



## **AGM Minutes**

**Date:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019  
**Time:** 12:30 pm  
**Venue:** Dart Room, Rydges Hotel, Queenstown  
Join via Zoom: <https://auckland.zoom.us/j/814356440>

**Present** Ryan Paul, Greg Anderson, Kate Lee, Mike Pankhurst, Dave Grattan, Yugo Watanabe, Teodora Georgescu, Rosemary Brown, Graham Barrell, Joe Yip. None present via zoom link.

### **Apologies**

Richard Carroll, Erik Wibowo, Kathy Mountjoy

### **Presidents report**

Ryan presented his report which will also be up on the website.  
Minutes from last years AGM accepted as correct (published on the website)

### **2020 NZSE meetings**

- NZSE will be present at the joint Endocrine Society of Australia (ESA)/Society of Reproductive Biology (SRB)/ Australasian Paediatric Endocrinology Group (APEG)/NZSE annual scientific meeting in Christchurch from the 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> of November.
- The programmes for the joint meeting have yet to be decided, but it was noted that we need to consider this carefully in terms of both attracting clinicians to the scientific meeting as well as showcasing NZ researchers.
- The discount for registration for members will be higher than the cost of membership and we hope this will encourage more people to sign up.
- The NZSE will also still have a presence at the MedSci meeting in 2020, Queenstown.
- Next year's AGM will be held at the Christchurch meeting.
- ICE 2020 will be held in Buenos Aires 4-7 Oct 2020.

### **Treasurers' report**

- Mike Pankhurst presented the societie's financials. Membership payments were down due to issues with the website. This issue has been fixed going forward meaning next year these figures should be higher. Incoming funds include \$500 sponsorship for student prize. This financial period the society has run a surplus of \$4k. Our total assets are approx. \$100k as in past years. Our projected surplus will be >\$2k next year with the clinical conference planned. We plan to employ a secretariat to assist the society and increase our communication/exposure which will incur a small extra cost but we hope to recoup this through new memberships.

### **Other business**

- NZSE is now on Twitter
- Moving forward we need to enhance communication with members and attract new members, We hope to attract more applicants for awards such as emerging researcher (one applicant) and the student prize (two applicants).

**Meeting closed: 1pm**

**Next Meeting: TBA**

## New Zealand Society of Endocrinology President's Report, August 2019

Over the past year, the NZSE has continued to be active organising national meetings for its basic science (MedSci) and clinical (NZSE Clinical Meeting) members, providing national and international travel awards for members to attend endocrine-focused meetings, acknowledging contributions from members in career awards, and maintaining links with special interest groups, tertiary institutions, regulatory bodies, The Endocrine Society of Australia and the International Society of Endocrinology. None of these roles of the NZSE could be achieved without the work of the NZSE Management Committee, who I would like to thank for their ongoing hard work, all of which is voluntary. The current NZSE Management Committee was elected and formed in March of this year, and is composed of:

Dr Ryan Paul (President, Waikato District Health Board/University of Waikato)  
Professor Greg Anderson (Immediate Past President, University of Otago)  
Dr Kate Lee (Secretary, University of Auckland)  
Dr Erik Wibowo (Treasurer, University of Otago)  
Associate Professor Stephen Bunn (Basic Science Representative, University of Otago)  
Dr Michael Pankhurst (Basic Science Representative, University of Otago)  
Dr Jenny Juengel (Basic Science Representative, AgResearch)  
Dr Richard Carroll (Clinical Representative, Capital and Coast District Health Board)  
Dr Stella Milsom (Clinical Representative, University of Auckland)

The committee aims to meet via teleconference at least once every two months with frequent correspondence in the interim. I would like to especially acknowledge Greg for his ongoing assistance in the role of immediate past president, and Kate and Erik for their work as secretary and treasurer, respectively.

