

**Michael John Emery Nominee  
National Committee NZCMHN (Te Ao Maramatanga)**

**Biography**

My ethnicity is Maori / Cook Islander. My iwi (tribal) affiliations are; Ngati-Maniapoto, Ngati Kahu-ki-Whangaroa, Ngati-Makea (Cook Islands)

I have worked in the mental health field since 1974; the last 30 years in psychiatric/mental health nursing. My interest in mental health started as a 17-year-old college (high school) student, with volunteer work at Tokanui Hospital, during the national-wide strike by psychiatric nurses in 1971.

In 1974 I started work as a student training officer at Levin Hospital & Training School. At the end of 1974 I transferred to Tokanui Hospital and worked as a training officer, (working with children with a moderate to severe intellectual disability), for 7 years. In 1981 I was accepted to do my psychiatric nurse training. I registered in 1984. I gained my Advanced Diploma in Nursing in 1989, completed the bridging to RCpN, Diploma in Nursing in 1994, gained my Bachelor of Nursing in 1998, and graduated with a clinical Master of Nursing in 2006.

My mental health nursing experience over the years has included acute, rehabilitation, forensics, elderly, therapeutic milieu, crisis, project work, nursing education, clinical supervision, mentorship / preceptorship and community counselling/nursing.

The highlights of my nursing career have been; developing mental health nursing clinical expertise working in a large institution, nursing in a community setting attached to a large institution, psychiatric/mental health crisis team, clinical supervisor to student nurses (ensuring students experienced psychiatric/mental health nursing in a positive environment), clinical nurse consultant (rural/remote mental health project in Outback Australia), working group in the development of generic Risk Assessment training, rural perspective to advisory group for development towards DSM V, and clinical nurse consultant (at regional mental health level).

I have been a member of the College since it's New Zealand inception in 1993. I was part of the Waikato branch of the organising committee for the 1995 College Conference in Hamilton, and currently I am a College Practice Board member.

My purpose in seeking nomination for the vacancy is to be involved in the ongoing professional development of mental health nursing at a national level. My aim is to ensure that mental health nursing, through NZCMHN (Te Ao Maramatanga) , develops and maintains a high profile professionally, academically and politically.

All that I espouse to be as a mental health nurse sits within the College objectives.

I am a community mental health nurse with Lakes DHB in the Southern Lakes region of Taupo / Turangi / Mangakino.

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