CoNNMO Meeting – Friday 4 June 2021
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Audiometry Nurses Association of Australia Inc. (ANAA Inc.)

What have been the significant activities of your organisation in the last six months?

- Updating our Clinical Practice Guidelines in Audiometry Nursing
- Quarterly committee meetings via skype
- Organising our next Annual Audiometry conference in October 2021 which will be face to face after cancelling last years conference.

When is your national conference? (Please include the details)

38th Annual Audiometry Nurses Association conference – 21st & 22nd October 2021
The Pavillion- Tamworth, NSW.

Are there any issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?

How do we encourage membership when members are limited to what meetings & conferences they can attend face to face during COVID-19?

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider or present at member meetings?

Are there any issues that you or your organisation may be able to assist other CoNNMO members with?

Australasian Hepatology Association (AHA)

What have been the significant activities of your organisation in the last six months?

The AHA Board has welcomed 3 new members since the end of 2020.
The AHA Board established key Working Groups within the organisation – encouraging all members to participate. The Working Groups are targeted and focusing on developing AHA Communications, development of the new AHA Strategic Plan, Conference Planning, and Research.
The 'Introduction to Advanced Liver Disease' course which has been really successful and run face-to-face previously, has been run virtually in 2021 and with great success - the format of the course is 3 x 1.5 hr sessions across consecutive Tuesdays and ran in March 2021 with full registration from nurses in Australia and New Zealand. The next on starts in July 2021.
The AHA Board made the decision to push on with a virtual AHA Biennial Conference and that is being arranged for later in 2021 – please see below
The AHA formally responded to the CoNNMO request on behalf of the Australian College of Nurse Practitioners (ACNP) request to support the ACNP proposal to the Federal Minister for Health regarding the final MBS Taskforce Report and it's rejection of all 14 of the ACNP recommendations.

When is your national conference? (Please include the details)

AHA Biennial Conference 2021 – Continuing Connections in Hepatology
4th and 5th November – 1-4.30 p.m. AEDT
As per AHA website – it is a Save the Date with more specific Comms to be announced via our social media accounts, eNews and Website soon

Are there any issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?

The AHA is keen to discuss with other CoNNMO members how they negotiate and achieve promotion of their professional organisation via social media platforms

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Australasian Institute of Digital Health - Nursing and Midwifery Community of Practice

Australasian Institute of Digital Health - Nursing and Midwifery Community of Practice – AIDH N.M (formerly NIA)
https://digitalhealth.org.au/communities-of-practice/nursing-and-midwifery/

What have been the significant activities of your organisation in the last six months?

- Conducted two webinars on Digital Health for Midwives:
  - 15 October 2020 – Innovating midwifery with technology
  - 23 February 2021 – Apps and innovation transforming maternal health and wellness
- Finalised AIDH NM Strategy and Operational Plan 2021
- Representation on ADHA Nursing and Midwifery Digital Health Capability Framework – Phase 2 project
- Established discussion forum activity with a different digital health theme each month to increase nursing and midwifery awareness of digital health issues.

When is your national conference? (Please include the details)

NI2021 International Congress on Nursing Informatics 23/8/21 – 2/9/21
https://ni2021.org/
This International Congress is being hosted by Australia and was previously scheduled for 2020 in Brisbane. It will now be conducted as an online event.

Digital Health Institute Summit scheduled for 18/10/21 – 19/10/21 in Melbourne.
https://digitalhealth.org.au/institute-summit/

Are there any issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?

Ongoing communication with the broader Nursing and Midwifery Community regarding the importance of Nursing Informatics and eHealth/Digital Health in professional practice.

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider or present at member meetings?

Increasing awareness and importance of Nursing Informatics/Digital Health issues through conference presentations and participation.

For further information please contact:
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Australasian Sexual Health and HIV Nurses Association (ASHHNA Inc)

What have been the significant activities of your organisation in the last six months?

