

OFFICE BEARERS AND MEMBERS

Chairman

Dr Vanessa Beavis (from July)
Dr Vaughan Laurenson (until July)

Deputy Chairman

Dr Vaughan Laurenson (from July)
Dr Vanessa Beavis (until July)

Honorary Secretary

Dr Gerard McHugh

Honorary Treasurer

Dr Gerard McHugh

Education Officer

Dr Paul Smeele

Formal Projects Officer

Dr Arthur Rudman

Committee Members

Dr Peter Cooke (to July)
Dr Gary Hopgood (co-opted from September)
Dr Brian Lewer
Dr Geoff Long
Dr Alastair McGeorge
Dr Joe Sherriff
Dr Malcolm Stuart
Dr Jennifer Woods (co-opted from September)

New Fellows' representative

Dr Rebecca de Souza (to September)
Dr Amber Chisholm (from October)

Councillors

Prof Alan Merry
Dr Leona Wilson

Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine Representative

Dr Mike Gillham, Chair, JFICM NZNC (from July)
Dr Tony Williams, Chair, JFICM NZNC (to July)

Faculty of Pain Medicine Representative

Dr David Jones, FPM Board member

ANZCA NZ Trainees' Committee

Dr David Whybrew, Chair NZ Trainees' Committee

New Zealand Society of Anaesthetists Representative

Dr Andrew Warmington, NZSA President

Director of Professional Affairs (ANZCA Assessor and New Zealand)

Dr Stuart Henderson

Executive Officer

Heather Ann Moodie

Administrative Officer

Jan Brown

Administrative Officer, ANZCA and Administrative Officer, JFICM

Karen Hearfield

TOTAL NUMBER OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THE 2008 YEAR:

Three (March and November, one day each; July, one and a half days)

ATTENDANCE OF ELECTED MEMBERS:

Friday 28 March 2008

Apologies from Dr Arthur Rudman

Friday/Saturday morning 25/26 July 2008: (combined meeting with NZSA on the Friday morning)

Apologies from Dr Brian Lewer (from 4 pm Friday and Saturday morning) and Dr Vanessa Beavis from 9.30 am Saturday)

Friday 21 November 2008:

Apologies from Dr Alastair McGeorge

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – DR VANESSA BEAVIS

The ANZCA New Zealand National Committee (NZNC) and staff have had a busy year with a wide range of activities and issues to respond to. These activities are outlined in more detail in the body of this report and include:

1. ANZCA NZNC 2008 highlights
 - a. First New Zealand President of ANZCA
 - b. Queen's Honours
 - c. New Zealand National Committee 2008 activities
 - i. External meetings
 - ii. Submissions
 - iii. Appointments
 - d. Deaths
2. ANZCA New Zealand National Committee meetings and elections
 - a. Meetings
 - b. Elections
 - c. Other attendees
 - d. Key issues discussed at the NZNC meetings
 - e. Brief outline of some of the issues
 - i. Workforce - Medical Training Board and other government agencies
 - ii. Review of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance (HPCA) Act 2003
 - iii. FANZCA Training Program
 - iv. ANZCA CPD Program
 - v. International Medical Graduates (IMGs)
 - vi. Rural services in New Zealand – Rural Hospital Doctors and JCCA training
 - vii. NZ Anaesthesia Education Committee (NZAEC)

- a) New Zealand Anaesthesia ASM 2009
- b) BWT Ritchie Scholarships Awarded for 2009
- c) CPD Survey
- d) NZAEC Visiting Lectureships
- e) NZAEC's role
- viii. Perioperative Mortality Review Committee establishment
- ix. DHBNZ Safe And Quality Use Of Medicines Group – 'Look-Alike And Sound-Alike Medicines' Workshop
- x. Council of Medical Colleges
- xi. Report from the Health & Disability Commissioner
- xii. Annual Registrars Meeting
- xiii. Admission to Fellowship
- xiv. Annual General Business Meeting
- xv. ANZCA New Zealand office - Level 7, Exchange Place, 5-7 Willeston Street, Wellington
- f. New Zealand Trainees Committee

1. ANZCA NZNC 2008 HIGHLIGHTS

a) First New Zealand President of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists

In May, at the ANZCA ASM in Sydney, Dr Leona Wilson of Wellington took over as President of the College. The New Zealand National Committee congratulates Leona on this appointment which recognizes her considerable knowledge and skills. The appointment is historic, as Dr Wilson is the first New Zealander and the first female anaesthetist to be elected as President of ANZCA. Leona was Chair of the New Zealand National Committee from 1992 to 1994 and became a College Council member in 2000.

As a Fellow of the College and a member of Council, Leona has contributed to a wide range of College activities, including chairing the Education and Training Committee and the Hospital Accreditation Committee and being heavily involved in the Quality Assurance and Continuing Professional Development Committee.

As well as College roles, Leona has provided expert advice to a number of New Zealand organisations, including the Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal, Health and Disability Commissioner, the ACC Medical Advisory Committee and the Medical Council.

Leona is a specialist anaesthetist employed at Capital and Coast District Health Board and also works at Wakefield, Bowen and Southern Cross hospitals. Her career in medicine and anaesthesia followed her secondary schooling at St Margarets College in Christchurch, with an undergraduate medical degree from Otago University Medical School. After a few years at London Hospitals, she returned to New Zealand to complete a Fellowship of ANZCA. In 2007 Leona completed a Masters in Public Health from Otago University.

b) Honours

Dr Leslie H. Galler was recognised by the Queen in the Queen's Birthday Honours and was appointed as a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (M.N.Z.M).

