

## **Chair's Report 2023**

**Dr Tony Scott**

It has been a productive and transformative year for the New Zealand Resuscitation Council. Below are the key updates and achievements that reflect our continued commitment to advancing resuscitation efforts, education, and governance.

### **Office Projects**

#### **CORE Instructor Manual**

The CORE instructor facility and administrative team have been diligently working on the development of the CORE Instructor Manual. This project aims to align the new manual with the existing NLS Manual, ensuring consistency across our educational materials. The manual is on track for completion later this year, with plans to promote it via webinars in early 2024. These sessions will also provide an opportunity for instructors to ask questions.

#### **Financial Audit**

We have successfully completed the financial audit for the 2022-2023 year. I'd like to extend a special thanks to Rachel for her tireless work ensuring the process was efficient and straightforward. Conducting such a thorough audit is no easy task, and her efforts deserve our recognition.

#### **Pastoral Care Plan**

This year saw the initiation of a pastoral care plan for new instructors, led by Karen Nixon as part of her evolving role. New instructors are contacted at regular intervals to address questions and receive ongoing support. This has helped ensure they feel guided and confident as they embark on their instructing journey.

#### **Course Director Webinars**

As a new requirement, instructors seeking to become course directors are now required to complete a dedicated webinar. This initiative has been successfully running for several months, providing invaluable knowledge to both new course directors and those seeking a refresher.

#### **Instructor Review & Post-COVID Instructor Increase**

We've recently completed our annual instructor review, and we are pleased to report an increase in the number of instructor courses being held post-COVID. This is a positive indicator of our growing capacity to meet resuscitation training needs across the country.

### **Events and Campaigns**

#### **NZ Resus 2024**

Planning is well underway for our next scientific meeting at Tākina in Wellington. The

conference dinner to be held at Parliament's grand ballroom in 2024 has already garnered significant attention. All 200 available spots were sold out within two weeks, and we have met the breakeven point for registrations.

### **World Restart a Heart**

Our campaign for World Restart a Heart Day this year was a resounding success. Three survivor stories, including perspectives from two young Māori men, brought important insights into our public messaging. Additionally, we hosted a training event at Rongotai College in Wellington, in collaboration with Wellington Free Ambulance, Red Cross, Fire and Emergency NZ, and our CORE instructors. Together, we trained 300 Year 9 and 10 students in vital resuscitation skills.

### **Governance and Representation**

#### **Council/Councillors**

We were delighted to welcome Matt Webber, representing the Cardiac Society, and Alecia Thompson, who has joined as the new Consumer Representative. Additionally, we are currently engaged in a constitutional review to ensure our governance structures remain robust and adaptable to future needs.

#### **ANZCOR**

The ongoing work with ANZCOR includes updates to the guideline website and the Spark of Life event. We are also engaged in the ANZCOR governance review, and ILCOR hosted its first in-person meeting since 2019 in Brisbane, which was a successful gathering for task forces to reconnect.

#### **ILCOR Involvement**

We continue to maintain strong ties with ILCOR. Our representatives remain active in various task forces, including Tonia Nicholson with the ALS Task Force, Kevin Nation with the EIT Task Force, and Gabrielle Nuthall, who continues to contribute to the Pediatric Task Force. Notably, Kevin also chairs the ILCOR Communications Committee, while Gabrielle leads the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. We are proud to have such strong representation on these international platforms.

The in-person ILCOR meeting in Brisbane provided an excellent opportunity for task forces to engage after the challenges of remote collaboration. ILCOR has confirmed that Taiwan will host the 2024 meeting, which promises to be another milestone event for international resuscitation efforts.