



New Zealand Anaesthetic Technicians' Society

AGM Report.

Morena everyone, I would firstly like to thank you all for your hard mahi throughout the years, I know its tough out there and not likely to get better anytime soon sorry, but stay strong, good things are happening and will continue to happen!

This will be my last address as the President of NZATS and what a ride it has been. Its up one day and down another, but I think we have remained positive and had reasonable communication across you as members. I have been fortunate enough to be able to have created a new website, still working on, an online CPD and many more things. Opened a better comms package with our leader's group and educators, so we can all talk and find solutions for example.

I would now like to thank the executive, my friends and colleagues that have supported me firstly, amongst many crazy ideas, but they have been there, some for many years now and some new. Its all-volunteer work and it takes time, some days a lot of time, so remember we all hold jobs just like you, so if you wish please support the board and/or get involved. These are amazing people, highly underrated at times and that is sad. Remember they have put there hands up to take on these roles as they have real passion for the profession, we would not have achieved things that we have without them all! So, from my heart and soul a very big thank you to you guys the exec and to all that have gone before. I wish you all well and achievements that will I hope bestowed on you. You have been amazing and not only by words but by actions, so I doff my hat to you.

We have set about to help put in place that the future either demands or what is best for the profession. This includes just recently the scope of practice review held and feedback sort from the profession. It has been a good outcome, however word of warning it is a long way to go yet! We have been across many working parties, groups and boards pushing for our rights, our profession. Within these have been the strong ATTG group and Racheal I am sure will pick that up.

Our membership did not quite go to plan this year, we are trying to go paperless, all part of our sustainability push. This is a work on into the new year, so look out for this improvement, I think once up and running you will find it to be very efficient for you and hopefully easy to become or stay as a member. Being a member right now, what is and what is going to happen, to be apart of the society is going to be important, for communication, for strength in numbers when we need feedback or for voting!

With all this we can look at stats and see where we are with our membership. (Take a look)

To all our students sitting their final exam and indeed to our final registration exam of all time, it is truly history making stuff and a tear in the eye also, as there has been some hard work to get it to where it is today and with a sad note that it will be in its final throws of completion. I am sure Nicola will continue more in her report.

We have places on the board available and if you are interested but not sure how it all works, then we can offer what I term an observer role! This you can attend a board meeting and see what goes on, live and learn it live! We have more info on the website.

We have created places also for our AUT students and we currently have two brilliant young students in these roles and they do keep us on our toes, I certainly have learnt some new lingo that is for sure!

They have helped navigate, inform, and excite us through the year and we in turn have been able to understand from a student's point of view of what is happening, so, this is important to know, so a big thank you to you both for coming onboard.

We have heard many things around the degree, AUT and the students. This is now in place and its up to us to make this work now! So, let us get in behind this and make it work! Take students, get offers of accommodation, paid work experience behind them and I think you will find then you will have them coming. They are our future, treat them with respect, kick a few arses if required, but let us give them a chance, let us share and impart our knowledge, your knowledge. I simply urge you to at least try, otherwise you cannot complain if you have not at least tried, I think you will like it in the end!

Later today, one last act will to award some prizes to some well deserving people, that I am excited to do!

I will leave it there for a moment and come back shortly, but now I would like to introduce to your new President Rachel Jones, then to be followed by our other board members for their yearly reports.

Thank you all for your time, it has been great to be your President, to work alongside some awesome people and to help make and introduce positive change. Just remember there is still along way to go, so let us be strong, let us be positive. Do not suffer in silence, I know from personal experience how hard things can get, we are under pressure, but all services are, so we are not alone in this. I truly hope that all departments some day become staffed, the scope proves to be the vital piece in this staffing crisis and we as a profession grow and grow large.

Please remember to hold onto your humour, honesty, and integrity, as these can be lost at times.

You all are great people! and up the AT's!!

Your President

Matt (Me)

