

PodiatryNZ

To advance the quality of and access to podiatry
Hei whakapiki i te kounga me te whāi wāhi ki te haumanu waewae

Annual Report 2021

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Message from PodiatryNZ Chair

Tena Koutou

What a year it has been, again! It was great to see you all at the national conference in Rotorua in person. Hard to believe that it was 3 years since we all had the chance to see and chat in person at the Auckland Conference in 2018. One thing Covid has shown us is that while modern technology kept us together you cannot beat in person gatherings. I am sure the chance to reconnect with old friends and colleagues along with newer members of our profession was the crowning achievement on a great conference our biggest Podiatry NZ conference ever!

With continued changes in levels and new lockdowns, our members strength of character and stoicism has been an inspiration, we applaud you and stand by you in these uncertain times. As a profession we will get through this and is exactly why PodiatryNZ is here, together we are strong.

While there has been some incredible success and positives there are more challenges ahead. The ongoing COVID challenge and the Health System Review, including the dismantling of the District Health Boards along with the progressing ACC contract changes. The DHB merger may mean changes not only for our hospital-based Podiatrists, but also for those on community diabetes contracts. Hopefully, we will be able to negotiate collective agreements across the country for podiatry services and maybe even the aged care sector. We are hopeful that finally we will be able to see national podiatry standards delivered locally.

I extend my thanks to Ben Lamb my predecessor and chair for the last 6 years his energy, passion and selfless dedication is an inspiration but also daunting. On behalf of the profession a debt of gratitude for his continued liaison with ACC on the orthotic contract.

It is also with immense pride that we need to acknowledge Caron Orelowitz who was made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit in the 2021 Queen's Birthday Honours for her service to podiatry. She is the very first podiatrist to be honoured this way and we are thrilled.

In the same vein we acknowledge our secretariat team Jen, Leslie, and Gary, from Butler Pelvin and Associates. We cannot thank you enough for all the hours you put in and the support you give all of us all within the profession. The proof of this, as always, is the strength you have shown through our many and varied lock downs. The composure the team exudes hides the countless hours of work and thought that goes into each challenge the profession faces.



Matthew Franken

PodiatryNZ Chair

Secretariat Report

Kia ora tatou

There have been many frustrations and challenges over the last year. Covid restrictions at various levels have not only been disruptive, they have increased barriers on service delivery particularly to the most vulnerable in our communities. The podiatry profession is under immense pressure. There was unprecedented pent-up demand following the level 3 and 4 lockdowns and podiatrists responded by working longer hours to clear demand.

Like all health professions, podiatry is experiencing workforce shortages and increased demand for services. Growth in the number of people with diabetes and with a aging population the need for podiatric care is escalating. Our work in the advocacy space continues. Most notably our engagement with the Ministry of Health, ACC, the Podiatrists Board and AUT. Even though the wheels are turning slower than pre-COVID, we continue to work within a challenging framework to campaign for advances to the quality of and access to podiatry.

With the forced cancelation of our 2020 Conference, we were delighted that the rescheduled event at the end of June 2021 not only went ahead between COVID level lockdowns, but it was also the best attended conference ever. For the first time, we took the opportunity to celebrate the profession by including an Awards component in the Conference Dinner.

A huge thank you to you our valued members. You have maintained connection with each other, the Board and our staff during these pressured times. Many thanks also to our National Office who have navigated confidently through an extraordinary year without diminishing their commitment to providing service to members.

