



NZVNA Announces Appointment of General Manager

Kia ora NZVNA whānau,

We are delighted to announce the appointment of a **General Manager** to the New Zealand Veterinary Nursing Association (NZVNA), marking a significant milestone in our journey as the national voice for allied veterinary professionals across Aotearoa.

This new role reflects the growth and evolution of NZVNA, and our commitment to delivering timely, professional, and impactful services to our members, partners, and the wider veterinary sector. As our operations have expanded, so too has the need for dedicated leadership to ensure continuity, strategic alignment, and operational excellence.

The General Manager will lead the day-to-day operations of NZVNA, support our Executive Committee, and strengthen our capability across governance, member services, financial oversight, and stakeholder engagement. This appointment is a direct response to the increasing complexity of our work and the rising expectations of our members and partners.

Why now?

Our volunteer Executive Committee has worked tirelessly to sustain and grow NZVNA, but the demands of our expanding initiatives—such as our national webinar series, CPD grants, advocacy wins, and new awards—have exceeded what can reasonably be managed by volunteers alone. This role will help reduce burnout, improve delivery, and ensure NZVNA remains sustainable and responsive.

What will this mean for our members?

- Ongoing consistent communication and support
- Enhanced delivery of events, CPD, and member benefits
- Stronger relationships with sponsors, partners, and stakeholders
- Continued advocacy and sector leadership
- A values-driven, inclusive, and future-focused organisational culture

This appointment is funded through a modest increase in membership fees—our first significant adjustment in several years. We remain one of the most affordable professional associations in the sector, and this change ensures we can continue to provide exceptional value and support.

We look forward to introducing our new General Manager to the community in the coming weeks. Their leadership will help us build on the momentum of the past year and take NZVNA into an exciting new chapter.

Ngā mihi nui,
Laura Harvey
President, NZVNA