

Guardians of the nation's health and well-being

The history of public health medicine colleges in New Zealand, 1977–2018

Helen Reilly with the New Zealand College of Public Health Medicine

The College of Public Health Medicine has existed in its current form for the past ten years. But the roots of the College stretch back to the formation of the New Zealand College of Community Medicine in the 1970s.

‘When the first history of our College is written, it should be noted that the undoubted success of the early years was due to dedicated teamwork by a small group, greatly supported by the membership at large—an example par excellence of the essence of community medicine.’ - Dr Doug Short, first President of the New Zealand College of Community Medicine

This publication documents the history of the College in its different guises over the past 40 years. With the ten-year celebration of the current College, this seemed an appropriate time to document this history.

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