

## NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2009

### OFFICE BEARERS AND MEMBERS

<i>Chairman</i>	Dr Vanessa Beavis
<i>Deputy Chairman</i>	Dr Paul Smeele (from July) Dr Vaughan Laurenson (until July)
<i>Honorary Secretary</i>	Dr Gerard McHugh
<i>Honorary Treasurer</i>	Dr Gerard McHugh
<i>Education Officer</i>	Dr Geoff Long (from July) Dr Paul Smeele (until July)
<i>Formal Projects Officer</i>	Dr Arthur Rudman
<i>Committee Members</i>	Dr Gary Hopgood (co-opted) Dr Brian Lewer Dr Alastair McGeorge (until July) Dr Nigel Robertson (co-opted from July) Dr Joe Sherriff Dr Malcolm Stuart Dr Jennifer Woods (co-opted)
<i>New Fellows' Representative</i>	Dr Amber Chisholm
<i>Councillors</i>	Prof Alan Merry Dr Leona Wilson
<i>Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine Representative</i>	Dr Mike Gillham, Chair, JFICM NZNC
<i>Faculty of Pain Medicine Representative</i>	Dr David Jones, FPM Board member
<i>ANZCA New Zealand Trainee Committee</i>	Dr Kathryn Hagen, Chair NZ Trainee Committee
<i>New Zealand Society of Anaesthetists Representative</i>	Dr Andrew Warmington, NZSA President
<i>ANZCA Staff</i>	Dr Steuart Henderson - <i>Director of Professional Affairs (ANZCA Assessor and New Zealand)</i> Heather Ann Moodie - <i>New Zealand Executive Officer</i> Jan Brown - <i>Administrative Officer</i> Karen Hearfield - <i>Financial Officer</i> Juliette Adlam - <i>Administration Officer – ANZCA and JFICM</i>

### TOTAL NUMBER OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THE 2009 YEAR:

**Three** - March and November, one day each; July, one and a half days

### ATTENDANCE OF ELECTED MEMBERS:

- Friday 27 March 2009  
Apologies from Dr Brian Lewer and Dr Alastair McGeorge
- Friday/Saturday morning 24/25 July 2009: (combined meeting with NZSA on the Friday morning)  
Apologies from Dr Gerard McHugh, Dr Paul Smeele and Dr Nigel Robertson
- Friday 20 November 2009  
Apologies from Dr Geoff Long and Dr Joe Sherriff

## 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:

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### 1. 2009 HIGHLIGHTS

#### a) Honours

Professor Alan Merry of Auckland 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.) for services to medicine, in particular anaesthesia.

Dr Graham Sharpe of Wellington was recognised by the Queen in the Queen's Birthday Honours and was appointed as an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (O.N.Z.M.), for services to medicine, in particular anaesthesia.

In the 2010 New Year Honours, Dr Hugh Spencer of Hamilton was awarded an ONZM for services to medicine, in particular anaesthesia and Professor Bob Boas of Auckland an ONZM for services to medicine, in particular pain management.

**b) New Zealand National Committee 2009 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 and committees, Supervisors of Training, 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 Minister of Health, Director General of Health, 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), Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS), Health and Disability Commissioner (HDC), Association of Salaried Medical Specialists (ASMS), New Zealand Pharmaceutical Management Agency (PHARMAC), Division of Rural Hospital Medicine (DRHM) and the Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC).

**i. External Meetings**

NZNC members and staff attended over eighty 'internal' and 'external' meetings during 2009. Topics of the major external meetings attended by College representatives included:

- MCNZ & ANZCA to discuss the IMG assessment process so that the Australian AMC (including ANZCA) and New Zealand MCNZ processes are compatible (13 February)
- Minister of Health - Perioperative Mortality Review Committee establishment (17 March)
- HDC Medico-Legal Conference (4 March 2009)
- Council of Medical Colleges (CMC) (6 March, 26 June, 25 September, 4 December)
- Ministry of Health (MoH) Strategic Workforce Development Unit, Workforce Forecasting (11 March)
- RANZCOG ASM opening ceremony and welcome ceremony (26 March), Auckland
- DHBNZ Health Workforce Information Project (26 March)
- NZSA Executive (24 April, 25 September, 4 November)
- MCNZ consultation road show – Proposals: 1. Practice visits by peers and 2. New framework for supervision of IMGs
- ASMS Social Function in conjunction with the ASMS National Planning and Strategy Meeting (13 May)
- Division of Rural Hospital Medicine, Board of Studies (16 June, 17 August, 17 November)
- ANZCA NZ Workforce survey and report – meetings with various NZ agencies (21 & 22 July)
- MoH - training more anaesthetists as part of the Government's electives initiative (23 July)
- ANZCA cocktail function with key stakeholders in New Zealand (23 July)
- ACC Treatment Injury Centre presentation at the joint NZNC/NZSA meeting (24 July)
- ANZCA NZNC & NZSA joint meeting (24 July)
- MCNZ update on the consultations: 1. Periodic assessment of performance as part of CPD and 2. Proposed new framework for supervision of IMGs (5 August)
- WHO Surgical Safety Checklist – (ANZCA & RACS) Minister of Health launch (27 August)
- NZMA Doctors-in-Training Council Trainee Forum (5 September)
- Council of Medical Colleges Executive and Chairs meetings with the Minister of Health and Director General of Health (8 September)
- Medical Council of New Zealand/ANZCA Workplace Based Assessments (9 September)
- RNZCGP Conference Welcome Ceremony (9 September)
- ACC Key Stakeholders Interviews for Evaluation of Treatment Injury Legislation (10 September)
- NZ College of Midwives 20 years anniversary function (10 September)
- MoH Long Term Service Framework Acute Care in Provincial Hospitals (25 September)
- Medical Council of New Zealand Branch Advisory Bodies meeting (18 November)
- ASMS Conference Opening Proceedings and Selected Sessions (3 & 4 December)
- NZMA Christmas Cocktail Function (8 December)
- Physician Assistants, Public Health Masters student (December) (Auckland)

