**NZCOM Canterbury/West region AGM**

**Research Committee report 2018**

On 1st November 2016, The NZCOM Canterbury/West region reached the decision to create a regional Research Committee, with its main role to review applications by researchers and decide whether they are compatible with the NZCOM research strategy and hence suitable for dissemination among members. We are now in our second year under this remit. Current members: Claire MacDonald, Lucia Alonso Gonzalez, Catherine Rietveld and Sarah Pallett. We welcome Esther Calje for the next business year and sadly farewell Lucia who has moved to Nelson. Lucia has been integral to the group and has provided excellent critiques of all the research and proposals we have considered. It would be great to have another practising LMC midwife on the group so expressions of interest are welcomed.

In the last year the Research Committee’s activities include:

* Providing feedback on the My Baby’s Movements Trial
* Micronutrients in pregnancy trial: approved for circulation to members
* Reviewed On Track research group newsletter and recommended circulation to members
* Contributed to Water for Labour and Birth patient info leaflet review for HealthInfo
* Contributed expertise to CDHB maternity guidelines: polyhydramnios, breech, preterm labour (antibiotics)
* German student academic field project: Midwifery continuity of care in the LMC model - Key Elements and structures, opportunities and challenges of midwives working in the LMC model in New Zealand: circulated to region.

The members of the Research Committee are looking forward the new business year and the research possibilities and challenges it may bring.

Signed,

The Research Committee

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