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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 Aotearoa.

The aims of the society include:

1. Improve outcomes and quality of life for patients with wound and skin integrity problems.
2. Provide and encourage best practice wound management across all health care settings.
3. Be a recognised voice at national and local level in any issues relating to wound healing or maintaining skin integrity.
4. To participate in relevant or appropriate national and international forums and guideline development.

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 areas across Aotearoa: Northland, Auckland, Waikato, Rotorua/Taupo, Bay of Plenty, Manawatu/Palmerston North/Wanganui, New Plymouth/Taranaki, Hawke's Bay, Wellington, Marlborough/Nelson, Christchurch, Dunedin, and Southland.

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

Registered Charity (No. CC44360) and has Donee status with the Inland Revenue.

President Rebecca Aburn

Vice-President Sasha Drennan

Honorary Treasurer Emil Schmidt

Administrator Lee-Anne Stone

National Education Sue Lee

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EXECUTIVE AND SOCIETY REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It has been a privilege representing the NZWCS as president for the last two years. It is humbling to work with members that are enthusiastic and passionate about improving patients who are faced with wounds. Special thanks to our working groups, area coordinators and committee for attending night meetings, supporting your colleagues and providing much support and guidance for the society, it has been a privilege to work with you all.



The society's roles and responsibilities continue to grow, we are well supported by Lee-Anne (administrator) and Sue (educator) both are paid roles and are the backbone of the society. I am personally grateful for all their support and patience.

The NZWCS are members of the World Union Wound Healing Society (WUWHS) enabling us to share our experiences and education in wound care around the world. I look forward to our future collaboration. The WUWHS Congress meetings occur every 4-years and for the 2026 meeting the NZWCS will be invited to attend in Kuala Lumpur.

The society continues to work with ACC and have signed an injury prevention partnering agreement for future initiatives including Wound Awareness Week (WAW). The WAW was highly successful and the in 2023 helped to raise awareness of the prevention of healthcare acquired infections (HAI), including surgical site infections and soft tissue infections, through the appropriate use of aseptic technique by healthcare professionals. The webinars, videos and resources were to a very high standard, and I encourage you all to access and share these resources which are available on our website. Thanks to our speakers Kate O'Dwyer, Sue Lee, Chinwin Gamao, Maria ten Hove, and Kelly Porton for such producing such a comprehensive resource.

The Financial Governance Group provide additional support for the committee. The committee continues to improve our financial governance and create a sustainable financial future for the society.

Special thanks for our conference organising group, and lead Sasha Drennan, who put in the mahi over many months to deliver inspirational conference for our members and wider professional community. We are excited to have a host of international speakers and I know you will be inspired by the quality and amazing they are doing in their respective areas. The theme of "Improving Wound Healing through Innovation, Technology and Collaboration will be a great launch into 2024 and we can hopefully leave behind what has been a turbulent few years with COVID and cancellations.

Our working groups continue to be very productive. Thank you to the PIAG who put together the recent symposium that was a collaboration between industry, ACC and HQSC to work with patients and careers to highlight the clinical and ongoing issues of skin management and ultimately when things go wrong and management of pressure injuries. This was well attended and successful symposium that has set the ball rolling for future work that will enhance patient outcomes.

Our Education Advisory Group, led by Kate O'Dwyer, continues to provide excellent Tissue Issue newsletters for our membership and oversight of scholarships for our membership. EAG have surveyed members, reviewed website and introduced code of conduct during the year.

The Leg Ulcer Advisory Group continues to work under Mandy's leadership and are working with the pan pacific group to develop the latest guidelines. This takes a lot of time and dedication from Mandy and her team and we look forward to supporting these guidelines as they develop. The society is committed to this and we are excited to see this happen!

We are in our second year of the wound debridement certificate course at Otago Polytechnic Te Pūkenga; we are now working with Auckland to also deliver a course in the North Island Having the course available in both Auckland and Dunedin will help to remove financial barriers, giving learners more opportunities to attend and gain this vitally important certificate. The feedback has been very positive and the rewards for patients and end users invaluable. For the society the financial returns are improving and this is a positive as we look towards a sustainable future.