Professor Alan Merry was recognised by the Queen in the 2009 New Year Honours and was appointed as an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (O.N.Z.M.).

c) New Zealand National Committee 2008 activities

The New Zealand Committee has had a wide range of issues to consider and progress over the last 12 months. These have involved interactions and meetings with Fellows, Trainees, International Medical Graduates (IMGs), ANZCA Council, committees, Special Interest Groups (SIGS), Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine, Faculty of Pain Medicine, New Zealand Anaesthesia Education Committee (NZAEC), New Zealand Anaesthesia ASM committees, ANZCA ASM committees, the Joint Consultative Committee on Anaesthesia and ANZCA head office staff.

As well, NZNC has interacted with many other organisations and individuals such as the Medical Council of New Zealand (MCNZ), New Zealand Society of Anaesthetists (NZSA), NZ Anaesthetic Technicians Society (NZATS), Ministry of Health (MoH) & District Health Boards of New Zealand (DHBNZ), Clinical Training Agency (CTA), Medical Training Board (MTB), Council of Medical Colleges (CMC), Health and Disability Commissioner (HDC), Chief Coroner, New Zealand Pharmaceutical Management Agency (Pharmac), Division of Rural Hospital Medicine (DRHM) and the Nursing Council.

i) External meetings

NZNC members and staff attended over seventy 'internal' and 'external' meetings during 2008.

Topics of the major external meetings attended by College representatives included:

- Pan Professional Medical Forum: *Doctors' Workforce Summit*
- Chief Coroner, Judge Neil MacLean: Establishment of a Perioperative Mortality Review Committee
- Medical Council of New Zealand (MCNZ) Education Committee: Poorly Performing Doctors Process
- Medical Training Board (MTB): Medical Workforce in New Zealand
- Rural General Practice Network Conference: Presentation, *Working Together – Rural Hospital Roles In Anaesthesia*
- Ministry of Health (MoH): Incident reporting
- MCNZ: IMG interviews
- Council of Medical Colleges quarterly meetings
- MoH: Health Practitioners Competence Assurance (HPCA) Act Review workshops

- District Health Board NZ (DHBNZ), Safe and Quality Use of Medicines (SQUM) Group: 'Look-alike Sound-alike Medicines: Problems and Possible Solutions
- Health & Disability Commissioner (HDC) and MCNZ: Regulatory Supervision
- MoH: National Perioperative Mortality Review Committee establishment working group
- MoH: Credentialing of surgical services provided by district health boards in remote areas/smaller centres
- MoH: Long Term System Framework
- MCNZ: ANZCA NZNC Branch Advisory Body
- DHBNZ/Clinical Training Agency (CTA): Workforce Forecasting Project
- Cartwright Report conference
- Accident Compensation Commission (ACC): Futures Seminar
- MoH : Health Practitioners Competence Assurance (HPCA) Act 2003 Review: Further Sector Engagement
- MoH: HPCA Act review - Protected Quality Assurance Activities
- MCNZ: Branch Advisory Bodies meeting
- MTB: Discussion papers forum
- Division of Rural Hospital Medicine: Anaesthesia training for rural hospital doctors
- Association of Salaried Medical Specialists (ASMS): 20th annual conference
- Doctors-in-Training Council (DITC) of the New Zealand Medical Association (NZMA): Trainee Forum

ii) Submissions

NZNC actively debated the issues arising from a number of internal and external consultation documents and submitted comments and nominations to government and non-government agencies (including the College) for the majority of these. The number of consultation documents received in 2008 were less than 2007 (35 compared with 49). This lower number tends to occur in a parliamentary election year. Thirty submissions were prepared during 2008 (38 in 2007). Topics covered a wide range of anaesthesia practice and New Zealand health issues including:

Ministry of Health (MoH)

- Proposed change to Health and Disability Services (Safety) Act 2001: Day Surgery
- Perioperative Mortality Review Committee Working Group nominations
- NZ Incident Management System – Draft Policy
- Resident Medical Officers (RMO) Workforce Commission - draft Terms of Reference
- ANZCA Representative nomination for a group to define 'day surgery' for legislation
- Credentialling Working Group nomination
- RMO Workforce Commission nominations
- Government funds innovation in rural health services delivery
- Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal nominations

- Medical Council nominations

Medical Council of New Zealand (MCNZ)

- Medical registration and recertification requirements for doctors working in non-clinical practice registered in a vocational scope
- Orientation support for IMGs
- Draft Guidelines for Managing Disruptive Behaviour
- *Proposed new registration pathway for telepathology and teleradiology across international boundaries.*

Clinical Training Agency (CTA)

- Purchasing Intentions Plan
- IMGs on training programmes

Health & Disability Commissioner (HDC)

- Naming Policy
- Review of HDC Act and Code

Pharmaceutical Management Agency (Pharmac)

- Proposal to amend restrictions on nervous system pharmaceuticals (February & September)
- Fentanyl transdermal patches
- Proposal to amend restrictions on three pain and anti-nausea medications
- Possibility of tendering for sole subsidised supply and/or hospital supply status of certain pharmaceuticals
- Consultation on the definition of 'relevant practitioner'
- *PHARMAC PTAC Guidelines review*

Workforce issues

- Medical Training Board request for workforce statistics
- Resident Medical Organisation (RMO) – Rotation of NZ RMOs
- Auckland DHB, Counties Manukau DHB & Waitemata DHB – Proposal to establish a regional RMO employer in Auckland region
- *SMO Commission – national recruitment and retention strategy. Provided feedback through Medical Training Board, DHBNZ and Pan Professional Medical Forum.*

Other organizations

- Malignant Hyperthermia (MH) Australia and New Zealand (MHANZ) – Review of the MH Resource Kit with Guidelines and Taskcards for the management of MH Crisis

- Otago University - request for information about learning outcomes of Medical Education across the medical career (LOMEC project) (Pre-vocational training, during FANZCA training and post vocational registration)
- Standards NZ – Draft Standard 'Non-therapeutic use of human tissue'
- New Zealand Resuscitation Council ANZCA nomination
- *National Ethics Advisory Committee - Ethics of Intervention Studies: discussion document and draft Ethical Guidelines for Intervention Studies*
- *NASO Draft Ambulance Sector Strategy.*

The five documents in italics were considered by NZNC but a response was not submitted other than through comments to the Council of Medical Colleges or JFICM.

iii) **Appointments and reappointments to external bodies**

- Dr Malcolm Stuart – New Zealand Resuscitation Council (NZRC)

Dr Duncan Galletly has stepped down from NZRC after many years. We thank him on behalf of the College for his significant contribution.

