



## Chair Report –May 2022

Dear members

As your long standing Chair and committee member I would like to say on behalf of those you teach, move and handle, work and care places you influence, a big massive thank you for remaining with us as members. Everyone has too much to do and everyone is struggling with the basics. That you retain membership for a practise and platform, (so desperately needed but as yet not BAU) means to me you are all exceptional. COVID 19 is still impacting on us all of course and none more so than those involved in health and residential/community care. But at the time of writing this I do feel there is light at the end of the tunnel. Borders are opening and with them hopefully the opportunities for us to get together to increase, and share, our knowledge and experiences.

Our primary aim for last 12 months has been to provide added value for your membership fee. The monthly newsletters have hopefully been a bonus and an opportunity to meet all the committee members, on paper anyway. The forum is getting some traffic and the website continues to be updated and developed as time and resource allow. The regional groups have continued well in Canterbury, Auckland and Southland not so much. Tell us what you'd like in these spaces or would you like to have a crack at something yourself. Get in touch with either your nearest regional group lead, details on the website or me at [chair@mhanz.org.nz](mailto:chair@mhanz.org.nz)

For 2023 we are very much hoping for a live event or 3, beginning of May is the likeliest time so keep this in mind. We'd still like to attempt 3 events in Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland. Have a think about participating, speaker, sponsor, workshop provider, Zoom workshop from where your workplace. Everything is possible so tell us what you want, what you really, really want!

**Michèle A'Court**– remains our committed patron and we thank her for all her support. Check out her website at <http://micheleacourt.com/news/> Just FYI she is headlining a great event on June 28 in Auckland. It includes silent auctions; my husband seems to think that's a thing that would stop me buying stuff! Check it out as Wynyard Pavillion <https://www.breastcancercure.org.nz/comedy-for-a-cure>

On behalf of the committee once again thank you for your support and hope to see lots of you in 2023!

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