

Hello there Council,

The next newsletter is on a very quiet simmer in the background at the moment.

In terms of content, the next newsletter will be dominated by the vaccine, the mandate and its effects on our profession.

In the works right now is a two-part article by Paul Wilson. One part is on medical ethics, the pandemic, and the mandate. The other part is on conspiracism. I am very excited about both.

I am going to solicit voices from the "other side" of the vaccination debate (those choosing not to get vaccinated) so that those folks are represented. Having sat through a few of the recent online drop-in NZAP meetings there is clearly a lot of anxiety out there—especially about the mandate—and it is important that a multiplicity of opinions is aired.

Bill Grant has submitted a piece about his retirement, and more.

Gavin Stansfield has offered to show me some of his photographs for free use in the newsletter—I am keen to see what he has to offer. In a related vein, I do often wonder about subscribing to an image bank so we can visually enliven the newsletter. I seem to remember some resistance to this (from someone?) because the images didn't look NZ-enough. Surely this could be overcome? Anyway, it's a thought for the future.

The call for submissions will go out on November 12.

The closing date for next issue January 14, 2022.

We aim to publish on February 11, 2022.

I need to confirm with Iain (our newsletter tech person) and Shoba (copyeditor) that these dates work for them.

I am aware that's a big gap between the call for submissions and the publication date. Christmas and New Year's holidays create a large void in which nothing happens. I am away the first two weeks of January.

I hope you are all well, healthy,
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