- Dr Forbes Bennett – Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal

d) **Deaths**

NZNC noted with regret the death of New Zealand Fellow, Dr Warwick Mayne Smeeton, OBE, FFARCS 1955, FANZCA 1992.

2. **ANZCA NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS**

a) **Meetings**

The New Zealand National Committee (NZNC) met in Wellington on three occasions during 2008.

We were pleased that two of the ANZCA Directors of Professional Affairs (DPA), Dr Stuart Henderson and Professor Barry Baker (March meeting) could join the meetings. We appreciate Professor Baker's, Professor Garry Phillips' and Dr Stuart Henderson's contributions to NZNC in their DPA roles.

At the March meeting the Chair of the Medical Training Board (MTB) and Dr Malcolm Futter a MTB member presented an update on the work of this Ministerial committee in identifying the current workforce levels and future needs.

At the mid-year NZNC meeting, a morning was spent as a joint meeting with NZSA. These annual joint meetings are useful fora for discussing topics of mutual interest such as legislative changes, joint education initiatives, anaesthetic technicians' issues and Ministry of Health workforce proposals. Karen Bennett, the Chair of the New Zealand Anaesthetic Technicians Society

(NZATS) also joined the NZSA/NZNC meeting and gave an update on the progress of anaesthetic technicians being registered as health practitioners under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance (HPCA) Act. The Minister of Health has agreed to this status, but finalisation has been delayed until the HPCA Act review has been completed and a decision can be made about the regulatory authority that will govern this group.

The CEO of the Medical Council (MCNZ), Philip Pigou and a number of MCNZ staff involved in IMG matters joined the meeting on Friday afternoon. The major discussion topic was the supervision of IMGs who work at small rural or provincial hospitals.

On the evening of the 25th July, the NZNC members held a dinner to mark Peter Cooke's retirement from the committee. Peter served the full 12 years on the committee and has held many portfolios such as Chair, Deputy Chair and Hon Treasurer. His commitment to ANZCA NZNC and the NZ anaesthesia community and the wider health sector has been valuable and appreciated.

The dinner also provided an opportunity to thank Vaughan Laurensen, who had completed three years as Chair of NZNC. The President, Leona Wilson spoke and reiterated the view of the committee members that Vaughan had been a great Chair who had guided the work of the committee with skill and diplomacy.

At the November meeting a strategic planning session was held in order to identify the key tasks and direction for the committee. These included:

- More interaction with Fellows and Trainees with increased support
- Training – make New Zealand the best 'region'. Contribute to the curriculum review.
- Focus on professional standards and continuing professional development
- Increase external relations with the Government and non-Government agencies
- Work with the Medical Council and other groups to improve the anaesthesia workforce standards in New Zealand
- Promote orientation of IMGs into New Zealand practice and provide appropriate support
- Focus on 'rural' issues with respect to anaesthesia needs
- Streamline the NZNC meeting process
- Enhance interactions with JFICM, FPM, NZSA, NZAEC, Trainees' Committee and supervisors
- Increase support of hospital inspectors, IMG assessors and others undertaking roles on behalf of the College
- Support the establishment of a National Mortality Review Committee and incident monitoring process in New Zealand
- Promote the importance of anaesthesia's involvement in maternity care
- Secure protection under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act for quality assurance activities undertaken by participants in the ANZCA CPD Program

b) NZNC Elections

2008 was an election year for NZNC. Dr Peter Cooke completed twelve years on the committee, so did not seek re-election. All other current members of the committee were re-elected. Dr Gary Hopgood and Dr Jennifer Woods were co-opted on to the committee.

c) Other attendees at NZNC meetings

Amber Chisholm is the New Fellows' representative. Leona Wilson and Alan Merry as Council members; Mike Gillham, as JFICM NZNC Chair; David Jones, FPM representative; Stuart Henderson, DPA and David Whybrew, as the Chair of the NZ Trainees' Committee also attend the meetings. The President of NZSA has a standing invitation.

d) Some of the key issues discussed at the NZNC meetings

- The 2008/2010 New Zealand National Committee strategic direction
- Communication with Government and Non-Government agencies and Media
- FANZCA Curriculum Review
- IMG assessments – new on-site visits; aligning the Australian and New Zealand 'comparability' definitions and processes; the need to meet with the Medical Council of New Zealand to discuss this; supervision of IMG especially in rural centres
- The Ministerial Medical Training Board consultation papers – proposals for the future of the medical workforce in New Zealand, including the proposal to include more education content in PGY1 and 2 years with Colleges involved in modules for the PGY2 year
- The need to conduct a workforce survey amongst anaesthetists in New Zealand
- Application to the Ministry of Health for the Quality Assurance Activities undertaken by participants of the ANZCA CPD program to be declared Protected Quality Assurance Activities under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (HPCA Act)
- ANZTADC and Incident reporting systems in New Zealand
- Training issues – Clinical Teachers Course; Rotations; Rural Rotations; support for supervisors of training, module supervisors and trainees
- Trainees Committee – Curriculum Review; Module zero; 2009 committee
- Medical Council elections and the assurances of the new Minister of Health to consider those elected by the profession when appointing the Council
- Council of Medical Colleges meeting arisements including the 'Orientation of new specialists'.
- Training and future workforce predictions
- Workforce planning including the Ministry's Long Term System Framework
- Services in smaller and more remote centres
- Rural Hospital Doctors vocational scope and the introduction of JCCA training in NZ
- Regulatory supervision
- National Perioperative Mortality Review Committee establishment, definitions and terms of reference and meeting with the new Minister of Health, Hon Tony Ryall