**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 many of these. Topics covered a wide range of anaesthesia practice and New Zealand health issues including:

**Minister of Health, Hon Tony Ryall**

- Nominations for the Perinatal and Maternal Mortality Review Committee

- Nominations for members of the CTA Board
- Ministerial Review Group Report 'Meeting the Challenge'
- National Health Board nominations
- Perioperative Mortality Review Committee nominations
- Report 'Trends in Service Design and New Models of Care – A Review'

#### **Ministry of Health**

- Medical Training Board discussion papers
- Clinical Training Agency - Purchase Intentions 2009/10
- Report on the HPCA Act Review
- Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal nominations
- Draft Revised Credentialing Framework for Stakeholder comment
- Maternity Action Plan 2008 – 2012
- Clinical Training Agency Draft Specifications for Rural Hospital Medicine Training
- Designated Prescribing Rights for Podiatrists
- Acute services in Provincial Hospitals Roundtable nomination and case study

#### **Medical Council of New Zealand**

- Draft statement for doctors on the subject of advertising
- The proposed use of practice visits (periodic assessment of performance) as part of CPD
- Medical Council elections nominations
- Draft resource on Best health outcomes for Pacific peoples
- Draft Statement on beliefs and medical practice
- Proposed new framework for supervision of International Medical Graduates (IMGs)
- Draft statements for doctors on the subject of prescribing
- Revised policy and criteria for the recognition and reaccreditation of vocational scopes and/or Branch Advisory Bodies
- Regulation and training of physician assistants
- Proposed Changes to Scopes of Practice and Prescribed Qualifications
- ANZCA reaccreditation interim report

#### **PHARMAC** (Crown Pharmaceutical Management Agency)

- Proposal to amend restrictions on musculoskeletal pharmaceuticals and to reduce the subsidy for EC aspirin
- Request for nominations for clinical advisors on volatile Anaesthetics "Relevant Practitioner" Pharmaceutical Schedule definition
- Nomination for Tender Medical Subcommittee
- Multi-product proposal including the listing of new brands of propofol
- Proposal for sole supply arrangements for gabapentin
- Proposal to reduce the subsidy for dextropropoxyphene with paracetamol tablets (Paradex) and capsules (Capadex)
- Proposal to list and apply Hospital Supply Status to Baxter Healthcare's brands of desflurane, sevoflurane and isoflurane
- Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) Terms of Reference Review
- Proposal relating to alendronate, aprepitant, raltegravir, levodopa with carbidopa, timolol and dorzolamide with timolol
- Consultation database and ANZCA's review groups
- Views sought on how to further improve customer engagement

#### **ANZCA**

- Anaesthesia Indicators of the Clinical Indicators Users' manual, version 5
- Curriculum review
- Draft professional document injectable medicines
- Media Contacts Guide
- Process for Review of ANZCA Professional Documents
- Draft Trainee Illness or Disability Policy
- New Fellows' Conference nominations
- Accreditation of Retrieval Services
- Professional Documents Background Paper and the core document, ADP1 - Professional Documents

#### **Other**

- Health & Disability Commissioner (HDC) Review of the Act and Code
- New Zealand National Safe Medication Management programme - electronic prescribing - speciality requirements
- District Health Board NZ (DHBNZ) Workforce forecasting for anaesthetists
- NQIP Draft Guidance Document: Central Venous Catheter-related Bloodstream Infections

- Nursing Council - Registered nurse scope of practice under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003
- Review and Development of AIA Air Ambulance Air Rescue Standards
- New Zealand Incident Management System project (NZIMS) - Draft Information System specifications
- CMC - Support of the public statement from doctors and nurses 'An historic opportunity to change New Zealand's heavy drinking culture'
- Cardiac Surgery Clinical Network nomination
- NQIP - Draft recommendations for a National Surgical and Procedural Site Infection Surveillance Programme
- Physician Assistants - Masters of Public Health thesis
- Maternity Services Consumer Council (MSCC) – Pain talks
- Dietitians Board – Prescribing of Special Foods by Dietitians

### iii. Appointments and Reappointments to External Bodies

#### Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal Appointments

The Minister of Health, Hon Tony Ryall recently announced the appointments for vacancies on the Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal. Dr Graham Sharpe was appointed and Dr Leona Wilson was reappointed for a further term. Dr Forbes Bennett has recently completed his term on this tribunal.

The Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal (HPDT) is established under section 84 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003. The functions of the HPDT are to:

- to hear and determine charges brought against a health practitioner by the Director of Proceedings or a professional conduct committee
- to exercise and perform any other functions, powers and duties that are conferred or imposed on it by or under the HPCA, or any other enactment.

### c) Deaths

NZNC noted with regret the death of New Zealand Fellows, Dr Nalin Rohitha Wijeyesekera FANZCA 1992, FFARACS 1984 and Dr Rodney F Hickey, FANZCA 1992, FFARACS 1974.

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

### a) Meetings

The New Zealand National Committee met in Wellington on three occasions during 2009.

We were pleased to welcome three ANZCA head office staff to the meetings during 2009: Mr Ian Higgins, Director of the ANZCA Foundation (March) and in July, Dr Mike Richards, CEO and Mr Nigel Henham the Director of Communications.

