



PRACTICE NEWSLETTER NO.1

Happy Christmas & Happy New Year 2022:

As always, we wish you all the very best for the holiday season and the coming year. It has been another challenging year, but we are probably more confident now, than we were, of our ability to cope with the new normal and keep our community safe in the face of the continued covid threat.

The recent Nelson outbreak was managed extremely well, and we are learning and refining our systems all the time. The increasing social division caused by different beliefs and approaches is distressing. My hope for 2022 is that we all find it in ourselves to remain calm and kind, and respect each other, recognising we are all in this together and everyone is doing the best they can.

My hope is that we manage to focus on what really matters, instead of wasting energy and emotion on what really doesn't.

New Services:

We are thrilled to be able to offer a valuable new service at no charge. Emma Hamer is a health improvement practitioner.

She works three half days a week. She has techniques to help when stress, life and lifestyle problems affect your health. You can be referred or make an appointment yourself.



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Retirement Dr McKenzie-Pollock:

Our longest-serving doctor, Shaun McKenzie-Pollock has announced his intention to retire from general practice at the end of March.

Having loved his job and having looked after some of his patients for thirty three years, he has very mixed feelings about leaving. However he is happy to be leaving his practice in the best of hands.

He will continue doing aviation medicals on a part-time basis with Dr Janneke Pattersen from April.

Congratulations and Farewells:

Two of our receptionists, Sadie and Rachel, inspired by our nurses, have applied to do nursing at NMIT at the end of February. Both have been accepted.

They will both be excellent nurses so we are happy for them. However it will mean some new faces in the admin team. This coincides with Jane's decision to retirement from doing reception locums in February.

Jane is our longest-serving receptionist and we have been lucky to have her do locums last year, rather than retire completely. To a large extent she has been the face and voice (hers is the voice on our answerphone) of Nelson Family Medicine and I know she will be missed by many patients. In retirement Jane aims to deepen her knowledge of te Reo and te Ao Maori and pass this on to her mokopuna.