- Health and Disability Commissioner's Policy on Naming Rights
- National Ethics Advisory Committee - Ethical guidelines for intervention studies
- NZ website for anaesthesia organisations
- ANZCA NZ y/e finance reports and sale of ANZCA's share of Elliott House and 2009 budget
- New Fellows Conference
- ANZCA ASM 2010, Christchurch, NZ
- Review of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act
- International Medical Graduates interviews, orientation and supervision
- NZ Anaesthesia Education Committee (NZAEC) activities including the NZ Anaesthesia ASM
- DHBNZ Safe And Quality Use Of Medicines Group – 'Look-Alike And Sound-Alike Medicines' Workshop
- ANZCA New Zealand office - Level 7, Exchange Place, 5-7 Willeston Street, Wellington

e) Brief outline of some of the issues

i) Workforce - Medical Training Board and other government agencies seeking data

There has been an unprecedented call for workforce data this year. As New Zealand strives to ensure a sustainable medical workforce for the future needs of the country, NZNC has been approached by many government organizations with requests for workforce statistics for anaesthetists and anaesthesia trainees.

The Minister's appointed Medical Training Board met with NZNC in March this year. Coming out of that meeting, ANZCA was asked to identify various workforce data. Other Government agencies, the District Health Board NZ Health Workforce Information Project and the Clinical Training Agency sought similar data. Discussions also occurred regarding the Ministerial Workforce Taskforce and the Ministry's Long Term System Framework.

The ANZCA New Zealand office staff members have worked with the ANZCA Strategy & Organisational Development team at ANZCA headquarters to gather accurate anonymised statistics for New Zealand Fellows and trainees. This will answer some of the questions posed by the Government agencies. The unanswered questions will need to be answered either by the employers or when ANZCA conducts a workforce survey amongst its New Zealand Fellows. A similar survey was conducted in Australia in 2007.

This work is crucial to ensure New Zealand can provide the anaesthesia services it needs, so we encourage all to complete the New Zealand survey when it is distributed.

ii) Review of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance (HPCA) Act 2003

The legislation that governs the scopes of practice for health practitioners is to be reviewed. As well, this Act covers the requirements for CPD and also how regulatory authorities'

members are appointed. NZNC and Council of Medical Colleges (CMC) have submitted that members of these authorities should include a proportion of those elected by the profession.

From ANZCA's perspective there are several areas where the implementation of the current HPCA Act fails to ensure its purpose is achieved. The main areas of concern that were highlighted in the NZNC submission were the need to improve the processes regarding:

- a. Protected Quality Assurance Activities
- b. Appointments of Regulatory Authorities Council/Board members and elected members
- c. Registration of International Medical Graduates (IMGs)
- d. Regulation for new groups of registered health professionals
- e. Overlapping Scopes of Practice - failure to ensure that overlapping Scopes of Practice provide the same standard of care
- f. Restricted activities
- g. Ensuring competence.

The medical profession in New Zealand has had an added incentive to participate and organize effective continuing professional development activities. The Medical Practitioners Act 1995 made it mandatory for all registered vocational trained doctors to participate in CPD. In 2003, this Act was superseded by the HPCA Act. This Act requires all registered health professions to participate in recertification programmes, such as the ANZCA MOPS and CPD Programs. The Medical Council has approved the new ANZCA CPD Program.

NZNC has participated in the HPCA Act review consultation workshops and provided submissions. One section of the Act that is of particular interest is the area of Protected Quality Assurance Activities (PQAA). The Minister had approved the ANZCA MOPS Program, giving protection for those participating in quality assurance activities. The way the PQAA requirements are administered is being reviewed. ANZCA submits that the QAA undertaken as part of the CPD Program should be protected and is strongly promoting this during the review discussions. ANZCA and JFICM held meetings with the Ministry to discuss PQAA and the ANZCA CPD and JFICM MOPS Programs. Both the College and Faculty have prepared applications for PQAA status.

The Ministry's HPCA Act Review workshops indicated that the Ministry is not going to recommend major change as the Act is roughly working as intended. There is acknowledgement that the Protected Quality Assurance Activities (PQAA) requirements need amendment.

iii) FANZCA Training Program

NZNC participated in the FANZCA curriculum review and clinical teacher support and development review processes.

The specific New Zealand representatives on the two review groups are Vanessa Beavis and Stuart Henderson and also each group has a NZ trainee representative, Dr David Whybrew and Dr Kathryn Hagen.

I would like to thank Dr Paul Smeele for his guidance as Education Officer and also gratitude to the Rotational Supervisors and the Supervisors of Training and Modules Supervisors together with the Heads of Departments for all the work they do to make sure the training in the New Zealand setting gives trainees a rewarding experience. Many Fellows also give significant time to the training in their roles as examiners, committee members, hospital inspectors and work on the vocational training scheme committees.

The ANZCA Education and Training Committee continues to refine the FANZCA Program and ANZCA headquarters has been streamlining administrative processes to ensure training documentation is up to date. The new ANZCA website has improved the flow of information regarding the training programme.