- Membership drive
- Review of Competency standards have now been sent to members for review
- Monthly executive meetings
- Scholarship
- New Scholarships announced – Clinical Placement and Professional Development (separate ones)
- Member representing ASHHNA on SPHERE working party for LARC and MTOP
- Current membership 240
- Exec members on various committees including the review of the Australian STI Guidelines and Contact Tracing Guidelines
- New website development

When is your national conference? (Please include the details)
Joint Multidisciplinary conference
Sexual Health + hiv and aids 2021 6 -9 September 2021.
Shhivconferences2021.com.au

Are there any issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?
No

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider or present at member meetings?
No

Are there any issues that you or your organisation may be able to assist other CoNNMO members with?

- Competency standard reviews
- Governance

Joanne Perks
CoNNMO Representative

Australia and New Zealand Urological Nurses Society (ANZUNS)

What have been the significant activities of your organisation in the last six months?

1. ANZUNS has delivered 4 webinars in the last 6 months, as well as one face to face in March, in Sydney. More sessions planned for the rest of the year
2. Work continues on the development of the Business Model to integrate into a trans-tasman model
3. Added a representative to CNSA network

When is your national conference? (Please include the details)

National Conference is set for March 2022 to run in conjunction with USANZ ASM, currently confirming all details

Are there any issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider or present at member meetings?

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Australian and New Zealand Society of Occupational Medicine (ANZSOM)

What have been the significant activities of your organisation in the last six months?

We are currently recruiting for the position of Nurse Liaison Officer from within the membership. This position was created in 2012 to secure broader nursing input to the organization including the establishment of a liaison role in each State. The current incumbent, held by Sandra Code since its inception, has been successful in securing broader nursing input, including the establishment of liaison roles at each of the state Branches. It has also led to the formation of the Nurse Strategy Working Group, which focuses on growing nurse membership, and securing education, support and recognition for occupational health nurses. The group is currently working on a certification program aimed at providing formal recognition of occupational health nursing as a field of specific expertise.

When is your national conference? (Please include the details)

Planning is well underway for our Annual Scientific meeting. This year the conference will be an in-person event to be held in Brisbane from 21-24th November. Details below:

https://www.anzsom.org.au/annual-scientific-meeting/asm-2021

Are there any issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?

No

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider or present at member meetings?

Are there any issues that you or your organisation may be able to assist other CoNNMO members with?

Australian & New Zealand Society of Vascular Nursing (ANZSVN)

What have been the significant activities of your organisation in the last six months?

- Joint conference with ANZSVS cancelled in October 2020 due to COVID-19. Rescheduled to October 2021 on Gold Coast
- New website currently under development. Previous website was decommissioned.
- Online membership renewals planned
- Securing scholarships to promote participation in vascular nursing professional events

When is your national conference?

8-11 October 2021, Gold Coast Convention Centre. Joint conference with ANZSVS.

Are there any issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?

- Ongoing networking with other national nursing organisations
- Keeping up to date with professional issues via meetings, email communication and CoNNMO Website
- Nationalisation – ANZSVN is a small society divided into smaller state-based groups – is Nationalisation something we should be considering? With the closure of Victoria is it better to pool resources on a national level and manage everything in a centralised structure?

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider or present at member meetings?

Updates on any relevant digital information

Are there any issues that you or your organisation may be able to assist other CoNNMO members with?

We are a relatively new and small organisation and suspect the assistance we could offer is very limited.

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Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nurses Inc

What have been the significant activities of your organisation in the last six months?

It has been a busy 6 months. Transitioning to a new website shortly which will be more interactive. New look patient education pamphlets and AASTN Guidelines will be released. Waiting on Graphic Design input.
Change of President at our March AGM. Current President Fiona Bolton
email: fionabolton65@optusnet.com.au
Many thanks to Lisa Wilson for her guidance the last 2 years as President.

When is your national conference? (Please include the details)

AASTN is partnering with the New Zealand Nurses Association to hold a concurrent symposia with the Tripartite Colorectal Surgeons (Australia and New Zealand, UK and USA) in Auckland February 21st to 24th 2022. This will be a hybrid conference for both face to face and virtual registrants. Registration is now open
www.tripartite2022.com

Are there any issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider or present at member meetings?

