



## Presidents Report 2021-2022

### AGM

1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2022

The Wellington-based Executive of PSNZ would like to support the wider PSNZ community for their support during what has been an incredibly challenging term.

The intent for 2021 had been to incorporate the Eric Burnard meeting with our ASM, further develop the community-facing component and deliver a meeting somewhat larger in scope to mitigate the impact of the cancelled 2021 ASM. Unfortunately, COVID-19 had other ideas for us and the meeting had to be cancelled.

Our back-up plan to transition to a zoom-based platform was disrupted by the unexpected closure of the Otago's Wellington-based campus due to the buildings seismic rating. This loss of physical space, AV support and other factors, compounded by COVID-induced restrictions, meant that, despite extensive planning, we were again stymied in our efforts to deliver the ASM.

At our last AGM we talked about the importance of highlighting to Government the imperative for investment in, and support of, strategies to promote maternal and infant wellbeing. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has adversely impacted our ability to be heard as the focus of Governments attention has necessarily been directed towards the evolving challenges posed by the pandemic. However, this clearly remains an important area for the Society as we start to emerge from the phenomenal professional and personal disruption of the last two years. This will coincide with the Governments plan for a new, centralised approach to health care delivery; a new era in which there will be new opportunities to ensure that the needs of women, children, their families and whanau are heard and acted upon.

We are continuing to provide ongoing support to the 'On Track' network and the work it's doing to promote perinatal research. Financial auditing has been completed in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Commission and we are well positioned for the future.

Finally, we are delighted to have received the nominations for an Auckland-based Executive whose composition truly reflects the expertise, breadth and diversity of PSNZs membership. We look forward to working with them to ensure a smooth transition and wish them every success in their endeavors to support PSNZ.

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