At the mid-year NZNC meeting, a morning was spent as a joint meeting with NZSA. These annual joint meetings are useful for discussing topics of mutual interest such as legislative changes, joint education initiatives, anaesthetic technicians' issues and Ministry of Health workforce proposals. Representatives of ACC joined this meeting and provided an update on the progress of the Treatment Injury legislation and process.

On the evening prior to the July meeting, the President of ANZCA, Dr Leona Wilson and the Chair of the NZNC, Dr Vanessa Beavis hosted a cocktail function for key stakeholders in New Zealand, including the Minister of Health, Hon Tony Ryall.

### b) NZNC Elections

2009 was not an election year for NZNC, however, internal elections were held. Dr Beavis was re-elected as Chair, Dr Paul Smeele relinquished the National Education Officer (NEO) position and assumed the Deputy Chair position from Dr Vaughan Laurenson who continues as the Chair of the New Zealand Vocational Registration Panel. Dr Geoff Long was elected to the NEO position and Drs Gerard McHugh and Arthur Rudman were re-elected to the Hon Treasurer/Hon Secretary and Formal Project Officer roles respectively.

The other committee members for the 2009 year were: Drs Gary Hopgood, Brian Lewer, Alastair McGeorge (until July), Nigel Robertson (from July), Joe Sherriff, Malcolm Stuart and Jennifer Woods.

**c) Other Attendees at NZNC Meetings**

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

**d) Key Issues Discussed at the NZNC Meetings**

- The 2008/2010 New Zealand National Committee strategic direction (see item e. xv below)
- Communication with Government and Non-Government agencies and Media
- FANZCA Curriculum Review
- Conducting a workforce survey amongst anaesthetists in New Zealand
- ANZTADC and Incident reporting systems in New Zealand
- Training issues – Clinical Teachers Courses; Rotations; Rural Rotations; support for supervisors of training, module supervisors and trainees
- Trainees Committee – Curriculum Review; Module zero; New Zealand Trainee Handbook, 2009/2010 committee
- Medical Council – Peer Practice Reviews
- ANZCA's new Workplace Based Assessments
- Training and future workforce predictions
- Workforce planning including the Ministry's Long Term System Framework and 24/7 acute care in provincial hospitals
- Services in smaller and more remote centres
- Rural Hospital Doctors vocational scope and the introduction of JCCA training in New Zealand
- Regulatory supervision
- National Perioperative Mortality Review Committee establishment, definitions and terms of reference
- Health and Disability Commissioner's reports
- The establishment of a New Zealand Perioperative Mortality Review Committee by the Minister of Health with an invitation to ANZCA to nominate a Fellow to serve on this committee
- International Medical Graduates – Medical Council of New Zealand (MCNZ) and ANZCA assessment processes, orientation and supervision
- Interim report to MCNZ for the reaccreditation of ANZCA as a branch advisory body
- New Zealand Workforce report
- Continuing Professional Development activities in New Zealand
- The New Zealand anaesthesia community's response to disasters
- The ANZCA Strategic Plan
- Financial report and budget
- College of Intensive Care Medicine in New Zealand
- The Faculty of Pain Medicine's application to MCNZ for recognition of pain medicine as a vocational branch of practice in New Zealand
- New Fellows Conference
- ANZCA ASM 2010, Christchurch, NZ
- Review of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act
- NZ Anaesthesia Education Committee (NZAEC) activities including the 2009 NZ Anaesthesia ASM in Rotorua, the 2011 NZA ASM and the 2012 ICCVA & NZA ASM conference bid to the SCA.

**e) Brief Outline of Some of the Issues**

**i) New Zealand Workforce Report**

There has been an unprecedented call for workforce data during the last two years. 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. In 2009, ANZCA in association with NZSA conducted a workforce survey involving New Zealand anaesthetists and trainees.

The ANZCA Director of Strategy & Operations, Ian Collens, when he visited New Zealand in July, met with many of the key Government and non-Government organisations who are involved in workforce planning. These discussions were invaluable, as the College gathers information for the ANZCA/NZSA 2009 New Zealand Anaesthesia Workforce report.

The College workforce survey that was conducted in September is part of a broader study to measure the current supply and demand of anaesthesia services in New Zealand and to identify the factors that potentially affect the future supply of those services. There was a 75% response rate (652 out of 873 recipients) which was a truly exceptional response from New Zealand trainees, fellows and non-fellow vocationally registered anaesthetists. We extend thanks to everyone who completed the survey and to Ian Collens and the other staff who helped make this possible.

Obtaining a high participation rate in the survey was critical to the accurate determination of model parameters. It will help us to understand the variations in background, working conditions and allocations of time of the anaesthesia workforce. The results of the survey are currently being analysed. The final report will be made available in 2010.

**ii) Training and Examinations**

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 Dr Vanessa Beavis, Dr Stuart Henderson and Dr Kathryn Hagen.

I would like to thank Drs Paul Smeele and Geoff Long for their 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 deputies, Dr Geoff Long (to July) and Dr Gary Hopgood and the other colleagues who have helped review formal projects. This is a time-consuming and important role.

**iii) Clinical Teachers Courses**

An invitation to attend these courses is open to all Fellows, especially those involved in training. It also includes Fellows from both the Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine and the Faculty of Pain Medicine. The College covers the associated costs. The first of the two 2009 courses, 'Teaching in small groups' was held at the ANZCA Wellington office on the 20<sup>th</sup> March with Mary Lawson the ANZCA Director of Education as the presenter. The topic for the second workshop on the 4<sup>th</sup> September is 'Assisting Trainees with Difficulties'.

