



ANNUAL REPORT

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Advancing practice and knowledge in wound management

He ahu umanga ngaio hei whakamahu poka

INTRODUCTION

The New Zealand Wound Care Society Inc (NZWCS) is a voluntary organisation made up of health care professionals from a variety of disciplines who share a common interest in wound management. As an organisation it gives its members an opportunity to share experience, expertise and knowledge providing a forum to network with other members throughout the country. The primary objectives of the society include:

- Improve outcomes and quality of life for patients with wound and skin integrity problems.
- Provide and encourage best practice wound management across all health care settings.
- Be a recognised voice at national and local level in any issues relating to wound healing or maintaining skin integrity.

To achieve this, we focus on education and professional development, as well as fostering and encouraging an evidence-based approach to wound management. We hold regular local education sessions and study days, organised by Area Coordinators, and a biennial national conference.

Currently there are thirteen NZWCS branches across New Zealand: Northland, Auckland, Waikato, Rotorua/Taupo, Bay of Plenty, Manawatu/Palmerston North/Wanganui, New Plymouth/Taranaki, Hawkes Bay, Wellington, Marlborough/Nelson, Christchurch, Dunedin, and Southland.

The NZWCS is a registered Incorporated Society (No. 671834)
Registered Charity (No. CC44360).

President — **Rebecca Aburn**

Vice-President – **Desley Johnson**

Honorary Treasurer — **Emil Schmidt**

Retiring Administrator — **Jeannette Henderson**

New Administrator — **Lee-Anne Stone**

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

NZWCS PRESIDENT REPORT 2022



This is the first time we have been face-to-face since 2019 and my first conference as President. It has been a privilege representing the NZWCS as President since I took over from Mandy Pagan last year. I want to take the time to acknowledge all the hard work Mandy put in over her two years as President.

Mandy has been an active member of the society for many years and is still helping with CSWD course, probably putting in more hours for this than she did as President. I would like to take this time to say a big thank-you to her and of course her family who support her to be able to do all that she does for the Society. It is humbling to work with members that are so enthusiastic and passionate about improving the lives of patients who are faced with wounds.

I would like to thank our members, Advisory and Working Groups, National Committee and Area Coordinators for attending night meetings, supporting your colleagues, and providing much support and guidance for the Society. In these unprecedented times we are asked to continue to give so much when I know a lot of you are feeling like there is nothing left to give. This is the time that, as a Society, we can work closely together to shoulder the burden and work towards new and innovative ways to deliver care to those who have wounds.

The President's role and responsibilities continue to grow, and it is a wonderful achievement that we have employed Sue Lee as the Education Coordinator to assist the Society's work. This has meant we are able to share some of the voluntary work and alleviated the workload.

Despite the ongoing COVID variants and Covid related disruptions, we have been very productive over the last few years and below are some highlights we have achieved collectively.

The NZWCS are now members of the World Union Wound Healing Society (WUWHS) enabling us to share our experiences and education in wound care around the world. We took part in this year's vote, which went to Malaysia for 2026. We hope to the support the Perth bid for 2030.

The Society continues to work with ACC and have signed an Injury Prevention Partnering Agreement for future initiatives including Wound Awareness Week (WAW). ACC have included the Society on the ACC Aseptic Technique working group and I thank Sasha Drennan who is our representative on this group.

Wound Awareness Week 2022 Surgical Site Infection has been another success led by Desley Johnson and Maria ten Hove and supported by Jeannette Henderson our administrator, Sue Lee, Dr Richard Everts, Alice Cowie, and Sharryn Cook. The webinars were of a very high standard. They are available to view on our website.

The Financial Governance Group provide additional support for the National Committee. We have contracted Webtech Evolution Ltd to upgrade our website, this has meant the website is easier to navigate and we have a Members Only area that has all the resources from our various webinars so please check it out.

Special thanks for our Conference Organising group, led by Desley Johnson, who have put in the mahi over many months to deliver an inspirational conference to our members and wider professional community. We are lucky to have Sue Templeton over from Australia otherwise we are showcasing the New Zealand wound care efforts in September 2022.

Our Advisory Groups continue to be very productive. The 'Pressure Injury Advisory Group, (PIAG) led by Anj Dickson, continue to advocate for better outcomes for those patients with Pressure Injuries. Global STOP PI Day is an awareness day observed on the 3rd Thursday of November – 17th November 2022. Look out for what's happening in your area. I would like to remind Society members that the e-version of the 'International 2019 Prevention and Treatment of Pressure Injuries: Clinical Practice Guideline' is available FREE for NZWCS members from the NZWCS website 'Members Only' area.

A Gold award was received for the 'Advances in Pressure Care' for the Clinical Practice Guidelines on the Prevention and Treatment of Pressure Ulcers/Injuries. This recognizes the huge amount of work undertaken voluntarily by all the guideline group members including the NZWCS.