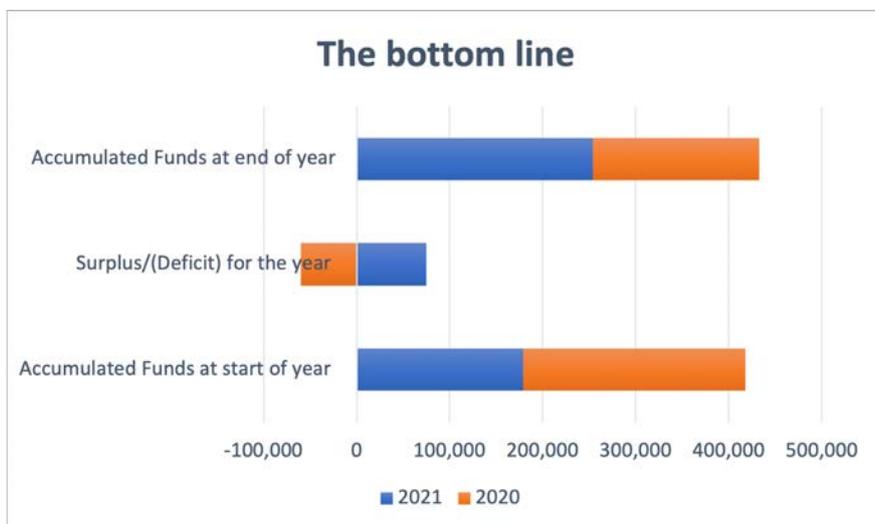
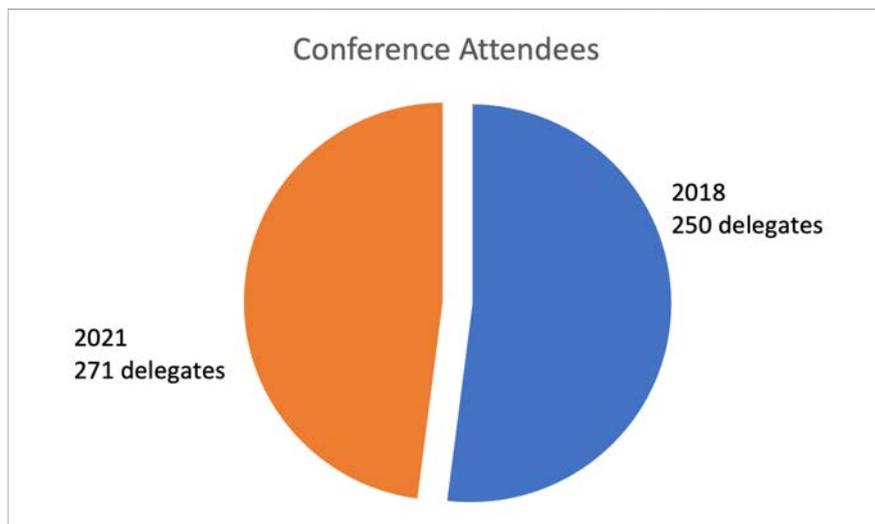
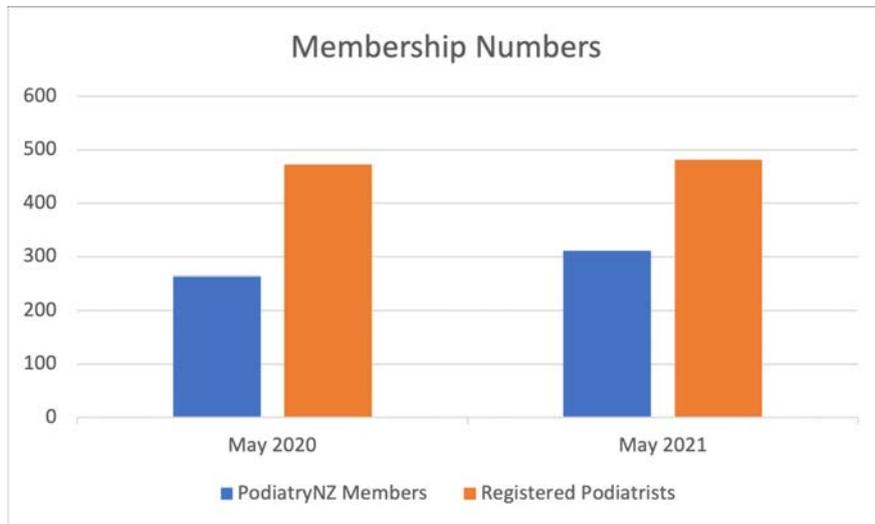
Finally, a big thank you to our corporate partners ASICS and Shoe Clinic and our many corporate conference partners who continued to support us in a different environment. We have demonstrated the value of the collegial nature of our profession over the past 12 months and we look forward to continuing our support and value to the profession.