Again, I acknowledge the soul of the society our faithful Lee-Anne whom we all respect and admire for her calming influence, tenacity, and kindness, and support she provides to us in all the volunteer work we do.

Lastly but not least thank you to Emil, our Treasurer, for monitoring our finances and to Sasha, Vice-President, for her continued support, energy, and vision and hope that she will continue to provide such enthusiasm in the president role in the future.

Noho ora mai

Rebecca Aburn

TREASURER REPORT

The NZWCS must provide an end of year financial details called a Performance Report to the Charities Services, these are prepared by PKF Dunedin Ltd, Chartered Accountants. It is a legal requirement that Joint Ventures be consolidated. As the Conference is managed by a joint venture with AKB Ltd, the Performance Report shows these figures integrated within the Society. Because of this, it is difficult to easily pick out the figures from this lengthy 18 page document to see the day to day running of the society, given this, below is key information from the report which we think members will be interested in. The full report is available freely on the Charities Services website, or in the member section on the NZWCS website.



Taken from the NZWCS 2023 Performance Report

	2023	2022
Revenue		
Sponsorship	7,332	13,419
Seminars/Workshops/Courses	35,215	5,895
Subscriptions	25,427	24,286
Interest Received	2,463	811
Sale of Pressure Injury Guidelines	626	-
Trade Display	4,200	-
Other	300	-
Volunteer and employee related costs		
Administration Fees [overlap of new administrator]	48,008	33,368
Travel Expenses	9,244	70
Scholarships, Grants and Donations		
Gifts	266	200
Scholarships	6,500	5,034
Other Expenses		
Accountancy Fees	5,051	4,563
Bank Charges	378	312
Insurance	1,895	2,141
Stationery	15	429
Sundry Expenses	2,801	4,019
Website Expenses	4,072	1,436
Consultancy [Wound Debridement]	37,940	365
Education Coordinator Fees	7,254	1,620

Guideline Development Expenses	-	9,935
Postage	204	1,786
Pressure Injury Advisory Expenses	429	115
Printing Expenses [includes banners]	6,952	5,532
Seminar Expenses	(40)	1,135
Wound Debridement Cert Course Expense	-	35,005
WAW Wound Awareness Week	1,142	-

Cash & Bank Balances

Bank Account Balances

BNZ Cheque Account	31,016	22,119
Pressure Injury Account	8,694	28,009
Leg Ulcer Account	2,168	2,419
Research Grant Account	8	2,006
Scholarship Account	4,832	4,301
Debridement Account	3,105	218
BNZ - Term Investment	60,425	58,368
Total Society Bank Balances as at 30th June	110,248	117,440

I like to thank Lee-Anne for her amazing support and patience throughout the year.

Regards,

Emil Schmidt – NZWCS Treasurer

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, GIFTS

Awards – none

Scholarships (financial year 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023)

Jan Johnston Certificate in Debridement Course \$1,000

Sharon Cassidy Certificate in Debridement Course \$1,000

Maree Dowling Certificate in Debridement Course \$500

Emil Schmidt to attend EWMA Conference (approved in 2020) \$4,000

Gift Register

Leanne Bolton (leaving gift) \$92

Cathy Hammond, Life Member (leaving gift) \$174.44

RESEARCH GRANT

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 2022-2023.

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

FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE GROUP FGG

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. Budgets for the various initiatives are passed by this group such as

- Conference planning
- Web site development
- PI symposium WAW
- Debridement Course
- Guidelines
- Scholarships
- GST registration

The Group meets every 3 months.

Current Members:

Rebecca Aburn (President), Emil Schmidt (Treasurer), Kate O'Dwyer (Education Advisory Group Member), Lee-Anne Stone (Administrator)

Emil Schmidt - Treasurer

EDUCATION COORDINATOR REPORT

Tēnā koe members of NZWCS and Stakeholders,

I am pleased to present the Education Coordinator's report for the New Zealand Wound Care Society for the year 2023. It has been a year filled with successful events, meaningful partnerships, and a renewed focus on current wound care challenges and needs.



