

# Region 10 New Zealand Council Summary

## February 2025

### PART A – COUNCIL SUMMARY

#### A.1 Executive Summary

- **NZ Council Executive Committee Member List**

2023-25 Committee

- Chair: Nirmal Nair
- Past-Chair Andrew Laphorn

The Council Chair were nominated and formally appointed in Oct-November 2022 by the then Section Chairs of NZ North, NZ South and NZ Central

- **Council Highlights**

- **Strategic Plan:** We help coordinate the health and well-being of all the sections within NZ
- **Events:** We help support sections to conduct all IEEE international events that are hosted in NZ and help coordinate non-competitive bidding for future international conferences amongst the 3 NZ Sections.

- **Major Events (International, National)**

NZ Council is not a stand-alone entity unlike other councils in Region 10. In 2024- 2025 for the first time we trialed doing things by ourselves that include ANZCON 2024. NZ Council Chair was Nirmal Nair whose home base is in NZ North. Hence NZ Council supported the following conferences since November 2023 onward for this reporting period

- [ICDCM 2023 15-17 November 2023](#)
- [ISGT ASIA 21-24 November 2023](#)
- [IEEE TALE 2023 28 Nov – 1 Dec. 2023-](#)
- [IEEE Women in Engineering International Leadership Summit, 11-12 Dec 2023](#)
- [2024 IEEE Australia New Zealand Student and Young Professional Congress \(ANZSCON\)](#)

- **Major Council Activities**

- **Meetings:**

1. All the NZ Section Delegates met on the sidelines of 2024 Region 10 Meeting: 2 & 3 March, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 3<sup>rd</sup> March morning.
2. NZ Council Chair attended the Australia Council meeting held on side-lines of Region 10 meeting on 1 March at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

- **Major Student and Affinity Group Activities**

- Check out individual section report attached herewith

#### A.2 Financial Report

- Any other financial activities

Since NZ Council does not have a dedicated account, we rely on the financial support of the three sections (New Zealand North, New Zealand South and New Zealand Central). However, leadership and coordination are carried out by NZ Council officers.

- Council Incentives utilization

The 2022 NZ Council incentives was housed in NZ South which was used to support ANZCON 2025. The 2024 NZ Council incentive has been deposited with NZ North which will be used for joint activities emerging in 2025-26

## **PART B - ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### **B.1 Membership Development Activities**

- Healthy growth and retention across all the 3 sections in NZ

### **B.2 Chapter Activities**

- Excellent chapter interactions across the various chapters across NZ
- Shared DL, supporting conferences from volunteers across NZ
- Leadership of the following Australia-New Zealand Student and Young Professional Congress was carried out by NZ council
- [2024 IEEE Australia New Zealand Student and Young Professional Congress \(ANZSCON\)](#)

Through ANZCON 2024 we helped socialize CAS society to NZ through a pre-congress technical workshop [IEEE CASS: ANZSCON 2024 Pre-congress technical event \(5th July\) \(HANDBOOK\) 2024 Australia and New Zealand Student and Young Professionals Congress : vTools Events](#)

New Zealand Council Chair supported the newly formed GRSS Joint Chapter in 2019 to successfully bid to get the 2028 IGARSS 2028 conference to New Zealand. [\(Linked in details of this effort\)](#)

New Zealand Council supported the bid to [secure R10 TENSYP 2025](#) to Christchurch (NZ South). In the bid document Nirmal Nair was also listed as Council support to get this event to NZ. Preparations are going great.

### **B.3 Professional and Continuing Education Activities**

- None

### **B.4 Students Activities**

- Check out Section reports. In addition to note that all the international conferences held in NZ had strong volunteer participation from student and has helped regrowth of engagement following its ebb during the pandemic.

### **B.5 Affinity Group Activities**

- Student/Young Professional groups
  - [2024 IEEE Australia New Zealand Student and Young Professional Congress \(ANZSCON\)](#)

### **B.6 Awards & Recognition Activities**

- Please see section report for recognition
- Please list all Awards and Recognitions received by the Section, and members in the Section, from R 10 and IEEE HQ during the year
  - Please see section report.

### **B.7 Communication Activities (Newsletter, Home Page, E-mail etc.)**

- Newsletter (name and number of issues in the year): **None**
- Home Page of the Section (give the URL and how often it is updated): Need to update the old website to reflect the new activities (Task for 2025) <https://ewh.ieee.org/council/nzc/>

### **B.8 Industry Relations**

- Membership growth and retention  
We have very good presence of industry within all 3 NZ sections
- Activities for/with industrial members  
All our IEEE 5 conferences held in NZ (Nov 2023-Dec 2024) had very strong industry engagement and participation.

## **B.9 Humanitarian Technology Activities**

- Humanitarian Technology related activities supported by the Section including collaboration with other OUs.
  - None
- SIGHT Activities
  - NZ North section has had some activities

## **B.10 Community Activities**

- IEEE Social activities (Family day, IEEE day, Engineers Week)”
  - None

## **PART C - OTHERS**

### **C.1 Special Events**

- None

### **C.2 Relationship with National and International Societies and Non-Government Organizations (NGO)**

- MoU with IET – No joint activities in 2024
- Advertising of event calendar with Engineering New Zealand

### **C3. Collaboration with other IEEE Council**

- We engage closely with IEEE Australia Council. Supported ANZCON 2024 event had several attendees from Australia Sections.

### **C.4 Support extended to Sub-sections & Society Chapters within the Section**

- We support strongly IEEE Fiji sub-Section. It is supported through IEEE NZ North Section, We co-developed their inaugural strategy along with IEEE NZN Section for 2019-23.
- We supported them to host IEEE international event. We will continue to support them in their growth, vitality, activities and regional visibility in coming years.

### **C.5 Best Practices of your Council (which you would like to share with other Sections for the benefits of members)**

- Good partnership across all NZ IEEE OU’s

## **C.6 Problems anticipated and suggestions for solutions, if any**

- None.

## **PART D - GOALS AND PLANS**

### **D.1 Continuation of project/activity in progress and their implementation plans**

Helping support NZCouncil facilitated Technical Chapters in 2025 where there are not enough members to form a chapter within one section.

### **D.2 Goals and Future Plans**

New Zealand Council Chair facilitated the updated 5 year strategy session development for New Zealand North Section ([Linked in details of the event](#)). We split the strategy for 2025-28 and 2028-30 to reflect the transition of NZ North section from Region 10 currently to Region 11. We also invited online NZ South and NZ Central officers to join online.

### **D.3 Any innovative ideas to make IEEE more creative and value added for sustaining the membership retention and recruitment goals.**

- Available from Section reports

### **D.4 Business Plan for Sustainable Growth and Financial Stability.**

- Available from NZ Council facilitated strategy session ([Linked in details of the event](#)).