



Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tuohu koe me he maunga teitei
Pursue that which is precious, and do not be deterred by anything less than a high mountain
 MESSAGE TO ACHSM – AOTEAROA MEMBERS

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**Kia ora ACHSM – Aotearoa members,
 Welcome to the first Newsletter for
 2025.**

In this edition of our Branch newsletter I wish to acknowledge the extent of change in the NZ health system irrespective of whatever setting you are working in. This level of change over such a long period is an unprecedented and the Aotearoa Branch Council recognises the pressure this is placing on health managers and those in leadership positions. There has never been a more important time to belong to a supportive professional network so please reach out to me or any of the Branch Council members for support.

College International Events

I wish to highlight two key upcoming events – the first is the one-day college Conference being held in Melbourne 21 March 2024.

<https://www.achsm.org.au/events/achsm-one-day-conference-2025/>



The second is the Annual College Congress scheduled for Darwin, 22-24 October

<https://www.achsm.org.au/events/2025-congress-darwin/>



The call for Abstracts is open – here is a chance to present a project or research that you have been involved in.

<https://www.achsm.org.au/events/2025-congress-darwin/call-for-abstracts/>

If you have never been to a College Congress it is strongly recommended for the quality of the presentations and the exposure to international speakers as well as those from Aotearoa and Australia. You also get 15 CPD points for attending, which contributes to your overall maintenance of your professional development certification with the College.

Calling all Members

As mentioned in the last newsletter we encourage those of you who joined as 'members' to complete the Advancement Scoring Assessment to see if you have the required 12 points to advance to Associate Fellow. Taking this step really helps kickstart your professional pathway. The online form is found in the Membership Categories section of the ACHSM Website.

<https://www.achsm.org.au/membership/membership-categories/>
<https://form.iotform.com/241988309568878>

Calling all Associate Fellows

Now is a great time of year to plan your professional development with the next step being to do the Certification programme since completing Certification prepares you to do the Fellowship programme which is the pinnacle qualification of the College.

More information about Certification can be found on the ACHSM website <https://www.achsm.org.au/certification/>

Calling all Associate Fellows who have completed Certification

Now is the time to apply to the Fellowship programme for 2025. Doing the Fellowship studies is the best professional development you could hope for and students find that they can relate their study programme directly to your work situation.

Remember that the Fellowship programme is based in the Competency Framework which was updated in 2023.

<https://www.achsm.org.au/competency-framework/>

Reflections of 2024 Fellows

2024 successful Fellowship candidates Esthe Davis and Katie Latimer reflect on the impact of the programme and both are happy to speak with anyone interested in doing Fellowship. Their reflections follow:

Esthe Davis FCHSM CHE, pictured with College President Neale Fong and Aotearoa Branch President Jan Adams reflects



“The study was fascinating, I really enjoyed it. It stimulated me to consider different ways of approaching leadership by exposing me to proven frameworks and other tools.

“My learning was highly applicable to everyday problems at work and it’s an opportunity to network with other health managers. It broadened the scope of my thinking and meant deliberately reading leadership literature which I probably would not have done otherwise. It also helps you to think at a systems level. Lastly, Fellowship is great for career development”.

Katie Latimer FCHSM CHE reflects



“My ACHSM Fellowship journey, from February to September 2024, was an amazing and transformative experience, ending with the October conferment ceremony in Brisbane. This journey not only boosted my professional skills but also offered a great chance for personal growth and deep reflection on my role in the healthcare system.

It is important to have good support from family and work colleagues and your employer; secondly, is the support from ACSHM – Aotearoa study coordinators, Jagpal Benipal and Janet Keys. The fortnightly study groups, with our two dedicated coordinators, were a highlight of the fellowship program; thirdly, was study /academic structure, tools and discipline for the study along with the support from the ACHSM – Aotearoa mentor.

The knowledge, skills, and experiences gained during the Fellowship will undoubtedly shape my future contributions to the healthcare sector. I’m excited about the possibilities ahead and am committed to continuing my journey of learning and growth within the ACHSM community. I cannot recommend the Fellowship journey highly enough”.

Aotearoa Branch Council

Are you interested in putting your name forward for the election process to become a Council member at the June 2025 AGM? If so there will be at least one vacancy on the National Council Board this year. Feel free to discuss with a member of the Branch Council if you are interested. Council members names are on the website

<https://www.achsm.org.au/branch-councils/>

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