**iv. Medical Council of New Zealand (MCNZ) Branch Advisory Bodies' Meeting**

Colleges in New Zealand, as Branch Advisory Bodies (BAB) to the Medical Council, meet regularly with MCNZ. A wide variety of topics are covered, including: 'Partnership for effective regulation', 'Accreditation of BABs', 'Integration of cultural competence' 'Identification of underperforming trainees and fellows', 'Medical migration', 'Supervision of IMGs' and 'Vocational Practice Assessments (VPAs)'.

**v. International Medical Graduates (IMGs)**

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

In July 2008, Dr Vaughan Laurenson resumed the role of Chair of the New Zealand Panel for Vocational Registration, a role he had relinquished during his three year term as NZNC Chair. Other New Zealand National Committee members, Drs Paul Smeele, Gerard McHugh, Gary Hopgood and Malcolm Stuart have served on the panel over the last twelve months. Dr Genevieve Goulding from Australia, the current Chair of the ANZCA IMG Committee was a panel member in December. Lorna Berwick is the lay member of the panel. Professor Garry Phillips, the Chair of the ANZCA OTS Committee at the time of the February interviews attended as an observer. Nisha Patel and Chris Magan, two staff from the registration area of the Medical Council have attended the interviews as observers.

The ANZCA NZ Administrative Officer, Jan Brown, manages the correspondence with the Medical Council, panel and IMGs and the arrangements for the interviews. During 2009, 25 interviews were held plus 12 preliminary assessments. The IMGs interviewed have trained in a number of countries including the UK, Germany, Holland, Sweden, India, Singapore and South Africa. New Zealand is considered a desirable place to work and live because of the lifestyle, outdoor activities and work opportunities.

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. After one year this process is being assessed to see if we can improve both the function and fairness.

The major changes involve some applicants assessed as having "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 (WBA). We held a WBA Assessor Training Workshop in 2009, and conducted pilot assessments towards the end of the year. A full program of assessments is scheduled for 2010.

The process of assessment, orientation and supervision of IMGs has been reviewed by the MCNZ and we in common with most other colleges are still working out how the new processes are being interpreted. We have worked with the MCNZ to clarify points of commonality and separation between the two processes. I am aware there is still considerable confusion among IMGs about the processes and difference. Those with Fellowship get vocational registration. If ANZCA assesses an applicant as suitable for Fellowship after a period of supervision and a workplace based assessment the MCNZ will normally approve that as the pathway to vocational registration as well. If ANZCA requires the applicant to sit the IMGS examination to gain Fellowship the MCNZ will often (but not always) allow vocational registration after a period of supervision and a satisfactory vocational practice assessment (VPA). We spent considerable time with MCNZ to try and improve the VPA. It now has many common elements and is suitable for assessing anaesthetists (rather than GPs).

**vi. Division of Rural Hospital Medicine and Anaesthesia Training**

NZNC has been asked by the Division of Rural Hospital Medicine (DRHM) to appoint a fellow (Dr Tom Watson) to sit on the DRHM Board of Studies. The DRHM and ANZCA are developing a system for introducing anaesthesia training along the lines of the Australian JCCA training program.

**vii. NZ Anaesthesia Education Committee (NZAEC)**

**a) Chair and Committee Members**

Dr Brian Lewer completed his term of office as Chair in November, and Dr Ted Hughes has been elected as the new Chair. Membership otherwise remains the same (Dr Ted Hughes, Dr Brian Lewer, Dr Jennifer Woods, Dr Andrew Warmington, Dr Nigel Waters, Dr Vanessa Beavis)

**b) NZA Anaesthesia (NZA) ASM 2009 (Waikato)**

The 2009 NZ Anaesthesia ASM (NZA ASM) organizing committee provided a programme of great interest and attendee numbers exceeded expectations. The topics drew full audiences and generated plenty of interactions. The keynote speakers, Ivan Joubert (Cape Town), Hans-Joachim Priebe (Freiberg), Peter Marhofer (Vienna) and John Barnard (Waikato) won accolades for their presentations and for their active participation in all the sessions.

The ASM organizing committee from the Waikato Hospital Department of Anaesthesia is to be congratulated for all the hard work undertaken to create this successful conference. Dr Cam Buchanan was the convenor and Dr David Kibblewhite, scientific convenor. Other members of the organizing committee were Drs Kevin Arthur, Tom Watson, Arthur Rudman, Lucas Sikiotis, Andrew Miller and Gary Hopgood, and Amanda Graham from the Six Hats Conference Management.

The meeting was well attended with 170 full registrations; 13 trainees; 4 nurse/tech/non medical; 3 retired anaesthetists; and 23 day registrations.

The New Zealand Anaesthesia Education Committee (NZAEC) oversees this joint ANZCA-NZNC/NZSA conference. Thanks are extended to Dr Brian Lewer, the NZAEC Chair who has now finished his two years as Chair. Rose Chadwick, the NZAEC Administrative Officer provided valuable support for the NZA ASM, including organising two NZAEC meetings at the ASM (for trade personnel and convenors). The trade meeting was attended by over 40 representatives who appreciated the opportunity to discuss issues of common interest. The second meeting allowed past, present and future ASM organisers to discuss aspects of the meetings, what went well and what could have been improved.

**c) NZA ASM 2011 (North Shore)**

Dr Michal Kluger and the team from North Shore are organizing this conference to tie in with the Rugby World Cup 2011, just 2 weeks after the big event. The organizing committee consists of Drs Michal Kluger (Convenor), Mark Chaddock (Deputy Convenor), Ian Harrison (Scientific Convenor), Julian Fuller (Honorary Treasurer), Henry Yong (Healthcare Industry Convenor),

Michelle Atkins and Clare Fisher (Social Programme Convenors), and Trish Fletcher (Secretary).

