



**PAEDIATRIC
SOCIETY**
NEW ZEALAND

Health of our Children, Wealth of our Nation

BREAKING NEWS!

By 19 December you will be able to get your first glimpse of the NEW Paediatric Society website!

Enjoy familiarising yourself the public version of the website first.

The sign-up and log-in buttons will be disabled until 15 January. This allows us time to complete the work and prepare for you all to access the new technology in the private version of the NEW website!



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WHAT'S NEW?

You will be able to manage your own log-in and details, see what you choose to see, and how often, as well as what you are happy for others to see!

You will manage your membership online (including making renewal payments), and new members will be able to apply to join online – no more papers to get signed!

You can become a member of a Discussion Forum for your Special Interest Group(s) with groups of colleagues on specific issues.

You can keep your membership and professional details up to date. You can even search for other colleagues up and down the country!

AND your Administrators life will be so much easier!

*“Discussion Forums for your
Special Interest Groups”*

NEW TECHNOLOGY WILL OFFER BENEFITS FOR ALL MEMBERS, AND INCREASE THE SOCIETY'S PROFILE

Regional networks

Specialist sharing

Discussion groups

Planning and scheduling activities

Better management of emails



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HOW CAN YOU HELP?

The FULL website will be having a soft launch 15 January. The website will have been tested but a soft launch is the chance to shake out any bugs.

We would appreciate your feedback if you experience problems. A form will be available on the site should you need it.

The plan is to get you to enter your email and then use the 'forgot password' link to reset your password. This is more secure than us sending you all a password in plain text.

So from 15 January you can use the forgotten link and reset your password, and start exploring your options. Enjoy!

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

It is exciting to approach the website launch early 2018. Our PSNZ strategy has four themes: *Connect*, *Grow*, *Advocate*, and *Improve Practice*.

The new website will serve as a key enabler to further advance as an organization.

Connect and Grow: The website launch is a significant step forward in upgrading our information and communication infrastructure. I look forward to seeing it in action. Thank you to all who have contributed to its

development. We also have appreciated the patience of our members while the website has been under re-development.

Advocate: 2017 like every year has been a full and active one. It has been good to see the focus on eliminating child poverty continue to build momentum. A recent accord led by the Children's Commissioner and supported by PSNZ along with many other organisations was one such activity. The PSNZ had also supported the campaign titled, 'Make It The Norm: Equity through the determinants of health', developed and led by the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP). I commend to you the high quality resources including recommendations and case stories around central themes of making - Healthy Housing, Good Work and Whānau Wellbeing – the norm. There is still much to advocate for children and youth in Aotearoa, New Zealand. Such advocacy activities, submissions, and position statements will be well documented in the new platform.

The fourth of our key strategic themes is to *Improve Practice*. In this respect, the Special Interest Groups and more formally structured Clinical Networks are powerhouses of clinical member activity across a wide spectrum of child and youth health issues. These groups are central to PSNZ activity drawing together clinicians of all types and with expertise and enthusiasm to improve things. The new website will provide a great platform to enable this collaborative, inter-disciplinary activity.

I would like to wish you all the best for the Christmas and New Year. Along with your Council and Executive, I look forward to working together in 2018.

Tim Jelleyman.