**New Zealand Pain Society Strategic Plan 2015 – 2017**

**Mission –** To reduce the burden of pain within Aotearoa/New Zealand communities through advocacy, networking, information sharing, education and research.

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| **Strategic Aim 1: Advocacy –**To promote the integration of pain management as a core component of health care in New Zealand | | | | |
| **Objectives** | **Key Activities** | **Responsibility** | **Time line** | **Evaluation** |
| **Maintain advocacy role with key organisations** | 1. Participation in ACC review of pain assessment and treatment framework 2. Liaison with MOH 3. PHARMAC – NZPS member on Analgesic sub-committee | President & Council  President & Council  Jim Olsen to contact Pharmac | Ongoing  October 2015 | President’s AGM report to reflect work done  Report to Council |
| **Promote the need for high quality, consistently available pain services for children and young people in NZ** | 1. Work with FPM to promote the needs of children and families to Ministry. | President | Ongoing | President’s AGM report to reflect work done |

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| **Strategic Aim 2: Networking –** Encourage and enable national pain management networks to share knowledge, resources and support the development and integration of pain management with all our communities | | | | |
| **Objectives** | **Key Activities** | **Responsibility** | **Time line** | **Evaluation** |
| **Maintain partnerships with key pain organisations in Australasia.** | 1. Maintain relationship with Australian Pain Society (APS)& Faculty of Pain Medicine(FPM) including participation in regular   teleconferences.   1. Joint APS and NZPS Annual Scientific Meeting in Sydney 2018 | President, President-elect / Immediate-past President / Secretary  3 representatives on Conference organising committee | Ongoing  Meeting April 2018 | Minutes of scheduled teleconferences.  Brief summary in NgauMamae  Meeting completed |
| **Work in partnership with key groups with aligned goals** | 1. NZPS Pain in Children SIG and Paediatric Society Pain SIG to develop a MOU to merge 2. Establish/Maintain relationships with relevant NGO such as Arthritis NZ and Neurological Foundation | SIG chair to draft MOU for council review  Council | By AGM | Report to membership on progress |
| **Promote pain issues with other health professionals** | 1. Deliver education sessions at GP conferences 2. Promote Global Year of Pain campaign to a range of health professionals. | Council  Council with APS & FPM | Twice yearly conferences | Report to AGM  Poster and website information |

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| **Strategic Aim 3: Information –** To encourage and enable the development, dissemination and evaluation of pain management knowledge, skills and resourcesacross the community | | | | |
| **Objectives** | **Key Activities** | **Responsibility** | **Time line** | **Evaluation** |
| **Effective use of NZPS websiteand social media todisseminate information** | 1. Develop TOR for Social Media group 2. Ongoing review of website content with focus on maximising the website value to members. 3. Develop pain resource links for both members and public access. 4. Maintain/Establish presence on Facebook and Twitter | President  Social Media group in conjunction with council | Dec 2015  ongoing | TOR signed off by council  Social media report to council at each council meeting. |
| **Ensure preservation of NZPS records and development of a documented history.** | 1. Gather documentation from NZPS history. 2. Complete Lifetime member biographies 3. Explore electronic archiving of Society records dependent on finances | President and Council | By AGM  By AGM  ongoing | Documents gathered and gaps identified.  Biographies published in NgauMamae (NM), or for new life members, in conference proceedings when awarded  Council minutes. |

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| **Strategic Aim 4: Education –** As a multidisciplinary society, we have a resource of knowledgeable, engaged health professionals who can address the various aspects of pain and pain management. Our goal is to disseminate and expand evidence based educational opportunities related to pain | | | | |
| **Objectives** | **Key Activities** | **Responsibility** | **Time line** | **Evaluation** |
| **Identify and promote current pain management education practices in NZ** | 1. Repeat survey of pain and pain management   courses available to medical practitioners and allied health staff   1. Compare results to previous survey and promote to membership | Ash Carr and others as enlisted | End 2016  End 2016 | Report to council  Report completed and published in NgauMamae |
| **Promotion of IASP Global Year Against Pain (GYAP)** | 1. Collaboration with APS, FPM to develop resources and marketing strategy 2. Offer a competition to promote IASP /GYAP theme. | President group  Social Media/NM editor | Annual  2016 AGM | Ongoing  Review and repeat if effective |

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| **Strategic Aim 5: Research –** To encourage and enable pain research in New Zealand | | | | |
| **Objectives** | **Key Activities** | **Responsible** | **Time line** | **Evaluation** |
| **To foster pain research with financial support when financially responsible with consideration of available NZPS funds.** | 1. Broadfoot Trust prize for peer reviewed published article 2. Cynthia Miller funding for NZ based research 3. Other use of NZPS funds as possible to promote pain research | Council with enlisted external reviewers  Council  Council and member | Ongoing  As funds available | Presentations at AGM, summary in NM  Report in NM at completion of project  Report to AGM  Article in NM following funding |
| **To promote pain research undertaken in NZ**  **and facilitate collaboration among NZ pain researchers** | 1. Regular research reports in NM 2. Repository of manuscripts published by NZ researchers 3. Web-based support for peer review of research proposals or publications 4. Website provides opportunity for researchers in the membershipto network | Editor, NM  Social Media group | Ongoing  By AGM | NM editor report to AGM  Social media group to monitor use |

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| **Strategic Aim 6: Sustainability –** To sustain and grow the activities of society | | | | |
| **Objectives** | **Key Activities** | **Responsibility** | **Time line** | **Evaluation** |
| **Maintenance/growth of membership** | 1. Monitoring of membership numbers 2. Determinereasons for rescinding membership | Membership Secretary | ongoing | Annual report |
| **To be financially accountable** | 1. Complete legal requirements as a Charitable Trust 2. Annual financial report presented to Council meeting and AGM 3. Annual auditor’s report presented to AGM | Treasurer  Treasurer  Treasurer | Oct & AGM  AGM | Annual report  Annual report  Annual report |
| **Key roles supported by transition process** | Council and Social Media group to consider processes to ensure new council/SM members have support in learning roles and to facilitate smooth transition of essential tasks.  . | Council  Social media group | Around each AGM election period | Handover process to be reviewed at mid-year council meeting. |