Wound Awareness Week - July: Asepsis and Aseptic Technique

Wound Awareness Week held in July 2023 was a resounding success. With the support of ACC, we organised an educational webinar focused on Asepsis and Aseptic Technique. We are delighted to report that we had a remarkable turnout, with 344 attendees and a total of 627 registrations.

One of the highlights of this event was the availability of webinar recordings on our website for those who couldn't attend in real-time. This initiative ensured that valuable knowledge was accessible to a wider audience, promoting education and awareness in the field of wound care.

Pressure Injury Awareness Week - November

This annual event allows us to raise awareness about the prevention and management of pressure injuries, a critical aspect of wound care.

In closing, 2023 has been a year of growth, resilience, and success for the New Zealand Wound Care Society. We are deeply appreciative of the unwavering support from our members, sponsors, and partners. As we eagerly anticipate 2024, we remain committed to advancing wound care education, innovation, and collaboration for the benefit of our community.

Thank you for your continued dedication to improving wound care in New Zealand.

Ngā mihi, Sue LEE, Education Coordinator

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

The focus of this year was on reviewing functionality, structure and content of the website. This involved testing, testing, and more testing to get it fully functioning. Now the site has integrated subscriptions and event registration software to streamline member discounts, certificates, reminders and much more. This provides better support for our Area Coordinators now that participants can register and pay online. Problems with navigation of the website are now rectified. Web statistics show a peak mid-year due to multiple events. There is a move towards a paperless office. The recently renewed NZWCS branding was slowly integrated over the year.



Membership	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Full Members	310	280	390	300	329
Corporate Accounts (up to 20 members per Account)	30 (166)	26 (520)	32 (640)	26 (520)	31 (620)
Commercial Members	6	6	10	6	7
Students	6				

Online Stats - 30 days (22nd April to 19th May 2023)

Google Analytics Snapshot - 30 Days - 22nd April to 19th May 2023

1.5k Users **1.4k** New Users

Top Ten Page Views

Page title	Views	Users
1. Home	1025	529
2. Study Days and Seminars	690	285
3. Members Login	439	137
4. Conferences	377	225
5. Pressure Injury Clinical Resources	253	178
6. Other Online Courses	215	139
7. Education	189	113
8. Online Courses	178	93
9. Certificate Course in Wound Debridement	176	144
10. Apply for Membership	152	104

The busiest month of the year saw me reply to 832 emails, thankfully having auto emails for online registrations of over 920, with 8 events spanning this one month. I continue to improve systems and information to make interactions with the society as easy as possible.

Lee-Anne Stone – NZWCS Administrator

NZWCS WORKING GROUPS

EDUCATION ADVISORY GROUP (EAG)

The EAG 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

Katie Cunard – Surgical ward and admissions Nurse, Forte Health
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
Dr Althea Carruth (PhD) - Podiatrist Central Otago (on sabbatical)

Sue Lee, NZWCS Education coordinator, and Lee-Anne Stone, Administrator have also joined us for meetings during the year. We would like to acknowledge and thank Dr Althea Carruth who is currently on sabbatical, for her contribution to the EAG.

We continue to seek new members for the EAG and while at conference in Dunedin we will be actively looking for eager members to join us!

Review of Activities

Tissue Issue: The EAG continues to plan, schedule, and edit Tissue Issue, which is produced bimonthly and circulated to members. Thanks to the help of Lee-Anne (NZWCS administrator) Tissue Issue has had a freshen up utilising our new branding. We are continuing from previous years to match the focus of 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 October 2023 the following issues will have this focus and will also include scholarship recipients’ reflections on learning. We actively promote NZWCS events in Tissue Issue, and via social media with the assistance of Sue Lee. We continue to encourage members with new ideas for Tissue Issue and 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. There have been no applications for the wound debridement course since the paper last year. We will continue to encourage NZWCS membership to apply for these scholarships.

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. We are currently in the process of reviewing the Woundcare Integrated Learning Framework (WILF).

Contribution to the strategies of the NZWCS: We have participated in the ongoing upgrade of the NZWCS website and also with documents. The main contribution has been finalising the NZWCS Code of Conduct for members and the 2023 Membership Survey, completed earlier this year. Our aim over the next few months is to review and update the EAG terms of reference and EAG portion of the NZWCS strategic plan.