**d) NZA ASM 2012 and the 13<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Anaesthesia (ICCVA) (Auckland)**

The 2012 ICCVA meeting will be held in New Zealand (under the auspices of the USA Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists) and run alongside the NZ Anaesthesia ASM in Auckland. By New Zealand hosting the ICCVA meeting, New Zealand and Australia will be able to have two representatives on the International Committee of ICCVA. This will help establish international connections in this sub-specialty.

The event is a joint undertaking between NZSA and ANZCA. The co-Convenors are Dr Marian Hussey and Dr Ivan Bergman. The Scientific Convenors are Dr Cornelius Kruger, Dr Paul Gardiner and Professor Alan Merry. The venue is likely to be SKYCITY Auckland Convention Centre. The dates are to be decided but probably will be in late October or early November.

**e) BWT Ritchie Scholarships**

The 2009 awards were made to Dr Katharine Brunette (to spend time at the Red Cross Memorial Hospital in Capetown) and Dr Anita Sumpter (The Children's Hospital, Boston). We congratulate these two winners.

**f) NZA Visiting Lectureships**

The 2010 Visiting Lectureships were awarded to Dr Alan McLintic and Dr Anne Wills. Alan McLintic will be presenting his lecture (on the topic of false positive in statistics) to Timaru and Invercargill. Dr Anne Wills will be presenting her lecture (on the topic of anaphylaxis) to New Plymouth and Nelson.

**viii. Minister of Health, Hon Tony Ryall**

The President, Dr Leona Wilson, Professor Alan Merry, a New Zealand Councillor, Heather Ann Moodie, New Zealand Executive Officer and I met with the Minister of Health, Hon Tony Ryall on Tuesday 17 February. This was a successful and positive meeting. Topics discussed included: The establishment of a Perioperative Mortality Review Committee, Protected Quality Assurance Activities (PQAA) and Workforce issues.

During the year NZNC had further interactions with the Minister, including:

**a) WHO Surgical Safety Checklist Launch at Parliament**

The Minister of Health hosted this launch at Parliament in association with ANZCA and RACS.

'Safe Surgery Saves Lives' is part of the Second Global Challenge for Patient Safety of the World Health Organisation. One of the initiatives resulting from this project led to the development of a three-phase WHO checklist (the Checklist) for use before the induction of anaesthesia (sign in), before the surgical incision (time out) and at the end of the procedure (sign out). Following the evaluation of a study comparing 4000 patients undergoing surgery over eight sites around the world prior to the introduction of the Checklist with those in 4000 patients after its introduction, mortality and morbidity were substantially and significantly reduced.

In Auckland, which was one of the pilot sites, after the study had been completed, the hospital adopted the checklist. The WHO does say that the checklist can be modified to suit local conditions and that is what has happened in Auckland. Professor Merry has been a key leader in this initiative.

**b) Perioperative Mortality Review Committee Establishment**

In 2009, the Minister of Health established the Perioperative Mortality Review Committee. This is a significant development and one which NZNC has been advocating for over a number of years. ANZCA has responded to the call for nominations for this committee.

**c) Elective Surgical Services**

The Ministry of Health has sought advice from the College regarding training more anaesthetists as part of the proposed 20 new units for the Governments' electives initiative. As part of the overall government policy on reducing waiting lists, there is an opportunity to train more health professionals to support elective services. This includes anaesthetists and anaesthetic technicians.

In July, the ANZCA President, Dr Leona Wilson, Director of Professional Affairs, Dr Stuart Henderson, Director of Strategy & Operations, Ian Collens and the New Zealand Executive Officer, Heather Ann Moodie and I met Ministry officials to discuss how to increase anaesthesia training positions as part of the overall electives initiative. The College is willing to train as many extra trainees as the Government funding will allow.

**d) Protected Quality Assurance Activities**

NZNC received official notification in June that the Minister of Health had given notice that pursuant to section 54 of the HPCA Act 2003 the Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity: ANZCA Continuing Professional Development Program) has been approved, so that this College programme is a protected quality assurance activity.

**ix. New Zealand Health Structure Changes**

Since October, there have been major changes to the health system in New Zealand with the formation of a new National Health Board (NHB) and the Health Workforce New Zealand (HWNZ) Board. The ANZCA New Zealand National Committee is closely monitoring the initiatives being proposed by these Boards, including the encouragement of clinical leadership, increased funding for medical training and the physician assistants' pilot.

The ANZCA President, the NZ Executive Officer and I attended the Counties Manukau District Health Board (CMDHB) meetings regarding the pilot of physician assistants (PAs). NZNC considered the various consultation documents. Through the Council of Medical Colleges, a number of concerns about this 'pilot' were submitted to Professor Gorman, the Chair of the Health Workforce New Zealand Board.

NZNC, while acknowledging the need for New Zealand to look at innovative solutions for workforce shortages, raised a number of concerns, including:

- The use of the term 'demonstration project' rather than 'a pilot'.
- The potential flow on effect on the training and clinical experience of trainees.
- What the proposed structure of the teams in which the PAs would work is to be.
- The critical need for this pilot to be rigorously evaluated by an independent external body and be subject to peer review.
- Patient safety issues
- The 'measures of success' should be determined before the pilot or 'demonstration'

NZNC will actively engage with Professor Des Gorman, the Chair of the Health Workforce New Zealand Board and those involved in this pilot, so that the outcome of this new initiative is positive for the public of New Zealand.

**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. 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**

ANZCA was sent this HDC report for educational purposes.