Our Education Advisory Group, led by Kate O'Dwyer, continues to provide excellent Tissue Issue newsletters for our membership and oversight of Scholarships Applications. They are always on the lookout for Case Studies, interesting articles etc for Tissue Issue. Submit your article/case study and earn yourself \$100 if published.

The Leg Ulcer Advisory Group are pleased to report an active and productive year working towards the update of the Pan Pacific Clinical Practice Guideline for Prevention and Management of Venous Leg Ulcers 2nd Edition. Cathy Hammond and Mandy Pagan provide NZ representation on the Venous Leg Ulcer Guideline Governance Group working alongside Wounds Australia, Hong Kong Association, and the Singapore Wound Healing Society. In July, Dr Richard Greene was appointed as a Consumer Representative on this group.

We are excited to report, that the educational sponsorship, received from ConvaTec, has helped the NZWCS to produce the Wound Debridement Certificate Course at Otago Polytechnic which is now up and running. The first 26 learners are due to finish this December. We have had a successful pilot so far. I have been lucky enough to have worked with Mandy Pagan, Wendy White and the Otago Polytechnic team to get this up and running. We have dates for next year and we are looking forward to ensuring an even better course based on the feedback from the learners.

I would like to acknowledge the soul of the Society our faithful 'Jeannette' whom we all respect and admire for her calming influence, tenacity, kindness, and support that she provides to us all in the volunteer work we do. It is with great sadness that she is leaving us, and we acknowledge her hard work as we welcome Lee-Anne, who has been working with us for the last few months, to the Society.

Finally, thank you to Emil Schmidt our Treasurer for monitoring our finances and to Desley Johnson, Vice-President, for her support, energy, and vision that she continues to provide to the Society. It is with regret, however, that I have accepted Desley's request to stand down from the

role of Vice-President and National Committee member for Manawatu/Whanganui. We wish to thank her for continued support of the society.

Times are hard and it is even more important that we look after each other. As wound care experts we need to be there to support our colleagues. We can do this by providing practical and innovative ways to make wound care management easier.

Getting this conference over the line has taken a lot of 'Grit'! Grit is the mental toughness and passion that propels you toward achieving your vision for life. It's the key to remaining focused and motivated. Rather than courage or exceptional talent, grit is tenacity, perseverance, resilience, and a willingness to keep going despite obstacles. It is quickly adapting to new circumstances and being committed to work hard for long periods, trusting that if you can't see the light at the end of the tunnel, you will light the tunnel up yourself.

Kia Kaha

Rebecca Aburn
NZWCS President

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurers Report 2022

The NZWCS must provide yearly financial accounts to the Charities Services. A chartered accountant, from PKF McCormack prepares the financial accounts for the End of Year 30 June 2022. The End of Year financial accounts will be presented to the AGM at the 15 September 2022 meeting and are freely available on the Charities Services website.



The Society invests money to advance practice and knowledge of our members through website updates, scholarships, e-Journals, education, and improved access to information relating to wound healing and prevention. We are also working with national and international partners to update policy and guideline development specifically in Pressure Injury Prevention and Treatment. We have good working relationship with Wounds Australia. It is fantastic to see that we are working together with other countries in the Pacific to review the Australasian Venous Leg Ulcer (VLU) guidelines. The yearly Wound Awareness Week and the STOP PI Day in partnership with ACC, have proven to be highly successful events.

The Net Assets of the Society from 2019 to 2022 is summarized in the table below

	2019	2020	2021	2022
Net Assets	203,426	180,228	202,913	130,637

Earnings

- Sponsorships \$13,419
- Subscriptions /Seminars \$30,181
- Interest \$801

Costs

- Administration fees \$33,368
- Scholarships \$5,234
- Accountant, Website \$12,900
- Guidelines and debridement course \$55,493

By being financially sustainable we will enable the Society to engage in international and national guideline groups and expert panels, thus enabling the aims of the Society to be realised which are to:

- to improve outcomes and quality of life for patients with wound and skin integrity problems.
- to provide and encourage best practice wound management across all health care settings.
- to be a recognised voice at national and local level in any issues relating to wound healing or maintaining skin integrity

The last fiscal year was again challenging. Planning for several events, in particular the national conference, which had to be postponed. Finally, we can meet face to face. This is a great achievement and reflects the commitment of the committee and the participants.

I would like to thank the members of the Financial Governance Group for their guidance and wisdom. Rebecca, Desley, and Mandy for steering our society in exciting and new directions. A huge thanks to Jeannette for her support throughout the years. Her dedication, hard work and patience are second to none. We wish her all the best for her retirement and new adventures.

Emil Schmidt - Treasurer

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Kia ora koutou

This last year has not been without its issues, from conference having to be postponed again to having more organised education sessions being cancelled.