Jennifer Pelvin

Leslie Henderson-Craig

Secretariat Team





LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Life memberships are presented by the Board of PodiatryNZ to members who have provided long and sustained service to the profession and PodiatryNZ. A Life Membership is the highest recognition that a member can receive. Life memberships come with responsibility. Those who receive a life membership are expected to act as ambassadors for PodiatryNZ and to offer their wisdom and experience when required. COVID did many things, it provided an opportunity to reflect on what this organisation means to the people who belong – our members - and to consider how reliant the profession is on those who provide outstanding leadership. Three members are being honoured with our highest honour. To present the Life Membership Certificate.

Chair of PodiatryNZ Matthew Franken



Roger Grech

Roger is a private practice podiatrist who also works in the Secondary Care setting with Diabetes Patients. Over his career, he has had a major impact on not only graduate podiatrists through his mentoring but all the other health professionals he comes into contact with. He is respected and seen as a credible and well-respected health professional who puts podiatry in the spotlight (in a good way) within the health sector. A real champion of the profession, a tireless advocate, and a supporter of all. Roger is a font of all knowledge and willingly gives his time to encourage and mentor anyone who needs him.

Ben Lamb

When you hear the name, you probably think Sports and Biomechanics, however there is so much more to Ben Lamb. He has been a member of PodiatryNZ since he graduated (last century), joined the Board in 2011 and was appointed chair in 2014 – he held that position until October 2020. For a small profession, the role of Chair requires commitment and leadership. Ben has provided that in spades. He made the job look effortless when we know it is not! He has tackled big and difficult issues which have benefited podiatrists who work in all sectors of the profession. Whatever the issue, as Chair Ben has always looked for the opportunities *“to advance the quality of and access to podiatry”*.



The Board determined it was only fitting to acknowledge Ben’s term as Chair of PodiatryNZ by creating an Award in his name to be Awarded to podiatrist who embodies the principles of the Accreditation Program.

Caron Orelowitz

Caron is motivated by her desire to help improve the lives of patients.



After 13 years on the board, Caron was going to stand down in March 2020. Due to COVID and the need for PodiatryNZ to respond to the needs of members, Caron maintained her position and was instrumental in developing and delivering an educational program over the lockdown period of 22 on-line webinars.

Those who have worked with Caron say she has a persistent determination to know everything there is to know about podiatry and then she shares that knowledge with her colleagues.

There is more, we are immensely proud that this year Caron has been recognised with as a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit in the Queen's Birthday Honours for her service to podiatry. She is the very first podiatrist to be honoured this way and we are thrilled.



PEER NOMINATED AWARDS

Recipients in the following categories were nominated by the members of PodiatryNZ. There are three categories

Rising Star

recognising a new entrant (less than 5 years' experience) in the podiatry profession.

Collegiality

PodiatryNZ embraces the concepts of sharing, helping, and working together to advance the profession. This Award acknowledges someone who embodies these characteristics.

Leadership

This award recognises an individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in clinical professional practice. Someone that develops and encourages colleagues to deliver best practice patient outcomes.

The committee reviewing these Awards recognised those they determined worthy finalists in these categories. Each of these people had been nominated by fellow members, an honour.



Rising Star Finalists

Stephanie Pingyin

(Award being accepted by her employer Lauren Wannenburg)

Greer Noble

Collegiality Finalists

Michaela Wakelin

Leadership Finalists

Cynthia Otene

Roger Grech

Rising Star Barbara Powell

A fantastic colleague and a tremendous advocate for her clients, always striving to get the best outcome for her clients. Her interpersonal skills are next-level, and she is known for her ability to develop relationships between and across all the areas and departments she works in. Originally, she trained as an anaesthetic technician, her colleagues are thrilled that she decided to change careers. Proving that your star can always rise we recognise Barbara Powell as the recipient of the Rising Star Award.



Collegiality Adam Philps

Truly passionate about Podiatry and the business of Podiatry. Adam takes a big view and loves to engage with his Pod colleagues globally. Adam promotes and engages with the profession on many levels large and small and never lets a chance go by. On a professional note, Adam employs three Podiatrists and puts a big effort into supporting and encouraging them.



Leadership Lawrence Kingi

Leaders help themselves and others to do the right things, this year's recipient is an incredible mentor to many. We will never know the breath of his reach. He takes his podiatry knowledge seriously and at work has helped create a pathway to help clinical staff and consumers. He has been a member of the Podiatrists Board member since 2015. His views and understanding are invaluable to the profession. He is an insightful quiet man who steps up and stands out with stealth and mana.



