



ANNUAL REPORT

1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018

Advancing practice and knowledge in wound management

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) and a Registered Charity (No. CC44360).

President — **Prue Lennox**

Vice-President – **Mandy Pagan**

Honorary Treasurer — **Rebecca Aburn**

Administrator — **Jeannette Henderson**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Me mahi tahi tatou

Mo te oranga o te katoa

We must work together for the well-being of all



I would like to thank you all for your contribution over the last year. You give your time voluntarily to our charitable society and we all appreciate the positive impact this has on Health Professionals and support to New Zealanders with wounds.

Please take the time to read through our report. There are a significant number of work programmes underway. As members you may not have been aware of the scope of these, and by reading this report you may identify areas you wish to be involved in, we welcome hearing from you.

What's coming in the next year?

- We expect to have new international best practice guidelines for venous leg ulcer and pressure injures becoming available and a planned rollout and implementation are being developed to support these.
- We are working towards developing more robust networks with our Australian and Pan Pacific colleagues to share information and resources for the benefit of both wound societies.
- Government agencies such as ACC, MoH and HQSC will continue to engage with the society as subject matter experts, and the society will increasingly become consultants that can invoice for our specialist services.
- Membership has continued to increase, alongside this we are developing new ways to improve our membership offerings and experiences.

We welcome you to join us in Dunedin in May 2019 for our next conference. The speakers and quality of the programme is of an international calibre and will offer all attendees valuable exposure to subject matter experts. Consider how you can share your own clinical experiences, submit an abstract or poster. If you would like to do this but need some help, please contact your local area coordinator for support.

Thank you for the passionate commitment from Rebecca, Mandy, the advisory group members, executive team and area coordinators. Your energy, enthusiasm, support and hard work has enabled us to move forward with several projects. Finally, I would like to acknowledge Jeanette our administrator. This role has evolved over the years to cover marketing, coordination, event planning, financial oversight, website content management and general super whizz! We are very lucky to have Jeanette's support and in-depth understanding our society.

Prue Lennox
President
NZ Wound Care Society

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurers Report 2018

The following financial statements are from the most recently financial accounts of the New Zealand Wound Care Society prepared by Keogh McCormick, Chartered Accountants for the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

Included are the finances from June 2017- to present. The society is investing money to advance practice and knowledge of our members and colleagues through website update, scholarships, e-Journals education and improved access to information. We are also working with updating policy and guideline development nationally and internationally, specifically PUAG and LUAG.



Balance Sheet					
New Zealand Wound Care Society					
As at 30 June 2018					
	30 Jun 2018	30 Jun 2017	30 Jun 2016	30 Jun 2015	30 Jun 2014
Assets					
Bank					
Bank of New Zealand - 81 A	\$136,903.25	\$132,779.21	\$128,592.02	\$65,995.89	\$63,513.39
BNZ Cheque A/c	\$37,532.31	\$15,842.73	\$11,240.92	\$13,967.58	\$29,387.28
Total Bank	\$174,435.56	\$148,621.94	\$139,832.94	\$79,963.47	\$92,900.67
Current Assets					
Accounts Receivable	\$169.50	\$1,489.50	\$5,925.52	\$80.00	\$0.00
Accounts Receivable (Manual	\$1,355.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Accrued Interest	\$2,121.06	\$1,925.11	\$1,964.46	\$1,223.28	\$1,050.68
NZWCS Conference Joint Ve	\$22,250.46	\$60,636.90	\$444.13	\$47,539.07	\$3,294.07
Total Current Assets	\$25,896.02	\$64,051.51	\$8,334.11	\$48,842.35	\$4,344.75
Fixed Assets					
Plant & Equipment	\$3,509.00	\$3,509.00	\$3,509.00	\$3,611.12	\$3,611.12
Plant & Equipment - Accum I	-\$3,011.00	-\$2,513.00	-\$1,515.00	-\$2,835.00	-\$2,057.00
Total Fixed Assets	\$498.00	\$996.00	\$1,994.00	\$776.12	\$1,554.12
Total Assets	\$200,829.58	\$213,669.45	\$150,161.05	\$129,581.94	\$98,799.54
Liabilities					
Current Liabilities					
Creditors	\$4,379.34	\$2,195.68	\$2,046.43	\$4,482.44	\$4,839.45
Provision For Taxation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$767.56	-\$767.56
Revenue Received in Advanc	\$0.00	\$3,870.00	\$11,120.00	\$7,120.00	\$15,600.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$4,379.34	\$6,065.68	\$13,166.43	\$10,834.88	\$19,671.89
Total Liabilities	\$4,379.34	\$6,065.68	\$13,166.43	\$10,834.88	\$19,671.89
Net Assets	\$196,450.24	\$207,603.77	\$136,994.62	\$118,747.06	\$79,127.65
Equity					
Current Year Earnings	-\$11,153.53	\$70,609.15	\$18,247.56	\$39,619.41	-\$15,182.85
Retained Earnings	\$207,603.77	\$136,994.62	\$118,747.06	\$79,127.65	\$94,310.50
Total Equity	\$196,450.24	\$207,603.77	\$136,994.62	\$118,747.06	\$79,127.65