Are there any issues that you or your organisation may be able to assist other CoNNMO members with?

Thank You
Fiona Bolton
AASTN President

Australian College of Critical Care Nurses (ACCCN)

What have been the significant activities of your organisation in the last six months?

Publication of:

- "Critical Care Pandemic Staffing Framework in Australia"

  (Marshall, A. P., et.al., 2021, "Critical care pandemic staffing framework in australia", *Australian Critical Care*, 34, pp. 121-131)

  This document is a result of multidiscipinary collaboration representing nursing, allied health, and medical disciplines, has used a modified consensus approach to provide recommendations to inform multidisciplinary workforce capacity expansion planning in critical care.

- "ACCCN Position Statement on Adult End of Life Care in Critical Care" available on the ACCCN website "Members Only" area until accepted for publication in Australian Critical Care

- "ACCCN Position Statement on Advanced Practice within Critical Care" available on the ACCCN website

The Australian College of Critical Care Nurses journal "Australian Critical Care" continues to score extremely well in local and international metrics. The journal ranks the highest of Australian Nursing journals and internationally.

Convening of face to face "Annual Education Meeting" in Canberra. The first National face to face meeting held by ACCCN since the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting was a huge success with the Chief Nurse of Australia, Alison MacMillan opening the event.

There is also push in NSW to incorporate the Australian College of Critical Care Nursing Workforce Standards into the Nursing Award. Other States within Australia have been successful in incorporate these standards into their awards. The ACCCN Workforce Standards represent an evidence based, best practice approach outlining the fundamental registered nurse staffing levels to deliver a safe and effective level of nursing care to the critical ill adult in an Australian Intensive Care Unit. ACCCN is also working on a collaborative approach to workforce issues with other intensive care disciplines.

ACCCN has recently setup a Global Health Advisory Panel (GHAP). The GHAP is a nursing lead group to build capacity, skill, expertise and experience to advise, support and lead healthcare developments abroad, especially in the low and middle income Countries in our region. To date the activities of the GHAP have been focused on providing support to Critical Care Nurses in Papua New Guinea. ACCCN has recently sent a small delegation to visit Critical Care centres in Papua New Guinea and held a number of webinars and education meetings.

When is your national conference? (Please include the details)

- Annual Education Meeting, held in Canberra 13-14 of May.
- Annual Scientific Meeting April 2022

Are there any issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?

During the planning for COVID-19 it became obvious that there are no reliable Australian databases to accurately determine the number of specialised nursing positions currently working in a clinical area. This became apparent in trying to ascertain the numbers of Intensive Care Nurses available in the event of a pandemic. This type of information is vital for future pandemic planning. Perhaps questions relating to nursing specialisation could be included into the annual APHRA Nurses Survey for key areas such as intensive care and aged care nursing

Are there any issues that you or your organisation may be able to assist other CoNNMO members with?

The Australian College of Critical Care nurses is available to provide advice and assistance on all matters relating to Critical Care Nursing.

CoNNMO Member Meeting Report – June 2021

Name of organisation: Australian College of Neonatal Nurses

What have been the significant activities of your organisation in the last six months?

ACNN continues to maintain a steady membership base of over 900, including a few students. We have moved to offering membership renewal rates for up to 5 years and this has been taken up by a proportion of members. The NSW and Queensland Branches have conducted membership drives in their states, and a national membership drive took place during May.

Unfortunately the Victorian Branch was unable to maintain an operating committee and has disbanded. All members in Victoria retain the same membership benefits as for those in states and territories that do not have branch committees.

Meetings for Branches, Special Interest Groups and the Executive continue via Zoom where COVID-19 restrictions do not allow face to face meetings.

The established special interest groups are active, except for the Low Resource Countries SIG, which may no longer continue its activities in Papua New Guinea during the pandemic. However, they are working on other activities such as educational tools. Some of the SIGs have hosted Zoom seminars with presentations focussing on their area of interest and these have proved popular with members.