Partnering with Organisations: We assist with general enquiries from the membership, product representatives and external enquiries, and ensure that they are directed to the most appropriate NZWCS group or team member. Two of our members have been involved with this year's successful Wound Awareness Week, this assists in maintaining a connection between the EAG and other NZWCS groups.

Kate O'Dwyer –outgoing EAG chair

LEG ULCER ADVISORY GROUP (LUAG)

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

Current Members

Rebecca Aburn: Nurse Practitioner Vascular Te Whatu Ora Otago,

Maria Schollum: Nurse Practitioner Te Whatu Ora Waikato,

Becky Dawson Wound CNS: Te Whatu Ora Taranaki,

Alice Cowie: District Nurse Te Whatu Ora Hutt Valley,

Mandy Pagan: CNS Wound Care Te Whatu Ora Southern DHB.

Acknowledgements

Special thank you to Cathy Hammond and Kate Gray who have stepped down from the group. These founding members have provided much support, guidance and mahi towards advancing leg ulcer knowledge and practice in New Zealand.

Special welcome to our new members Becky Dawson and Alice Cowie.

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.

Members are currently working on the Venous Leg Ulcer Guideline Committee (VLUGC) alongside Wounds Australia, Hong Kong Association, and the Singapore Wound Healing Society.

A stakeholder survey was undertaken to collect perspectives from health professionals, industry, representatives, patients and caregivers. Thank you for those who completed this; NZ had the most consumer participation so well done! The findings from this survey will inform the development of the upcoming VLU guideline for the Pan-Pacific region. The survey findings have been published “International stakeholder survey to inform the development of a Pan-Pacific clinical guideline on venous leg ulcer prevention and management” published this year in the Wound Practice and Research Journal 31(2).

The VLUGC have reviewed and developed clinical questions, extracted research data and are currently working on sections of the guideline so these can be disseminated when completed. Our first section is on assessment and will include practical practice recommendations.

Special acknowledgement to all members who provide work in their own valuable time, the National Committee for supporting our work, and Lee-Anne who continues to provide essential administrative support.

Ngā mihi Mandy Pagan – Coordinator LUAG

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, Jan Johnstone, Paula McKinnel, Anj Dickson, Althea Carruth.

Althea Carruth represents PIAG on Pan Pacific Pressure Injury Alliance for the International Pressure Injury Guideline. Leading the contribution for NZ to participate in the Guideline preparation for publication in 2024.

“Stop Pressure Injury” days 2022 held around the regions to the raise awareness in PIPM evidence-based practice. We encourage you all to highlight ‘International Stop Pressure Injury Day on the 16th of November 2023 on the day / week/ month in your regions.

I would like to thank the committee for all their work this year,

Chair of PIAG

3rd National PIPM Symposium Wellington on 18th August, 2023.

The focus for 2023 was *Exploring Challenges in Preventing Pressure Injury in the Community*. The aim of the symposium was to understand achievable, equitable and sustainable care across the care continuum for future care provision, particularly in the community. The 126 delegates came from a range of backgrounds in tertiary and community settings. Their roles included clinical, management and education across both nursing and allied health.



The amazing keynote speaker Mr Lee Taniwha presented his lived experience as a tetraplegic and with passion the Care Agency he has established, due to personal awareness of the gaps in care. He enthralled us all and set the scene for the day. He inspired participants to share successes and challenges in the afternoon workshop, to explore improvements and define barriers. Following speakers included stakeholders and members from PIAG to build on Lee's hard act to follow.



The workshop presented six questions to gain national insight into what participants experience across the nation. Our stakeholders ACC and Te Tahu Hauora (HQSC) supported us, in person and fiscally, very grateful for their continued support. The data collected was rich and copious. A report has been written for stakeholders and NZWCS

National Committee. Symposium participant evaluation provided a wealth of topics to inform PIAG future symposia.

NZWCS AREA COORDINATOR REPORTS

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 to ensure education occur around Aotearoa.

AREA 1: NORTHLAND

Committee Member: Karen Devine

Area Coordinator:

We are looking for an area coordinator in this area

AREA 2: AUCKLAND

Committee Member: Sasha Drennan

Area Coordinator: Glenda Dagger/Sasha Drennan

We have held an evening symposium on the Diabetic Foot, sponsorship from Mölnlycke, we received great feedback from those that attended. Despite high registration for this free event, many did not attend on the day.

