

Vital Signs

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Our Voice

Media

Kate Baddock, Chair of the NZMA spoke with a number of news agencies this week on a range of issues from the use of placebos in medicine through to legalising cannabis - not all have aired at the time of publishing.

NZMA was quoted in a number of media outlets including [NZ Doctor](#) this week with respect to the Chair's award recipient Karen Brown and Fellowship inductee Scott Metcalfe.

Jan White was quoted in [NZ Doctor](#) on the communications confusion surrounding the measles outbreak in Auckland.

DIARY

NZMA hosted a number of meetings this week including:
NZMA Board Meeting followed by a meeting with Heather Simpson and Sarah Prentice to highlight potential solutions with respect to the Health and Disability

System Review.

The General Practitioners Council and Specialist Council each met separately and then held a joint meeting to discuss mutual issues to both Councils.

NZMA's President Sue Hayde chaired the meeting of the Senate with the four past chairs of NZMA.

Lesley Clarke, NZMA CEO and Sanji Gunasekara met with the Health Quality Services Commission.

NZMA held its annual stakeholder end of year event and award ceremony - see below.



NZMA'S ANNUAL STAKEHOLDER END OF YEAR AWARD CEREMONY

NZMA hosted its annual end of year event and awards ceremony at NZMA House in Wellington. Seen here are Tricia Briscoe, Chair of NZMA's ethics committee and Josh Freeman, Chair of NZMA's Specialist Council.



2019 NZMA CHAIR'S AWARD

NZMA's highest accolade the Chair's award was presented to Karen Brown on Tuesday at NZMA House for her excellence in investigative health journalism.

Karen led health news at Radio New Zealand for over 14 years and recently retired as health correspondent. Read more about [Karen here](#).

Image is of Kate Baddock, NZMA Chair, presenting the award to Karen Brown.



2019 NZMA FELLOWSHIP AWARD

Scott Metcalfe, will be known to many of you in his current role at PHARMAC, his ongoing commitment to Ora Taiao and the NZMA.

He was inducted into the roll of NZMA Fellows this week and is seen here with his Fellowship award presented by NZMA's President Sue Hayde.

You can read more about Scott and his achievements [here](#).

Image is of David Galler, Scott Metcalfe and Liz Springfield



2019 NZMA MEDICAL STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Congratulations to Karan Banker who has been elected into the role of Medical Student Representative on the NZMA Board in 2020. Karan is a fourth-year

medical student at the University of Auckland. Prior to medical school, Karan completed a degree in Neuroscience at Otago.

We also acknowledge and thank to Claire Whitehead and Harry Di Somma who were also candidates for the role and to everyone who voted.



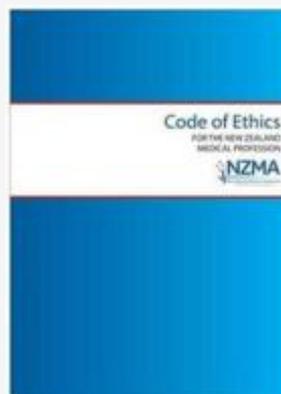
2019 DITC PGY1 REPRESENTATIVE

Congratulations to Jibi Kunnethadam who has been elected as the PGY1 representative on the NZMA Doctors-in-Training Council.

You may recall Jibi previously served as NZMSA President and this year was the medical student representative of the NZMA Board.

We also acknowledge Jordan Tewhaiti-Smith, Alex Boyle, Bill Lu, Michael Lee and Bena Law who were also candidates for the role and all those who voted.

Each candidate had a range of skills and experience that indicates the medical profession is in good stead for the future.



NZMA CODE OF ETHICS REVIEW - YOUR VIEWS SOUGHT

There was a large amount of feedback on the second round of consultation on the review of the NZMA Code of Ethics. In view of this the publication of the updated Code was deferred.

The NZMA Ethics Committee has now completed consideration of all feedback received and is conducting a third round of consultation on a proposed [final draft](#) of the Code.

Amendments that have been made following the second round of consultation are shown in red. All feedback will be passed to the Ethics Committee who will convene again early next year to finalise the Code which will be presented for adoption at the NZMA Council in May 2020.

Please provide your comments to [Sanji](#) by **Friday 31 January 2020**.



