs, Shelley McIntosh, Michelle Arrowsmith, Tamzin Brott. Front row: ACHSM President Dr Neale Fong, and ACHSM - Aotearoa President Cathy Cooney.

Fellowship Programme 2023

We are seeking interest from members for the 2023 Certification and Fellowship programmes. Please check the ACHSM website and/or email Fellowship Coordinator Jagpal Benipal Jagpal.benipal@waikatodhb.health.nz

Competency Framework

The new Competency Framework was launched at the Congress and you will have received notification directly from the College 27 September. This update followed an extensive consultation process during 2021 and is a cornerstone document for our organisation.

Regional Networks

I am delighted to report that the Central and Te Wai Pounamu (Southern) regions are now working with Marion Dixon, Regional Coordinator for Te Manawa Taki (Midland) Region as we re-establish regional networking opportunities. These will be a mix of online and face to face gatherings. Early planning underway for Northern Region also.



Above is a photo taken at the August 2022 Te Manawa Taki Region dinner in Rotorua, our first face to face gathering in several years. It was great to be together in person again.

Journal Club 2023

Veronique and the Journal Club Working Group would love to hear from you if you would like to present a paper in 2023.

Papers can be research or a non-research topic of interest. Keep in mind Post Graduate students you are aware of who have interesting projects they are working on or have completed. Email Veronique on: Veronique.Gibbons@waikatodhb.health.nz

March 2024 Conference, Christchurch

Hot of the press from the College AGM is the decision to hold the March 2024 Conference in Christchurch rather than Melbourne where it is usually held annually. This is a fabulous opportunity for us to build a uniquely Aotearoa programme. Work will begin on the planning very soon, and we have already been given a challenge from the College President Dr Neale Fong that we attract at least 100 attendees from NZ.

Promotional Postcards



We now have promotional postcards available to publicise our Branch of the College so if you have an event coming up at which you want to promote the

College and to encourage people to join our whānau then please email us and we will pop some in the post to you.

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Ngā mihi nui
Catherine Cooney,
President