



# Presentation & Awards Ceremony

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## Master of Ceremonies

A/Prof Jared Watts  
RANZCOG Board Director

## Welcome Address

Dr Gillian Gibson  
RANZCOG President

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Dr Nisha Khot to present newly elevated Fellows to the RANZCOG President and Fellowship

## Presentation of New Subspecialists

Dr Nisha Khot to present recently certified subspecialists to the RANZCOG President and Fellowship

## Presentation of New Associates

Dr Nisha Khot to present recently certified Associates (Procedural and Advanced Procedural) to the RANZCOG President and Fellowship



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Ms **Jude Kaveney**

*Presented by Dr Martina Mende*

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*Citation read by Dr Per Kempe*

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Prof **Gabrielle Casper**

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A/Prof **Len Kliman**

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Dr **Ruth Swarbrick**

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Prof Budi Wiweko

*Citation read by Dr Vijay Roach*





# Presentations

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# New Fellows

Dr Nadine Becuzzi

Dr Kylie Bonkowski

Dr Anna Brownson

Dr Kelsey Butcher

Dr Richard Carpenter

Dr Philip Cellich

Dr Tina Gai

Dr Alexandra Gil

Dr Chelsea Glennon

Dr Kathryn Grant

Dr Komaldeep Hardeep Singh

Dr Gemma Hardi

Dr Sam Holford

Dr Belinda Holmes

Dr Lana Hughes

Dr Sarah Ingamells

Dr Ishani Jayawardena

Dr Monika Jha

Dr Emily Kelly

Dr Chayel Klein

Dr Shelene Laiu

Dr Tingmin Li

Dr Siyan Ma

Dr Ashwini Margale

Dr Lisa Marillier

Dr Lalitha Mayuranathan

Dr Monica McGauren

Dr Carmel McInerney

Dr Kelly McNamara

Dr Ana Montoya

Dr Susannah Mourton

Dr Alicia Mulligan

Dr Sandeep Naik

Dr Kate Needham

Dr Lisa Packard

Dr Neha Patel

Dr Pranali Patel

Dr Danielle Pickett

Dr Sujata Pradhan

Dr Lucy Prentice

Dr Sangeeta Ramanan

Dr Anushika Samarage

Dr Sumeera Samarakkody

Dr Simon Scheck

Dr Cameron Sharp

Dr Tasveer Singh

Dr Marnie Slonim

Dr Delia Smith

Dr Sam Sturrock

Dr Sarah Te Whaiti

Dr Yanyan Tijoe

Dr Dulanthi Tudawe

Dr Leehe Vardi

Dr Samuel Vo

Dr Sofia Walker

Dr Georgia White

Dr Laura Williams

Dr Pak Guan James Wong









# New Subspecialists

Dr Harpreet Arora

Urogynaecology

Dr Elizabeth Glanville

Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility

Dr Skandarupan Jayaratnam

Maternal Fetal Medicine

Dr Sarah Malone

Maternal Fetal Medicine

Dr Silipa Naiqiso

Gynaecological Oncology

Dr Alina Roman

Maternal Fetal Medicine

Dr Phoebe Swan

Maternal Fetal Medicine

Dr Sara Yeoh

Gynaecological Oncology

# New Educational Affiliate *(Subspecialist)*

A/Prof Tanaka Dune

Urogynaecology



# New Associates (Procedural & Advanced Procedural)

**Dr Mei En Chee**

RANZCOG Associate (Advanced Procedural)

**Dr Sara Gordon**

RANZCOG Associate (Advanced Procedural)

**Dr Hamsaveni Murday**

RANZCOG Associate (Procedural)





# Awards & Recognition of Outstanding Achievement in Examinations

**Dr Jerry Abraham Alex**, ARANZCOG (Ad. Procedural)  
Oral Exam Highest Achiever, April 2024

**Dr Janya-Lee Garratt**, FRANZCOG  
Oral Exam Highest Achiever, March 2024

## RANZCOG Service Certificate

**Ms Jude Kaveney**

Jude Kaveney, RANZCOG's Aotearoa New Zealand Training Lead, has been awarded the Service Certificate of The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, in recognition of her contributions to the College, her commitment to the development and management of the FRANZCOG training program in Aotearoa New Zealand, and her support to RANZCOG members.

Jude has been a RANZCOG staff member for nearly twenty years, joining the College's Aotearoa New Zealand Office in 2006. Over her many years of service, Jude has been integral to the delivery of FRANZCOG training, the coordination of the New Zealand Training and Accreditation Committee, and the organisation of training events within Aotearoa.