Balance sheet demonstrating both savings and cheque accounts.

Current financial commitments:

- Website upgrade staged process costs will be approximately \$5000.
- Grants and scholarships \$15,000 annually although not always taken up.
- PIAG - \$5000
- LUAG- \$5000 – not used for the 2017/18 financial year
- EAG- Website upgrade and education package Est \$10,000
- Leg Ulcer Guidelines Upgrade approximately \$25,000
- Commitment to keeping the annual fees at \$60 / person

Profit & Loss					
New Zealand Wound Care Society					
For the 12 months ended 30 June 2018					
	Jun-18	Jun-17	Jun-16	Jun-15	YTD
Income					
Other	-\$695.00	\$5,910.73	\$15,958.47	\$7,585.71	-\$695.00
Seminars/workshops/courses	\$25,156.80	\$16,342.76	\$8,722.67	\$7,336.00	\$25,156.80
Subscriptions	\$24,990.00	\$25,160.00	\$21,780.00	\$30,955.00	\$24,990.00
Total Income	\$49,451.80	\$47,413.49	\$46,461.14	\$45,876.71	\$49,451.80
Gross Profit	\$49,451.80	\$47,413.49	\$46,461.14	\$45,876.71	\$49,451.80
Plus Other Income					
Interest Received	\$4,319.99	\$4,147.84	\$3,337.31	\$2,655.10	\$4,319.99
Share of P'ship - NZWCS Conf	-\$167.24	\$80,512.77	\$11,985.06	\$44,245.00	-\$167.24
Total Other Income	\$4,152.75	\$84,660.61	\$15,322.37	\$46,900.10	\$4,152.75
Less Operating Expenses					
Accountancy Fees	\$3,476.11	\$5,278.59	\$2,198.95	\$2,147.17	\$3,476.11
Administration Fees	\$21,211.63	\$21,827.63	\$20,284.58	\$20,101.12	\$21,211.63
AWMA Journal Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,216.28	\$0.00
Bank Charges	\$430.10	\$380.65	\$322.30	\$564.20	\$430.10
Consultancy	\$2,013.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,013.25
Depreciation	\$498.00	\$998.00	\$566.12	\$778.00	\$498.00
Insurance Expenses	\$2,162.00	\$2,162.00	\$1,881.00	\$0.00	\$2,162.00
Postage	\$259.80	\$104.24	\$301.68	\$515.83	\$259.80
Printing Expenses	\$707.25	\$474.46	\$81.40	\$5,854.30	\$707.25
Scholarships	\$6,500.00	\$5,190.00	\$7,950.00	\$4,000.00	\$6,500.00
Seminar Expenses	\$18,097.58	\$9,450.71	\$3,875.53	\$4,036.85	\$18,097.58
Stationery	\$932.40	\$485.17	\$724.93	\$541.05	\$932.40
Sundry Expenses	\$2,025.35	\$2,578.88	\$777.02	\$483.60	\$2,025.35
Teleconference Expenses	\$3,173.64	\$4,147.14	\$4,283.71	\$2,315.21	\$3,173.64
Travel Expenses	\$1,872.00	\$5,340.00	\$58.73	\$1,180.60	\$1,872.00
Website Expenses	\$1,398.97	\$3,047.48	\$230.00	\$423.19	\$1,398.97
Total Operating Expenses	\$64,758.08	\$61,464.95	\$43,535.95	\$53,157.40	\$64,758.08
Net Profit	-\$11,153.53	\$70,609.15	\$18,247.56	\$39,619.41	-\$11,153.53

Income / expenditure and profit margins over the last 7 years the predicted gap has decreased between expenditure and income this is very positive. Over the last three years there has been a great effort put into to ensure the ongoing sustainability of the society and this is evident by the consistent

demonstration of a profit. I would also like to thank Jeannette the glue that keeps us altogether I would not have been able to do this without her support. The national committee and the multiple subcommittees who work tirelessly behind the scenes. Also, a thank-you to all the members teaching, organising study days, seminars, evening sessions and meetings- thank-you it has gone a long way to making the bottom line as healthy as it is.

