



# Charitable Trust of the Auckland Faculty

## Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners

### for research, or educational awards

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#### Chairman's annual report. Auckland Faculty Research Trust Board - 2018 tabled at Auckland Faculty AGM 31 May 2018

Our Charitable Trust Fund was formed in the late 1950s and its purpose is not only to encourage "grass roots" research, and GP education but also to support existing GP research and researchers who may not have adequate funding to complete and publish various projects if these projects are considered to have relevance to GP in the Greater Auckland and Northland areas.

The last 12 months has been a productive year for our group of Charitable Trustees and research proposal reviewers.

I am indebted as always to the team currently consisting of doctors Margaret Goodey, Professor Ngaire Kerse, and Kyle Eggleton, Anju Yogakumar and myself and who are currently providing an excellent mix of researchers, educators and working GPs in Auckland and Northland.

This year the Trustees have been very pleased with the continued support we have given to Northland GPs and we have ever-developing connections with actively practicing Northland GPs who have both research good ideas and great clinical experience but may lack or have lost touch with research methodology. It has been very much a function of our group, through the active work of Dr Kyle Eggleton to stimulate and offer assistance to newer researchers in the Northland area as well as from the Greater Auckland area. Kyle continues in his position as part time Senior Lecturer in the General Practice Department at Auckland University

#### Some of the Achievements of the Charitable Research Trust in the last year.

-the website continues to provide open and transparent communication to interested applicants and provides a showplace for successful applicants research reports. This website continues to reduce advertising budget and allows more funding to go to new projects. (Faculty members interested in reviewing the site please visit <http://www.northland-rnzcp.org/charitable-trust/>.) Kyle acts as webmaster for the site which is the repository of our annual reports and minutes as well as the source for download application forms, reporting requirements and some history of the fund.

- We continue to provide partial financial support to a postgraduate researcher within the Department of General Practice (third year of partial support for Dr Kyle Eggleton's PhD)

- increase in applications from both new researchers or educators, and Northland research applications. Both of these groups were targeted by our Board in the last three years.

- New support to the Goodfellow Unit to assist with postgraduate education in development in webinars (e.g. support for Dr Orna McGinn – implementation of LA implantable contraception teaching resource)

- there has been a small increase in the capital fund achieved through our current, highly conservative investment strategy, thus maintaining a small growth in research funding potential

#### Examples of Current projects funded or in the process of funding in the year are;

1. Health Services research
  - a. Thesis: Measuring the Quality of Māori Health Providers: A Self Reflection and Critique of Tauwi Paradigms – emerging researcher support (Dr Kyle Eggleton). Kyle continues his work.
  - b. Northland Neighbourhood Healthcare Homes evaluation - This funding will extend an evaluation of two practices (one in Kerikeri the other in Kaitiaki) to two urban practices in Whangarei. The Health Care Home concept is designed to strengthen local practices by facilitating integration with PHOs and hence DHB services in the targeted areas. The NNHH project implementation will demonstrate alternative methods of primary and community care delivery including new business models, staffing and employment performance and incentive arrangements to attempt to make better and more explicit use of available healthcare funding. (Ngaire Kerse, Tim Tenbensen)
2. Workforce Planning  
Project by update Dr Tania Quinn - Project: What are the General Practice requirements for Northland over the next ten years? – positive factors that keep doctors practicing in Northland. funded research completed By Dr Tanya Quinn  
Kyle informed that the report has been submitted the NZ medical journal.
3. Clinical Research

Safer Prescribing and Care for the Elderly – Dr K Wallis, senior lecturer within the Department of General Practice, Auckland University funded at last meeting in April.

**Orna McGinn**—After completion of a successful educational resource within the Goodfellow Unit from AFCRT funding Dr McGinn has been awarded a further study grant for her project looking at Current barriers to LARC in New Zealand

4. Teaching or Postgraduate Education  
Maxine Cooper – funding Summer Studentship under WorldWide Travel ( Professor Marc Shaw) - Global Malarial Report, and Advice on Malarial Prophylaxis for General Practitioners. The completed report is available on the AFCRT website  
Lastly, I would like to thank the able assistance of Callen Tyler and Karen from Shore Chartered Accountants Ltd. for their preparation of the annual financial records, business advice and liaison with the Charities Commission to maintain our registered Charitable Trust status.

- Jim Lello 30th May 2018