Jude consistently goes above and beyond to assist, with no request is too small, or too difficult, to address. Her dedication to supporting trainees on an individual level is particularly noteworthy. She provides steady support, a sympathetic ear, and champions their needs, alongside supporting effective oversight of the FRANZCOG training programme.

Jude also brings her expertise to ensure a smooth and consistent training experience for all RANZCOG trainees.

Jude embodies the ideal qualities of a RANZCOG staff member. She is always ready to listen, help, and provide sound advice based on her extensive knowledge and experience. Her genuine commitment to training and women's health, and professionalism over an extended period of time make her a deserving recipient of acknowledgement.



# RANZCOG Distinguished Service Medal

## Dr Sue Belgrave

Sue Belgrave has been presented the Distinguished Service Medal of The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in recognition of her extraordinary contribution to the work of the College and her significant contributions to Women's Health in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Dr Belgrave grew up in Hamilton and gained her medical degree through Otago University. Her passion for obstetrics started as a medical student, strengthened after three months in a small O&G unit in the south of London. After completing her training in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in both London and Auckland, Dr Belgrave went on to work as an O&G in Auckland, working mainly in public health, including as Clinical Director at Waitemata DHB. Dr Belgrave achieved her Fellowship with RANZCOG in 1996 and for seven years she worked in a high-risk obstetric team at National Women's Hospital in Auckland where she developed an interest and skills in O&G Ultrasound.

Dr Belgrave has made significant contributions to RANZCOG through her involvement in various committees and roles within the College. She has been a Councillor on the RANZCOG Council since 2018 and has served on several committees, including the Women's Health Committee and the Engagement Committee. She is also a Training Supervisor at North Shore Hospital. She has been a Te Kāhui Oranga ō Nuku member since 2017, initially as an elected member and then Councillor.

Dr Belgrave uses her RANZCOG position to shine a light on the inequity in health and social outcomes, particularly for Māori and Pacific women, and the role RANZCOG has in highlighting this and supporting wider initiatives within the health system.

Furthermore, Dr Belgrave's contributions to the development and review of national clinical maternity guidelines in New Zealand as a RANZCOG representative are especially noteworthy.

She has been a RANZCOG representative on the Maternity Guidelines Review Steering Group since 2020, providing nationally consistent, evidence-based advice on the review and update of five clinical maternity guidelines. She also represents RANZCOG in the ACC Neonatal Encephalopathy Taskforce, which aims to develop effective evidence-based initiatives aimed at mitigating Neonatal Encephalopathy, is a member of the Carosika Project Taonga Tuku Iho as the Te Kāhui Oranga ō Nuku's representative for the Preterm Birth Care Guideline Review Panel and serves on the Ministry of Health's Maternity Ultrasound Advisory Group.

As the Chair of the Perinatal and Maternal Mortality Review Committee (PMMRC) from 2013 to 2018 Dr Belgrave has made great strides in highlighting and advocating for better perinatal and maternal mortality outcomes. The committee established a nationally recognised system of data collection, reporting and make recommendations to support and improve the quality of maternity care in Aotearoa. The role of Chair is a highly time-consuming and demanding position, requiring an almost full-time commitment, on top of clinical activities.

Dr Belgrave still remains active in the PMMRC space, as an Expert Advisor for the Maternal Mortality Review Working Group. However, once she stepped down from the PMMRC Chair role, she demonstrated her commitment and desire to give back to the College, acting as a member of the RANZCOG Council.

This award is presented in her recognition of her extraordinary contribution to the work of the College, exceptional dedication to quality and training and for her ongoing work as an advocate for improvement of Women's Health in Aotearoa.



# RANZCOG Distinguished Service Medal

## Prof Gabrielle Casper

Professor Gabrielle Casper has been presented with the Distinguished Service Medal of The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in recognition of her extraordinary contribution to the work of the College and exemplary work in women's health.

Professor Casper is a compassionate leader who has dedicated her career to promoting women's health and rights on a global scale. Her work spans combating gender-based violence, advocating for women's health in developing countries, addressing the impact of climate change and conflict on women's health, and championing equity in access to healthcare, including maternity services. Through her leadership, she has facilitated opportunities for over 170 medical students and young doctors to present at the United Nations (UN) on critical issues related to gender-based violence and women's health.

