



## Chairperson's Report 22nd March 2017

The past year has been productive for the ACDN National Committee, and we continue with work in progress to support and promote excellent diabetes nursing in New Zealand.

We host our Special Interest Group Study Day, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017, and our AGM 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017, prior to NZ Society for Study of Diabetes (NZSSD) Annual Scientific Meeting in Dunedin. The updated ACDN Strategic and Operation Plans will be pre-circulated to our membership and presented for discussion at the AGM.

ACDN Special Interest Groups (SIGs), recently initiated by diabetes nurses within our membership include a focus on Insulin Pumps/Continuous Glucose Monitors, Indigenous Nurses, and Young Adults with Diabetes. Previous ACDN Workforce Development reports indicate the need for increased Maori and Pacific nursing representation, and nurse leadership to match our current and projected diabetes population demographics. The National Committee is pleased therefore to see the establishment of an Indigenous Diabetes Nurse SIG. Further information relating to our SIG's is available on our web page. A draft SIG Terms of Reference, outlining the relationship between ACDN and SIG's, and the expectations of both parties has been circulated for consultation, and is expected to be finalised by May.

We held an assessors training day, on the 9th March, organised by Accreditation Portfolio holder Bryan Gibbison. Feedback from participants indicated that the day was extremely successful and useful for their role as assessors on the ACDN Accreditation program. Discussion included 'how to improve access to accreditation for nurses working in diabetes,' which is a key issue already under consideration by the National Committee for their 2017 Accreditation Review. The next edition of On Target will include a report about the day. Many thanks to NZSSD for their generous contribution towards this training day.

We are also pleased to report that the 2017 review of the NDNKSF is near completion. The National Committee wish to thank Helen Snell and her project team for their hard work in ensuring the framework remains robust valid and current. We are also grateful to NZSSD for their financial support of this review.

The National Committee have met with NZNO Industrial Officers Lesley Harry and Chris Wilson to discuss the inclusion of RN Designated Prescriber's and RN in Diabetes Health Prescriber's in the 2017 MECA. NZNO have already done a lot of ground-work, and our role is to encourage all ACDN members to get involved with work-place meetings and on-going discussions. This particular issue may take some time to resolve and we therefore urge current authorised Diabetes Nurse Prescribers to assess their situation and pay scale. If you have any doubts or queries regarding this you need to contact your local NZNO representative. You may then need to contact the Job Evaluation Review Committee (JERC). The details for this committee can be found in Appendix 1c DHB/NZNO MECA and accessed through the NZNO web site.

The National Committee is pleased that increased funding for Senior Nurse Continuing Education is one the issues under consideration for the MECA negotiations. Again please be sure to be involved with progress toward the negotiations.

Yours Sincerely

Tricha Ball Chairperson ACDN

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tricha Ball', is positioned to the right of the typed name.