The organisation of the Wound Awareness Week 2022 – focusing on Surgical Site Infection, got underway in March, the team delivered a series of presentations via Webinar on 25 July. We were again working together with ACC to deliver the week.



The first Wound Debridement Course took place this year, which, according to the first 26 learners, is a fantastic course and worth doing. The dates for the 2023 course is 17 April – 16 October.

In December last year we adopted a new look website, and we refreshed the NZWCS branding. We hope that you approve of both and that you can navigate your way around the website.

Sadly, membership numbers have suffered due to COVID with numbers down on recent years, but hopefully these will recover as we return to normal.

Membership currently stands at:

Categories	2022	2021	2020	2019
Full Members	280	390	300	329
Corporate Accounts (up to 20 members per Account)	26 (520)	32 (640)	26 (520)	31 (620)
Commercial Members	6	10	6	7

The National Committee meet bi-monthly overseeing the day to day running of the Society and the Advisory Groups LUAG, PIAG and EAG continue to meet once a month working on updating guidelines, organising symposiums, assessing scholarship applications, and pulling together interesting articles for Tissue Issue, to mention just a few of things they are involved with. If you would like to be involved in these advisory groups, please get in touch.

This will be my last Annual Report as I retire from the NZWCS but leave you in the capable hands of Lee-Anne Stone and Sue Lee. I have said this before, but I will say it again, working with you all has been an absolute pleasure. You are the best bunch of people to work with, always so kind and considerate to one another in this delicate environment.

Keep in touch.

Jeannette Henderson – NZWCS Administrator

OTHER REPORTS

Education Coordinator's Report

Tēnā koe members of NZWCS,

Thank you for welcoming me to this exciting role of Education Coordinator. Since joining the NZWCS in March 2022, I have thoroughly enjoyed exploring and discovering my role. Over the last few months, I have very much appreciated Jeannette's insightful and informative introduction to our society, spending much valuable time with both Jeannette and Lee-Anne. I have been attending all the meetings of EAG, LUAG, PIAG, the National Committee, and the conference group to introduce myself and get on board. With the involvement in EAG, I have researched and investigated the availability of wound education at tertiary institutions around the country to explore future directions for our members. One of the highlights so far was the WAW on the topic of SSIs and taking part in the preparation process leading up to July. I could see how the success of the WAW was possible due to the dedicated, hard-working team members and their amazing support for each other as well as the great partnership with ACC. Moving forward, I see my role to be versatile and interactive, so I also have been brushing up on my skill sets on social media and online-based platforms to be able to represent the Society's presence nationally and internationally. Please keep yourself updated with all the exciting plans and come and say hello if you see me at the conference in September!

Ngā mihi,

Sue LEE – Education Coordinator

Podiatry report

Following on from last year this is my second year of being the Podiatrist representative. The initiative of the debriding course and the hard work to get this off the ground from Mandy and Rebecca, will help improve patient care and clinician confidence in debriding, across nursing and podiatry.

Podiatry being a small profession and with workforce shortages this will ultimately help the patient's journey.

My role within NZWCS is to maintain the link between podiatry profession and the NZWCS national committee.

Thank you to Rebecca and Jeannette for their support in this role.

Claire O'Shea, Podiatrist

PRESSURE INJURY ADVISORY GROUP (PIAG)

Introduction:

NZWCS Pressure Injury Advisory Group (PIAG) consists of NZWCS members with expertise and a particular interest in pressure injuries.

Current Members:

Wendy Mildon, Sharryn Cook, Pam Mitchell, Emil Schmidt, Leanne Bolton, Jan Johnstone, Paula McKinnel, Anj Dickson, Althea Carruth.

Due to the constraints of COVID, the PIAG has not been able to have our yearly face-to-face meeting, but we continue to have monthly meetings via Zoom. The group aims to have a Pressure injury Symposium every 2 years in November, but with the Wound Care conference being postponed, a decision was made to move the symposium to early 2023, with a focus on community acquired pressure injuries.

Activities:

PPPIA – Dr Althea Carruth is the NZWCS representative on the PPPIA and was supported by Pam Mitchell in her transition to this role. Althea continues to feedback information to the PIAG. It is expected that there will be an increase in the workload in the coming year.

Virtual Meeting with Government Agencies in January – A meeting was held with Government agencies (HQSC, MOH and ACC) a case study was presented to highlight the concerns that the PIAG have about the increase in Community acquired pressure injuries and to discuss the Symposium. Engagement was obtained about focusing on this topic and strategies to support the organisation of the Symposium

Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) – PIAG was involved in the development and endorsement of the New Zealand Pressure Injury in Spinal Cord Injury (SCI): a consensus statement There will be further input required to embed this document into practice and assist with developing further resources to support the consensus.

Consumer Representative engagement – The PIAG have identified that there is a need to have a consumer rep, to provide a consumer voice to the group. Leanne Bolton has been taking the lead on this process and we are in discussions with HSQC to understand the process of recruitment.

