

# FIRST AID TRAINING MATTERS

*Promoting quality in the first aid industry*

**AECTP Inc.**



**Association of Emergency Care Training Providers Inc.**

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## **AECTP Pre-hospital Emergency Care Conference**

Our 2018 Conference online registrations open late April. Our speakers will again provide technical and educational updates relating to our sector and industry, and the programme is coming together nicely. Importantly, the Brentwood is conveniently close to the airport, has good parking and they have now reorganised their catering and IT services.

Our 2017 annual conference was very successful. We enjoyed meeting the new comers to the conference and catching up with past attendees. Our speakers presented information from 'Why we do what we do', to how the poisons centre operates, to why self-care is important for all emergency responders. A list of past speakers is now on our [website](#).

We appreciate all your feedback and suggestions for future speakers. We are always looking to improve your conference experience and meet your PDD needs. AECTP is all about us, the providers, the industry and quality, so thank you for your input.

## **Membership**

If you know of any person/s or organisation that would be interested in becoming a full or affiliate AECTP member and/or attending our annual conference please pass on our AECTP details.

Existing and new members are what keeps our association and annual conferences running, up to date and relevant.

## **NZQA's Recognition of Micro-credentials Consultation**

The New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) has developed proposals to recognise micro-credentials within New Zealand's regulated education and training system. We are proposing to recognise micro-credentials, alongside qualifications, from July 2018. NZQA is seeking feedback and advice on its proposals. You can read the consultation paper [here](#).

## **NZQA's Self Assessment Summary**

The NZQS Tertiary education organisations (TEOs) use self-assessment to improve their own quality and the outcomes they achieve.

TEO self-assessment provides evidence for the quality assurance processes:

- Identify learner and stakeholder needs
- Evaluate your processes and practices
- Use what you learn to improve outcomes and achievement

NZQA recognises that each TEO is different, so needs different self-assessment

## **NZQA's Key Reasons for approval and accreditation declines**

- Lack of programme coherence
- Lack of clarity around learning outcomes
- Use of titles of unit standards as programme learning outcomes
- Poor mapping of learning outcomes to the qualification Graduate Profile Outcomes
- Lack of appropriate external stakeholder consultation.

## **NZQA's New Charges for Quality Assurance**

Updated QA costs information can be found [here](#).

## **2018 AM, 8.30am, Tuesday 27 Nov**

Our Annual Meeting will be held immediately prior to the Conference .

## **2018 Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Conference 10am-4.30pm 27 Nov**

Is confirmed at the Brentwood Hotel, Wgt, watch for further details and register online late April 2018 at [www.aectpnz.org](http://www.aectpnz.org).

### **CONFERENCE 2017**



Julian Price, St John, with Prof Julie Considine

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# Letter From The Chair

## Letter from the Chair

Progress often can seem slow, but behind the scenes your Board has been very active and working towards a range of things that will be beneficial to the first aid industry in the long term.

We recently held our Board meeting at Skills Org offices in Auckland, and this was the second time that we have been privileged to use their facilities. This also gave us direct and fruitful access to key people where we could openly discuss issues and our vision for quality and robust first aid training. More will be coming out about this later.

We have also been looking at the 2018 AECTP Conference, and after working through your feedback, we are now close to finalising arrangements. Each year we have built on the successes from previous years, so moving from strength to strength will ensure that this year we will bigger and better than the last. The key will be attendance numbers, so please note the date now and talk to interested people. The more that attend, the better it is for us all.

It was with regret that the we accepted Ann Gill's resignation from the Board at the end of 2017. Ann was an inaugural member of the Board and over the years provided information from a polytechnic perspective and many other things. We value the input from independents as they provide a helpful sector perspective. We therefore welcome and look forward to others contacting the Secretariat to register their interest in becoming a Board Member.

Graham

Graham J. Wrigley, AECTP Chair, 2018

## The AECTP Website feedback

Our website has now been live for a couple of years. We would appreciate hearing from you if you recommend any changes or additional useful information. Please let us know by contacting the AECTP Secretariat. We look forward to hearing from you.

## Something for our first aid and pre-hospital sector to ponder ...

How well do our Assessment processes meet our learner needs ?

The joint Ako Aotearoa and NZQA 2017 Assessment conference held in Dunedin attracted around 300 people. Their subsequent report stated that, quote:

- Many of the panellists and speakers challenged the current view and forms of assessment used in the education sector.
- We could do the current forms of assessment better.
- We need to rethink the usefulness of summative assessment.
- Make assessment useful for learners (e.g. give feedback when it can help learners).
- Get students to co-create assessment so it is meaningful for them.
- Feedback from a student panel reflected poor assessment experiences. This had a big impact on the audience.

## AECTP Board 2017

From top left

- Julian Price
- Jacqui Matheson (Sec)
- Janet Jamieson
- Shirley Kerr
- Graham Dennis
- Ann Gill
- Graham Wrigley
- Lesley Kidd
- Yvonne Gray
- Eric Little (absent)



## AECTP Meetings - 2018

Members welcome at Board Meetings

NZQA Peak Body forum meetings, WGT: 28  
Mar, 27 June, 5 Sept, 5 Dec

16 Feb—Board Meeting, AUCK

13 Apr—Board Meeting, CHCH

15 June—Board Meeting, CHCH

03 Aug—Board Meeting, CHCH

05 Oct—Board Meeting, CHCH

02 Nov—Board Meeting, CHCH

27 Nov—AECTP Annual Meeting, WGT

27 Nov—AM/2018 Pre Hospital Emergency  
Care Conference WGT

## NZ Resuscitation Council

2018 RESUSCITATION CONFERENCE—19  
-21 April, Te Papa Wellington, includes an  
Educational Day, Poster discussions and  
including several First Aid topics.