I would like to thank Dr Arthur Rudman, the New Zealand Formal Project Officer and his deputy, Dr Geoff Long and the other colleagues who have helped review formal projects. This is a time-consuming and important role.

iv) ANZCA CPD Program

The CPD Program began on 1st January 2008, replacing the MOPS Program.

The NZ Committee of ANZCA lobbied hard for MCNZ acceptance of the new program and this was granted. The MCNZ Education Committee congratulated ANZCA on the application of educational principles to continuing education.

v) International Medical Graduates (IMGs)

NZNC and the New Zealand office staff work closely with the Medical Council of New Zealand (MCNZ) in a number of areas, the most significant being the assessment of International Medical Graduates (IMGs) on behalf of the Medical Council.

In July, Dr Vaughan Laurenson, the Immediate Past Chair of NZNC resumed the role of the OTS Assessor NZ (this title was recently changed by ANZCA Council to Chair of New Zealand Panel for Vocational Registration). I relinquished this role when I was elected as the NZNC Chair. Drs Brian Lewer, Alastair McGeorge, Paul Smeele and Leona Wilson have served on the panel over the last twelve months. Lorna Berwick is the lay member of the panel. The ANZCA NZ Administrative Officer, Jan Brown, manages the correspondence with the Medical Council, panel and IMGs and the arrangements for the interviews. During 2008, eighteen interviews have been held plus a significant number of preliminary assessments. The IMGs interviewed have trained in a number of countries including the UK, Germany and South

Africa. New Zealand is considered a desirable place to work and live because of the lifestyle, outdoor activities and work opportunities.

The process of assessment, orientation and supervision of IMGs is being reviewed currently. This was one of the topics for the MCNZ Branch Advisory Bodies meeting at the beginning of October.

ANZCA Council has agreed to a new process for the assessment of International Medical Graduate Specialists (IMGS). The new IMGS process, effective from 1 January 2009, has been redesigned in consultation with the Australian Medical Council, the Medical Boards and Government in Australia. A meeting with the Medical Council of New Zealand was held early in 2009 to ensure the new process meets New Zealand requirements.

The major changes involve some applicants assessed as having "Advanced Standing towards Substantial Comparability" after interview to proceed to Fellowship without examination. They will have to undertake a period of Clinical Practice Assessment and a comprehensive Workplace Based Assessment.

The ANZCA IMGS Committee is planning to hold WBA assessor training workshops in 2009. Potential assessors are invited to express their interest in attending.

vi) Rural services in New Zealand – Rural Hospital Doctors and JCCA training

Rural hospital doctors have been given vocational registration status as a separate vocational branch of medicine in New Zealand. This branch will be governed by a Division of Rural Hospital Medicine (DRHM) under the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners. The DRHM training will begin in 2009. Grandfathering will occur. NZNC representatives met with the Chair of DRHM to discuss how anaesthesia training can be included in the DRHM curriculum. The intention is to adapt the JCCA Program for New Zealand. The DRHM has invited NZNC to nominate a representative to join the DRHM Board of Studies.

vii) NZ Anaesthesia Education Committee (NZAEC)

a) New Zealand Anaesthesia ASM 2009

Dates: 4-7 November 2009

Venue: Novotel Lakeside, Rotorua

Theme: The Bottom Line

Invited Speakers: Prof Peter Mahofer, Prof Hans-Joachim Priebe and Dr Ivan Joubert

NZNC did not organise an ASM during 2008 as New Zealand hosted the ASA/NZSA Congress and the two SIG meetings (Obstetric and the Combined Meeting of the Medical Education, Simulation and Skills Training, Welfare of Anaesthetists and Anaesthetists in Management).

In 2010, ANZCA will hold its ASM in Christchurch. The next NZ Anaesthesia ASM will be held in 2011, hosted by Northshore Department of Anaesthesia.

b) BWT Ritchie Scholarships Awarded for 2009

The BWT Ritchie Scholarship selection committee has awarded two Scholarships for 2009, to Dr Jeremy Hickling and Dr Ian James Smith.

Dr Jeremy Hickling is undertaking his provisional Fellowship at Christchurch Hospital this year and has been offered a Fellowship position at the Alfred Hospital in Melbourne in 2009.

Dr Ian James Smith is currently a Fellow in Cardiothoracic Anaesthesia and Intensive Care at Auckland City Hospital and has secured a Fellowship within the cardiac anaesthesia department at the Toronto General Hospital in Canada.

NZNC congratulates these award winners. ANZCA is pleased to manage this award with NZSA through NZAEC on behalf of the BWT Ritchie Scholarship Trust.

c) CPD Survey

NZAEC conducted a survey during 2008, to identify the types of CPD activities and topics offered by the Departments of Anaesthesia around New Zealand. Ultrasound/Echo and its use in nerve blocks and vascular access, is the major CPD interest. The results of the survey are on the NZAEC webpage.

d) NZAEC Visiting Lectureships

The 2009 NZAEC visiting lectureships have been awarded to Neil Pollock and Elaine Langton, who will visit four NZ centres during 2009 to provide an update on malignant hyperthermia.

e) NZAEC's role

NZAEC plans to meet to clarify the role of NZAEC and its relationship with its parent bodies including their CPD activities.

viii) Perioperative Mortality Review Committee establishment

The Ministry of Health formed a working group to advise on the establishment of a National Perioperative Mortality Review Committee (NPMRC). Professor Alan Merry chaired this group. Drs Leona Wilson, Vaughan Laursen and Tony Williams provided advice. This group developed the Terms of Reference for the NPMRC and also the definition of 'perioperative'. The group's recommendations have been submitted to the Minister of Health. Work on the establishment has slowed because of the change of Government. NZNC

representatives met with the new Minister of Health early in 2009 and this issue was discussed.

