



1. Our Community – our community is our purpose – Whanaungatanga

Top themes

- Contemporary nurses are compassionate, knowledgeable, qualified, clinically-skilled and professional.
- Aotearoa New Zealand's demographics and the health needs of its population are changing, affecting nursing service provision across all levels of health care.
- The voice of consumers in co-design of health services is essential.
- Nurses can play in a key role in community care as an effective alternative to hospital treatment for older people and those with long-term conditions.
- Technological change is inevitable and NZNO will embrace the safe, secure and effective use of health technologies.
- Nurses working for NGOs, charities and other “third sector” organisations are very close to their communities and can quickly identify issues or gaps in services.

NZNO strategic actions

- Consider options to improve consumer input and representation on the NZNO governance board by 2023.
- Advocate for increased funding for community nursing services, especially for older and disabled people.
- Use the NZNO gerontology and enrolled nurse sections to support the emerging science of frailty.
- Advocate strongly for safe staffing levels in aged care residential facilities.
- Advocate for investment in long-term conditions to achieve a critical mass of registered nurses able to assess, prescribe and provided better self-management for individuals, families and whānau.
- Advocate for the reduction of poverty and sub-standard housing, as these are often a high-risk factor for acute and ongoing illnesses.
- Respond to dynamic and evolving technology in health and social care, while remaining committed to nursing as the human face of health.
- Increase the visibility of and support for nurses working in the third sector.

The full strategy can be downloaded from: www.nurses.org.nz

and advice and help can be received by phoning the NZNO number: **0800 28 38 48**.

