



New Zealand Rural Hospital Network

January 2017 Newsletter

Happy New Year to all our members. We trust you had a safe and happy holiday season catching up with friends and family.

Firstly, a big THANK YOU to all for your ongoing support of NZRHN. Membership renewals over the last few months have been very encouraging in both individual and corporate categories, which enable our network to progress goals and strategies for the coming year. We warmly welcome our new members from Dunstan Hospital who recently joined the network. It is always great to increase our membership whether clinical, non clinical or corporate so please encourage your colleagues working in a rural hospitals around New Zealand to join RHN. Application for Membership Forms are available through our website www.nzrhn.co.nz

The planning is well advanced for the 2017 National Rural Health Conference, to be held in Wellington 31st March to 2nd April. <http://www.nationalruralhealthconference.org.nz/nrhc17>. There is a pre-conference day of workshops on 30th March followed by two days of conference and ending with network breakfasts on Sunday. The conference theme is Healthy Rural Communities Mauri Ora Whanau Ora Wai Ora. We are striving to have a rural hospital thread running through one of the concurrent streams so we will have an RHN 'Home Room' where issues relating specifically to rural hospitals can be discussed, ideas shared and solutions sought. This conference is increasingly important as it enables health practitioners throughout rural New Zealand to share resources, learn, network and enjoy the (in)famous social functions! Early bird registrations close on 16th February so don't delay – register now to secure your place at this important event.

The RHN are offering sponsorship of registration for 3 lucky RHN members to attend the National Rural Health Conference. If you did not receive the application form contact Andrea our Secretary for a copy andrea.cairns@southerndhb.govt.nz

For those of you that are attending the National Rural Health Conference the NZRHN AGM will be on Saturday 1st April at 1.10pm and we encourage all RHN members present to attend. We will be calling for nominations for our exec shortly and welcome anyone who may be interested in joining us in this capacity.

The second Rural Hospital Clinical Directors Forum for the year was held in Auckland in October. Those who attended found this very beneficial with a lot of discussion/activities. A date for the next Clinical Directors Forum is yet to be set.

In November our officers had our annual face to face committee meeting in Wellington to review our Network goals and strategies, discuss any pertinent issues and plan for the upcoming year including the National Rural Health Conference. This meeting was very beneficial and a lot more achieved than is possible via our monthly teleconference meetings those of you that are attending the National

If you or your hospital have a project or news that you would like added to our website or facebook page for everyone to see, let Andrea our Secretary know andrea.cairns@southerndhb.govt.nz and she will post these for you
