



# The Paediatric Society of New Zealand Te Kāhui Mātai Arotamariki o Aotearoa

Presidents report 20 April 2021

The first 4 months of 2021 have been participating in the appointment of key roles in strategic, support, administration and communication roles.

We farewelled Mollie Wilson our CEO of the past 14 years at a dinner after the Clinical Network strategic planning day on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Mollie's contribution was acknowledged, even with song by Dawn Elder. The gift was a silver necklace and flowers on her last day.

We have started meeting regularly to develop a first 3-month plan for the new team. Pam Henry is the Programme Director working 2 days – Wednesday and Friday in this new strategic role. Karyn Sansom has been an operation role and facilitator and moves into the Support Manager position. With 12 networks it's a large roll. Having a communications manager is new for the society. Ally Clelland is going to start with a document outlining the Executive and new team members, both the PSNZ members and out associated organisations.

The strategic planning day for the NZ Clinical Networks..... was very successful. We included the current governance group and past leaders, including Nick Baker the president before the networks were established, Rosie Marks the President for the first 5 years, Richard Aitken the Chair till 2020, David Newman the president before Tim Jelleyman who is now part-time in the MOH Child Health Advisor role. Our new appointees could attend.

Addressing health inequities for our pepe, tamariki and rangitahi is now to the forefront for future direction of the networks as well as the Paediatric Society as a whole. This was the clear message at the Hui with Maori PSNZ, and committee members. Dawn will speak to the outcome of both meetings later in the Council meeting. It is all of our responsibility to own the issues, address racial bias and lead by example.

Kidshealth is ably lead by Katherine Lissienko. The content editor Ben ends at the end of April. A new strategy is in development. We need more money to support the programme, and this will be reviewed by the advisory group and Pam in her Programme Director role. An update is targeted for the next council meeting.

The education fund had a couple of applications. John Garrett has lead us to have stable base – promotion of members to access this is a priority going forward – particularly nursing and allied health members.

Membership is increasing. New members are asked to advise of their ethnicity. This will enable support for and acknowledgment of members who are Maori and Pacifica in particular.

The next 3 months will see us start to develop a strategic plan for the society for the next 5 years. An important activity on which your help will be sought.

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