The new SIGs for neonatal skin and for infant feeding are in their first year of operation and will be reviewed by the Executive at the end of that period. Both these new groups are being supported by members.

Scholarships and awards continue to be available for members. Assessment times have been adjusted to be more applicable to the types of applications, for example those that relate to enrolment in education programs.

The social media committee is active on accounts for Facebook, and Twitter. This activity is increasingly important for raising the profile of ACNN.

When is your national conference?

ACNN is planning to hold the annual conference that had been deferred from last year, in Canberra 8 to 10 September 2021. The preliminary program is available featuring speakers confirmed at this point. Free abstract submission closed on 30 April with 37 submissions, a record number and the full program will be confirmed soon. Registration is now open.

Are there any issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?

None.

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider or present at member meetings?

No.

Are there any issues that you or your organisation may be able to assist other CoNNMO members with?

None in particular.

CoNNMO Member Meeting Report: January-June 2021

Name of organisation: Australian College of Nursing (ACN)

What have been the significant activities of your organisation in the last six months?
Meeting with Minister Hunt, Minister for Health & Aged Care, to discuss the role of Nurse Practitioners in Australia's health system.

The Minister recognised the important role that Nurse Practitioner's currently play in primary care, as well as how they can further support patient care in key areas of need, including aged care, mental health and in rural and regional areas. Following the coalition or nursing organisations discussion, it was agreed to work with the Minister and the Department of Health to develop a 10-year plan for Nurse Practitioner-led models of care. A working group will be established with key stakeholders from the nursing and medical sector to help inform and develop this plan.

Policy Summit
Nurse leaders from across Australia and the world came together for ACN's Policy Summit held in Canberra on March 19 in a mixed face-to-face and virtual format. Members of ACN's Policy Chapters, Working Groups, nurses and other health professionals identified and discussed major policy opportunities and strategies. A high-profile panel discussion was also featured with ACT Health Minister Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA, Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer Adjunct Professor Alison McMillan MACN, former Secretary Australian Government Department of Ms Glenys Beauchamp PSM and Mr Howard Catton Chief Executive Officer, International Council of Nurses who joined from Geneva. Several policy documents were launched including:

- The role of nurses in support older people to access, quality safe aged care Position Statement
- Optimising person- and family-centred end of life care during a pandemic Position Statement
- Voluntary Assisted Dying Position Statement
- The role of the nurse in assessment and management of multimorbidity Position Statement
- A national minimum dataset for nursing workforce planning and Decision-Making White Paper
- ACN Emissions Reduction Charter
- Men in Nursing Guiding Principles
- Diversity and Inclusion Guiding Principles
- Value-based health care through Nursing Leadership

Policy Fellows Program
Supported by the ACN Philanthropic Foundation, in February 2021, seven ACN Policy Fellows commenced an educational program and active involvement in ACN's Policy and Advocacy agenda with the aim of developing nursing leaders who will have the knowledge and skills to go on to positively influence health policy and Australia's health care system. This is the second year the program has been offered; it has received positive feedback from current and former Fellows.

Education Programs and Scholarships
ACN supported graduate certificates programs to Pacific Islander students in critical care, perioperative nursing and immunisation. ACN also partnered with the Australian Government to develop and deliver free and accredited training modules for COVID-19 vaccination providers including health care professional in hospital, general practices, state and Commonwealth vaccination clinics, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations and pharmacies. In celebration of International Nurses Day, during the month of May 2021 ACN offered 1,000 scholarships for the ACN's Transition to Practice Program to ACN members and a 50% discount to non-members. This program prepares newly qualified Registered and Enrolled Nurses for a confident entry into the workforce.

The ACN Nursing & Health Virtual Expo

This expo held on 24 April 2021 provides the opportunity for nurses to discover and progress their career in the nursing and health professions. It has a strong reputation for connecting visitors with a range of organisations including hospitals, health care services, educational institutions and specialty nursing groups. There are a wealth of products and services on show and visitors gain practical take-home advice and skills in a series of complimentary educational seminars.