SAVE THE DATE - This year; STOP PI Day will fall on - **Thursday 17th November 2022**. There will be local activities, and distribution of resources. There are still guidelines available to purchase at the Wound Care Conference at a heavily discounted rate, which are an excellent resource to have.

Acknowledgements: We would like to acknowledge the commitment of the PIAG to attending meetings and being actively involved in improvement initiatives, amongst the difficulties experienced during COVID and increased work pressures. In December, Janey Edwards stood down from the committee and we would like to thank her for the expertise that she brought to the committee and her community experience and case studies. Thanks to Sharryn Cook and Wendy Milton for their input and work as shared chair for the previous year.

Most importantly, we would like to thank Jeannette, our administrator, for her support and let her know how much she will be missed, as she leaves the NZWCS – you will be missed.

Author: Anj Dickson – PIAG current Chair

LEG ULCER ADVISORY GROUP (LUAG)

Introduction:

The LUAG consists of NZWCS members with expertise and a special interest in preventing and treating lower extremity wounds.

Current Members:

Cathy Hammond - CNS Wound Care Nurse Maude ChCh, Kate Gray - Community Wound Care Clinical Nurse Specialist Hutt Hospital, Rebecca Aburn - Nurse Practitioner Vascular Southern DHB, Maria Schollum Nurse Practitioner Waikato District Health Board, and Mandy Pagan CNS Wound Care Southern DHB

Activities: Tēnā koutou kātoa, we are pleased to report an active and productive year working towards the update of the Pan Pacific Clinical Practice Guideline for Prevention and Management of Venous Leg Ulcers 2nd Edition. Cathy and Mandy provide NZ representation on the Venous Leg Ulcer Guideline Governance Group working alongside Wounds Australia, Hong Kong Association, and the Singapore Wound Healing Society. In July Dr Richard Greene was appointed as a consumer representative onto this group. We are wanting a NZ consumer from Pacifica or Māori nationality who have lived with a venous leg ulcer or have cared for someone with a venous leg ulcer to provide their voice on this group. If any members are aware of someone who would like to engage in this volunteer role, please contact Mandy or Cathy.

World renown, Dr. Emily Haesler, has been appointed as our methodologist. Dr. Haesler has undertaken a literature review to gauge new articles identified from the last review, the development of groups to perform data analysis and extraction will occur in 2023.

The initial stage of the guideline review is to understand key stakeholder perspectives, their prioritisation of clinical questions, and allocating importance to clinical outcomes. In addition, this will help inform us about potential support and education material that different stakeholder groups would find beneficial to accompany the clinical practice guideline. Since stakeholder engagement and partnership, particularly that of patient consumers, is recognised as important for high quality, international clinical guidelines, ethical approval for the survey has been sought from Curtin University (Australia) and the Otago University. In addition, consultation has occurred with the Ngāi Tahu Research Committee who have commended our consultation with Māori. We sincerely thank Pam Mitchell and acknowledge her work for being an external reviewer of the ethics application.

The guideline group are currently evaluating the on-line survey and anticipate release will occur in early September. The survey will be communicated to stakeholders through a variety of mediums such as a flyer, social media, consumer groups, wound organisations, websites, email, clinics, aged care groups/homes, and other avenues identified by the NZWCS. We strongly encourage you all to complete the survey and share the link with consumers and careers to participate so we can obtain NZ specific feedback.

Special acknowledgements to all members who provide work in their own valuable time, the National Committee for supporting our work, and Jeannette who continues to provide the LUAG with essential administrative support.

Author: Mandy Pagan – Coordinator LUAG

EDUCATION ADVISORY GROUP REPORT (EAG)

Introduction

The Education Advisory Group is a group of NZWCS members appointed to provide expert advice on wound related topics and projects in relation to the education and professional development of the membership and stakeholders associated with the NZWCS.

Current Members

Dr Althea Carruth (PhD) - Podiatrist Central Otago

Katie Cunard – Nurse Educator, Cubro Ltd. NZ

Sasha Drennan – Clinical Nurse Educator Primary Health Care, Te Whatu Ora Waitemata

Kate O'Dwyer – Nurse Practitioner, Aged Residential Care, Cicada Health Ltd., Tauranga

Maria Ten Hove – Nurse Educator Plastics/Surgical, Te Whatu Ora Canterbury

Dr Lea Whittington (PhD) – Regional Specialist Podiatrist, Te Whatu Ora Mid Central (on sabbatical)

We would like to recognise Kathleen Wheelan, who stood down from the EAG earlier this year. She contributed greatly to the group, and we would like to thank her commitment. This year we have two new members to the EAG - Katie Cunard and Sasha Drennan, and we look forward to working with both. Dr Lea Whittington is currently on sabbatical from the EAG, and we look forward to her return.

