

3 April 2024

## Call for Expressions of Interest

The New Zealand College of Midwives Journal | Te Hautaka o Te Kāreti o ngā Kaiwhakawhānau ki Aotearoa Co-Editors are seeking expressions of interest (EOI) for roles on the Journal:

- 1) Editorial Board members
- 2) New peer reviewers

We welcome EOIs from all, but we especially are looking for people with particular skills in **kaupapa Māori research**; or **research from te ao Māori perspective**; or **Pacific research methodologies** or **quantitative research**.

### Background

The New Zealand College of Midwives Journal | Te Hautaka o Te Kāreti o ngā Kaiwhakawhānau ki Aotearoa is a well-established academic publication which celebrates its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. As our midwifery research community has grown and evolved, so has the Journal. With the recent retirements of members of the Journal's editorial board and peer review team after many years of service, we have some new opportunities for midwife researchers and those on a postgraduate journey to contribute to the continued growth and development of the Journal.

The Journal is a high-quality, peer-reviewed, open access journal published annually. Through article-based publishing, accepted papers are circulated to all members of the College and published online at <https://www.midwife.org.nz/midwives/publications/college-journal/>.

Papers are indexed to Cinahl, Scopus and ProQuest, and are also searchable via digital object identifier (DOI) numbers.

Interest in midwifery-led care is growing globally and the Journal is aimed at both a national and an international audience. It presents research relevant to the continuity of midwifery care framework in Aotearoa New Zealand within a bicultural Te Tiriti honouring context.

Readership includes midwives, student midwives, midwifery managers and educators, allied health professionals and consumers with an interest in pregnancy and childbearing. The Journal informs policy and practice and contributes to the education of midwives.

#### The Aims of the Journal are:

- to promote health as it relates to childbearing wāhine/women/people and their whānau/families
- to promote the view of childbirth as a normal life event for the majority of wāhine, and the midwifery professional's role in effecting this
- to provoke discussion of midwifery issues

- to support the development of Aotearoa New Zealand midwifery scholarship
- to support the development and dissemination of Aotearoa New Zealand and international research into midwifery and maternal and child health
- to provide evidence to support midwifery practice

## Editorial Board

The Editorial Board is comprised of six members and is responsible for:

- The content and quality of all papers published
- Ensuring that all published content follows the stated [Aims of the Journal](#)
- Ensuring all aspects of the Journal adhere to the Journal's [Publication Ethics and Malpractice Statement](#)
- Establishing the strategic direction and future planning of the Journal
- Ensuring efficient and rigorous processes for publication of articles
- Sharing the role of subeditor for each manuscript
- The appointment and guidance of reviewers

The Editorial Board meets via video call once a month from February to November to discuss submitted manuscripts, editorial processes and strategic direction. An honorarium is provided for board members.

## Peer reviewers

In order to maintain a high standard of published papers, each manuscript is double-blind peer-reviewed by two reviewers, in accordance with the [Peer Reviewer Guidelines](#). Their feedback is collated by the editor/sub-editor appointed to that manuscript.

## Criteria for application

To be considered as an Editorial Board member, candidates should have a Masters or PhD qualification. To be considered as a peer reviewer, candidates should have undertaken postgraduate study (i.e. postgraduate papers, Masters or PhD).

In addition, all roles should meet the following criteria:

- have published, e.g. in a textbook or a peer-reviewed journal paper/s
- have an identified area of expertise (is knowledgeable in a particular practice area or research methodology)
- be a College member if currently practising as a midwife in Aotearoa New Zealand.

## EOI submissions

To submit your EOI please email your CV and a brief description of your research skillset and areas of interest to the Journal Co-Editors Andrea Gilkison and Claire MacDonald at [research@nzcom.org.nz](mailto:research@nzcom.org.nz) by **Friday 3 May 2024**.