COMMITTEE SELECTED AWARDS

Ben Lamb Sports Award Chris Gates



The PodiatryNZ Board empowered a committee to identify PodiatryNZ aspirational members, those who we can hold up as beacons for all our members to emulate. This Award has been named in recognition of Ben Lamb who himself is an inspiration. During his time on the Board, Ben never wavered from his personal goal to have the profession learn and grow together. He championed the concept of the Sports Accreditation programme as a way members could work collegially through a practical and structured educational pathway learning and growing together with the aim of delivering best practice outcomes to clients who have active lifestyles. The Accreditation Program currently has 14 Accredited members and after a little COVID disruption, will be back on the training agenda later this year.

This year, we recognised a person who represents not only the vision of Sports Accreditation – they have demonstrated a commitment to lifelong learning and clinical excellence and dare we say, not a half bad runner!



Formthotics Excellence Award Resonance Podiatry

The Formthotics Excellence Award, selected by Formthotics, was established to recognise an individual, or organization that embodies excellence in every aspect of podiatry, from the patient experience to the way they treat their team. Given the changes that are currently happening in the podiatry profession, it was fitting that this award went to an organisation that is leading the way in the quest for excellence and accountability.



This company has been through the Allied Health Service standards audit, not once, but three times! Voluntarily taking on the process of preparing a practice for audit, is a big ask. It can be costly and time-consuming. So, to do so shows a total commitment to improvement and a desire for excellence. This organisation is now at the leading edge of the profession as it moves into a new phase within the allied health sector, which you will be hearing more about tomorrow.

This organisation is all about customer experience and a large part of that comes by way of team training and development. For the patient to be satisfied, the podiatrists must feel fulfilled in their career, as well as having carefully honed skills, the latest technology and regular access to the latest research.

Lisa Whiteman

Resonance Podiatry Founder and Clinical Director

Katie Vodanovich

Bronwyn Easterbrook-Smith

Resonance Capital Sports & City

Parisa Forouzandeh

Resonance Mana

Ashleigh Steiner

Resonance Hutt City

Raewyn Phipps

Resonance Aspiring Wanaka

Anne Dallas

Megan McPherson

Tracey Lewis

Resonance Footwork Feilding

Chris Gates

Caro Gates

Resonance Tasman Bay Podiatry

Sophie Walls

Georgina Barr

Resonance Merivale Podiatry Christchurch

Caron Orelowitz, MNZM

Resonance Step & Stride Podiatry Remuera





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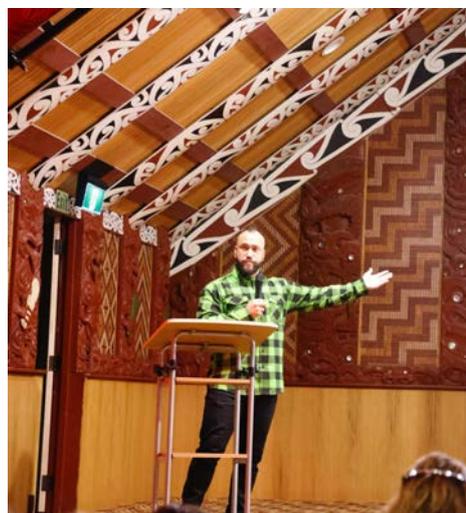
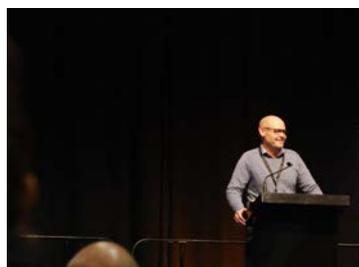


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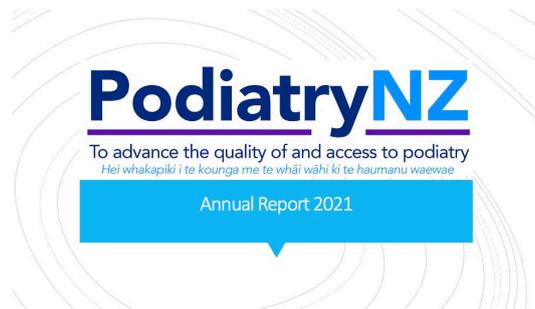
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