### NZSE conferences

NZSE will once again participate in this month's MedSci Congress, as part of the wider annual Queenstown Research Week. The MedSci Congress is New Zealand's premier biomedical and medical sciences conference, and although it has a basic science focus, input from a clinical perspective is of great interest. This year's NZSE symposium at MedSci is on "*Perspectives and Problems of Puberty*" with speakers including Dr Victor Navarro (Harvard Medical School) and Professor Alistair Gunn (University of Auckland). The NZSE will also hold free oral sessions, the student oral presentation prize session, the Emerging Researcher Award lecture (awarded to Dr Kristina Smiley this year) and the Nancy Sirett Memorial Award lecture (awarded to Associate Professor Graham Barrell this year). I would like to thank Professor Greg Anderson for co-ordinating the NZSE presence at MedSci this year, and remind members that the NZSE Annual General Meeting will be held at the end of the NZSE symposia at 12:30 pm on Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The NZSE Clinical Meeting was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> of November last year in Christchurch. The meeting was attended by 54 delegates who enjoyed the new format of largely clinical case discussions. The guest speaker was Dr Brian McIver (Moffitt Cancer Centre). I would like to thank Dr Tom Cawood and his Christchurch colleagues for organising the meeting.

The highlight of 2020 for the NZSE will be the joint Endocrine Society of Australia (ESA)/Society of Reproductive Biology (SRB)/ Australasian Paediatric Endocrinology Group (APEG)/NZSE annual scientific meeting in Christchurch from the 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> of November. This meeting will provide a great opportunity for both our basic scientists and clinician members to attend a large high-quality meeting with our Australian colleagues in our backyard. Further information on the joint meeting can be found on <http://esa-srb-apeg-nzse.org>. A joint ESA/NZSE clinical weekend will be held immediately before the scientific meeting in Christchurch from the 30<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> of November, and I would strongly recommend that all endocrinology trainees and endocrinologists attend this fantastic weekend. Additionally, the International Congress of Endocrinology (ICE) will also be held in 2020 in Buenos Aires from the 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> of October. We have endeavoured to ensure NZSE members will be entitled to discounts on registration for both the joint ESA/SRB/APEG/NZSE and ICE meetings.

## **NZSE website**

The management of the NZSE website (<https://nzse.science.org.nz>) has changed within the past year to Prefer whom provide website packages for all constituent organisations of the Royal Society of New Zealand. This has greatly reduced our maintenance costs and resulted in far fewer website issues. Pleasingly, the new website is also more user-friendly, particularly with the renewal of memberships, which has likely contributed towards our increase in member numbers. Members should be aware that the NZSE website contains NZSE news, information on and links to NZSE meetings, the criteria and application process for NZSE awards, links to international endocrinological societies, and the minutes from all NZSE Management Committee meetings. We endeavour to continue updating the website regularly, and if you have any news that you believe would be worthwhile to the membership then please contact the NZSE secretary via <https://nzse.science.org.nz/contact-us>.

## **Awards**

The NZSE Management Committee are pleased to announce the introduction of the Emerging Researcher Award to recognise research and/or clinical excellence by a NZSE member early in their career, within six years of their higher degree (e.g. PhD, MD, FRACP). The inaugural winner of the Emerging Researcher Award is Dr Kristina Smiley (University Otago), who will present her work investigating the role of prolactin in influencing parental behaviour at this year's MedSci Congress. Kristina also received a \$500 NZSE International Travel Award earlier this year to present her findings at the Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology Meeting in Indiana. Like Kristina, Bradley Jamieson (University of Otago) also received a \$500 NZSE International Travel Award to help him attend the World Congress of Neurohypophysial Hormones. The NZSE Best Student Oral Presentation Prize will be competed for at the upcoming MedSci Congress and is kindly sponsored by MediRay NZ Ltd. Last year's winner was Rachel Nunn (University of Otago). The 2019 Nancy Sirett Memorial Award was awarded to Associate Professor Graham Barrell (Lincoln University) for his significant contributions to endocrinology in New Zealand with more than 40 years of research, teaching and training of postgraduate students. He will also present his award lecture at the upcoming MedSci Congress.