Rebecca Aburn RN MN
Treasurer
NZ Wound Care Society

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT



2017-2018 the NZWCS held, across the country, 5 Study Days, 7 Education Evenings, 2 Workshops and many 'Pressure Injury' education events on and around STOP PI Day. That's a lot of study! Well done

I have been involved with taking the minutes and helping with Action Points on all the sub-groups (PIAG, LUAG, EAG, WBPWG & Conf. 2019) who meet once a month, as well as the National Committee who meet every two months.

Chris Twemlow of 'All Things Web' and I are still working on the website here and there, but for the most part the 'on-line' Membership Application and Renewal Form seems to be working. If you do have any queries, please get in touch.

STOP PI 2018 is taking up a lot of my time as well, as we are organising a Pressure Injury Symposium in the Parliament Buildings on 6 November 2018. The PIAG are hard at work pulling this together while I am taking care of registrations and working on the Hard Copy Resources.

Membership has increased over the last year, this has been down to the ease of the Application process and the promotion of the NZWCS by the Study Day, Seminars & Education Evenings being held around the country.

Membership currently stands at:

Full Members –	293
Corporate Members –	21 with 2 more to pay (equals another 460 members)
Commercial Members -	11

Well done to all those who help make the NZWCS what it is, it is such a pleasure working with you all.

Jeannette Henderson
Administrator
NZ Wound Care Society

PRESSURE INJURY ADVISORY GROUP (PIAG)

Introduction:

The PIAG consists of NZWCS members with expertise and a special interest in Pressure Injuries.

Current Members:

Rachael White, Leanne Bolton, Pam Mitchell, Emil Schmidt, Wendy Mildon, Prue Lennox, Sharryn Cook and Madelyn Premacio.

Activities:

This year has been another exciting year in the fight for Pressure Injury prevention and with that an increased work load. The Government Stakeholders have continued to work closely with us and this has generated a significant amount of work in several areas – Stop PI Campaign has increased, Education and ongoing Advisory. This increase in workload has deemed it necessary to increase the numbers of our group to eight.

The “new members” are Prue Lennox, our President has worked closely with us throughout the last few years with Stop PI Day and has now formerly become a member of the group. We are grateful for Prue’s wealth of Knowledge and her business acumen which is an asset when working with government. Following a call for Expressions of Interest to our members we had several high-quality applicants, two were selected: Sharyn Cook and Madelyn Premacio we look forward to working with them and for the new energy and views they will bring. It is always good to have new people.

Stop PI Day 2017

This was an incredibly busy time again this year with greater dissemination of resources. We were aware that we only had patient information in English and with our ethnic diversity throughout NZ this needed to change. ACC undertook the translation of “Skin Matters” patient pamphlet into Te Reo, Samoan, Hindi and Simple Chinese. We are very grateful to them as are our patients / clients and their families

We look forward to the 2018-2019 year. We met with the Government stakeholders and presented a proposal for the next three years (2018-2020).

For 2018 the following:

- Hard copy resources sent out
- One National study day event in Wellington on Tuesday 6th November
- Content edited & available online for national use on Thurs 15th Nov
- Financially supported coordinator
- Social media strategy
- Identify national branding STOP PI initiatives

Most of these we are on track for.

This year, the NZWCS are jointly running a National Pressure Injury Symposium with our Government Stakeholders, on the 6th November. We look forward to not only the day, but videos of the sessions will then be available as resources for our regions. We are grateful to Government for the support they have given. These will be available for 2018 Stop PI Day on November 15th.

In the future we are looking into a National Roadshow to bring to the Regions, Identification and Branding of Stop PI Awareness and Initiatives, National Educational package for regulated and unregulated workforce and clients/ patients / whanau and significant others. We also look forward to the publication of the International PI Clinical Practice Guideline planned for November 2019. So exciting times ahead!

International Guideline Governance Group

Progress is continuing the Review of the 2014 International Pressure Ulcer / Pressure Injury Clinical Practice Guidelines. The Small Working Groups are progressing well with their sections and we hope to have many to review at the Adelaide meeting. The monthly meetings continue by Videoconference and we are building to the increased workload as Chapters are prepared for review. We look forward to the Adelaide face to face meeting. It is expected the Review of the Pressure Injury Clinical Practice Guidelines will be available for publication November 2019. This will be the latest evidence and will be a valuable resource for your areas.

