

### **New Zealand ETS Educator and Senior Instructor Course**

An ETS Senior Instructor course was held this year, 1 – 3 May 2018. The NZ ETS Faculty now has six Educators and 44 Senior Instructors throughout New Zealand.

ETS Lead, Deb FitzPatrick and David Russell, ETS Senior Instructor, attended the ETS Educator course and validation process through the NZ ETS Faculty, 30 April – 3 May 2018. The addition of two new Educators to the NZ ETS Faculty will assist with future proofing the NZ ETS Faculty through St John.

In addition, we have ten newly trained Senior Instructors (three from Victoria, Australia) that has increased Australasian relationships and our pool of Senior Instructors across both North and South Islands from DHBs and St John.



Senior Instructors in action: the final team designed and executed exercise.



Team photo: ETS Educators and Senior Instructors passing with flying colours.

### **ETS Senior Instructor training feedback**

Positive feedback received from the recently trained Senior Instructors:

- Planning and preparation of an exercise from concept through to execution
- Formal setting of aims, goals and objectives to focus the exercise on requirements
- Exposure to and experience in running a pre-hospital and hospital exercise
- Understanding of the Emergo Train principals and application of these to exercises
- The added bonus of seeing how St John in New Zealand train and exercise for MCI and the subtle differences in application of Emergo Train which I felt was invaluable and provided a different perspective and context.

Thank you to the new Senior Instructors for taking three days away from their business as usual and their enthusiasm over the training period. The training included invaluable relationship building and the sharing of experiences across organisations and the Tasman.

Since May 2008 St John has had the licence for ETS in New Zealand. The NZ ETS Faculty and team of ETS Senior Instructors has a healthy practicing membership across the country. The faculty envisages conducting annual refresher and specific ETS courses, e.g. pandemic, psychosocial and burns to ensure Senior Instructors are current within their ETS roles.