

FIRST AID TRAINING MATTERS

promoting quality in the first aid industry



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First Aid Conference 2012

Getting Ready For Conference

Planning is already underway for our 2012 conference. We are keen to obtain input from our members and work towards a conference that meets the needs of as many of us as possible. With this in mind we would be grateful for feedback on the following questions for example:

- Would you prefer the conference to take place on Tuesday 20th November or Wednesday 5th December?
- Where would you prefer the Conference to be held, Wellington, Auckland or Christchurch?
- Do you have any specific topics you would like included?

Feedback from our Inaugural Conference was extremely positive, and collated support for further conferences. We have included this information into our planning (e.g. NZQA, technical, educational components).

We are also inviting you to forward your areas of interest and suggestions of topics you would like to see included so that we can work towards meeting your needs. Please email us with your feedback and preferences, not only for conference but also any other burning issues suggestions or solutions that occur within our industry.

The Place of First Aid Within New Zealand Resuscitation Council

The Board has offered NZRC to help to review and update their out-of-print *Saving Lives* book, which was earlier recommended to be abandoned. Several members have expressed their support for the publication. NZRC have agreed to complete a reprint and will consult with AECTP re edits.

AECTP will provide feedback on behalf of members, so please contact the AECTP secretary if you want to:

- indicate your support for Saving Lives including book numbers you would likely use
- contribute to discussions around the place/role of NZRC in First Aid or suggest someone suitable for the technical review.

We look forward to hearing your comments.

ILCOR is currently looking at whether to embark on integrating FA into their scope (exploring questions such as purpose, what's in or not, costs, content experts etc), NZRC can also consider co-branding with the ARC FA Guidelines.

Currently NZ is looking for interested and suitably qualified FA academics to do the technical reviews (including 80 - 140hrs, worksheet evidence evaluation, O/S conference).

Moderation

Members have expressed their concern about their First Aid Unit Standards Moderation due to some discrepancies or interpretations with the Guidelines. NZQA are now working to obtain a written directive from the NZ Resuscitation Council to clarify these unresolved issues. A response is expected shortly, and we expect that NZQA will release a document clarifying the situation soon after.

AECTP Meetings

27th February 2012, Board Meeting, Christchurch
28th February 2012, Strategic Meeting, Christchurch
30th April 2012, Board Meeting, Wellington
Peak Body Meeting 20th June 2012 Wellington
Next meeting: 22nd June 2012, Wellington

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Letter From The Chair

Hello AECTP Members,

It is with pleasure that I write this welcome notice for our first newsletter. Time has moved on from the first inception of the concept of AECTP, the bringing together of first aid training providers in New Zealand.

During our twelve months of operations, our board was tasked with the objectives of establishing a vision and mission statement, along with rules and code of ethics. One would think this would be an easy mission, but when you stop and think, we had to get it right the first time, as this involved both national training providers and a group of small regional training providers. The end result was achieved with unanimous acceptance of the board members.

Another task was to establish our very first national first aid conference which took many hours of meetings, emails and telephone calls as again the board members wanted to get this right the first time.

The conference was a great success with those in attendance commenting, "this has been long awaited; I can only see this getting bigger" along with lots of other very positive comments.

The board has also completed the 2012-2015 strategic plan and we look forward to your feedback as we finalise the annual plan. We continue to work together to promote the interests of our membership and quality training at all times.

We thank you for your membership support and we look forward to sharing more of your ideas and feedback so we can strengthen our membership services.

I thank all of our board members for their tireless efforts in maintaining an honest and courteous approach to achieving what is right for our industry, members and the community of New Zealand.

Yours in the training world

E T Little

AECTP Chairperson

Board Update

In March Jude Brasell resigned from the Board due to family and other commitments. A new PECANZ representative is currently being confirmed.

In April, Brett Derecourt resigned from the Board due to a new position within St John. The Board welcomes Shirley Kerr who is St John's QMS/PTE Manager, onto the Board.

The Board thank Judy and Brett for all the work and inspiration as we established AECTP and we wish them both well for their next step.

Strategic Plan

2012-2015 – feedback sort

AECTPs draft Strategic Plan is attached for your feedback and comments.

Our Annual Plan is also drafted, but we await member comments before ratifying these documents.