The Consumer survey is still open until the end of October. We have unfortunately had limited input from New Zealand. Please encourage your consumers (patients / clients / whanau and caregivers to participate)

We are looking forward to another exciting year of preventing Pressure Injuries in New Zealand and supporting our colleagues in their endeavours.

Author: Pam Mitchell – Pressure Injury Advisory Group

LEG ULCER ADVISORY GROUP (LUAG)

Introduction:

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

Current Members:

Jeannette Henderson – Administration Officer, Kate Gray - Community Wound Care Clinical Nurse Specialist Hutt Hospital, Cathy Hammond - CNS Wound Care Nurse Maude ChCh, Julie Betts- Nurse Practitioner Wound Care Waikato DHB, Natalie Scott – CNS Wound Care Capital Coast District Health Board, Rebecca Aburn - CNS Vascular Southern DHB, and Mandy Pagan CNS Wound Care Southern DHB

Cathy and Julie continue to work collaboratively with the AWMA and provide updates to the LUAG.

Activities:

Unfortunately, the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Australia are no longer supporting the publication of the Venous Leg Ulcer Guidelines. Hence this has delayed their release and Wounds Australia with the NZWCS remain to work together towards publication.

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 – Leg Ulcer Advisory Group



Rebecca, Julie, Cathy, Mandy, Natalie and Kate at the LUAG meeting in Wellington May 2015

Education Advisory Group

Introduction

The EAG is a group of NZWCS members who provide expert advice on wound-related topics /projects in relation to the education of members of the NZWCS and their stakeholders.

Current members

Penny McAulay, SCN Wound Care Counties Manukau DHB; Mandy Pagan, CNS Wound Care Southern DHB; Kate Gray CNS Wound Care Hutt Valley DHB; Maria Schollum, CNS Wound Care Waikato DHB.

Activities:

- Planning schedule and editing for the Tissue Issue the Society's quarterly newsletter which includes an education topic.
- Overview of awards and scholarships of which we have approved three in the past year. This aims to assist Society members in support of their own education or attending conferences relevant to wound care/research. These include undergraduate and post graduate.
- Developed a brochure available as a hard copy from the Society Administrator or downloaded online. This aims to promote the NZWCS and gives depth on what is available from the Society as a member.
- Reviewed our terms of reference and strategic plan
- Fielded any approaches from companies/persons with queries or wanting to advertise online
- Developed a wound product evaluation guide. This is a guide template for members who wish to evaluate a new product in their service
- Approached and worked with Ko Awatea who have invited all NZWCS members to have free access to their full learning platform free online from July 1st through to 30th June 2019. By now you will have received a letter asking for your permission to share your E mail, name and organisation in order to do this. Ko Awatea have confirmed with the NZWCS that this is confidential and for their use only.

Projects that we are continuing to work on currently and for the future: partnering with Wounds Australia for the sharing of education; promoting a National Wound Awareness Week in 2019; improving our communication with Practice Nurses about education events from the NZWCS around the country; standardising certificates and evaluation forms for NZWCS evenings and study days.

We are keen to promote the expression of interest to join this group for new ideas so if you feel that you would like to join the enthusiastic and passionate members of the EAG please contact the administrator@nzwcs.org.nz

Thank you again to all our members who give freely of their time to support this group and advise. Thank you also to Jeannette our Administrator for her support and guidance.

Rebecca Aburn who has been one of the original members of this group is stepping down. Rebecca is the current CNS Infection Prevention and Control Southern DHB; NZWCS Treasurer and also an NP candidate. Rebecca was very active in working on the update of the NZWCS site. Thank you, Rebecca. We are very grateful for all you have achieved, and we wish you success for the future.

Author: Kate Gray – Education Advisory Group

Wound Bed Preparation Working Group

Introduction

The Wound Bed Preparation Working Group (WBPWG), under the NZWCS umbrella, was formed as a result of an identified need to have a user-friendly Guideline developed to guide improved consistency in clinical practice knowledge associated with appropriate, evidence-based options for preparation of the wound bed.