2020 TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAMME

The Soulsby Foundation has opened a call for applications for the 2020 Travelling Fellowships Programme.

The Foundation supports talented medical researchers (and veterinary) at an early stage in their careers through these competitively awarded Travelling Fellowships in 'One Health.

Applicants must be affiliated to a biomedically relevant academic institution in the UK, USA, EU or Australasia.

Closing date

Midnight GMT on 31st January 2020.

Further information and application forms for the Fellowships may be found [here](#).



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Quote of the week

The greatest wealth is health.

Virgil

CLASSIFIED ADS and situations vacant

NZMA offers members free classifieds and vacancy advertisements.

Check out NZMJ website's [Vacancies page](#) and you may just find your dream opportunity.

Latest vacancies and classifieds include the following - just click on the vacancy/classified ad to be taken to the full ad:

[Vacancies](#)

- [GP Wanted | Whitby \(Closes 6 January 2020\)](#)
- [General Practitioner - Part-time, Long term | Lower Hutt \(Closes 20 December\)](#)
- [Associate Editors for the NZMJ | Christchurch](#)
- [General Practitioner 1/10th \(neg\) | Auckland \(Closes 7 December\)](#)
- [1-2 GPs Required | Mission Bay \(Closes 13 December\)](#)
- [Associate GP wanted | New Lynn, Auckland \(Closes 30 January\)](#)

Classifieds

- [GP partnership for sale | Nelson City](#)
- [Shareholding for sale in Auckland Medical Centre](#)
- [Due to Retirement - Partnership Share Buy-In Opportunity | Kerikeri \(Closes 12 December\)](#)

Members advertise for free - [classifieds](#) and/or vacancies via [Hotline](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS

View our upcoming health sector events - go to the [NZMA events page on our website](#) for the full list.

OraTaiao
NZ Climate & Health Council

**ORA TAIAO
NZ CLIMATE & HEALTH COUNCIL**

16-17 June 2020

Save the date

Key note speaker , Dr David Pencheon



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20-22 March 2020

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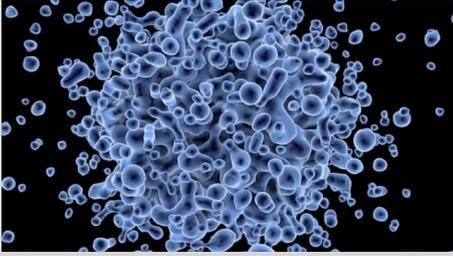
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CINEMA DISCOUNTS

As a benefit for being a member of NZMA we are now offering discounted movie vouchers through cinematickets.co.nz.

Discount prices: Adult \$13.50 & Child/senior \$11 (Minimum purchase 2 tickets)

1. Go to cinematickets.co.nz
2. Enter your ACCESS CODE: **nzma1**
3. Add vouchers to cart
3. Checkout and pay
5. Vouchers will be emailed to you



NZMA MEMBERS NO COST ADVERTISING

NZMA offers members the opportunity to place vacancies for personnel in the NZMJ and Vital Signs free of charge.

Reach the medical professionals you want as many do week on week.

6. Then go to eventcinemas.co.nz or rialto.co.nz and use the e-voucher code number and pin at the top of your vouchers when booking (there may be a booking fee if booking online) or go to the cinema and present your e-voucher on your phone or printed hardcopy when purchasing tickets
7. Enjoy your movie!

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Member Advisory Service

Parental leave

The Parental Leave and Employment Protection Act 1987 provides a statutory entitlement of up to 52 weeks' parental leave for the care of a new baby, or where care is undertaken of a child to be adopted. Parental leave is unpaid, and may comprise a component of 'maternity' or 'paternity' leave (for the birth or immediate arrival of the child), plus 'extended' leave (for ongoing care), or it may simply comprise "extended" leave. We have articles available describing obligations, entitlements and suggested forms/agreements that can be used to ensure that this Act is complied with. Government funded paid parental leave is also covered. These flyers are available for members to download from the [NZMA advisory service](#) on our website. You must be logged in to view and/or download these flyers, or you can [email Robyn](#) for copies.

- *Information about Parental Leave under the Parental Leave & Employment Protection Act 1987.*
- *Notice about entitlement to parental leave*

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