Important plan decisions and outcomes include:

- Meeting Member's needs
- How we address the current gap for individual First Aid tutors
- Links to Government and other agencies
- Peak Body activities
- Website and communications

Membership

We are happy to currently have 25 member organisations including 19 PTEs, 2 GTEs and 4 Polytechnics. The membership fees for the 2012-2013 year are confirmed at \$250 Full Membership and \$100 Associate Members, and are due 1st July 2012.

Invoices are now sent via gmail.

Newslink

News from the recent Resuscitation Council conference that debated conventional CPR methodologies

News Snippets

CPR - all rescuer efforts makes a difference for survival

AECTP Newsletters

AECTP Newsletters aim to inform and update members on First Aid matters and will be published 3x per year.

Need to discuss something?

The Board invites members to forward questions and Board members are happy to discuss issues as required. Please feel free to contact using our email address (or phone if urgent). We will work hard to find the answers and help where we can.

Equate Newsletter

A quick reminder to keep updated via the NZQA's useful two-monthly eQuate newsletter which relates to NZQA's quality assurance work, including the Rules programme.

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NZ RESUSCITATION COUNCIL CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

As usual, speakers at the April 2012 Conference provided interesting and informative sessions, including the science based conclusions.

Mary Fran Hazinski, Vanderbilt University Medical Centre, emphasised that survival from sudden cardiac arrest has gradually improved since the guidelines emphasised high-quality CPR and optimizing the chain of survival, where every rescuer in each and every stage of patient care can make a real difference to survival outcomes.

A couple of speakers concluded from research projects, that the benefits of conventional CPR (30:2 compressions:breaths) as opposed to chest compressions only was evident, especially where the scene was un-witnessed or the need for CPR lasted more than 15mins.

Mary's research indicated that chest compression only has a time effectiveness of 15 mins.

CPR educational efficiency and refresher training are seen as essential and critical to the survival to hospital discharge rates. Bystander CPR was an important link in the Chain of Survival.



Compression quality

Because the myocardium needs to be perfused by the compressions, any compression interruptions lower the mean perfusion levels. Therefore emphasis was placed on the importance of good quality and

continuous chest compressions. Current statistical research also supports teaching full recoil as this is important, as is the notion of Harder/Faster because often rescuers could improve compression quality.

How we think

Shortly the NZ Resuscitation Council website will upload the papers from Pat Croskerry, Professor in Emergency Medicine at Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia, regarding 'how we think'. Pat's research will provide a very good read for all trainers in understanding how we operate largely from the intuitive part of the brain, which is especially vulnerable to bias and is therefore error prone. Pat spoke about the importance of training the brain to use critical thinking and provided practical ways of debiasing our thinking so that more appropriate decisions are made both in the provision of health care and in one's personal life.

MEMBERS' QUESTION & ANSWER

Question – As the 6400 series units are expiring 2013, what should we be advising clients in relation to refresher training for the 6400 series?

Are they able to continue doing a 6 hour refresher course if they have a valid refresher or 6400 series certificate or are they going to be required from 2014 to then attend an 8 hour course and complete the 26551/26552 units.

As this will be added cost and time to clients, I can see they may be reluctant to do the new units and would prefer to continue refreshing their existing certificate if possible.

Answer - Rod Bentham, Team Leader, National Qualifications Services NZQA, replies:

From 2014, people who have previously completed first aid training against the 6400 series may attend a refresher course of a minimum six hours based on 26551 and 26552. They would not be expected to have to repeat a full course. This is based on the fact that 26551 and 26552 are deemed to have replaced the 6400 series.

NZQA QUIZ

Match the old terminology to the new terminology

Old Terms	Answer
1. Accredited organisations	
2. Accreditation	
3. NQF Accreditation	
4. Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP)	
5. National Qualifications Framework (NQF)	
6. Accreditation Information (AI)	
7. Moderation Information (MI)	

New Terms	
Consent to assess	A
Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMRs)	B
Requirements for Consent to Assess (RCA)	C
Moderation Requirements (MR)	D
Organisations with consent to assess	E
New Zealand Qualifications Framework (NZQF) for qualifications. Directory of Assessment Standards (DAS) – for standards and AMAPS, and the classification system used for those items and for defining the scope of the consent granted to assess against standards	F
Consent to assess against standards	G

Answers 1=D 2=G 3=C 4=E 5=F 6=B 7=A

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