**NZCOM Education Committee 2018**

This is the end of an era!! We are very sad to farewell Yvonne Hiskemuller from the committee after a whopping 17 years of dedicated service. Yvonne’s wealth of knowledge and experience will be truly missed but we know her drive, passion and commitment are such an asset and will mean success for the Rotary Community Milk Bank.

The Education Committee is now: Jo Susan, Jo Ryde, Janine Puentener and we have been joined by Heidi Goebbels and Lynelle Shemesh.

We have had another successful year of thought-provoking education sessions in the Canterbury West Coast Region. We run 7-8 education sessions (90 mins each) per year for midwives and students. We aim to select topics that are relevant to practice and provide up-to-date information for midwives.

These sessions are led by experts from the community and are informal allowing sharing of professional experience from participants. They are another great opportunity to socialise and network on a regular basis within the midwifery community.

**Sessions 2017-2018:**

August 2017: Prescribing led by Anna Harwood

October 2017:Twin Pregnancies led by Karen Gray

November 2017: Pre-eclampsia led by Lou McInnes

February 2018: Contraception Update led by Dr Karyn Johnson

March 2018: Breastfeeding: Supporting women with a low supply led by Carol Bartle

April 2018: Non-Invasive Prenatal Testing led by Dr Richard King

May 2018: Aviva Services Update led by Dylan Wall

July 2018: Rotary Community Milk Bank – led by Yvonne Hiskemuller and Carol Bartle

As a committee we love hearing ideas about possible topics that are of interest from members, and endeavour to incorporate these where possible. We aim to create a calendar of sessions at the beginning to the year but find these sessions often change slots due to commitments of the presenters.