A patient in a private hospital for elective surgery suffered a severe reaction to general anaesthesia. On her pre-admission form she had indicated that she was allergic to a component of morphine and described her type of reaction as "*anaphylactoid – severe rash*". However, she did not have the letter she usually carried that detailed previous reactions. The Commissioner found that the anaesthetist had breached the Code of Rights by failing to seek more detailed information about the patient's allergies and previous reactions. "*This case highlights the importance for all anaesthetists ... of declining to anaesthetise a patient when there are obvious "red flags" about the patient's allergy history, and the procedure is not urgent.*" **08HDC04573** (12 February 2009) available at [www.hdc.org.nz/files/hdc/opinions/08hdc04573anaesthetist.pdf](http://www.hdc.org.nz/files/hdc/opinions/08hdc04573anaesthetist.pdf)

**xii. Annual Registrars' Meeting**

The Annual Registrars' Meeting took place on 27 November 2009 at Auckland City Hospital. The morning session presentations were from three anaesthetists, a communication expert and a medico-legal specialist covering the topics of working in private practice and in a peripheral centre, CV and Interview techniques, and effective patient communication. The talks were well received by those who attended. In the afternoon, the scientific presentations were again of a high standard and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.

There were three prizes offered this year owing to the generosity of ANZCA, the NZSA and the University of Auckland, Department of Anaesthesiology.

- The ANZCA prize for the best scientific presentation was awarded to Louise Moran from Christchurch for an excellent study comparing anaesthetic trainees' career intentions with their eventual career outcomes.
- The NZSA prize for the best quality assurance project was awarded to Nathan Kershaw for applying the audit process well in his investigation of peri-operative hypothermia.
- The University Caduceus Award was given to Jeanette Scott for her historical research into why the Macintosh laryngoscope became so popular.

The afternoon session was broadcast by videoconference for the first time to Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin Hospitals so that registrars from outside of Auckland could view the presentations.

### **xiii. Admission to Fellowship**

Council of the College resolved at its 2009 meetings that the following New Zealand trainees be admitted to Fellowship by Examination:

9 <sup>th</sup> January 2009	Matthew David James CHACKO Jennifer Ann TAYLOR
23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2009	Justin Piers HOLBOROW Peter William WRIGHT (NZ/TAS)
5 <sup>th</sup> February 2009	Michael Kok Foong CHOO (NZ/SG/VIC) Owen Arthur KEET Matthew Richard SCOTT David Edwin WHYBREW William John YOUNG
28 <sup>th</sup> February 2009	Emma Jane BLAIR Annick Irene DEPUYDT Nicholas James HUTTON
18 April 2009	Stefan Andre LOMBAARD Christopher George MUNNS Thomas Michael Alexander O'ROURKE David Matthew RUSK Anita Lee-Ann SUMPTER Craig Geoffrey SURTEES Anthony Carl YOUNG
14 May 2009	Stewart Alexander ALLAN Mui Khoon CHANG
20 June 2009	Campbell Gill BENNETT Allan James BROWN Kay-Lip KHOO
29 July 2009	Agata Daniela ERRERA Dick Montague ONGLEY Christopher Hayden WONG
10 October 2009	Andrew John van der POLL
21 November 2009	Sharon DEMPSEY Sabine PECHER

The following were admitted to Fellowship through the IMGS System:

21 November 2009	Babak HEDAYATI Sarah Ann JACKSON
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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 6 November in Rotorua .

### **xv. ANZCA Strategic Plan 2010 - 2012**

During 2009, NZNC undertook a strategic planning session and the issues were submitted to ANZCA head office for consideration for inclusion in the College 2010-2012 strategic plan.

At the March 2010 NZNC meeting, Dr Wilson highlighted the ANZCA Strategic Plan for 2010-2012 key points. The goals are to increase the engagement of the membership, and key external stakeholders. The survey currently being undertaken is part of this.

The ANZCA 2010-12 Strategy consists of eight initiatives designed to further the College's objectives and strengthen the profession. These priority initiatives are:

- Increase the engagement of the College's members and the interaction with key external stakeholders.
- Develop and communicate ANZCA's position on the differing roles and professional training required of Fellows and others providing sedation and anaesthesia-related care.
- Address projected training and workforce shortages.
- Increase the support for Research.
- Enhance the level of support provided to our Fellows and Trainees in the areas of quality and safety.
- Provide support for indigenous health and overseas aid.
- Ensure that our Fellows are supported in their clinical training and assessment activities.
- Undertake a constitutional review of the role of the Faculty of Pain Medicine within the College.

The Strategy defines the direction of the College over the next three years and is an integral part of the College's response to the longer-term challenges faced by the profession. Six-monthly assessments of progress will be undertaken by Council and the action plans will be periodically reviewed in a process of continuous change and improvement.

The following issues related to the plan were discussed at the NZNC meeting:

- Budget planning with longer term goals
- Strategies for NZ Groups will dovetail into this
- Increasing the focus by engaging the public in the ANZCA
- Increase in the number of Policy Documents
- Courses for training in sedation for gastroenterology
- Monitor assistance in Training areas
- Delineation of CICM within High Dependency Units
- Strategic arm to support Research
- Enhance the level of support for quality and safety initiatives
- Support given in both Australia and New Zealand for indigenous health.
- Overseas Aid
- Constitutional review
- Increase engagement between ANZCA politics and the Fellowship.

NZNC agreed that a countrywide tour of the hospitals across New Zealand would occur in 2010 to gather feedback from anaesthetists and trainees on the strategic plan.

**f. New Zealand Trainees Committee (NZTC) 2009**

This was a year of firsts for the NZTC. It started with a full complement of 10 members for the first time and at the end of the year NZTC held its inaugural NZTC face to face meeting in Wellington in November.

