



New Zealand College of Midwives [NZCOM] Auckland Region Committee  
Auckland Midwifery Resource Centre Yarnton House  
14 Erson Avenue  
Royal Oak, 1061

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Tēnā koutou katoa NZCOM Auckland Region,

**Re: Ngā Māia ki Tāmaki Makaurau update for NZCOM Auckland Region AGM**

Thank you for inviting us to provide an update on the activities of Ngā Māia ki Tāmaki Makaurau for your 2019 NZCOM Auckland Region AGM. Since our 2018 Ngā Māia ki Tāmaki Makaurau annual update for the NZCOM Auckland Region AGM, our rōpu has continued to steadily grow in strength and work toward achieving the strategic plan we set at our 13 February 2019 hui-ā-tau.

We would like to thank the NZCOM Auckland Region for your continued partnership and recognition of our rōpū by including Ngā Māia o Aotearoa, Ngā Māia ki Tāmaki Makaurau, and Māori midwifery students and consumer focus in your strategic plan, gifting us use of the Midwifery Resource Centre to hold our monthly hui, disseminating our monthly pānui on the Global Email and providing our rōpū with a tab on the NZCOM Auckland Region website. To demonstrate the meaning and value of 'tuku atu, tuku mai' we continue to annually host a NZCOM Auckland Region monthly meeting in either June or July where we celebrate Matariki and share mātauranga Māori with the region. The spirit and practice of generosity and reciprocity recognises that when we are each able to contribute, the mana of each of our rōpū is enhanced as we work together, journey forward and thrive.

The 2 July 2019 NZCOM Auckland Region meeting was held at Ngā Hau Māngere Birthing Centre. Thank you Tish Taihia and Chloe Wright for your welcome of our rōpū to host the first NZCOM Auckland Region monthly meeting in your beautiful whare. This year we were privileged to have Rikki Solomon join us as our guest speaker to share his Doctoral research on the Maramataka and how this impacts our daily lives. Our rōpū members prepared a delicious kai to share and overall, the evening was a great success and reported to be enjoyed by many.

We recently updated the information within our tab on the NZCOM Auckland Region website to provide the region with updated and useful information to promote our rōpū and inform of our philosophy, vision and mission, and our Kaumātua, Board of Trustees and Committee representative profiles. Our Ngā Māia o Aotearoa lanyards, created by our Ngā Māia ki Tāmaki Makaurau Māori Midwifery Student Representatives as a promotional and fundraising activity for our rōpū, are advertised on the website tab and are available for purchase at \$10 each. We invite you to take a look

at our tab and provide us with any feedback you may have, and welcome any enquiries about lanyard purchases – [ngamaia.tamakimakaurau@gmail.com](mailto:ngamaia.tamakimakaurau@gmail.com)

We continue to hold monthly hui on the second Wednesday of every month, excluding January, which consist of a Committee meeting and regional business segment for members from 1800 to 1930 followed by a regional hui which includes a guest speaker and education presentation or a Māori midwifery student discussion forum segment from 1930 to 2130. We have had a range of inspiring guest speakers join us, from current research being undertaken to specific health related topics. We plan to continue providing engaging and informative education and guest presenters in the future, and would like to welcome midwives, student midwives and whānau to join us. This is incentivised by our rōpū being an accredited Midwifery Council of New Zealand Continuing Midwifery Education Provider. Our hui can also be attended via Zoom video conferencing. Please contact us on the day of the meeting to receive the meeting identification number to join.

Our pānui are now published bi-monthly to provide an update of our activities. Our Ngā Whānau Taumata Rau o Ngā Māia Ki Tāmaki Makaurau segment acknowledges our remarkable Māori midwives, students and whānau. It is great having this opportunity to profile and share these amazing stories each month. If you would like to nominate someone to feature in this segment or have a story you would like to share of your own, we would love to hear from you.

We continue to receive requests to provide feedback on research and representation on working groups. This is important to us and we welcome enquiries for support and consultation with our rōpū.

Supporting the future of Māori midwifery is a particular focus area for us, therefore, financial support opportunities for our Māori midwifery students continues. We provided grants to two Māori midwifery students to assist them to attend the Ngā Māia o Aotearoa November 2018 hui-ā-tau in Napier and to two Māori new graduate midwives to assist with payment of their Midwifery Council of New Zealand National Examination fees.

We are currently planning an exciting event to support development of Māori midwifery in the Auckland region. The event is made possible through funding received from Counties Manukau Health and will run over two full weekends to provide teachings of the tikanga, knowledge and skill of karanga as well as mātauranga Māori presentations from a range of guest speakers. We look forward to providing more detail about this event soon.

Our annual membership term is 1 July – 30 June, therefore as we head into a new year we warmly welcome you to contact us if you would like to join our kaupapa or would like to renew your membership. Membership fees are \$100 for midwives and \$30 for students, whānau and kaumātua.

Lastly, we would like to congratulate Nicole Pihema on her appointment to the role of NZCOM President. Ngā mihi nui kia koe Nicole, kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui!

Thank you all for a wonderful year and we look forward to our continued partnership with you into the future.

Nga mihi nui,



Megan Tahere

*Chairperson, on behalf of Ngā Māia ki Tāmaki Makaurau*

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*Ki te whakaohoho i te mauri o ngā tikanga o ia whānau o tenā o tenā*