Professor Casper is currently the Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at The University of Notre Dame Australia in Sydney and the President and CEO of the International Health Awareness Network. Amongst her many previous roles Professor Casper has been the Past President of the Medical Women's International Association, Past President of the Australian Federation of Medical Women and Past President of the Australian Women's Coalition.

She has shared her knowledge and skills through her research on sexual assault and family violence as well as developing curriculum in Obstetrics and Gynaecology for the medical students at the University of Notre Dame Australia and the RANZCOG medical students' curriculum.

Despite the global recognition and ongoing impact of her work, Professor Casper remains deeply committed to empowering local clinicians, enabling them to take ownership of women's health issues and become voices for change within their communities.

Professor Casper is a leading advocate for equity, social justice, and fairness in healthcare. Her commitment to teaching, excellence in clinical practice, and unwavering integrity serve as an inspiration to all. Her work is not only extraordinary but also essential, tackling challenging and often uncomfortable topics with courage and conviction. She creates pathways for managing these issues, supporting others to speak out and take action.

This award is presented in celebration of her courageous leadership and unwavering dedication to improving women's health and rights both in Australia and across the globe.





# RANZCOG Distinguished Service Medal

## A/Prof Len Kliman

Associate Professor Len Kliman has been presented with the RANZCOG Excellence in Women's Health award of The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in recognition and acknowledgement of his outstanding contribution to Women's Health.

During more than 40 years of service to Women's Health, Associate Professor Kliman has had numerous roles. He completed his training in England at the Royal Hampshire Hospital between 1982 and 1984, essentially acting as a consultant, before returning to a coveted senior registrar and research Fellow role, at the Royal Women's Hospital, in 1985. He became a consultant in 1986 and was appointed one of the youngest ever heads of unit shortly, thereafter, running the "Friday Clinic" for fifteen years.

During his interview for a consultancy, Associate Professor Kliman proposed a number of novel services, for women who had suboptimal or stigmatised care, and three of these became a reality. The first was the "Chemical Dependency Unit" for women with alcohol or drug misuse problems during pregnancy, which was set up in 1986, with Associate Professor Kliman as the lead practitioner, and has evolved into the Women's Alcohol and Drug Service (WADS) which has a Victoria-wide reputation.

Founding a service to deal with alcohol and drug issues in pregnancy, at a time with minimal clinician interest and broad public stigma, was brave and selfless. It was Victoria's first service in this form. Over time chemical dependency has become a well-recognised public health problem and dedicated services are available in almost all obstetric hospitals. In conjunction with this, he instigated an HIV service with input from infectious disease physicians at the Alfred Hospital.

Associate Professor Kliman travelled widely within the United States to develop appropriate protocols for the treatment of HIV in pregnancy at a time when HIV treatment was exceedingly complex and the condition was somewhat of a death sentence, Associate Professor Kliman broadened the reputation of the Royal Women's Hospital into these areas within the United States.

In 1996, he founded the Fetal Management Unit, for women with complex medical conditions or fetuses with known or suspected complicated anomalies. "FMU" is now a widely respected service with an Australia-wide referral base.

A respected educator, Associate Professor Kliman, led the teaching of medical students in Women's Health (now MD3) for the University of Melbourne, at Epworth, for many years. He mentored trainees through the Senior Registrar position at Epworth for over a decade in conjunction with running a busy and dedicated private practice.

Associate Professor Kliman was the inaugural Chair of Obstetrics at Epworth Freemasons and co-director of the Clinical Institute from its founding in 2000 for twelve years. This was an unpaid, altruistic position aimed at coordinating care, developing research and a strong clinical foundation within a private hospital which has become immensely successful.

In 2017, Associate Professor Kliman was awarded an Order of Australia medal for service to medicine in the field of obstetrics and gynaecology.

Associate Professor Kliman is presented the in recognition of his lifelong contribution and dedication to the betterment of Women's Health.





# RANZCOG Excellence in Women's Health Award

## Dr Ruth Swarbrick

Dr Ruth Swarbrick has been awarded the RANZCOG Excellence in Women's Health award of The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in recognition and acknowledgement of her outstanding contribution to women's health.

With over 25 years of experience in cervical screening and colposcopy, and specialised training in Sexual and Reproductive Health, she has been a leader in her field.

Since 2019, Dr Swarbrick has been a dedicated member of the Aotearoa New Zealand Committee, where she has significantly influenced women's healthcare in New Zealand.

Particularly notable is her work as the College representative with the National Cervical Screening Programme (NCSP) Unit on a number of groups to update the NCSP Clinical Practice Guidelines and support the HPV Primary Screening Project.

