**NZCOM Canterbury West Coast**

**Komiti Kawa Whakaruruhau/Cultural Safety Committee**

**AGM Report 2018**

Members of this Komiti are Kate Nicoll, Kelly Dorgan and Claire MacDonald. The 2017-2018 year has been quieter for us, as the profession has focused intensely on promoting and supporting the co-design with the new government and the Budget bid.

We are proud to say that, in a circuitous fashion, the Tiriti o Waitangi workshops that we had planned to implement in Canterbury have now moved to a national initiative. We initially scheduled a 3 part workshop with Sharon Tipene to be held at the end of 2017, but bookings were low due to difficulties with committing to all three half-days. Sharon was subsequently introduced to Elaine Gray, NZCOM Midwifery Advisor, Education, and together they developed a one-day workshop: *Grounding Practice in the Treaty/Te Tiriti Relationship*. The inaugural workshop was held in Christchurch on 25 May, with a very enthusiastic response from participants. The Canterbury West Coast region has subsequently agreed to approach Sharon and Elaine in order to fund a second workshop for the region for those who missed out the first time.

Looking ahead to the next College year, we have decided to meet quarterly and would like to explore the following:

* Resources around how non-Māori health practitioners can work most effectively with Māori to improve health outcomes. Consider, in partnership with Tangata Whenua, how Māori women can be better supported when they need their care to be provided by non-Māori midwives, doctors, aides and ward clerks.
* There is currently nothing in the CDHB orientation nor performance appraisal about working with Tangata Whenua. Discuss this with CDHB management.
* Work with CDHB to improve the hospital’s ability to facilitate Kaupapa Māori birthing practices as more women integrate these in their birth plans from the Whanau Mai antenatal classes.

Expressions of interest for joining this Komiti are warmly welcomed.