Review of Activities:

Tissue Issue: The EAG continues to plan, schedule, and edit Tissue Issue, which is produced 5 times a year and circulated to members. We are continuing from previous years to match Tissue Issue to events organised by the NZWCS where possible, such as Wound Awareness Week in August and Pressure Injury focus in November. With NZWCS Conference in September the following issue will have this focus and will also include scholarship recipients' reflections on learning. We continue encourage members with new ideas for Tissue Issue and with Case Studies to contact us.

Overview of Awards and Scholarships: The EAG reviews applications for Awards and Scholarships to conferences and in support of research. This is to encourage and assist members to enhance their wound-care related education and research; these can be both undergraduate and postgraduate. Several scholarships were awarded to members this year, to attend NZWCS Conference and the inaugural wound debridement course with competency in conservative sharp wound debridement (CSWD) through Otago Polytechnic. We are also currently working on updating the research grant application and process.

Evaluation of Educational Material: Several organisations apply to the NZWCS for recognition and circulation of their materials. Although the Society does not support any product or commercial organisation as such, the EAG does evaluate educational material and webinars that may be of benefit to the membership, these have reduced with Covid-19 restrictions in the past. In previous years we have evaluated the Wound Debridement Course, the HEAL Program and the Activeheal Education Platform and Webinar.

Contribution to the NZWCS strategic plan: We have participated in the ongoing upgrade of the NZWCS website with documents. This year we have developed a Code of conduct for members and contributed to editing of NZWCS general material, such as brochure updates.

Partnering with Organisations: The EAG have contributed an article to Aged Care NZ magazine and continue to look for similar opportunities. Assisted with general enquiries from product representatives to ensure that they are directed to the most appropriate NZWCS group or team member, and general education queries or recommendations from NZWCS members.

Thank you to all members for your support over the year. Lastly, a very big thank you to Jeannette Henderson our fabulous outgoing EAG administrator, who has devoted considerable time and patience, keeping our EAG running, in addition to all other NZWCS commitments.

Author - Kate O'Dwyer – EAG current chair

FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE GROUP REPORT (FGG)

Introduction

The purpose of the group is to provide support and guidance to the NZWCS Treasurer and the Administrator on all financial matters concerning the NZWCS.

Current Members:

Rebecca Aburn (President), Emil Schmidt (Treasurer), Kate O'Dwyer (Education Advisory Group Member), Jeannette Henderson (Administrator)

The Group meets every 3 months.

Initiatives worked and developed were:

- Wound Awareness Week 2022
- Conservative Debridement Course budget setting
- Ongoing Website development
- Gift registry
- Writing half-yearly budget plans
- Review membership benefits and advertising
- Pressure Injury Guideline fund management
- Australasian Venous leg ulcer guidelines review
- Scholarships allocation
- Investigate sponsorship opportunities with stakeholders for NZWCS

Emil Schmidt - Treasurer

RESEARCH GRANT

The Society called for applications for a \$5,000 Research Grant established to support New Zealand based research into any area related to wounds, wound healing or wound management, including prevention.

2021 – 2022 Research Grant

As the NZWCS had not had any applications for its Research Grant for the past year, it was agreed by the National Committee to offer the \$5,000 as 5 x \$1,000 Scholarships towards the new Debridement Course. All members of the NZWCS registered on this course was offered the opportunity to apply for one of the 5 new Scholarships on offer.

All 5 Scholarships were issued, see '**Awards, Scholarships, Gifts**' for more details.

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, GIFTS

The NZWCS has once again demonstrated its support for education and professional development of health professionals involved in wound management in New Zealand by providing Awards and Scholarships for 2021-2022.

On offer are Awards for Articles and Publications as well as increased Scholarships for under grad, post grad studies and National & International conference attendance. Please see website for full details. www.nzwcs.org.nz

This year, as agreed at the last AGM, the NZWS has included a Gift Register to record gifts given and gifts received in the financial year 2021-2022.

Awards and Scholarship approved and awarded in 2021-2022

Awards

Tissue Issue Published Articles

- \$100 – Jana Sloot – Tissue Issue #50 Jun/Jul 2021
- \$100 – Anj Dickson – Tissue Issue #52 Oct/Nov 2021
- \$100 – Sharryn Cook – Tissue Issue #52 Oct/Nov 2021

Scholarships

- 6 x \$684.25 - Registration Only for NZWCS Conference 2022
Abby Currie, Kate O'Dwyer, Maria Gardiner, Pip Singleton, Ruth Carr, Sue Lee
- \$500 Scholarship for Undergraduate Education Level 7 – Alice Cowie
- \$1000 Scholarship for Wound Debridement Course L7 – Maria Ten Hove
- \$1000 Scholarship for Wound Debridement Course L7 – Sharryn Cook
- \$1000 Scholarship for Wound Debridement Course L7 – Rosemarie Pereira-Wright

N.B. In 2019 Rebecca Aburn was awarded a scholarship to attend the World Union of Wound Healing Society Congress in Abu Dhabi – due to ongoing COVID travel restrictions, the NZWCS were eventually refunded \$2,871.72 (Nov 2021) for airfares not used.