Glenda has also given several presentations via zoom with regards to lower leg wound compression therapy.

We were approached to give a joint session with 3M and this is in discussion.

Both coordinators have taken an active part in the development of online resources and utilising the resources that are offered by the society. We have been involved in the recruitment of members and we would appreciate and welcome a third area coordinator, given the size of Auckland.

We have both committed to supporting the wound debridement certificate course in Auckland next year.

AREA 3: WAIKATO

Committee Member: Maria Schollum

Area Coordinator: Lishelle Holoway (Hamilton) & Ruth White (Thames)

Myself and another Wound CNS put a trolley together and we went ward by ward asking nurses/doctors/HCA's quick fire questions about Aseptic technique. We attracted them with chocolate which was successful! While we had their attention we would discuss aseptic technique further and often ended up providing off the cuff education about product choice too.

We found quick fire questions were a good way to capture staff who are of course very busy on the wards. If they took away one key point, then we thought that was a success.

We also did the same thing outside the main Café at Waikato.



AREA 4: ROTORUA/LAKES

Committee Member: Sue Graham

Area Coordinator:

We are seeking an area coordinator!

AREA 5: BAY OF PLENTY

Committee Member: Kate O'Dwyer

Area Coordinator:

We are seeking an area coordinator!

AREA 6: MANAWATŪ/WHANGANUI

Committee Member: Emma Hall

Area Coordinator: Emma Hall

Another busy year has come and gone, and with that we are seeing more and more complex wounds in our communities. In the beginning portion of the year, we focussed on Pressure Injury Prevention alongside Stop PI week, with pop-up displays for the public, resources for residential care and ward rounding education to boost awareness of the risk of pressure injuries, in all settings and for all stages of life. This was sponsored by Molnlycke alongside Te Whatu Ora, Whanganui's PIP guidelines. In the latter part of the year, we focused on antimicrobial stewardship, wound hygiene and aseptic technique to raise

awareness of overuse of antimicrobials and combat the growing issues with resistant infections in our populations. Essity have kindly sponsored education evenings in Whanganui to support this ongoing campaign.

We are excited to have the privilege of another Wound Conference in New Zealand this year, and thank the New Zealand Wound Care Society for continuing to play such a pivotal role in best practice guideline development, across New Zealand. This is alongside the tremendous work the members of the New Zealand Wound Care Society have been doing to deliver ongoing presence and contributions to many International Wound Conferences this year.

Thank you to all Area # 6 members for their support and ongoing interest in wound care.

Emma Hall

AREA 7: TARANAKI

Committee Member: Becky Dawson

Area Coordinator: Wendy Walsh

Becky Dawson Te Whatu Ora Taranaki Wounds CNS

Area Coordinator: Wendy Walsh Nurse Practitioner Primary Care - residential care

Becky gives great advice around wounds and collaboration of care in the primary sector. She is on the advisory group for venous ulcers.

Several study days have been done for residential support covering wounds including pressure areas, skin tears and venous insufficiency. Pop up education in Te Whatu Ora or patient focussed education has been done.

Several pop-up events for specialty days like pressure area prevention and in residential support. Wound management is now integrated into the yearly residential study day programme.

The hope is for a more coordinated study day incorporating primary and secondary staff at some point.

Thanks Wendy

AREA 8: WELLINGTON

Committee Member: Liz Frost & Claire Todd **Area Coordinator:** Liz Frost, Claire Todd, Alice Cowie, Lesley Poulson-How

Kate Gray CNS Wound care retired from her position at Te Whatu Ora Hutt Valley Health, after many years of dedicated service. Diana Samala-ynigo has taken over as CNS Wound Care for Te Whatu Ora Hutt Valley Health.

Wairarapa.

We have commenced a 6-month trial on a High Risk Diabetic Foot Clinic for patients, lead by the Diabetes CNS & Wound CNS, linking in with Te Whatu Ora Wellington.

