

Chair's Report 2021

I would like to begin my first Chair's Report by thanking our staff, instructors, councillors and key stakeholders for their resilience and adaptability to what has been another challenging year for training. Thank you for the continued support of the council and our continued work to improve outcomes for Aotearoa, New Zealand.

Earlier in the year we acknowledged the recent past chair Richard Aickin at a surprise event in Auckland where we awarded Richard with the Sir David Hay Medal. Since 1999 The Sir David Hay Medal is awarded to recognise an outstanding or lifelong contribution to resuscitation and emergency care in Aotearoa, New Zealand. Richard joins only four other recipients of this award; Dr Peter Leslie, Dr Duncan Galletly, Dr Shirley Tonkin and Dr Andy Swain. In the 12 years Richard spent as Chair of the Council, the organisation has grown and matured significantly. We thank Richard for his dedication, stewardship, and friendship during his time with the council.

The overall objective of the council is that all people in Aotearoa, New Zealand have the best possible outcome from immediate threat to life and limb. We contribute to this through promoting and fostering high quality resuscitation practice. Our impact areas are: robust, credible education; better informed rescuers; improved New Zealand standards.

Robust and Credible Education

We have recently conducted our instructor audit this audit gives us an opportunity to review and report on the years courses. We are delighted to announce that New Zealand Resuscitation Council Instructors have delivered CORE Advanced to 6,345 learners, CORE Immediate – Adult to 1,096 learners, CORE Immediate – Adult & Child to 2,382 learners and Newborn Life Support to 1,214 learners in the year to 30 June 2021.

There continues to be a huge demand for our instructor training courses, it is great to know that there will be highly trained instructors around the country providing a high standard of education.

The NZ Resuscitation Council delivered six instructor courses in the year to 30 June 2021. All instructor courses were delivered at Waikato Clinical School, Hamilton. There were four two-day CORE instructor courses and two, two-day Newborn Life Support instructor courses delivered.

Unfortunately, Two instructor courses were cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In what has been a very challenging year, thank you to you all for the hard work adjusting to the new normal and uncertainty of 2021.

Better informed Rescuers



There have been a number of projects going ahead in 2021 to ensure that our instructors are equipped with the information required to ensure high quality training and better outcomes for Aotearoa, New Zealand.

Our website has been in need of a refresh to ensure that information is easily accessible and navigation is as straight forward as possible. The council office staff have been working this year with a Wellington website design firm to create a new website which is an exciting project that we look forward to sharing with you in the new year.

Our social media channels are increasing in both followers and engagement, across Twitter, Facebook and Instagram with the handle @NZResusCouncil used on all three mediums. All three platforms are used to engage and ensure that information is shared effectively and efficiently to our key stakeholders and also the public.

Financial Audit

The financial audit was recently completed and I am pleased to announce that the 2020-2021 financial year was very favourable despite the ongoing effects of Covid-19 lockdowns on our revenue stream. Government subsidies were applied for where we were eligible and this enabled us to continue with projects already started and keep all staff on full pay.

ILCOR

We are fortunate that many of our councillors sit on ILCOR task forces, affording ANZCOR with a strong presence in various areas of resuscitation on the world stage. ILCOR's scientific review drives the development of national resuscitation council guidelines.

We are maintaining strong relationships with ILCOR despite the challenges of online forums and meetings. There has recently been another online ILCOR general assembly and announcements of new taskforce members where ANZCOR is strongly represented.

Our Communications and Engagement Advisor Teghan Mear is also sitting on two nominated working groups for the Social Media and Digital activities of ILCOR.

I would like to thank Tonia Nicholson, Gabrielle Nuthall and Kevin Nation for representing ANZCOR diligently.

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Our relationship with our Australian counterparts, the Australian Resuscitation Council continues to be strong, in what has been another challenging year as both sides of the tasman experience the challenge that has been the Delta variant of COVID-19.

2021 has continued to be a busy year for ANZCOR as we work collaboratively with our Australian colleagues to produce the updated ANZCOR Guidelines. There have been a



number of new guidelines released this year and reviews of the outstanding guidelines remain ongoing. Thank you to everyone who has been involved with the guideline review process so far and we look forward to having all the reviewed guidelines available on our website.

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, Kevin Nation (CEO) and Tony Smith (who represents the Council of Ambulance Authorities) for your commitment and participation in these meetings.

World Restart a Heart

Unfortunately we were unable to hold an in person training event again in 2021 for World Restart a Heart Day. In the last 4 years the New Zealand Resuscitation Council's reach and engagement for the World Restart a Heart Day Campaign has grown significantly. The reach of this year's campaign on social media has been close to 200,000 people, which is significantly larger than last year's reach of 100,000.

I would like to thank the survivors of out-of-hospital cardiac arrests who were involved in this year's campaign. The #CPRSavedMyLife campaign has been extremely successful in raising awareness of sudden cardiac arrests. We look forward to meeting with our international colleagues and finalising the global reach and engagement numbers for 2021.

Comings and Goings

We are fortunate to have a vast amount of knowledge and experience in our Council and in our executive teams, it is also invigorating for the council to welcome new councillors.

Over the year we have been glad to have welcomed Aaron Waterrus as the representative for Fire and Emergency, Nick Beer for Red Cross, Kelsi Nichols for the New Zealand Defence Force. In the Council office we have also welcomed Karen Nixon in the role of Administration Assistant. Karen has brought a positive and friendly personality to customer service and course administration. Welcome Karen.

I would also like to thank Yvonne Gray for her many years of service to the council. Yvonne's expertise has provided great insight into our first aid guidelines and we thank her for her work ensuring a high standard for first aid in New Zealand. We also farewelled Alex McDonald from our executive team, Alex represented the New Zealand Defence Force and brought a unique medical perspective to the council. Thank you Alex for your dedication, and time and we wish you all the best on your future endeavours.