ILCOR CONSENSUS ON SCIENCE AND  
TREATMENT (COSTA) will be informing  
Guideline development and NZ  
Resuscitation Council is working to  
streamline feedback from member  
groups to ensure consistency.

THE CONSTITUTION is being reviewed  
and work continues with promoting the  
AEDs in Schools project.

GUIDELINES are co-branded with  
Australia as they are updated and as the  
two councils continue to work closely  
together as ANZCOR.

KIDS SAVE LIVES—the Council is  
launching a promotion for more first aid  
initiatives such as the importance of  
AEDS in schools. More next newsletter,  
including GoodSam (starting with Health-  
care professionals).

FA GUIDELINES - pending updates:  
Guideline 9.3.6-Cold Injury  
Guideline 9.3.3-Hypothermia FA&Mgt  
[www.nzrc.org.nz](http://www.nzrc.org.nz)

## AECTP Inc. Board Business

Our Nov 2018 Conference planning is well  
under way and our Annual Plan is  
progressing well. The Board meeting with  
the Skills Organisation provided helpful  
consultation for working together to  
determine a framework for improving the  
status of First Aid courses.

## AECTP Contacts

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## Member Q & As

### Please update us on NZQA's late January release of reviewed and revised guidelines?

NZQA has reviewed or revised three sets of guidelines on their website, see below.

- *Listing qualifications at levels 1-6 on the NZQF – revised (changes not consulted on), clearer and easier to understand*
- *Listing degrees and related qualifications (level 7 and above) on the NZQF – revised (changes not consulted on), clearer and easier to understand*
- *More student voice in education— international education trends show increases in the student voice in government work and policy where there is a demand for different assessment processes and including soft skills into learning outcomes. An example is where students are employed to run student focus groups.*

### Can you tell us about the new MOE plan for changes to the education system?

In February the Government announced a programme of work where the MOE will run two Summit events which aims to inform the future of New Zealand's future education system.

The Ministry wants to reach as many people as possible so will be using a range of techniques and channels to reach as many people as possible. The Summit events, which will include academics and students, will be held 5/6 May in Christchurch and 12/13 May in Auckland and aims to engage with New Zealanders over the future of the new system. Further information on the education work programme is available [here](#).

The MOE aim to engage fully and comprehensively with a wide audience to ensure a robust education system into the future, and aim to consult broadly, saying "We particularly need deep engagement with Māori and Pacific peoples, the disabled, those who need learning support and from those in the education system – the students."

**Why do NZQA EER costs seem very high for small businesses?** Information re charges for quality assurance (QA) can be found page 1. A full explanation can be found on the [FAQs and Resources page](#) on our Website.

**NZQA's Manager Evaluation. Paul Stone explains:** The costs are based on the need to involve a minimum of two people to carry out the work, no matter the size of the provider. We do try to be as efficient as we can be (in terms of on-charged cost), but we still of course need to be thorough. Hence the cost level of about \$6000-\$8000 (excl. GST) per EER, incurred only once every four years, assuming the provider is performing well, so an annual amortised cost of \$2000 for monitoring does not seem unreasonable. Please note that the \$6000-\$8000 band refers to the very smallest providers; larger providers incur progressively higher costs.

**NZQA is seeking customer satisfaction feedback** use [this link](#) to complete the anonymous survey.

**AECTP's Strategic and Annual Plans** — AECTP's 3 year Strategic Plan 30 June when a full review and the 2019 Annual Plan will be completed. If you would like to be involved in this planning meeting, please contact the Secretariat.

**AECTP's Student Health, Safety and Wellbeing** — AECTP has written a Student Wellbeing guidance document which acknowledges the nature of our business, including short course timeframes, unit standards requiring skills demonstration and possible upsets or discomfort some learners could experience when topics relate to their personal experiences. The document can be found on our website [here](#). Please send further ideas and feedback to [info@aectpnz.org](mailto:info@aectpnz.org)

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#### 2018 Board Members

Graham Dennis, Independent  
Janet Jamieson, Independent  
Lesley Kidd, Independent  
Eric Little, Independent  
Yvonne Gray, New Zealand Red Cross  
Graham Wrigley, New Zealand Red Cross  
Shirley Kerr, St John  
Julian Price, St John

#### AECTP Website updates: Jan—Apr 2018

- Conference—2018 Online registration portal Conference 2018 (end April)
- List of past AECTP Conference Speakers
- FAQ & Resources page revised and now includes:
  - ◇ AECTP Student Health Safety and Wellbeing Guidelines
  - ◇ NZQA EER Costs outline
- News Items:
  - ◇ Helicopter Safety poster, as presented at Conference by Dr Andy Swain
  - ◇ New EER monitoring changes
  - ◇ Dec 2017 AECTP Newsletter