Current Members

Jenny Phillips (Chairperson of the group), Glenda Dagger and Chris Gruys, supported administratively by Jeannette Henderson

Activities

The WBPWG has met via teleconference and e mail contact to formulate TOR, Strategic Plan and timeline for Guideline components. The guideline, whilst a project in progress, will include background, definitions of wounds-whether healable etc, assessment, recognition of infection, wound cleansing and biofilm, debridement options and client education. The aim of the working group is to complete the Guideline by February 2019.

Sharp debridement is a separate issue arising from this work and the group feel that this should be an additional guideline to be used in conjunction with the WBPWG guideline. The group would value feedback from NZWCS members on this and if it was agreed to progress this, the group may need to remain for a few additional months to complete this additional section.

Author – Christine Gruys – Wound Bed Preparation Working Group

2017-2018 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.

2017-2018 Research Grant awarded to:

We did not receive any applications for a Research Grant in the 2017-2018 financial year.

2016-2017 Research Grant awarded to:

Assoc. Prof Trevor Sherwin of University of Auckland – *as yet unpaid*

2015 – 2016 Research Grant awarded to:

Dr Emma Best of University of Auckland - *Paid*

Jeannette Henderson
NZWCS Administrator

2018/2019 SCHOLARSHIPS

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 2017-2018. These have been reviewed and the Education Advisory Group of NZWCS. 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

AWARDS

Tissue Issue Article

- A \$100 award to a NZWCS member or a 1-year subscription to the NZWCS for a non-member for an article written and published by NZWCS in our newsletter 'Tissue Issue'. This newsletter is published 5 times per year and a list of future topics can be found at the end of the newsletter.
- Applications for this award must be received once your article has been accepted to feature in Tissue Issue and at least 2 months before the topic is featured in Tissue Issue.

Best Publication

- A \$500 award to the best article/publication in a peer review or other recognised journal. Publication/article must have been published within the year of the application for the award.
- This award is open to all members of the NZWCS. If this is a joint publication, then at least one member of the group needs to be a NZWCS member
- The award of \$500 is to be shared between all named contributors to the article.
- Applications for this award opens on 1st August with the closing date of 31st October. Award will be presented in November.

Best Runner-Up

- Depending on the number of applications received for the above award, there will be up to 3 Runner-Up awards of \$100 each

SCHOLARSHIP

The New Zealand Wound Care Society is showing its support for education of health professionals involved in wound management by offering several Scholarship in 2017-2018. The scholarships available include:

- Three (3) scholarships of \$500 per semester (3 semesters) per year are available for Under Graduate educational courses at level 6 & 7 which are wound-related
- One (1) scholarship of \$1000 per semester (3 semesters) per year is available for Post Graduate educational courses at level 8 which are wound-related
- One (1) scholarship of \$1000 per year for attendance at a national, wound related, conference but not the NZWCS conference
- Five (5) scholarships of 'Registration Only' every 2 years for attendance at the NZWCS national conference
- One (1) scholarship of \$2000 per year for attendance at an international, wound related, conference
- One (1) scholarship of \$4000 per year for attendance at an international, wound related, conference with special conditions

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 / Karen Devine

Area Coordinators: Karen Devine

The main focus is currently on raising the profile of NZWCS in the region as membership uptake is low. This has made planning any study sessions somewhat challenging.

We are trying to highlight the recent changes to membership fees and promoting the benefits of individual memberships to those currently covered under corporate memberships.

We successfully partnered with industry representatives on World Pressure Injury Prevention day to promote Skin Care Matters campaign, with education delivered one on one to patients/whanau and caregivers attending Northland DHB outpatients' services on that day, as well as a mobile education and awareness program delivered on every ward within Whangarei Hospital. Distribution of programme materials was also arranged throughout the region in both DHB and Aged Residential Care facilities by Northland NZWCS members.

Karen Devine – National Committee Member – Northland

Areas 2: Auckland

Committee Member: Glenda Dagger

Area Coordinators: Glenda Dagger

- Oct 2017 -A collaborative approach to PI prevention with a planned interdisciplinary day long workshop in central Auckland entitled "Blurring the Boundaries".
- May 2018 presented an evening meeting Right Wound/Right Dressing.
- August 2018 Collaboration with Pro-care to present Chronic Wounds to one of their POD groups.