**i. Members of the Committee for 2009**

Kathryn Hagen, Auckland (Chair)  
 Nicola Broadbent, Auckland (Deputy Chair)  
 Thimali Rajapaksa, Auckland  
 Sheila Hart, Waikato  
 Rachel Dempsey, Hawke's Bay  
 Kim Heus, Palmerston North (co-opted)  
 Jeremy Fernandez, Wellington  
 Sabine Pecher, Wellington  
 Erica Dibb-Fuller, Christchurch  
 Claire Ireland, Dunedin  
 Rowena Knoeson, Christchurch (resigned early 2009)

**ii. NZTC Meetings**

Four meetings were held this year, three teleconferences (3<sup>rd</sup> February, 11<sup>th</sup> May and 27<sup>th</sup> July), followed by a face to face meeting in November. Attendance was good at all meetings, easily reaching the set quorum of 6 members.

**iii. Other Meetings**

By the Chair

- ANZCA Trainee Committee teleconferences, May and August
- NZ National Committee meetings, July and November
- NZ Education Sub-committee teleconference, May
- Doctors in Training Council NZMA meeting, September

By the Deputy Chair

- ANZCA Trainee Committee meeting, March
- Follow up workshop for the Clinical Teachers Development Working Group, August

**iv. Activities**

- **Guidebook for Trainees** - The project that has kept committee members the busiest has been the production of a guidebook for trainees. This is an informal introduction of the logistics of training with ANZCA for new trainees - those starting in BTY1 and those joining other years from overseas. The three Auckland representatives also held an afternoon teaching session with the Auckland Senior House Officers as a type of 'Part Zero' course which formed some of the basis of the guidebook. Our intention is that members of the committee can provide this type of information to new trainees in their region with the aid of the guidebook.
- **Video-conferencing the Annual Registrar meeting** - Through discussion with the Auckland Fellows who organise this meeting, the Trainee Committee members were able to facilitate the video-conferencing of this meeting. There was great support from the departments in Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. Feedback from the trainees involved has been positive.
- **NZTC newsletter** - A newsletter is produced after each meeting with the aim to keep trainees up to date with the NZTC activities, information about upcoming meetings, courses, exam registration dates and any correspondence received about Fellow positions, both here and overseas.

**v. Looking Forward to 2010**

Five members of the Committee will step down this year (most to FANZCA and a few going overseas). A further 5 have been appointed by ballot. At the face to face meeting NZTC members identified goals for the next few years which include:

- Liaising with the GP college and broadening our list of GPs who are willing to take trainees as patients
- Raising the profile of the NZ ANZCA Trainee Committee and encouraging the development of professional collegial relationships between trainees
- Encouraging trainees to attend New Zealand conferences where possible, including the Auckland City Symposium
- Keeping the guidebook up to date and improving it - once this is perfected, NZTC is keen to develop a "part 3" type resource in conjunction with the NZSA to help trainees understand the transition from trainee to FANZCA and consultancy
- Continue to develop and foster a relationship with the NZSA trainee representative
- Co-opt/invite a representative from the College of Intensive Care Medicine
- Continuing with a face to face meeting, hopefully to be held as the first meeting of the year to facilitate rapport, development and cohesiveness within the NZTC.

**g) College of Intensive Care Medicine**

ANZCA held a special dinner in Melbourne in November to farewell the Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine, as JFICM becomes the new College of Intensive Care Medicine (CICM). The speeches included wishes of goodwill for an ongoing close relationship with ANZCA.

In New Zealand this close relationship is particularly strong with both national committees advocating for CICM to be supported by the ANZCA New Zealand secretariat in Wellington. For the next two years, the ANZCA New Zealand office will provide a home and administrative support to CICM.

**TREASURER'S REPORT – DR GERARD MCHUGH**

**a) New Zealand Auditors**

RSM Prince has prepared the 2009 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 Companies Office website.

**b) Income**

All New Zealand Fellows' registration and subscription fees, together with Trainees' annual training fees are now paid directly to the ANZCA New Zealand office.

The overall income decreased in the 2009 year by \$172,207 compared with 2008. This was as a result of the sale of Elliott House being included in the 2008 accounts. Also there was a reduction in registration fees income from SIG meetings in 2009. There was however an increase in income for annual subscriptions.

Other income collected by New Zealand is: -

- Interest Received
- Donations
- Fees for Work Base Assessments
- Fees for International Medical Graduate Interviews

**c) Expenses**

Overall expenditure for 2009 remained constant and in line with budget.

**d) ANZ Gateway for Payments**

An online gateway has been established by the New Zealand office with ANZ Banking Group and will be operational in 2010. This will mean that from now on subscriptions will be able to be paid online direct into the ANZCA New Zealand bank account. It has also resulted in the ANZCA head office in Australia now being able to process funds directly into this account in New Zealand dollars which has been a great advantage for the collection of registration fees for meetings and conferences being held in New Zealand.

**e) ANZCA's Financial Processes**

As a result of the College's improved accounting package and reporting system it is now possible to more accurately reflect income and expenditure to the correct cost code areas. The monitoring of monthly reports showing income/expenditure against budget allows the New Zealand office to more easily keep track of any variances that may need to be addressed.

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 GEOFF LONG**

**a) Education Sub-Committee Meetings**

The Education Sub-Committee met on two occasions during 2009. The second meeting was a face to face meeting, following the Clinical Teachers Course (CTC) workshop, in Wellington on 4 September. 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.