ix) DHBNZ Safe And Quality Use Of Medicines Group – ‘Look-Alike And Sound-Alike Medicines’ Workshop

Representatives from ANZCA and JFICM attended this workshop. Prof Alan Merry was one of the guest speakers. There were attendees from many national bodies: including the District Health Boards New Zealand (DHBNZ), Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC), Pharmac (Government Pharmaceutical Management Agency), Medsafe (NZ Medicines and Medical Devices Safety Authority) and the pharmaceutical and pharmacy organizations. The issues of safety concerns were outlined, especially the problems of labelling on injectable medicines. Medsafe suggested that a central agency with a proactive approach was needed and suggested convening a group of experts to consider the risks for any new product.

x) Council of Medical Colleges

The NZNC is an active member of the Council of Medical Colleges (CMC). CMC meets four times a year and maintains correspondence regarding issues that arise between meetings. Vaughan Laurensen was a member of the CMC Executive until June and in this capacity was invited to attend meetings with the Minister of Health.

CMC is a useful forum for Colleges to discuss issues of common interest and to invite key health agencies to provide updates of latest activities.

xi) Report from the Health & Disability Commissioner

An anonymised copy of the Commissioner's report on a case concerning informed consent prior to an anaesthetic procedure has been published on the Commissioner's website (www.hdc.org.nz). The HDC has referred it on to NZNC to use for educational purposes. The weblink to the report is:

<http://www.hdc.org.nz/files/hdc/opinions/07hdc08687anaesthetist.pdf>

xii) Annual Registrars’ Meeting

The 2008 Annual Registrars' Meeting took place on Friday 28th November at Auckland City Hospital. The morning session was well represented by anaesthetic trainees from all Auckland hospitals and a few from other centres in New Zealand. The talks on stress management and work-life balance, financial and business management were informative and well received.

In the afternoon, the scientific session was notable for the standard of the research projects and quality of the presentations which included retrospective and prospective audits and

randomised trials. This year was the first year that the organizers had more abstract submissions than was possible to accommodate on the day.

The overall winner of the Faculty of Anaesthesia Trophy and the ANZCA book voucher was Shane McQuoid for his audit undertaken at Starship Hospital on laryngoscope illuminance.

A second prize, of equal value, the Auckland Department of Anaesthesiology Professorial Prize was awarded for the first time this year to Kelly Byrne from Waikato Hospital for his study comparing phantom limb and stump pain in Cambodian and New Zealand amputees.

This meeting is now an important forum dedicated to showcasing registrars' scientific work and encouraging further research and audit amongst anaesthetic trainees. The ability of this meeting to assist in completion of a formal project is vital to its survival and we hope that this is able to continue.

xiii) Admission to Fellowship

Council of the College resolved at its 2008 meetings that the following New Zealanders:

Be admitted to Fellowship by Examination:

February

John Campbell WILSON

April

Simon John MITCHELL

Ian James SMITH

Andrew James WATSON

June

Daniel James FAULKE

Andrew John SNEL

Heidi Christian WALKER

August

Kerry Anne BENSON-COOPER

Jason Leonard HENWOOD

Nicole Cherie O'BRIEN

Lorna Gail RANKIN

Gerald Laurence WONG

October

Rebecca Jane BRANCH

Daniel DALLIMORE
Timothy Christian Gavin GRICE
James Philip HOUGHTON
Andrew James STAPLETON

December

Trudy Jane Garrett BALLANTINE
Thomas James MAIN
Johanna ROSE
Emma Janine THOMAS

Admitted to Fellowship by Examination through the OTS System:

August

Erna MEYER

Congratulations and welcome to these new Fellows.

xiv) Annual General Business Meeting

The Annual General Business Meeting of the New Zealand Fellows was held on the 13 October in Wellington.

xv) ANZCA NZ office - Level 7, Exchange Place, 5-7 Willeston Street, Wellington

The new office floor on level 7, Exchange Place, 5 – 7 Willeston Street is providing a much better environment for ANZCA's headquarters in New Zealand. Having our own space allows meetings, workshops and office administration to progress smoothly. The central location and pleasant outlook is a great asset.

f. New Zealand Trainees Committee 2008

Committee Membership 2008

Dr David Whybrew – Christchurch – Chairman
Dr Kathryn Hagen - Middlemore - Deputy Chair
Dr Nicola Broadbent – Auckland
Dr Subhashini Nadarajah – Hastings
Dr Thilo Marquardt – Palmerston North
Dr David Rusk – Wellington
Dr Rowena Knoesen – Christchurch
Dr Claire Ireland – Dunedin

The first meeting of the year was held rather belatedly on May 21st. It was poorly attended, but did reach a quorum. Kathryn Hagen was voted deputy chair. The 2nd meeting of the year was held on September 1st with much better attendance. Of note there has been an alteration to Regulation 16 and appointments to training committees now stand for 2 years.

Activities throughout the 2008:

- Attendance by Deputy Chair at the inaugural ANZCA Trainees Committee face-to-face meeting in Melbourne in July. This is to become an annual event and allows improvement in communication between the regional and national committees with excellent opportunities to share initiatives and ideas about progressing the role of the Committees.
- Attendance by the Chair at the initial face to face meeting for the Curriculum Review Working Group in August. David also supplied a submission on behalf of the New Zealand Trainees Committee
- Regular attendance by the Chair at ATC, NZNC and Education Sub-committee meetings
- Attendance by the Chair at the Doctors in Training forum November
- Attendance by the Deputy Chair at the first meeting of the Clinical Teachers Development Working Group in December
- Production of a word-document based Newsletter after the second NZTC meeting highlighting the members of the committee, main activities and aims. This was circulated via the Wellington office to all NZ trainees. The main objective was to raise the profile of the Committee as many trainees seem unaware of its existence. The intention is to continue this and produce a brief newsletter after each NZTC meeting.

