



Chairs' report and summary of achievements 2025

It has been another busy and highly productive year for the Nursing and Midwifery Informatics SIG, supported by a dedicated, energetic, and generous executive team. As a volunteer group whose members all balance demanding professional roles, the breadth and quality of work achieved over the past year is something to be proud of.

Governance, Relationships, and Strategic Progress

The Executive has maintained **regular and constructive communication with HiNZ staff**, strengthening alignment and collaboration. We have continued to make steady progress towards establishing an **official Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with HiNZ**, an important milestone in formalising our relationship and shared objectives.

Internationally, we have strengthened connections with the **IMIA Nursing Informatics group**, facilitated through **Emma Collins**, including the regular inclusion of their newsletter content in our own communications. These links continue to support global awareness and professional exchange for our members.

We have also maintained active liaison with key national and international stakeholders across nursing, midwifery, allied health, and informatics, including:

- The Office of the Chief Nurse
- Te Whatu Ora
- Nursing Council of New Zealand
- College of Nurses
- Midwifery Council
- College of Midwives
- Directors of Nursing via the Nursing Executives of Aotearoa (NEA)
- NZPSHA
- HiNZ Board
- International organisations such as TIGER and IMIA
- NAHSTIG

These relationships remain central to advocating for nursing and midwifery informatics capability, leadership, and influence across the health system.

Member Engagement and Activities

A significant highlight of the year was the **planning and delivery of the Nursing and Midwifery Digital Health Workshop on 27 November 2025** with the theme of **“Solving wicked problems in health”**. This event brought members together to share expertise, reflect on current challenges, and explore future directions for nursing and midwifery informatics in Aotearoa. The workshop demonstrated the value of creating dedicated spaces for connection, learning, and leadership development, and reinforced the appetite for more regular engagement opportunities.

Communication with members has continued through **regular newsletters distributed via the eHealth Forum**, now using an updated template to improve readability and consistency. Membership has been actively monitored through the eHealth Forum, alongside analysis of website access, with **current membership standing at 267**.

The Executive met **eight times during the year**, with additional meetings held to support workshop planning. An **annual face-to-face planning day in Auckland** provided valuable time for strategic discussion, reflection, and strengthening relationships within the team. During the year we also **reviewed and confirmed our updated Terms of Reference**, ensuring our governance arrangements remain fit for purpose.

Recognition and Acknowledgement

We were delighted to award the **Robyn Carr Cup** to **Isabella Smart**, a thoroughly deserving recipient whose contribution reflects the values and aspirations of the NMI community.

We also recognised two outstanding contributors with **honorary memberships**:

- **Emma Collins**, Immediate Past Chair of NMI
- **Ann Browett**, founding NiNZ member and first HiNZ Board Chair

Both have made lasting contributions to nursing informatics in Aotearoa, and we are grateful for their leadership and advocacy.

Looking Ahead

In 2026, we aim to **grow our membership further and enhance member engagement**, particularly through more regular virtual offerings that are accessible to members across the country.

This year we will be saying “see you soon” to several Executive members, including our Immediate Past Chair, **Emma Collins**. We thank them sincerely for their time, wisdom, commitment, and friendship. They are not stepping down, but rather **stepping aside**, creating space for others to experience the NMI Executive journey, while remaining valued and active members of our community.

Thank you to those who have put up their hands to join us on the Executive – we’ll have a great time together.

With that, **after a well-deserved break**, we look forward with optimism, energy, and continued commitment to advancing nursing and midwifery informatics in Aotearoa New Zealand.

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