Policy and advocacy initiatives to advance significant areas requiring nursing input

ACN has established a Nurses and Violence Task force with four subcommittees: i) Nurses Caring for People Experiencing Domestic Violence; ii) Nurses Experiencing Domestic Violence; iii) Occupational Violence; and iv) Nurses Caring for Children of Family and Domestic Violence. These Committees will build on existing work such as the Position Statement's Bullying in the Workplace (2021) and coercive control (to be released soon) In addition, the Aged Care Solutions Expert Advisory Group (EAG) was established to proactively lead the nursing response to the recommendations contained in the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, Final Report tabled on 1 March 2021.

When is your national conference? (Please include the details)

The National Nursing Forum (NNF) is ACN's signature annual leadership and educational event bringing together nurses, students and other health professionals from around the country and across the globe. The NNF will take place from Wednesday 18 – Friday 20 August 2021 at the National Convention Centre in Canberra. The theme for the NNF is 'Champions of Change' which will be explored in the keynote plenary sessions and throughout the program.

Are there any issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?

Consistent with the Aged Care Solution EAG's goals, ACN would welcome support from other organisations in developing a whole of profession co-ordinated response to the many issues effecting the nursing profession as raised in the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, Final Report. For example, establishing priorities essential to sustainable, effective, and rights-based aged care reform and nurse-led means of achieving those reforms.

ACN would also welcome input from CoNNMO memebrs in relation to ACN's Nurses and Violence agenda, for example, to develop co-ordinated strategies to remove bullying in the workforce, especially nurse to nurse bullying.

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider or present at member meetings?

Yes, as noted above, develop a co-ordinated response to the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, Final Report how to expand the nursing workforce (co-ordinate with Deans of Nursing) and proactively leading the drafting of a new rights based aged care act.

In addition to the above, ACN suggests that CoNNMO consider inclusion of the following: nursing specific issues associated with the 'vaccination rollout'; a regulated third tier workforce in aged care; and emissions reduction through nursing leadership.

Are there any issues that you or your organisation may be able to assist other CoNNMO members with?

Not at this stage.

Australian College Of Perioperative Nurses (ACORN)

What have been the significant activities of your organisation in the last six months?

The ACORN Roadmap Project (RMP) continues to progress under the governance of the National Leadership Group (NLG). COVID-19 delayed progress; however, the combined efforts of ACORN member volunteers and academic, clinical and professional perioperative and health care sector leaders have enabled the RMP to gain momentum. The RMP timeline has been extended with ACORN expecting a final NLG RMP report including findings and recommendations by November 2021.

Update June 2021

During May, the Roadmap Project (RMP) has flourished, and the project is on course to finish on schedule with the RMP's National Leadership Group's (NLG) final meeting on 15 September 2021. We appreciate that the RMP's work, undertaken from 2019 to 2021, has significantly underpinned the improvements in the ACORN Standards.

The Professional Workstream Team (WST) and the NLG have carefully considered the comments and suggestions collected from ACORN members' during the online feedback process for the Professional Practice Standards for Perioperative Nurses (PPSPN) – Registered Nurse. The RMP report in May detailed how the online feedback process offers ACORN members unique pre-publication insights into the recommendations of expert advisors and enables members to understand how ACORN advocates for perioperative nurses.

More than 30 ACORN members submitted feedback about the draft PPSPN – Registered Nurse. Overwhelmingly the feedback was positive. Several feedback items expressed gratitude for the preview and for ACORN's ongoing work to support and advocate for Australian perioperative nurses. Some of those 30 members suggested specific concepts, tools and value-adds that they believe can assist them with local implementation of this and other PPSPNs. ACORN is delighted to advise that it is currently considering the options for a suite of practical tools and resources that align with and complement the 2022 ACORN Standards.

When is your national conference? (Please include the details)

'Moving to a golden future', on Queensland's Gold Coast May 2022

Are there any issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?