Planned for 2018-2019

- 3 study days for the region. Nov 2018 Collaboration with Waitemata PHO for a Saturday morning workshop on Stoma Management.
- Increase the area coordinators to 3 to ensure better coverage of our large region & a new Committee member

Glenda Dagger – National Committee Member – Auckland

Area 3: Waikato

Committee Member: Maria Schollum

Area Coordinator: Julie Betts/Angela Carter/Jane Widowson/Andrew Jones

Unfortunately, it has been a very quiet time for the Waikato branch in regard to education evenings over the past 18 months, largely due to the commitments and changes at work and personally of the members who have tirelessly offered their time and energy to the cause in the past. We hope to have a resurgence next year with education evenings and promotion of the Wound Society in 2019.

Maria Schollum - National Committee Member – Waikato Branch

Areas 4 & 5: Rotorua/Taupo/BOP

Committee Member: Vacant

Area Coordinators: Dawn French, Jane Edwards and Tracy de Rohan

The tissue viability service within the bay has had a busy 12 months which saw the launch of the 'Bay of plenty product selection guide' in February. This guide has been launched as a laminated A3 in all clinical areas and has an intranet version which is hyperlinked to the manufacturer's guidelines on products. The aim of the guide is to assist clinicians in decision making and rationalisation of treatment choice. The guide has been very well accepted and we are currently working on a community version of this.

Our pressure injury prevention equipment continues to be installed by technicians; this will be the third year that the Bay has used a full service in this manner.

Policy development wise we have recently developed a protocol for wound packing, if this is agreed by other DHB's it may be beneficial to publish this in Lippincott for shared access.

Our NWPT fleet is ever increasing and we have capacity for installation therapy as required.

Education wise we run 2 full study days for DHB staff each year with workshops on advanced dressings. We also run an aged care study event which tends to attract between 80-90 staff from within the local aged care sector. This evaluates as a very valuable day within the community. Education is also provided to practice nurses, although this is very minimal it is also well received.

We are working towards compliance with pressure injury audit reporting and we are looking forward to having some National cohesion on this.

We welcome a new member of staff to the Area co-ordinator team Paula Davies is an experienced district nurse (DN) from Whakatane who, will bring a community insight and provide some diversity from a rural DN background.

Many thanks, great to work with you all

Dawn French – Joint Area Coordinator – Bay of Plenty

Area 6: Manawatu/Wanganui

Committee Member: Desley Johnson

Area Coordinator: Karen Huxtable

Our region has had two very informative meetings with guest speakers. Topics covered have been the role of Microdacyn in Wound Care and learning about Epidermolysis bullosa. Attendance has been down from previous years, but great representation from the District Nursing Service. There were several local nurses who attended the Wellington study day and spoke very favourably of the topics covered.

Desley has been busy in her role as Co-conference Co-ordinator for next year's conference in Dunedin.

We will be gearing up for the STOP Pressure Injury Day in November, which fits well with our DHB's Pressure Injury Project.

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.

Karen Huxtable, Area Coordinator, Manawatu-Whanganui

Area 7: New Plymouth/ Taranaki

Committee Member / Chris Gruys

Area Coordinator: Wendy Walsh

Our regional report cannot proceed without thanking Jeannette for all her input and support, and to NZWCS national colleagues for ongoing networking and support. Also, congratulations to Pam in Christchurch for her award related to her outstanding contributions to the pursuit of global best practice in the field of Pressure Injuries.

In May 2018 we ran a wound study day which focused on upskilling wound champions on essential wound related competencies such as negative wound pressure therapy, lower limb ulcers and compression, doppler, burns, staging pressure injuries and wound bed preparation.

We have two area co-ordinators for Taranaki- Wendy Walsh and Becky Reynolds who both share a passion for wound care. Becky is the new Wound Clinical Nurse Specialist with Taranaki DHB and Wendy, who is a Nurse Practitioner Intern, recently attended and successfully completed the HEMI course in Australia with Professor Donald McClellan.

Wendy and I have sought out opportunities to promote membership to the NZWCS during evening forums/seminars.

Jo Meads has joined our DHB from Auckland, as the new 2-year ACC supported position as Tissue Viability Nurse. Jo is currently on a sharp learning curve regarding Pressure Injuries and our recently introduced PIPM bundles of care.

The Wound Bed Preparation Working Group is currently well underway with Jenny Phillips, Glenda Dagger and I in the working party, supported by Jeannette during our teleconferences.

