



Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tuohu koe me he maunga teitei
 Pursue that which is precious, and do not be deterred by anything less than a high mountain
MESSAGE TO ACHSM – AOTEAROA MEMBERS

Autumn 2024

Kia ora ACHSM – Aotearoa members, Welcome to the Autumn Newsletter
 This edition highlights the 15 March Conference, gives a heads up to the 11 June AGM, and updates on other items happening at National Council.

ACHSM One-Day Conference, Auckland, 15 March 2024, Hilton Hotel Well, the one-day conference in Auckland was a great success and we have had a great deal of very positive feedback. In total at the Conference there were 250 attendees with 185 of these being from Aotearoa NZ. We also had excellent feedback from the pre-conference visits to QE Health and the Care Village in Rotorua and the Auckland visits to Waipareira Trust and Hato Hone / St John. Thank you to everyone involved in making all of the events such a success.



The Mihi Whakatau at Ngongotaha Care Village – pre-conference visit

Our thanks to Tainui Tangata Whenua who led the Mihi Whakatau for the occasion. It

was a special moment when Dr Neale Fong was presented with a korowai in recognition of his service to the College as President for the past 8 years.



It was also an honour to present Dr Diana Sarfati, Director General of Health, with her Honorary Fellow award (the Aotearoa Branch has a long history of presenting honorary Fellowship to the current DG of Health).



ACHSM President Dr Neale Fong, DG Health Dr Diane Sarfati with Honorary Fellowship Award, and Aotearoa President Catthy Cooney

Silver Fern recognition awards to Karen Osborn and Jayanthi Mohanakrishnan for their contribution to health services in Aotearoa and to the College.



Silver fern recipients Karen Osborn and Jayanthi Mohanakrishnan with Neale and Cathy

Fellowship Awards were presented to Justin Butcher, CE Pinnacle PHO (via alternate pathway); and to Michele Thomas (2023 Fellow); and to Janet Keys and Veronique Gibbons (2020 Fellows - who had missed their ceremonies due to Covid disrupted Congresses)



With Neale and Cathy are from left: Janet Keys, Veronique Gibbons, Justine Butcher and Michele Thomas.



Congratulations also to Frances Cook on her Certification Award.

It was wonderful to celebrate with all the recipients and to acknowledge their contributions and achievements.

Our sincere thanks to all our speakers and panellists who gave so willingly of their time to present.



Te Whatu Ora CEO Margie Apa presenting at the 15 March conference.



Te Aka Whai Ora CEO, Riana Manuel



The AI and Digital Futures Panel

We await notification of the number of new members as a result of the generous ‘fees free’ offer made to those joining before the end of March 2024. This was a 50% reduction from ACHSM, plus during her presentation Margie Apa, CEO Te Whatu Ora, offered to pay the other 50% for those working in the sector.



Andrew Slater, Te Whatu Ora, Chief People Officer, presenting on the Workforce Plan



ACHSM – Aotearoa Branch Kaumātua, Mr Brian Emery

New ACHSM Website has gone live

Check out the new ACHSM website which went live the week of 25 March. You will need to refresh your password to access the new site. Work will now be done on our Aotearoa Branch section of the site to refresh it. ACHSM Link:

<https://www.achsm.org.au/>

Te Whatu Ora Leadership Institute RFP

Over the summer a group of ACHSM – Aotearoa Branch Council members worked in partnership with ACHSM to submit a response to the Te Whatu Ora RFP for the establishment of a Leadership Institute. The RFP asked for responses for 5 different programme streams. As a College, we responded to Programme 4: Leadership Talent Programme – Fast Stream for those with >5 years’ experience, and Programme 5: Leadership Talent Programme for up and coming top executive leaders. We await feedback from the RFP assessment panel as to whether we have been taken to the next stage of the process. A response is expected before the end of April.

AGM 2024, 11 June, 5-6pm, Online.

The AGM is scheduled for 11 June and papers will be circulated to meet the 14 days’ notice deadline as per the Constitution. One of the items on the Agenda will be a resolution seeking support for some minor Constitution changes to meet the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022 requirements. Please note that at our AGM we need at least 15% of our members to be present online to meet our quorum so please pop the date in your diary.

ACHSM – Aotearoa Silver Fern Award

Nominations are invited for the 2024 Silver Fern Award and the form will be posted on the Aotearoa Branch section of the website in the near future once the update to the site has been completed by ACHSM.

The ACHSM - Aotearoa Silver Fern Award recognises leadership accomplishment in at least 3 or more of the following areas:

- Leadership excellence in roles held
- Innovation in field of endeavour
- Professional and/or workforce development
- Management and organisational development
- Health and disability service provision/activities
- Management of change
- Contribution to evidence-based practice

Advertising for health and disability leadership and management vacancies via the ACHSM website – seeking member feedback

Members will be familiar with the advertisements for senior roles that are distributed via ACHSM approx fortnightly. This did also occur for jobs in NZ in the past pre Covid. Is this something that members wish to see taken up again? The advertisements are one of the business units of the College and are run on a commercial basis.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou

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