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Message from the chair of HiNZ-NI-SIG



Kia ora,

I hope that this newsletter finds you all well rested after a summer break. Hopefully you were able to find some sun somewhere! If you are anything like me, you would have hit the ground running since returning to work.

The Australian bushfires over the summer were simply horrendous. The entire world seemed to stop and watch as Australia burned. As I watched horrific news footage every night, I remembered our inspirational speaker from HINZ 2019 – Terry Lee. He had been severely disabled in a bushfire in Australia some years ago. He now lives an independent and full life through the use of many technologies he has in his home. His keynote at HINZ was truly inspirational and reminded me why I joined this profession. If you missed it, watch Terry Lee's [keynote presentation](#) from HiNZ 2019.

HINZ 2020 I am sure will be another fantastic week with more inspiring and motivating speakers. We are very lucky this year, as not only do we have HINZ 2020 in November, and Innovations in Digital Health in May, but we also have NI2020. This dedicated Nursing Informatics conference is being held just over the ditch (in the West Island) and it would be great to see as many Kiwis there as possible. If you are anything like me, you are waiting, fingers crossed, for abstract notifications to come out.

We have an exciting year ahead with numerous opportunities at our fingertips – Let's all be like Terry and make the most of all these opportunities that we are presented with.

Don't forget to email us on hinz.ni.sig@gmail.com if you would like anything included in this newsletter, or if you have any suggestions of what you would like to see.

Please encourage your nursing colleagues to [sign up](#) for this newsletter. Signing up to receive the newsletter is free.

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Chair of HiNZ Nursing Informatics Special Interest Group (HiNZ-NI)

HiNZ-NI announcements



■ HiNZ-NI-SIG discourse group as part of CiLN

The Clinical Informatics Leadership Network is a place where people working in informatics can have conversations. It is a space to share, communicate and meet. There is now a Nursing space in this discourse. All current nurses in CiLN have been added to it. To join CiLN, please click [here](#).

■ Request for Participation: Digital Health Capability framework

A team of Australian organisations have developed a digital health capability framework using an iterative mapping process. The purpose of the framework is "to define the knowledge, skills and attitudes required for professional practice in the digital health era and complement existing individual knowledge, skill, and attitudinal frameworks."

The framework uses the World Health Organisation (WHO) definition of digital health. WHO (2016) "defines digital health as the use of digital, mobile and wireless technologies to support the achievement of health objectives. Digital health includes the general use of information and communication technologies for health as well as advanced technologies for managing data and information such as artificial intelligence and genomics." World Health Organisation 2016:

<https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/311941/9789241550505-eng.pdf?ua=1>

They would like feedback on the framework from as many different nurses and midwives. This feedback will be used to refine their framework.

You can access a copy of the framework at: <https://www.hisa.org.au/nurses-and-midwives-framework/>

You will also see on that web page, a link to an online 20-minute survey. This survey will be available until 13 March 2020

■ Student nurse innovates time-saving ECG technology

A third-year nursing student is working with a software company in London to develop an app to enable electrocardiogram (ECG) machines to produce information digitally. Read the article by Nursing Times

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Upcoming events



Come to NI2020
27-29 July 2020, Brisbane

The [Nursing Informatics 2020](#) is fast approaching - to be held in Brisbane on 27th – 29th July. Many nurses from NZ have submitted abstracts and [Michelle Honey](#) from the HiNZ NI SIG exec is a keynote speaker. This conference is in conjunction with the [International Medical Informatics Association \(IMIA- NI\)](#), [Nursing Informatics Australia \(NIA\)](#) and the [Health Informatics Society of Australia \(HISA\)](#). This event is going to be significant for the industry, and this is an incredible opportunity to network with nurses working in informatics from around the globe. We hope to see you there!

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Innovations in Digital Health 2020
6-7 May 2020

Previously called *Emerging Tech in Health* our popular mid-year conference will take place in Wellington on 6-7 May 2020. *Innovations in Digital Health* is organised by HiNZ, in association with NZHIT, and it will include presentations from the Ministry of Health.

This event is designed to spark conversations about the impact of innovation within the health sector. Topics will include new tech, new ways of applying existing technologies, and new ways of looking at a particular challenge. Our intent is to build a programme that considers various perspectives around the technical, clinical, and behavioural aspects of change.

Save the date in your calendar now!

Do you want to apply for a presentation spot?

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Education and networking



Get involved - Clinical Informatics Leadership Group (CiLN)

A group of Kiwi clinicians with a passion for technology driving changes in healthcare created a Clinical Informatics Leadership Network (CiLN) for New Zealand in early 2019. The network is supported logistically and financially by Health Informatics New Zealand. Members are from a range of health professions such as medicine, nursing, allied health, midwifery and pharmacy. It provides an online forum for members to share expertise and ideas as well as national networking events.

Membership of CiLN is free. Anyone with a clinical background and an interest in IT can apply to join by filling in [this online form](#). CiLN also has a [web page](#) where anyone can read related news and profiles of clinicians working in digital health. If you have questions, please email [Rebecca McBeth](#).

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University informatics courses

For anyone wanting to pursue their interest or gain qualifications in health informatics, there are a range of undergraduate and postgraduate university courses available in New Zealand.

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