



Dr Richard Aickin's address to member organisations at the New Zealand Resuscitation Council's Annual General Meeting, 25 November 2019.

Welcome all to this annual general meeting of the New Zealand Resuscitation Council.

Service Performance Indicators

We measure our performance against a range of indicators. Our outcome areas are: robust, credible education; better-informed rescuers; and improved New Zealand standards.

Robust and Credible Education

In the year to 30 June 2019 New Zealand Resuscitation Council instructors delivered CORE Advanced to 5,830 learners, CORE Immediate – Adult to 1,056 learners, CORE Immediate – Adult & Child to 1,319 learners and Newborn Life Support to 989 learners.

We ask that full-day CORE course attendees give feedback on instructor performance on six variables. The variables are: approachability, availability, knowledge, communication, positive attitude, and course organisation. Ratings are given on a scale of 1-5, where 1 is 'strongly disagree' and 5 is 'strongly agree'.

In the year to 30 June 2019 we asked all 5,830 CORE Advanced Participants to rate instructor performance. Across the respondents the average score was 4.89/5 which is an improvement on 2018 and a testament of the high calibre of our instructors.

Better-informed Rescuers

We pride ourselves on keeping the Resuscitation community informed with any updates in our field and the latest activities of the council. To ensure the industry is informed, the council uses Newsletters, Facebook, Twitter and more recently Instagram to engage with and reach stakeholders.

During the 2019 year, a number of months were spent without a communications advisor. Considering this, engagement remained steady with 2018 results. In the year so far from January 2019 until November 2019, 25 Newsletter Campaigns have been sent. Of these newsletters, 4 were Adrenaline Rush, 6 being NLS updates, 7 CORE updates and 8 other campaigns about council activities including World Restart a Heart Day updates. The 25 campaigns reached 12,000 individuals with an open rate, increasing on last year to 40.7%.

Our social media channels are increasing in both followers and engagement, across Twitter, Facebook and in the last month, Instagram with the handle @NZResusCouncil used on all three mediums. Twitter continues to have the largest following at 1,300 followers, and Facebook and Instagram are increasing steadily.

Financial Audit

The financial audit was recently completed and I am pleased to announce that the 2018-19 Financial year was very favourable. The audit was a very simple and fast audit this year, this is a credit to Rachel's hard work in streamlining the finance system over the last few years.

ILCOR



ILCOR's scientific review drives the development of national resuscitation council guidelines. We are fortunate that many of our councillors sit on ILCOR task forces, affording New Zealand with a strong presence in various areas of resuscitation on the world stage. We recently had a meeting in Cape town South Africa where ANZCOR was represented across every taskforce.

I would like to thank Tonia Nicholson, Gabrielle Nuthall, Robert Frengley, Kevin Nation for representing ANZCOR and Lindsay Mildenhall who will be stepping down from ILCOR for your continued dedication to your respective Task Force commitments.

ARC

Our relationship with our Australian counterparts, the Australian Resuscitation Council continues to be strong. This relationship with Australia is significant for guideline development, whereby we collaborate to develop resuscitation guidelines that are applicable to both countries. We are approaching a busy year with the production of new ANZCOR guidelines in 2020.

The New Zealand and Australian Resuscitation Councils have continued our commitment to annual ANZCOR meetings. This provides a regular means of exploring mutually beneficial opportunities separate to scientific interests. Thank you to, Tony Scott, Kevin Nation and Tony Smith who represents the Council of Ambulance Authorities for your commitment and participation in these meetings.

NLS Review

Earlier this year time was spent reviewing and updating the content of the Newborn Life Support (NLS) curriculum, in order to ensure it is modern, accurate and relevant. The purpose of this review was to ensure quality and consistency in teaching, and to identify any cases where instructors need support or information from the NZ Resuscitation Council office in their work.

We are moving forward with a series of proposals to make the NLS program the best it can be. Some of these have been phased in over 2019, and there will be a formal relaunch of the program at our NZ Resus 2020 conference. This will add value to the qualification, and aligns it with equivalent NZ Resuscitation Council courses such as CORE Advanced.

World Restart a Heart Day

New Zealand, as the first country to see the sun very excitedly started World Restart a Heart Day with a number of events around the country. A number of organisations were involved in World Restart a Heart events. St John, Wellington Free Ambulance, Surf Lifesaving New Zealand, Fire and Emergency along with a number of DHB's and medical centers and hospitals around the country were involved supporting World Restart a Heart Day. The approximate numbers from events around the country show that around 2,500 people were trained in CPR during World Restart a Heart Day events in October.

The New Zealand Resuscitation Council with the support of Wellington Free Ambulance and Fire and Emergency New Zealand were hosted at our nation's Parliament Buildings in the West Foyer of the Beehive Wellington, New Zealand.

We were hosted by local Member of Parliament Greg O'Connor and joined by students from Tawa Intermediate School which is a school in Mr O'Connor's constituency. We were joined by a number of MP's, the Minister of Health Honorable Dr David Clark and a number of Parliamentary Staff.



The feedback from around the country has been that the events were a resounding success and participants are looking forward to training more individuals in bystander CPR in 2020.

Resus 2020 Rotorua

We are eagerly awaiting our bi-ennial conference in Resus 2020 which will be held in Rotorua 7-9 May 2020. Our scientific meetings have grown a lot over the past decade, reaching more people with a broader range of content.

At NZ Resus 2020 – Te hiranga, te manahau, me te ahurea (Excellence, resilience and culture) - we look to further extend our appeal with content for carers both in Pre-Hospital and Emergency Care/ICU settings. This conference will present the latest advances in resuscitation science and our invited speakers include key leaders from the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation, plus many other speakers actively involved in resuscitation research and guideline development (both from Australia and NZ, and the wider international group).

We have announced a high calibre range of internationally acclaimed speakers with Professor Ian Maconachie, Professor Laurie Morrison, Professor Robert Neumar, Dr Tony Smith and Dr Tony Walker having already been announced as keynote speakers and with more to be announced soon.

Comings and Goings

It is with regret that we farewell Greg Van Der Hulst from the council. Greg as the representative of The Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners, we thank you for your input over the years. Your commitment to creating clarity to the College resuscitation policies has shown unwavering determination. It certainly hasn't been an easy task at times particularly as we've been remodelling our own education programmes. We thank you for your support during your time with the council.

We also farewell Murray Cox who was the representative from the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. Murray joined the council in Nov 2013 and we have appreciated his input and expertise on the council and we welcome his replacement Sean Galvin. We look forward to having your input Sean.

In the Resuscitation Council office we have farewelled Alastair, and welcomed Teghan as our Communications and Engagement Advisor.

Finally, thank you to all councillors and staff for your hard work this last year. I am proud of the progress we have made as a council, and the continuing high standard of work from our community of instructors. I am eager to see what 2020 has in store for the New Zealand Resuscitation Council, and I will look forward to seeing you at NZ Resus 2020 in Rotorua.