Gift Registry

Gifts Received

- No monetary gifts were received by the NZWCS in 2021-2022

Gifted by NZWCS

- \$100 – gift voucher to Julie Betts – retiring from LUAG
- \$100 – gift voucher to Natalie Scott – retiring from LUAG

NZWCS AREA REPORTS

Area Coordinators and National Committee Members

The NZWCS relies on its Area Coordinators and National Committee members, who often work together, to hold regional evening seminars and study days as a way of keeping members and non-members up to date with the latest in clinical practice and knowledge in wound management. Area Coordinators and National Committee members undertake these roles voluntarily, putting a lot of their own time into the education events to run.

Areas 1: Northland

Committee Member / Area Coordinators:	Karen Devine Ruth Carr
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Covid has greatly impacted the Northland region with all planned education events cancelled.

Karen Devine – Northland Region

Areas 2: Auckland

Committee Member: Area Coordinators:	Olivia McIntyre Glenda Dagger & Sasha Drennan
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Only national activities/webinars have been promoted by this area so far this year due to the heavier than usual workload at our workplace and our own sickness. We are planning a half day workshop in December on 'Palliative Care Wounds and Associated Care' which is in the initial planning stage.

Auckland Region

Area 3: Waikato

Committee Member: Area Coordinator:	Maria Schollum Lishele Holloway & Ruth White
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Unfortunately, the last 12-24 months has been an unprecedented time for nursing in NZ. A cyber-attack and COVID 19 in Waikato have meant multiple lockdowns which put a stop to the ability to plan and scheduled educational events. Initial plans were started to host an evening to support STOP PI Day November 2021 but quickly became impossible to progress with. We were able to support Waikato Hospital's promotion of STOP PI Day.

We look forward to returning to a more "normal" routine with less interruptions next year and hope to plan local events.

**Ruth White and Lishele Holloway - Joint Co-ordinators
Maria Schollum – National Committee member**

Areas 4: Rotorua

Committee member: Sue Graham
Area Coordinator:

There have been a few education events organised and held in Rotorua and Taupo

Sue Graham – Lakes Region

Areas 5: Bay of Plenty

Committee Member: Area Dawn French
Coordinators: Dawn French and Jane Edwards

No education events have been run in the Bay of Plenty area in this time period.

Dawn French – Bay of Plenty

Area 6: Manawatu/Wanganui

Committee Member: Desley Johnson
Area Coordinator: Sophie Pita and Emma Hall

It has been busy year for all health services, which means we have had a quieter year with education in our district. Wound Awareness Week this year focussed on Surgical Site infections, and we were very grateful to be able to come together for the evening to view the live webinars. Intermed very kindly sponsored this evening with pizza, platters, and wine which those present were very grateful for!

We continue to encourage members to use the NZ Wound Care Society's website to keep informed of updates from the Advisory Groups, activities from local groups, and Best Practice Guidelines.

We are all gearing up for an exciting Conference this year, and thanks the New Zealand Wound Care Society for continuing to be such a progressive and professional face of wound assessment and management in New Zealand.

Lastly, thank you to all Area # 6 members for their support and ongoing interest in wound care. We would like to extend our gratitude to Desley Johnson who has represented our area on the National Committee for many years and did an admirable job stepping up to the Vice-President role. Thank you for brilliantly representing our district with such passion. We will miss you!

Emma and Sophie – Manawatu/Whanganui Region

Area 7: New Plymouth/ Taranaki

Committee Member / Becky Dawson
Area Coordinator: Wendy Walsh

Activities: Aotearoa is still experiencing the effects of COVID and there has been limited interactions due to this and challenges accessing staff (in terms of education).

STOP Pressure injury day was successful with fun and hands on workshops led by Becky and nurse educators. The pressure injury portfolio is currently being looked at under the provision of care team which Becky is a member of also.

National committee meetings have been attended (virtually) as able.

Becky has participated in the Conservative sharp debridement programme and highly recommend the course. An immense amount of work has been put into this and a great representation of the standard and quality of NZWCS and members.

I look forward to 2022-2023!

Thank you to all Area 7 members for their support and ongoing interest in wound care.

Becky Dawson – Taranaki Region

Area 8: Wellington

Committee Member:

Liz Frost & Claire Todd

Area Coordinators:

Alice Cowie & Lesley Poulsen-How

Covid restrictions continue to impact on clinical educational opportunities.