## **Finances**

The accompanying Treasurer's report shows that the NZSE continues to be in a sound financial position with approximately \$103,000 in bank accounts and an annual surplus of \$4,250 last year. The ongoing interest generated has allowed the NZSE to introduce the Emerging Researcher Award and to continue to provide student and international travel awards. With a similar surplus predicted for this year and also 2020 due to the combined ESA/NZSE/APEG/ARB meeting in Australia, the NZSE Management Committee have agreed to establish a paid secretariat role for the NZSE for one day per month. While performing some administrative roles of current committee members, the primary role of the secretariat will be to improve communication between the NZSE and its members, including regular updating of our website.

## **Membership**

NZSE membership has increased by 12% over the past year due to both new members joining and the new website improving the renewal of membership for previous members. Currently the NZSE has 75 members comprised of 53 full members, 4 postdoctoral members, 10 student members and 8 life members. Approximately one third of members have elected to pay their subscriptions for the next three years, which will hopefully improve retention of memberships. We strongly encourage members to advise colleagues around New Zealand who are not current members of the NZSE to join, particularly as membership is required for both our travel and prestigious awards. Furthermore, the discount for members for registration to the ESA/SRB/APEG/NZSE meeting in Christchurch next year will likely more than cover the costs of NZSE membership. Members are also entitled to a significant discount to attend the International Congress of Endocrinology, and a 25% discount on publishing fees in the open access journal Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism Case Reports. The NZSE Management Committee has opted to keep the cost of the memberships low (\$70 for full members, \$40 for postdoctoral fellows and \$20 for students) given the desire to increase membership and our sound financial position. Information on how to join NZSE is on our website at <https://nzse.science.org.nz/join-nzse/>.

## **Future directions of the NZSE**

For the first time in many years the President of the NZSE is a clinician, and I would like to foster collaboration and increased interaction between our basic science and clinical members to maintain the health of the society and potentially foster collaborative translational research. Although the NZSE is only a small society, we play an important role in nurturing endocrinology research and training in New Zealand, a gap not likely be filled by other national or international societies if the society was forced to end. I would like members to consider what future directions they would like the NZSE to take to ensure the needs of members are met and for the membership to continue to grow. Of particular interest is what role members would like the NZSE to have in the clinical space. Please either contact me with any suggestions directly via email ([ryan.paul@waikatodhb.health.nz](mailto:ryan.paul@waikatodhb.health.nz)) or via the website <https://nzse.science.org.nz/contact-us>.

I thank you all for your continued support of the society.

Sincerely,

Dr Ryan Paul  
NZSE President



# NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF ENDOCRINOLOGY

New Zealand Society of Endocrinology Incorporated

Societies Organisation No. 223942

Charities Commission Registration No. CC44423

## Part 1: 2018 statement of financial performance

<b>Gross Income</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Grants and sponsorship	1	\$ 15,500	\$ 500.00
Membership fees		\$ 1,068.82	\$ 3,530.00
Donations		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Investment income	2	\$ 3007.74	\$ 2,741.30
Conference proceeds		\$ 8,245.32	\$ 0.00
<b>Total gross income</b>		<b>\$ 27,821.88</b>	<b>\$ 6,771.30</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Awarded grants		\$ 2,330	\$ 3950.00
Speaker reimbursements		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Gifts for invited speakers		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Bank fees		\$ 54.35	\$ 25.85
Paypal fees		\$ 25.47	\$ 121.13
Affiliation fees		\$ 377.58	\$ 508.37
Charities Commission		\$ 0.00	\$ 51.11
Conference expenses		\$ 14,234	\$ 0.00
Sundry Expenses	3	\$ 1303.60	\$ 980.00
Website development (Prefer)		\$ 5,246.93	\$ 2875.00
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>\$ 23,571.93</b>	<b>\$ 8511.46</b>
<b>Net surplus (deficit) for the year</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$ 4,249.95</b>	<b>\$ (1,740.16)</b>

## Part 2: Statement of financial position for 2018

<b>Current assets</b>		<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Cash cheque account	5	\$ 11,401.33	\$ 12,791.01
PayPal account	6	\$ 529.32	\$ 7,924.79
Term deposit	7	\$ 79969.84	\$ 74,821.94
Fixed assets		0.00	\$ 0.00
Serious Saver (check end of 2018)		\$ 8413.45	N/A
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>\$ 100,313.94</b>	<b>\$ 95537.74</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current liabilities		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Outstanding cheques		\$ 0.00	\$ 70.00
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 70.00</b>

### Summary:

These are unaudited accounts and reflect the status of our funds as at 31 December 2017.