This clinic is to provide a holistic service for the greater Wairarapa population with the aim to reduce the number of lower limb amputations by 10% with early intervention and referral to the multidisciplinary team. We are hopeful that this service will continue once we have collected enough data to support a long-term service for our Wairarapa community.

In the Wellington region

We have been running a trial of intermittent compression pumps for the population who have bandage slippage and not responding to best practice compression. The trial has been a success and we are now able to provide these pumps from our central equipment pool. More case studies to come.

Events:

17th November 2022: Wellington held a successful Pressure Injury evening. Speakers kindly gave up their time. CNS Wound Care Paula McKinnel from Te Whatu Ora Wellington presented “SSKINS bundle, documentation and management of Incontinence Associated Dermatitis.” OT Sharon Woodward “Positioning & Equipment in the management of Pressure Injuries” from Cubro. Approximately 40 attended and it was lovely to be able to start face to face meetings again.

10th May 2023: Wellington held a study day for the PHO nurses on covering wound assessment, dressings, skin tears, bites, pressure injuries and leg ulcers. This was organised with Tu Ora Compass health. This was well attended and had good feedback.

27th May 2023: a half study day was held on Saturday, focusing on Pain and wounds. Three speakers Janet Whelan, Occupational therapist, Chris Adams Consultant Plastics, and Fiona Angus Podiatrist. This again was well attended, with nearly 40 attendees.

Wounds awareness week ran in July 2023, this year was focused on Aseptic technique. Members elected to pursue this individually online.

AREA 9: NELSON/MARLBOROUGH

Committee Member: Sharryn Cook **Area Coordinator:** Sharryn Cook, Noreen Sargent

Activities. Sessions have been conducted with health professionals at aged care facilities and hospital in Marlborough on skin tears and pressure injuries. Unfortunately, we seem to have pressure injuries occur despite the best efforts of staff.

Upcoming events. Wound management study days to be conducted in Nelson and Blenheim have been organised and a great response from nurses who will attend from primary and secondary areas. This is a chance for participants to hear about the latest best practice for wound assessment and management and become confident with product selection, negative pressure wound therapy, diabetic foot ulcers, non-touch aseptic technique, pressure injury prevention and other wound information. Another pressure injury display is planned for November 2023.

Thank you to Lee-Anne who emails through notification of upcoming webinars for us to share with other health providers from aged care facilities, practice nurses and hospital nurses.

Thank you for all Area 9 members for their support and ongoing interest in wound care.

AREA 10: CANTERBURY

Committee Member:

Sharon Cassidy

The dedicated committee of **Pam Mitchell, Karyn Ballance, , 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. Since our last report we have we have held 3 educational sessions for our members

November 2022 - we celebrated the International Stop Pressure Injury Day with 60 health professionals attending the evening. Pam Mitchell Wound Care Consultant at Christchurch hospital and former rep on the Guideline Governance Group for the international Pressure Ulcer/injury Guidelines covered the staging of pressure injuries.

Helen Lappin, a Seating and Wheelchair Specialist OT, Kelly Anderson, a Seating and Wheelchair Specialist physio and Catherine Johnston, a physio specializing in Older Persons Health. This dynamic trio entertained us with humour and their passion in this subject was clear. The team demonstrated positioning strategies that would help in our day-to-day practice. They also talked about assessment of pressure injuries being much more than looking at a wound and supplying a mattress. We were also given a demonstration of pressure mapping with and without pressure relieving cushions to highlight the benefits.

May 2023 - Industry had the opportunity to talk with 32 members about the Negative Pressure Therapy they offered. We were reminded on the mode of action of Negative Pressure Wound Therapy and how it helps to removes fluid and infectious materials, reduces oedema, promotes perfusion allows cell migration and proliferation, reduces external contamination and helps to hold incision edges together and decrease the lateral tension of sutured/stapled incisions.

July 2023 – Wound Awareness Week (WAW) topic was Aseptic Technique. This topic attracted 30 registrations. Maria Ten Hove –co-leader of WAW gave an overview of this year’s topic and Sharon Cassidy of SOS Nursing (a private wound care nursing provider) presented a case study to reinforce the importance of wound hygiene & debridement in wound healing.