Chris Gruys - National Committee Member - Taranaki

Area 8: Wellington

Committee Member: Kate Gray
Area Coordinators: Liz Frost & Kate Gray

Earlier in the year we sent out a questionnaire to ensure that the timing of sessions in the evening suited versus alternative formats e.g. workshops and asking members to suggest topics that they would like. We had a small response, but it affirmed that most members were happy with status quo. In July 2017 we had a combined session that was delivered by Elizabeth Frost (Senior District Nurse CCDHB) and Fiona Angus Podiatrist (Team Leader HVDHB) on wound infection and biofilm. This was a wonderfully informal session with a small combined group in terms of interest that was able to create discussion and question current practice.

In September 2017 we had Dr Maxim Bloomfield (Registrar Infectious Diseases CCDHB) present on antimicrobial stewardship; antibiotic resistance and infection. This was very popular with high attendance. November 2017, we had a presentation on treatment Injuries and wounds with John Lowe who is a Clinical Advisor, ACC and Eligibility Team, CCDHB. This created clarity for practice with such questions as to when to make and how to make a claim related to pressure injuries and also other wounds requiring ACC Claims.

March 2018 Natalie Scott (Clinical Nurse Specialist Wound Care CCDHB) presented on Wound Assessment. This is such a popular topic which always receives great attendance and discussion related to practice and Natalie made this possible.

In May 2018 we had a Wound Study Day with the title 'Diving Deep into the Evidence' which was very successful and included the hierarchy of evidence; infection control; lower limb wound assessment/management and assessment/management of skin lesions. We had an expert panel of speakers who enabled these topics to be delivered with the underlying context of evidenced based practice. We thank them again for their time and commitment outside of working hours. This would seem to be the way to go with an increase of our membership of 40% following this study day.

September 2018, we see Linda Roeters (Nurse Educator, Plastic Surgery Unit, Wellington Region) presenting on Minor Burns and their assessment and management in the Community. We would like to thank all our members; presenters and industry for their assistance/support over the year of 2017/18 to share our united compassion/commitment to wound care and its delivery on behalf of the NZWCS.

Kate Gray and Liz Frost – Wellington region

Area 9: Nelson/Marlborough

Committee Member: Susie Wendelborn
Area Coordinator: Noleen Sargent & Melanie Terry

For the Nelson Marlborough area on wound care in services are mostly facilitated by the PHO as they provide the facility. I delivered 2 2-hour sessions in the last year to mainly practice nurses and GP's and Pharmacists in both Nelson and Marlborough PHO facilities, the most recent being Richmond Health hub 27/07/2018 and then a trip to Golden bay 16/08/2018 as Golden Bay couldn't connect to Skype for the Richmond session. Noreen Sargent facilitated a wound care study day held in Richmond Health hub May 2017 to which I presented a session on WBP, 80 nurses from DHB, GP practices and Aged care facilities attended from across the Nelson/Marlborough areas.

I run wound care sessions for Wairau hospital and the Marlborough community on request and with any product changes ensure the companies deliver their obligatory training to the appropriate staff.

As a member of the Wound care advisory group for PHARMAC there have been no recent meetings for the group but I attended the annual Clinical Advice workshop 17/07/2018 which was an extremely informative motivating day covering a wide range of topics including medical device work, factors influencing treatment

adherence, health inequity and access to medicines, policy updates and case studies including group work, an extremely beneficial networking day and a chance for PHARMAC to receive clinical feedback from clinicians.

Susie Wendelborn – National Committee

Area 10: Canterbury

Committee Member: Pam Mitchell

Area Coordinator:

This last year has been exciting with new members joining our organising committee. Though we planned to run three educational sessions a year this is not always possible and in 2017. We undertook only two sessions due to a variety of constraints. This year however, we plan to undertake three education sessions again. We have a good team that work together well and have members from almost every sector giving input into these sessions.

In November 2017 we had a Pressure Injury evening with six workshop areas; these covered

- Classification of Pressure injuries
- Diabetic foot care and shoes;
- Seating and positioning for feeding;
- Two product tables by Smith & Nephew and Molnlycke
- NZWCS showing the resources that would be available for their Stop PI Day.

We were grateful to our Industry, Podiatry and Occupational Therapy colleagues who ran their session and for our team who set up the evening and ran the remaining sessions. Again, there was a good turnout.

In May 2018 we held a session on Leg ulceration. Jeannie Randalls from Nurse Maude and Fiona Cochrane, CNS Vascular Service provided informative sessions on Leg Ulceration and Arterial disease and Investigations respectively. We are grateful for their wealth of knowledge and the valuable learnings all those who attended gleaned.

On September 13th, 2018 we will run a session on "Colonisation versus Infection" and we look forward to a Microbiologist and an Infection Control colleague taking this session, along with industry who will show products that can be used to help prevent infection.