- 1) The MedSci student prize was sponsored by MediRay. Conference funds from Sanofi-Aventis, Eli Lilly, Novartis
- 2) Interest earned on 4 term deposits. For 2 Term Deposit Accounts, the balance at the end of 2018 is not known, so calculation was based on their amount in March 2019.
- 3) Sundry costs include payments to Sizzle Sites for website maintenance, payments to Greymouse Communications for teleconferencing, speakers' dinners at the EES-MedSci Congress, and Dinner at Ivy Lolas.
- 4) Since the amount at the end of 2018 in two Term Deposits accounts were not known, the current assets calculations used data from March 2019 for these accounts. The difference in surplus (\$526.25) is likely due to the interests in these Term Deposits between January – March 2019 which are not included under "Investment Income" (estimated ~\$520 for both accounts).
- 5) Balance of NZSE cheque account held with ANZ bank at 31/12/2018.
- 6) Balance of NZSE PayPal account 31/12/2018.
- 7) Balance of three NZSE term deposits held with ANZ (\$40,000, \$22,866.09 and \$17,103.75) as of 19 March 2019
- 8) The outstanding balance from 2017 was a cheque to Jo Perry (issued on 12/09/2017) but never cashed out at all. (Confirmed in May 2019).

### Purpose/Mission

The objects of the Society shall be:

- 2.1. To foster the study of Endocrinology in New Zealand.
- 2.2. To facilitate the exchange of information amongst members interested in the field of Endocrinology.
- 2.3. To facilitate communication amongst New Zealand Endocrinologists and with other national and international endocrinological organisations.

### Structure

The society has approximately 50 members. The proceedings are decided by an elected executive committee, led by a president. The committee consists of a President, Secretary, Treasurer, President Elect, 3 Clinical members and 3 Basic Science members.

### Reliance on Volunteers

The NZSE does not employ any staff. All work is done on a voluntary basis.



## New Zealand Society of Endocrinology Budget 2019

### Income:

Membership	
Projected 53 x Full Members @ \$70	3710.00
Projected 10 x Student Members @ \$20	200.00
Projected 4 x Postdoctoral Members @ \$40	160.00
Projected 8 x Lifetime Members @ \$0.00	
Interest on Term Deposit (3.3% on \$40,000) <sup>3</sup>	1320.00
Interest on Term Deposit (3.3% on \$22866.09) <sup>4</sup>	754.58
Interest on Term Deposit (3.35% on \$17103.75) <sup>4</sup>	564.42
MediRay Sponsorship of Student Prize <sup>2</sup>	500.00
<b>Total Expected Income</b>	<b>7209.00</b>

### Expenditure

Royal Society of NZ Membership	375.00
ISE Membership (\$US 3 per member)	197.09
Charities commission (annual financial return)	51.11
Bank Fees	60.00
Best Student Presentation Prize	500.00
International Travel Awards	1000.00
Medsci/QRW student travel assistance awards	1000.00
Emerging Researcher Award	1000.00
Nancy Sirrett Award	585.00
Webpage (Sizzlesites) <sup>5</sup>	56.35
Sundries (certificates, frames)	30.00
<b>Total Expected Expenditure</b>	<b>4854.55</b>

**Net Profit/Loss** **2354.45**

### Notes:

1. On January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, our business current account has \$11,401.33 and our PayPal account has \$529.32. The fund in the PayPal is transferred to the Business Current Account in August 2019 as transactions are no longer done through PayPal.
2. MediRay sponsorship (\$500) for the best student award is negotiated on a yearly basis and has been secured for 2019.
3. The 40,000 term deposit account remains static because matured interest is transferred directly into the Business account
4. Interest on the ~\$17,000 and ~23,000 term deposits are being accrued in the term investment. The term deposits information was retrieved on 19 March 2019.
5. We still pay Sizzlesites for redirecting emails to the secretary and treasurer emails.