As Chair of the Colposcopy Working Group, Dr Swarbrick helped to recruit members from colposcopy clinics across Aotearoa, ensuring that the "voice" of colposcopy helped shape the implementation of HPV primary screening.

Dr Swarbrick has also been instrumental in promoting safe, effective, and evidence-based contraceptive care. She has served on the Ministry of Health's National Contraception Guidelines Steering Group, contributing to key guidelines and training standards that have improved reproductive health outcomes across New Zealand.

Her commitment to education and mentorship is

exemplary. For over 20 years, she has been the Rotorua site coordinator for fifth year obstetrics and gynaecology and a supervisor for the O&G Diploma with Auckland University, leaving a lasting impact on the next generation of healthcare professionals.

Beyond her professional achievements, Dr Swarbrick embodies the values of compassion, integrity, and excellence. She has served as a Trustee on the Mercia Barnes Trust, advocating for the health and welfare of women and gender-diverse individuals. Her passion for equitable access to healthcare extends beyond her clinical practice, making a profound difference in the lives of marginalised and underserved populations.

In recognition of her lifelong contribution and dedication to the betterment of women's Dr Ruth Swarbrick is deserving of the RANZCOG Excellence in Women's Health Award.





# RANZCOG Māori Women's Health Award

## Hapū Wananga Taranaki

Aroha Healon and Tawera Trinder of Hapū Wānanga Taranaki are awarded the Māori Women's Health Award of The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in recognition of their significant contribution to improving outcomes in Māori women's health.

Antenatal education is pivotal for preparing expectant parents, offering them essential knowledge about childbirth, parenting, and infant care. Hapū Wānanga Taranaki stands out by providing a culturally enriched 2-day course, delivered monthly by Māori midwives at various marae throughout the Taranaki region of Aotearoa.

This wānanga uniquely combines traditional Māori birthing practices with comprehensive health information. Participants learn about Māori parenting practices, safe sleep, breastfeeding, and other critical aspects of infant care.

The course also addresses general antenatal topics such as labour expectations, possible interventions, and anatomy. Specific to Māori antenatal education, the course includes sessions on traditional practices and cultural heritage, such as pre-colonial labour and birth customs, the cutting and tying of the umbilical cord using muka, and placenta burial.

The wānanga also features the 'Pāpā Panel,' where prominent Māori fathers share their experiences with expectant fathers, and sessions on navigating the health system and understanding rights. These components address both cultural and practical needs, empowering participants to confidently manage their antenatal and birthing experiences.

Through its innovative approach, Hapū Wānanga Taranaki not only revives and preserves Māori cultural practices but also provides crucial antenatal education that supports the health and cultural identity of whānau Māori.

In recognition of their collective and significant contribution to Māori women's health outcomes..



# RANZCOG Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Women's Health Award

Dr Marilyn Clarke

Dr Marilyn Clarke has been awarded the RANZCOG Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Health Medal in recognition of her extraordinary leadership and contribution to improve health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.

Dr Clarke, a proud Worimi woman, has dedicated the past 20 years to serving the community on Gumbaynggirr country.

She made history as Australia's first Aboriginal person to become an Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, achieving her Fellowship with RANZCOG in 2007. Since this time, she has been a pivotal figure in advancing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women's health through both her clinical and leadership roles.

Since 2008, Dr Clarke has been a valued and integral member of the RANZCOG Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Health Committee (ATSIWHC). She became Deputy Chair in 2011 and has led the committee as Chair since 2017. Her vision and determination have been the driving force behind the establishment of the RANZCOG Indigenous Network Group (RING), which provides essential support and mentorship for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander trainees, Diplomates, and Fellows.

Dr Clarke's leadership on the Reconciliation Action Plan at RANZCOG, has driven initiatives to enhance cultural competency within the College and among its practitioners. Her involvement in the development of the College's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Safety eLearning module and her participation in the AIDA and Leaders in Indigenous Medical Education (LIME) have further solidified her commitment to improving healthcare for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.

Notably, Dr Clarke has played a key role in the "ISISTAQUIT" program, supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women in quitting smoking during pregnancy. Most recently, she secured a \$3.5 million grant to co-lead a project focused on Birthing on Country, expanding the ISISTAQUIT program, and increasing the number of Aboriginal midwives through scholarships and opportunities. This work will ensure that her efforts to improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders women's health will continue for years to come.

This award is presented to Dr Clarke in recognition of her extraordinary contribution and commitment to improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women's health outcomes and for her ongoing work as a leader, mentor and advocate.