Current Projects:

- Consideration of development of a 'Part zero' style of course for trainees new to ANZCA. This is likely to be in the form of a fairly simple introduction to the College and training requirements. The focus would be on providing information about registration with the College, requirements for filling out forms (Form K, AVT form), module completion, portfolio completion, keeping a log book, resources for the part one exam and the formal project. This is to be trialled with the current Auckland SHO's during the first 3 months of their attachments. There is also a course for new trainees that runs each year in Wellington.
- Encouragement of good trainee welfare, in 2009 we intend to be able to provide trainees with information about GP's in their region who are willing to look after doctors and we are actively encouraging all trainees to be registered with their own GP. There is also a document produced by the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners that will be circulated to all NZ trainees early in 2009.
- Circulation of the VRC Formal Project Information Sheet to all NZ Trainees who have not completed Formal Projects.

Raising the profile of the NZ ANZCA Trainees Committee and encouraging the development of professional collegial relationships between trainees.

Current issues for NZ trainees:

- Wellington regained and retained accreditation.
- Southern rotation expected to retain accreditation following recent inspection.
- Mid Central rotation is in evolution and the NZNC is addressing as a priority the bottle neck for advanced trainees gaining advanced modules when feeding from the provinces both in the Mid Central and Northland regions.
- Changes to Part II exam and need for trainees to travel to Auckland for written.
- Gaining of ICU module in Southern rotation

TREASURER'S REPORT – DR GERARD MCHUGH

New Zealand auditors

RSM Prince has prepared the 2008 audited financial accounts for the New Zealand office. These financial accounts form part (the New Zealand Branch) of the overall audited financial accounts of the College and are presented to Council and signed by two Councillors as directors of the College. RSM Prince is the New Zealand counterpart of the Melbourne based RSM Bird Cameron that has been engaged by the ANZCA Head Office to act as the College auditors. The New Zealand 'branch' of ANZCA is registered with the New Zealand Companies Office and this requires that audited accounts are prepared separately for the New Zealand office activities. The audited accounts are filed with the New Zealand Companies Office and can be viewed on the website: <http://www.companies.govt.nz>

Income from New Zealand Fellows' Annual Subscriptions

From 2008, New Zealand Fellows no longer pay their annual subscriptions to the ANZCA Head Office and instead these are paid to the New Zealand office. As well as other practical advantages, this will correct the income/liability recording anomaly and deficit that has occurred in the past.

Main differences between the 2007 and 2008 income and expenses

Income:

Income increased by \$1,159,111 due mainly to increases in:

- the Annual Training Fee
- subscription collected in New Zealand
- sale of ANZCA's share of Elliott House to RACS
- two New Zealand based SIG meetings in 2008 compared with one in 2007
- expenses recovered from MCNZ for IMG Interviews
- greater interest received on deposited funds.

Expenses:

The increase in expenditure resulted from an increase in:

- occupancy expenses (Exchange Place lease)
- salary increases (including the addition of the Director of Professional Affairs (Assessor) salary)
- Council costs paid in New Zealand
- SIG meeting expenses (Two SIG meetings in 2008 compared with one in 2007)
- Medical Clinical examinations being held in New Zealand for the first time
- Depreciation (new assets purchased for Exchange Place)
- A small increase in JFICM NZNC costs (mainly due to coding improvements)

Expenses which reduced or stayed constant in 2008 were associated with:

- Administration
- ANZCA NZNC
- Melbourne related expenses (travel/accommodation for head office staff and Fellows visiting New Zealand, Hospital inspections and prizes)

I gratefully acknowledge the hard work of Karen Hearfield in the ANZCA New Zealand office in ensuring the financial processes are completed accurately and in a timely manner.

NATIONAL EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT – DR PAUL SMEELE

Education Sub-committee Meetings

The Education sub-committee met on two occasions during 2008. The second meeting was a face to face meeting, following the CTC workshop, in Wellington on 31st October. This Committee acts as a forum for the Supervisors of Training to discuss changes implemented by the College Council and is also an opportunity to cover local issues.

Rotation Reorganisation

Taranaki Hospital which was formerly part of the Midland Rotation is now part of the Northern Rotation.

Supervisors of Training:

New Appointments in 2008 were:

Dr Alan Crowther – Deputy SOT at Waikato

Dr Maria Au-Young – Palmerston North

Dr Craig Birch – Middlemore

Dr Robert Grieve - Interim SOT until March 2009 for Level 4 Auckland City Hospital

Rotational Supervisors - 2008

Dr Darcy Price, Northern rotation.

Dr Rob Carpenter, Midland rotation – acting in this role while Dr Munro is on leave.

Dr Sandy Garden, Central rotation.

Dr David Bain, Southern rotation.

Clinical Teachers Courses

Clinical Teachers Courses held in 2008 were:

- 10 October, Dr Craig Noonan facilitated a workshop attended by 5 fellows. The topic was 'Evaluation of Clinical Teaching Course Assessment'
- 31 October a workshop facilitated by Fiona McCook attended by 16 fellows, was held on the topic 'Developing Strategies for Effective Clinical Supervision'

Hospital inspections

The South Island training hospitals were inspected in September and Wellington department was re-inspected in April 2008.

New Zealand Courses:

Part 1 FANZCA Course - Christchurch

3-5 February

FANZCA Final Course, Oral Examination – Wellington

6-8 March and 31 July to 2 August

Part I FANZCA Course – Hamilton

15-23 May

Part II Revision Course – Auckland

23 June to 4 July

The New Zealand National Committee is grateful to all those who work hard to make the FANZCA training program a success, Its Fellows, the College supervisors, those involved in the exam courses, hospital inspections, ANZCA committee members and staff.