**b) Supervisors of Training**

New Appointments in 2009 were:  
Dr Alan Crowther – SOT Waikato  
Dr Tim Hodgson – Deputy SOT Waikato  
Dr Tony Diprose – SOT Hawkes Bay  
Dr Chris Pottinger – Deputy SOT Christchurch  
Dr Jason Henwood – Deputy SOT Dunedin

**c) Rotational Supervisors - 2009**

Dr Darcy Price, Northern Rotation  
Dr Rob Carpenter, Midland Rotation  
A/Prof Sandy Garden, Central Rotation  
Dr David Bain, Southern Rotation

**d) Clinical Teachers Course Workshops**

Clinical Teachers Courses held in 2009 were:

- 20 March, a workshop facilitated by Mary Lawson and attended by 8 fellows. The topic was 'Teaching in Small Groups'
- 4 September, a workshop facilitated by Felicity Hutton and attended by 19 fellows. The topic was 'Assisting Trainees with Difficulties'

**e) Hospital inspections**

The new Wellington Regional Hospital was inspected in 2009.

**f) New Zealand Courses**

Part 1 FANZCA Course – Christchurch: 8-14 February  
 FANZCA Final Course, Oral Examination – Wellington: 5-8 March and 30 July to 2 August  
 Part I FANZCA Course – Hamilton: 11-22 May  
 Part II Revision Course – Auckland: 22 June to 3 July

The New Zealand National Committee is grateful to all those who work hard to make the FANZCA training program a success, the 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 Gary Hopgood, the Assistant FPO NZNC, and Dr Geoff Long who held this position prior to July, for their assistance and support, and Ms Juliette Adlam from the New Zealand ANZCA office for the huge amount of secretarial and administrative support. Due to their efficient assistance, we are usually able to achieve a rapid turnover of Formal Projects which is much appreciated by New Zealand Trainees.

2009 was once again a relatively quiet year as it seems there are an increasing number of trainees receiving exemption from module 11 for prior published or eligible work.

New Projects Registered in 2009	:	35
Projects Confirmed by Assessor in 2009	:	24
Projects Currently Registered and in Progress	:	46
Projects Currently with Assessor	:	5

During 2009 ANZCA introduced a more standardised process for the administration and assessment of Formal Projects. All Regions are now using standardised Formal Project Registration, Completion and Supervisor Forms, as well as a Formal Project Assessment Form. I think this has significantly aided the Formal Project Officers and Reviewers in the assessment of Formal Projects.

The ANZCA Curriculum Review is currently underway and it will be interesting to see if and how Module 11 will be affected by the review.

The New Zealand Formal Project Prize for 2008 was awarded to Dr Scott Robinson for his Formal Project entitled: *Institution of a perioperative diabetic management pathway: Improved patient outcome and unexpected barriers*. The prize was presented to Dr Robinson at the 2009 New Zealand Anaesthesia ASM in Rotorua in November.

An Annual Registrars’ Meeting was once again held in Auckland in November 2009 and convened by Dr Lisa Chapman. This was very successful with a total of 10 registrar presentations. By all accounts, 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 New Zealand Anaesthetic calendar and is a valuable forum for registrars to present their Formal Projects. The NZNC sponsors one of the registrar prizes awarded at this meeting.

**Projects Completed and Confirmed in 2009**

Name	Project Title
Dr Agata Errera	National Audit of Paediatric Opioid Infusion Events
Dr Andrew Van Der Poll	The perioperative use of antibiotics at Auckland City Hospital
Dr Anita Sumpter	PhD Research: Maturation Neurophysiology and Pharmacology
Dr Anthony Young	Adjuvant intrathecal drugs used with spinal anaesthesia for lower segment caesarean section: Is current NZ practice consistent with the available evidence?
Dr Bevan Vickery	Leptospirosis presenting to an intensive care unit in provincial New Zealand: a case series and review
Dr Caroline Zhou	Retrospective audit of ASA4 patients presenting for non-elective surgery Oct 05 - Apr 06
Dr David Whybrew	Accuracy of Super Glucocard II under hyperbaric conditions
Dr John Smithells	Analgesia for burns dressing changes on the Ward
Dr Joyce Tai	Use of Sevoflurane in Vitro Contracture Test to determine malignant hyperthermia susceptibility status - how reliable is it? Results from Palmerston North Hospital Muscle Biopsy Tests 2006-2008
Dr Kathryn Hagen	Audit of volatile consumption and fresh gas flows in Whangarei - a 3 month view in 2008
Dr Kay-Lip Koo	What bugs are we putting onto and into our patients?
Dr Matthew Scott	A retrospective audit of peripherally inserted central catheters (PICCs) at North Shore Hospital over a six month period

Dr Mui Khoon Chang	A case report: Severe hyperlipidaemia during scoliosis surgery in a 14 year old with Prader Willi syndrome
Dr Nicolas Hutton	Physician led aeromedical retrieval of head injuries
Dr Paul Blundell	CPAP old versus new - an investigation of the Life Vent 300 CPAP
Dr Po Che Yip	The incidence of residual neuromuscular blockade after relaxant general anaesthesia
Dr Renee Franklin	Methoxyflurane use for procedural sedation/analgesia at Waikato Hospital. Initiation of a training/certification system
Dr Selena Hunter	Endoscopic skill acquisition and maintenance among novices
Dr Sharon Dempsey	Morbidly obese parturient with swine flu and severe respiratory distress for urgent LSCS
Dr Stefan Lombaard	Team Training: Unanticipated difficult airway
Dr Thimali Rajapaksa	Cerebellar Golgi cells: Response patterns to peripheral stimulation
Dr Thomas Fernandez	Patchy Information? A retrospective audit of the safety of transdermal fentanyl use in acute postoperative pain
Dr Thomas Main	Is a chest radiograph routinely required after uncomplicated right internal jugular venous insertions in Auckland City Hospital?
Dr Thomas O'Rourke	Cardiac surgery mortality at Waikato Hospital - comparing observed to predicted outcomes

## 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**