# RANZCOG President's Medal

## Dr Susan Fleming

Dr Susan Fleming has been awarded the President's Medal of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG). This prestigious award, the highest individual honour conferred by the College, recognizes her exemplary service and enduring contributions to education and training within RANZCOG.

Dr Fleming has been a Fellow of the College for over forty years, with her career spanning both Australia and New Zealand. Early in her career, she became the first woman since World War II to serve as Clinical Superintendent at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, where she provided essential support and training to trainees. As an examiner for both the RANZCOG Diploma and the Fellowship, she has played a significant role in shaping the next generation of obstetricians and gynaecologists.

Dr Fleming's contributions to RANZCOG have been remarkable. Since being elected as a Councillor in 2018, she has served on over fourteen committees and working groups, including the RANZCOG Board of Directors and as Vice President in 2023. She has chaired the Professional Standards Committee, where she played a crucial role in reshaping the College's complaint management policies and processes and was instrumental in establishing the Cultural Safety Working Group.

Her advocacy and leadership within Aotearoa New Zealand, particularly as Chair of Te Kāhui Oranga ō Nuku, have been outstanding. Dr. Fleming has been a steadfast supporter of He Hono Wāhine and equity for Māori, championing RANZCOG's first Māori women's health strategy, Te Rautaki Māori me te Ara Whakamua. Her strategic thinking and ability to translate ideas into

actionable change have significantly impacted the College's approach to cultural safety and its commitment to the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Dr Fleming's dedication to relational influence is evident in her efforts to build relationships across all levels, including with RANZCOG staff, members, stakeholder organizations, and government executives. She has been a pivotal advocate for women's health in Aotearoa, successfully advocating for a Women's Health Strategy to be included in the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) legislation and leading the Aotearoa Hospital Visits Program to connect with Fellows and trainees.

Her work in addressing the outcomes of the restorative justice process for the use of surgical mesh in urogynaecology are particularly noteworthy. Dr Fleming has maintained a focus on the needs of women while advocating on behalf of gynaecologists, taking on significant roles such as representing RANZCOG on the Ministry of Health Mesh Roundtable and leading the Aotearoa New Zealand Urogynaecology Working Group.

This award is presented to Dr Fleming in recognition of her lifelong contribution, unwavering support for the College and dedication to the betterment of women's health.





# RANZCOG Honorary Fellowship

## Prof Budi Wiweko

Professor Budi Wiweko has been presented with an Honorary Fellowship of The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, in recognition of his extraordinary contributions to Women's Health.

Professor Wiweko has been a pivotal figure in advancing reproductive medicine in Indonesia and Southeast Asia. His leadership on numerous key committees of the Indonesian Medical Association, alongside his involvement in multiple subspecialist groups in reproductive health, has significantly elevated the standards of care and innovation in the region.

A true pioneer, Professor Wiweko has been instrumental in founding several major medical organisations in Indonesia, focused on research and innovation in reproductive medicine. These include the Indonesian Innovation for Health Technology, Medical Technology Research and Writing Centers, Clinical Research Support Unit, and Bioinformatics Core Facilities at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Indonesia (FMUI), as well as the Indonesian Association for IVF and the Asian Society for Fertility Preservation.

His commitment to fostering collaboration between RANZCOG and both the Indonesian College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (InaCOG) and the Indonesian Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (POGI) has been instrumental in strengthening ties and promoting knowledge sharing between these organisations. His leadership and valuable advice to recent RANZCOG Presidents, including Vijay Roach, Benjamin Bopp, and now Gillian Gibson, have culminated in a Memorandum of Understanding between POGI/InaCOG and RANZCOG.

This collaboration has also promoted International Affiliate membership, with Professor Wiweko himself becoming an International Affiliate of RANZCOG in 2020 and facilitating reciprocal attendance at the Annual Scientific Meetings of each College.

Professor Wiweko's dedication to regional and international organisations has been central to advancing women's health in Indonesia and beyond, particularly in the field of reproductive medicine, which makes him a deserving recipient of a RANZCOG Honorary Fellowship.





# RANZCOG's Reconciliation Journey

RANZCOG's vision for reconciliation is one where First Nations peoples and communities are respected, valued, and have equitable access to healthcare, opportunities, and resources. RANZCOG believes that true reconciliation can only be achieved through meaningful partnerships and collaboration between First Nations and non-Indigenous peoples, and this includes recognising and respecting the inherent rights of First Nations peoples including their right to self-determination and working together to build an equitable society. We recognise that reconciliation is an ongoing and shared journey that requires a sustained effort and commitment from all College members, trainees and staff.