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

At the end of 2022 we were sad to farewell our lifetime member Cathy Hammond. Cathy was the co-founder of NZWCS Canterbury branch in 1998. Cathy has contributed much to Wound Care education sessions for our members and is sadly missed.

On behalf of the Area 10 Committee

Sharon Cassidy, RCpN., PG Dip. (Nursing). NZ Dip. (Business)

AREA 11: DUNEDIN/OTAGO

Committee Member:

Area Coordinator:

This is my first year as area coordinator for the NZWCS, Otago district. Being new to this position, I have greatly appreciated the support from Jan Johnstone (previous area coordinator) in providing a smooth transition to the role.

5th November 2022: Enrolled nurse study day

At this study day we had a NZWCS 'sponsored' table with the organisations banner where we provided information on pressure injury prevention, posters, que cards and registration information for the NZWCS. This event had 45 enrolled and registered nurses attend so it was a great opportunity to promote the society. As part of this study day Jan Johnstone did a presentation on SSKIN bundle (on behalf of Emil) and briefly covered pressure injury staging and prevention.

17th of November 2022: Stop PI Day.

For our national PI prevention day, myself, Emil Schmidt, Andrea Dorne and Jan Johnstone visited the Dunedin hospital wards with a trolley supplied by ESSENTIALS 'PIPA' to educate and provide tools to any health professional that would listen. This included consultants, house surgeons, nurses and other members of the allied health team. We provided education using a model asking staff to stage various "pressure injuries" on the model and provided education while doing so.

In the afternoon ESSENTIALS offered a rolling Inservice demonstrating their pressure injury prevention devices such as the mattress and chair, thank you Chris Den Dulk (from essentials) for your support on this very important day. Throughout our discussions we offered brochures on the NZWCS and how they support our national PI prevention day.



Southern Wound Healing Group:

The Southern wound healing group facilitated a national webinar which was held on two consecutive evenings in November 2022. It looked at the management of the Diabetic Foot, as well as presentations from companies updating us on related products. These sessions provide useful updates, practical tips, and the opportunity for the sharing of ideas during the Question-and-Answer sessions. These webinars are available online to view at: [The Diabetic Foot - myhealthhub.co.nz](https://www.myhealthhub.co.nz)

The southern wound healing group is currently in the process of facilitating an upcoming webinar on the multidisciplinary management of those with lower leg amputations for later this year. These events are presented with support from the NZWCS.

Wound care study days provided in our area include:

- The Wound Competency (NPWT and Compression bandaging) and the Wound Care Implications and Treatments.
- Wound Care Study Day x 2, specifically for new graduate nurses (NETP).

Dunedin is lucky enough to host the Wound Care Conference this year. Effort has gone into promoting this event including distributing posters around the hospital and via email, face to face discussions with educators and charge nurses encouraging them to support those who have an interest in wound care. It is evident that having the conference in Dunedin has sparked increasing interest in individuals wanting to join the society.



Special thanks to those who have supported all that has gone on in area 11 including Emil Schmidt, Rebecca Aburn, Abbey Currie, Sue Lee and Jan Johnstone and all other valuable members of our Otago team.

Lisa Schmidt.

AREA 12: SOUTHLAND

Committee Member: Kathleen Wheelen

Area Coordinator: Mandy Pagan & Phyl Harvey

Practical wound care training is available through the Southland Hospital 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. At these clinics Phyl and myself provide a mentor role for learners enrolled in the NZWCS Certificate in Wound Debridement.

We had a Saturday morning study day, 30 September 2023, with a focus on cavity management.

I would like to acknowledge Phyl and Kathleen's support and dedication over the many years in their society roles. Phyl is standing down from the co-ordinator role and Kathleen Whelan from the National Committee.

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

Mandy

AREA 13: HAWKE'S BAY

Committee Member:

Area Coordinator:

There were no representatives during this financial year.

PODIATRY REPORT

I continue to enjoy this role of maintaining the link between podiatry profession and the NZWCS through being on the national committee.

I feel this role is important to keep the relationship and networking between the podiatry profession and nurses who specialise in the area of wound care.

Thank you to Rebecca and Lee-Anne for their on-going support in this role.

Claire O'Shea, Podiatrist