Activities: To celebrate Wounds Awareness Week in July, the presentations were shown at two different venues. This worked well, and this method is being explored to cover such a large area. We had feedback from that evening that people were keen for more in person education sessions. We plan to provide Pressure Injury Awareness education in two venues in November. The Wairarapa will have on-line education as well as in services on the wards in Te Whatu Ora Wairarapa.

Upcoming events: Wellington are planning a face-to-face session in the Hutt Learning Auditorium.

Liz Frost & Claire Todd Area Co-coordinators.

Area 9: Nelson/Marlborough

Committee Member:

Sharryn Cook

Area Coordinators:

Sharryn Cook, Noreen Sargent & Raewyn Kaihe

A big thank you again to our area NZWCS members

Activities: Unfortunately, due to the covid pandemic there has still been restrictions on activities, but we are now starting to come through this and back to some normality. Recently we had 'Wound awareness week' with a week-long of information given on surgeon site infections to hospital nurses, practice nurses, and rest home health professionals.

We have also had regular visits from company representatives for wound care, including compression bandaging, negative pressure wound therapy, skin tear, pressure injury prevention and management. There have been innovations with pressure injury and wound champions established in Rest homes.

Upcoming events: Wound management study days have been organised for September in Nelson Hospital and Wairau Hospital. Participants will have the opportunity to see presentations and discuss the latest in assessment and management of wound care, scar management, podiatry care, vascular assessment, wound products, and wound scenarios.

Pressure injury awareness week will take place in November with activities planned.

Thank you to all members for their support and ongoing interest in wound care. Also, to Jeannette for your ongoing support.

Sharryn Cook – Area Coordinator, Nelson & Marlborough regions

Area 10: Canterbury

Committee Member:

Sharon Cassidy

Area Coordinator:

Canterbury Committee

The dedicated committee of **Pam Mitchell, Karyn Ballance, Cathy Hammond, Debs Hardy, Lyn Stark, Val Sandston, Francisca Chousal Sinead Blee Caren Bonghanoy, Maria Gardiner and Sharon Cassidy** continue to work hard to bring quality education to the Canterbury members and other interested colleagues.

Activities: We usually aim to run 3 educational events a year, but with the National conference this year, we will only have time for two. Our first event was in July on Surgical Site Infection and ran in the same week as Wound Awareness Week (WAW). This topic attracted 54 registrations with

approx. 40 attending on the night and it was certainly nice to mix and mingle with our colleagues again.

Our presenters were Maria Ten Hove – Nurse Educator from Christchurch Hospital Plastic Surgery Department and Mr Rukshan Ranjan a General Surgeon at Christchurch Hospital.

Maria was a co-leader of WAW in collaboration with NZWCS and ACC and opened with the National ACC report on surgical site infections. Maria went on to explain the risk factors for SSI's, and how they are categorised into superficial, deep incisional and organ/space. She concluded with wound management and choosing dressing types.

Rukshan presentation was of a very complex case of a young woman who sustained multiple extensive traumas. The title was "Complex cause of Surgeon insomnia" and this reflected his sleepless nights finding solutions to manage the complicated injuries. He described the intricate details of the surgical techniques. It was fascinating to hear the innovative use on Endo-NPWT, where NPWT was applied gastroscopically to manage a gastric dehiscence.

As always, we appreciate the light refreshments, product displays and guidance the industry provide for our evenings.

Upcoming events: Our final education session this year will be on prevention and management of pressure injuries and is planned in November around Stop International Pressure Injury Day.

On behalf of the Area 10 Committee

Area 11: Dunedin

Committee Member:

Emil Schmidt

Area Coordinator:

Jan Johnstone

Activities: November 2021, we celebrated our STOP pressure injury national day. In Dunedin hospital, a dialled back PI Day due to COVID. Isaac and Chris were there from Essential and showed off the Pressure relieving mattress and a flotation chair as pressure relieving devices. Emil Schmidt presented to an aged care facility on assessment and staging of PI attendance of 45 people. The community service held an educational quiz was presented by enrolled nurse Sue Mullen as part of her quality improvement innovative to raise more awareness, along with some food and a prize for questions at the end.

Online study evenings through mobile health continued with the third national webinar on November 2nd and 3rd 2021. This online seminar was on pressure Injuries Prevention staging and treatment. Andrea Dorne presented on the SSKIN bundle, Emil Schmidt on PI staging and treatment, Plastics consultant Dr Will McMillan on surgical treatment options and Jan Johnstone on Case studies.

The fourth national webinar in June 2022 was focused on Lower limb Wounds. Vascular surgeon Ms Kyrza presented on assessment and treatment options, Rebecca Aburn presented on atypical leg ulcers and wound cleansing and debridement. Erin Fitzgerald and Jan Johnstone District nurses presented case studies. The questions and answer sessions proved to be great liaison with a wide variety of health professionals from primary and secondary care along with our allied health colleagues and aged residential colleagues. These national webinars are well received with almost one thousand participates last year from all over the country. We are looking forward to our next online seminar in Nov 2022 with the topic being on the diabetic patient. Although it would be nice to have face to face education sessions the uncertainty of the past two and half year with many restrictions the webinars have been successful to promote education and best practise guidelines. The wound awareness week July 2022 was focussing on Surgical site infections was promoted within our region.

