



NZ Branch AGM 7 May 2020

Presidents report:

It is sad not to be delivering this at our annual scientific meeting which has come to be a great couple of days of science and networking. Our registration etc was all set to go! I hope this finds you all well, I know many of our members will have had a very busy few weeks assisting with the national response to COVID-19 and I thank you for your efforts to ensure New Zealand was prepared and able to minimise its effect on our people.

The last 12 months:

Sleep in Aotearoa and Sleep Downunder:

Our last ASM in Christchurch was another huge success particularly with the addition of researchers from a large variety of clinical specialities. Congratulations to the Christchurch team who provided an excellent venue and content.

We will be back bigger and better than before! Monday and Tuesday 10/11th May 2020¹ has been booked with Te Papa.

In terms of your committee there has been hard work behind the scenes getting together a database of sleep researchers and students in NZ with the plan to ensure they are involved in the next Sleep in Aotearoa meeting.

You will have heard by now that Sleep Downunder is postponed for 2020 – there is a plan to run a sleep health week in Oct/Nov with interactive learning opportunities during this time so please keep an eye for this information and renew your membership for access.

SDU 2019: As well as some excellent research sessions the highlight of this meeting was the Distinguished Achievement Award presented to Professor Philippa Gander (ONZM) for her career long work in sleep science. Congratulations!

Clinical:

This year has also seen changes made to the provision of CPAP to public sleep services with Pharmac negotiating this provision. While the setup etc seemed to be quite messy it appears the process is now (mostly) up and running.



Paediatric Sleep Network: Working towards implementing a formal spoke and hub model of care for paediatric sleep services.

ASA has signed up to the NZ Health Coalition who are a coordinating, umbrella organisation for the NGO, healthcare and academic sectors to achieve the collective vision of health and equity in Aotearoa/New Zealand. A meeting of all member associations was planned for early April but of course was unable to proceed.

Other:

ASA NZ branch is now an actual entity in NZ with an IRD number and being registered for GST.

Plans for next 12 months include, to continue to work towards our strategic goals which include advocating for good sleep health, equity in access to sleep medicine services and promoting standards for sleep services.

Thanks to the NZ Branch committee for their continuing work in ensuring sleep health research and clinical services continue to be advocated for.

Angela Campbell
Branch President

2019-2020 Committee

Karyn O'Keeffe
Barbara Galland
Alister Neill (standing down)
Andrew Davies
Jacob Twiss
Bronwyn Sweeney
Ken Whyte (standing down)
Dan Garner (standing down)
Sally Powell