*Women's Business* is an artwork created for the RANZCOG Reconciliation Action Plan by Kinya Lerrk (Wemba Wemba for 'women coming together') which is a collaboration of Aboriginal visual artists Emma Bamblett (Wemba Wemba, Gunjdijmara, Ngadjoni and Taungurong) and Megan Van Den berg (Dja Dja Wurrung, Yorta Yorta, Taungurung and Boon Wurrung). This artwork represents RANZCOG's journey and highlights the importance of women's health. The artwork depicts the respect and work to strengthening their Connections with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and Communities.

As recognition of their tremendous achievement, RANZCOG Fellows who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander are invited to wear the First Nations Stole at Ceremonial Events and Functions.



# Mauri Stone

The RANZCOG Mauri stone is pounamu sourced from the South Island of New Zealand in the tribal lands and waters of Ngāi Tahu and their subtribe Ngāti Waewae. The pounamu was gifted to RANZCOG's Aotearoa New Zealand committees — Te Kāhui Oranga ō Nuku and He Hono Wāhine — by kaumātua kuia Wendy Dallas-Katoa in June 2022 at a He Hono Wāhine meeting in Wellington. On the same day kaumātua rangatira Luke Crawford performed the whakatō Mauri tikanga to install Te Kāhui Oranga ō Nuku and He Hono Wāhine life force into the pounamu. A Mauri stone holds energy, or essence, so people are invited to touch or hold the beautiful stone.

The word Mauri translates to life essence/life force and is strongly associated with the word wairua (spiritual) and tapu (sacred/set apart).

Within the Māori world, everything possesses a Mauri and the importance of an individuals, an object or a things Mauri is something which must be protected because Mauri can be extinguished. Therefore, there should always be strong tikanga (customary practice) in place to ensure Mauri is not only protected, but also that it is enhanced.

Tikanga Māori also allows for the safeguard of Mauri by imbedding the Mauri into an animate object. Such an object should reside in a place with appropriate tikanga (processes and procedures) to ensure it is cared for and kept safe. While the host object differs depending upon tribal practices, the most common vessel housing Mauri are kōhatu (stone).

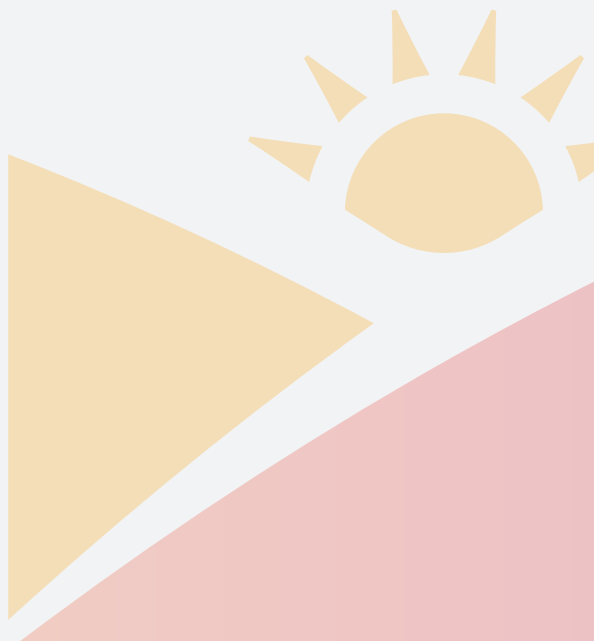
# Kākahu

He Hono Wāhine gifted RANZCOG two kākahu to support tikanga Māori being part of all activities within RANZCOG, to be used within the College for special events, and honours.

Kākahu is the name given to contemporary Māori cloaks, a modern version of korowai, a traditional woven cloak made from different materials. The kākahu and korowai is worn in moments of prestige and honour. Kākahu and korowai are used in te ao mārama (realm of the living) and te ao wairua (spiritual realm). Kākahu and korowai are symbolic of leadership, and status. There are many different historical and contemporary contexts for wearing korowai or kākahu, for te ao mārama kaupapa such as graduation, acknowledgement of achievements, milestone life events, important hui, or a physical representation of a connection to Aotearoa and te ao Māori.

Kākahu and korowai hold mauri (life essence) of a whānau (family) and whakapapa (genealogy). They're held in the highest regard and worn with the highest form of respect.





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