FORMAL PROJECT OFFICER'S REPORT – DR ARTHUR RUDMAN

Firstly, I would like to thank Dr Geoff Long, the Assistant FPO NZNC, for his assistance and support, Ms Jan Brown and Juliette Adlam from the NZ ANZCA office for the huge amount of secretarial and

administrative support, and to the many Fellows who I periodically impose on and who contribute their time and experience in providing me with advice in the assessment of Formal Projects.

2008 was surprisingly a relatively quiet year, but already the volume of work in 2009 has increased to that of previous years.

New Projects Registered in 2008	:	35
Projects Confirmed by Assessor in 2008	:	26
Projects Currently Registered and in Progress	:	48
Projects Currently with Assessor	:	2

During 2008 a number of teleconferences were held involving Formal Project Officers from Australasia as well as The Assessor, DPA, Education Committee and ANZCA staff. The purposes of these meetings were to provide collective input into streamlining the process as well as establishing a clearer, standardized and more robust Formal Projects process. To this end, all Regions are now using standard Formal Project Registration, Completion and Supervisor Forms, as well as a Formal Project Assessment Form being trialled in some Regions. I think this has significantly aided the Reviewers in the assessment of Formal Projects. The Formal Project Officers also made a joint submission to the Curriculum Review Process and there have been some minor changes to TE11 all relating to administrative process.

An Annual Registrars' Meeting was once again held in Auckland in November 2008 and convened by Dr Lisa Chapman. This was very successful with a total of 10 registrar presentations. These were all of a high standard and I would like to thank all those who contributed to this meeting. This meeting is now firmly established on the NZ Anaesthetic calendar and is a valuable forum for registrars to present their Formal Projects.

The New Zealand Formal Project Prize for 2007 was awarded to Dr Cambell Bennett for his Formal Project entitled "The EEG in Anaesthesia: how does human pattern recognition compare with mathematical analysis?" The prize will be presented to Dr Cambell at the 2009 New Zealand Anaesthesia ASM in Rotorua in November.

We currently are assessing a shortlist of Formal Projects for the New Zealand Formal Project Prize for 2008. It is anticipated that this prize will be presented later this year.

Projects Completed and Confirmed in 2008

Name	Project Title
Erik Andersen	Appropriate echocardiography audit at Wellington Hospital
Kerry Benson-Cooper	Case report for publication: "Strange behaviour with ropivacaine toxicity successfully treated with lipid"
Owen Bourne	A case of acute angle closure glaucoma after dural puncture and total spinal anaesthesia
Liezel Bredenkamp	Retained placenta: Time from foetal delivery to theatre, blood loss and anaesthetic management
Allan Brown	Adapting the ENK oxygen flow modulator to Paediatric Patients

Name	Project Title
Kelly Byrne	Phantom limb pain, phantom sensation and stump pain in Cambodian and NZ amputees
Matthew Chacko	Imposed work of breathing using a New Flow CPAP Machine
Daniel Dallimore	Ketamine anesthesia in children - exploring infusion regimes
Veronica Gin	Glucagonoma resection: Anaesthetic management - Case report
Sally Greengrass	Topical bupivacaine for pain control following simple dental extractions
Jason Henwood	The issues regarding the use of physical restraint for anaesthesia in children
James Houghton	Nasotracheal intubation in children less than one; which formula to use
Anna Inglis	Retrospective audit of early neurological deficits following obstetric epidurals/CSEs at National Women's Hospital, Auckland, NZ: Sept. 2002 - Nov. 2004
James Jarman	Sevoflurane and the fetal-placental circulation: Role of potassium and calcium channels
Owen Keet	Ultrasound positioning device utility in anaesthetic practice
Fen Moy	The usefulness of bedside CXR in investigating patients with possible acute coronary syndrome
Nicole O'Brien	The International Normalised Ratio following major and minor liver Resection Surgery
Dick Ongley	It is not always 'hip' to operate - Schwannoma causing hip pain and the management of subsequent chronic pain
Catherine Purdy	A Retrospective Audit of Patients over 65 Undergoing Elective Colorectal Surgery
Scott Robinson	Peri-Operative Diabetes Management at Waikato Hospital : Can a peri-operative Insulin Protocol improve diabetes management
Paul Rowe	Improving the Efficiency of the Drawover Anaesthetic Breathing system
David Rusk	Blood filter function efficiency - What is the optimal unit administration exchange rate?
Andrew Snell	Successful Veno-arterial Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation after Pulmonary Thromboendarterectomy
Andrew Stapleton	Subarachnoid Haemorrhage - does local results reflect internationally accepted scoring predictions?
Chris Wong	Waikato Hospital Obstetric Anaesthesia Guidelines
Warrick Wrightson	An audit of completeness of information in automated and manual anaesthetic records

IN CONCLUSION

It has been a busy year for the New Zealand National Committee with internal and external meetings, submissions and advocacy activities. All the College work could not be done without the voluntary commitment from NZNC members and ANZCA Council and members of its committees, trainees' committees, examiners, inspectors, lecturers at exam courses, course organisers, assessors, the ASM committees and the dedication of supervisors of training, module supervisors, clinical directors, other clinicians and department staff who provide mentorship and assistance to trainees and anaesthetists. My thanks to everyone who has strived to ensure the training, education and standard of anaesthesia are maintained for the benefit of the public of New Zealand. It is these activities that keep our College alive and relevant.

Dr Vanessa Beavis
Chair, New Zealand National Committee, ANZCA