As of previous years, other members of Otago wound care society have been working hard Andrea Dorne running competencies study days monthly through Southern District Health Board on compression bandaging and Negative wound pressure management and wound care implications

and treatments. Emil Schmidt and Rebecca Aburn continue to be members of the national committee and are a wealth of knowledge. I would like to thank them for all the extra demanding work they contribute to the Otago region, hours of volunteer service to support this region and at national level.

Jeannette has been once again a key person with her continuing support to assisting Otago section with all she does. Thank you to all health professionals for their continued care and support to patients and Whanau over the past challenging year, and finally thank you to all Area 11 members for their support and ongoing interest in wound care.



Jan Johnstone – Otago Region

Area 12: Southland

Committee Member:

Kathleen Whelan

Area Coordinator:

Mandy Pagan & Phylis Harvey

Activities: Practical wound care training is available through the Southland Hospitals weekly Wound Clinic, working alongside expert wound care nurses conducting:

- patient and wound assessment
- conservative sharp wound debridement
- product selection
- skin care
- principles of compression therapy.

Members are able to contact us directly to attend these clinics.

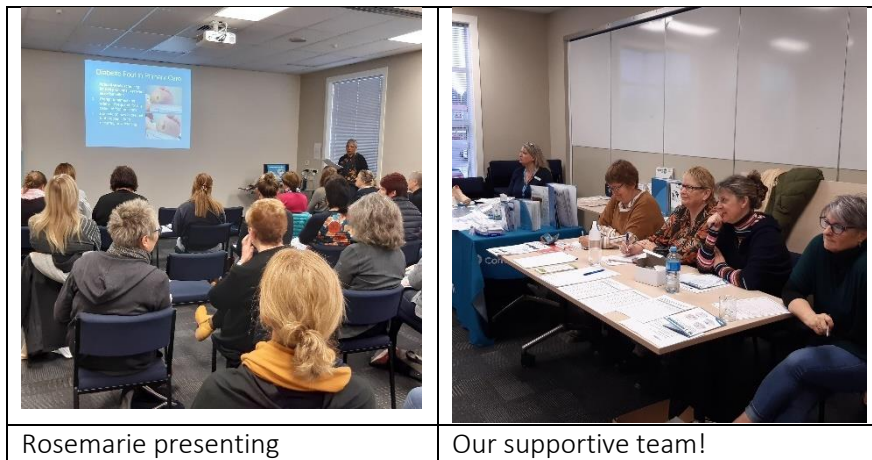
Our Saturday morning workshop was held on the 31st July 2021 with 31 attendees.

Topics included:

- Defying Hard-to-Heal Wounds: Wound Hygiene - Frances Henshaw ConvaTec via zoom link from Australia!
- Wound Hygiene in Practice – Mandy
- Diabetic Foot Ulcers – Rosemarie Pereira-Wright: Podiatrist
- Case Studies – Frances / Mandy / Rosemarie
- Re-playing the NZWCS Burns & Scalds Webinar

These days provide funds for the Society. A special thanks to ConvaTec for financially supporting this day. Evaluations from the days were all extremely positive. And massive thanks to our society members for assisting with this day Rosemarie, Phyl, Carolyn Fordyce, Shelley Berry and Jo Hunter.

Thank you to all Area 12 members for their support and ongoing interest in wound care.



Rosemarie presenting

Our supportive team!

Mandy & Phyl – Joint Area Coordinators
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Area 13: Hawke’s Bay

Committee Member: Wendy Mildon
Area Coordinator: Wendy Mildon

Activities: Area 13 activity has been limited due to COVID-19 pandemic. Here in the Bay although we have smaller membership which consists of healthcare professionals from primary, secondary, and aged care we continue to promote and advocate all the education opportunities and the activities of the NZWCS. We have now gained some more members due to the up-and-coming NZWCS conference September 2022.

Area 13 promoted NZWCS wounds awareness week which has focused on Skin tears, burns whereby an education evening was held with the assistance of S & N. HB has promoted the STOP PI DAY locally via a digital advertisement via social media with the assistance of local hospital communication team. Regular wound care workshops at Te Whatu Ora Hawkes Bay are held and these are usually well attended with representation from across the sector.

The NZWCS is continuing to move fast, with the many continued developments which support our members. I would like to acknowledge and thank the NZWCS for the continued development of the society and collegial support

Thank you to all the Area 13 members for their support and the ongoing interest in wound care

Wendy Mildon – Area Coordinator



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