We are grateful to the numbers of people who give up their evenings to run these sessions in the Canterbury region. We are also thankful to all those who attend, both NZWCS members and non-members.

Thank you

NZWCS Canterbury Branch Committee

Area 11: Dunedin

Committee Member / Emil Schmidt

Area Coordinator: Jan Johnstone

November 2017 - we celebrated our PI national day. This encompassed a series of short presentation from Emil Schmidt/ Jan Johnstone throughout the day on prevention with the **SSKIN bundle principle**. We promoted the day in the foyer of the main hospital with equipment/pamphlets and cupcakes.

April 2018 - The Otago branch held a wound care study day – 'The Management of the diabetic foot ulcers' This was a successful day, including participants from both the primary and secondary care travelling from all over Otago. This was supported by 92 delegates and 11 companies with their trade stands.

Rebecca Aburn introduced the multidisciplinary approach for Diabetic foot Clinic and referral criteria, Rebecca also presented dressing selection. Jackie Journeaux - Podiatrist, discussed preventing amputations followed by Emil Schmidt discussing debridement options. Vascular surgeon Dr Jo Krysa spoke of vascular investigations and surgery and the Samoan Diabetic Foot clinic project (which saw a local team travel to Samoa in October 2018). Surgical options for the diabetic foot was presented by orthopaedic surgeon Mr Chris Burkes, Brent Fisher a local orthotist had a practical demonstration of total contact casting in this offloading workshop. Dr Stephaine Farrant an Endocrinologist along with diabetic nurse Jenny Ryans presented some interesting case studies and their roles in diabetic care. The feedback was positive with good networking

Other members of Otago team have been working hard, Andrea Dorn running competencies study days monthly through Southern District Health Board on compression bandaging and Negative wound pressure management,

Emil Schmidt and Rebecca Aburn continue as members of the national committee and are a wealth of knowledge. I would like to thank them for all the extra hard work they contribute to the Otago region, hours of volunteer service to support this region and at national level. Also, Jeanette has been instrumental with her continuing support to assisting with this area.

We look forward to hosting the national conference in Dunedin in May 2019

Jan Johnstone – Area Coordinator

Area 12: Southland

Committee Member: Mandy Pagan

Area Coordinator: Phylis Harding

The purpose of this report is to outline the activities of Area 12 over the last year. Area 12 is represented by healthcare professionals working in primary and secondary healthcare settings and across private and public health sectors. Membership includes; podiatrists and nurses working within district, GP practice, public hospitals and aged care sectors.

Activities:

Practical wound care training is offered through the Southland Hospital Wound Clinic. This involves working alongside experienced wound care nurses within the clinic and is held each Monday and Thursday.

Training includes: wound assessment, wound bed preparation, product selection, skin care and principles of compression therapy. Members are able to contact us directly to attend these clinics.

A leg ulcer workshop was held on the 2nd September 2017 with Nurses from the Southland Wound Clinic assisting to provide hands-on experience. This included how to assess for venous and arterial indicators, how to use a Doppler and apply low compression therapy. Case studies presented generated discussions around types of wounds and appropriate dressing products to use.

Thank you to Alice Hardie from Smith & Nephew who provided financial and educational support for this day. Alice presented an excellent session on 'biofilms in wound care' and skin care regimes. Evaluations from the day were extremely positive; and it was wonderful to see nurses applying these learnt principles into their practice after this day.

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

Mandy and Phylis – National Committee member and Area Coordinators

Area 13: Hawke's Bay

Committee Member: Wendy Mildon

Area Coordinator: Wendy Mildon

Area 13 has a smaller membership which includes healthcare professionals from primary and secondary healthcare setting. Some activities held include the November 2017 STOP PI Day DHB wound workshop held to promote education on pressure injury prevention. In hospital display in main foyer with access from the general public. HB also held a Quiz-night in November to promote STOP PI. Special acknowledgement and thanks to Talesha Scully, Molnlycke who was our quiz master and sponsoring the evening we had approx. 20 very competitive attendees from all healthcare settings.

Last month evening education session for nurses from the Primary healthcare sector was held "Skin Tears' (STAR classification and "Skin tears the underestimated wound") thanks to Alice Hardie- Smith & Nephew for assisting with this evening. NZWCS membership was also promoted in the area.

Looking forward to another year of challenges in wound care.

Wendy Mildon – National Committee members and Area Coordinator



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