Nil at this stage

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider or present at member meetings?

Are there any issues that you or your organisation may be able to assist other CoNNMO members with?

Australian Day Surgery Nurses Association

What have been the significant activities of your organisation in the last six months?

Continue to communicate with members around the need to meet COVID Safety Regulations especially Victorian Branch

Investigating ways to move face to face education to a web based nation-wide

Continue publishing national Journal and eNewsletters along with continuing to make accessible to members and non-members ADSNA guidelines

offering free period of extended membership due to pandemic in 2020

When is your national conference? (Please include the details)

The next one is due in late 2022

Are there any issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?

Promotion of our association and guidelines to CoNNMO members

Promotion to CoNNMO members that we welcome new volunteer committee members from other Day Surgery associations and we welcome new membership to ADSNA

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider or present at member meetings?

Promotion of ADSNA guidelines and involve in any day surgery/preadmission updating of guidelines or recommendations to Health Department or our independent or government groups

Are there any issues that you or your organisation may be able to assist other CoNNMO members with?

Yes, NSW DSNA have moved forward quickly in implementing web based educational sessions and committee meetings along with organising State Conference Saturday 28th August 2021 at Kirribilli Club, Lavender Bay NSW with international speaker via videoconferencing

Thank you,

Sonia Jones ADSNA Executive Committee Member

ADSNA National Journal and eNewsletter Sub-Editor

Australian Diabetes Educators Association

What have been the significant activities of your organisation in the last six months?

Pathways: **The Diabetes Referral Pathways provide guidance for the care of people with diabetes.** Diabetes pathways show the milestones on a person's journey from diagnosis through the lifespan of diabetes management. This includes input and advice from a range of health professionals to ensure the person receives best practice, evidence-based diabetes management and care, and is supported through self-management education.
www.adea.com.au/resources/diabetes-referral-pathways/

National Diabetes Nursing Education Framework: The aim of this new framework is to guide the development of a skilled nursing workforce that is capable of providing a high standard of diabetes care. Accompany the framework is a package of 15 free online learning modules.
www.ndss.com.au/about-diabetes/resources/find-a-resource/national-diabetes-nursing-education-framework/

Telehealth: Permanent telehealth with coverage of allied health MBS item numbers (diabetes education) has been a key component of our policy priorities.

When is your national conference? (Please include the details)

Australasian Diabetes Congress
11 – 13 August
Brisbane Convention Centre
diabetescongress.com.au/

Are there any issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?

Promotion of the National Diabetes Nursing Education Framework

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider or present at member meetings?

Are there any issues that you or your organisation may be able to assist other CoNNMO members with?

ADEA can help with understanding the annual cycle of care, team care arrangements, and the referral pathways when seeing patients newly diagnosed or with diabetes.

Australian Womens Health Nurse Association Inc (AWHNA)

What have been the significant activities of your organisation in the last six months?

- Held annual virtual professional development update Feb 2021: ***"Wander and Wonder into Women's Health…there's something new to learn!"***
- Patron into AWHNA: Dr Terri Foran, Conjoint Senior Lecturer School Women's & Children's Health at UNSW Sydney. Sexual Health Physician practising in both the public and private sectors, with a special interest in contraception, menopause issues and the management of sexually transmitted infections.
- AGM Feb 2021 with all positions filled for Office Bearers - Executive
- AWHNA partnership with SPHERE and AusCAPPS research, our expert representative attends monthly meetings and is on the panel network working group.
- Active in our email membership network sharing relevant Women's Health Nurse information, professional development upskilling opportunities, and support to members. Sharing advertised vacant positions to ensure WHN specialities remain filled and active.
- Supported endorsement of ACNP's proposal to Minister Hunt relating to the Final Report of the MBS Taskforce in response to the Report from the Nurse Practitioner Reference Group.

When is your national conference? (Please include the details)

- Planning for 2022 underway with pending dates and details to be confirmed

Are there any issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?

- Share promoting AWHNA professional development events, on your website will be kindly appreciated.

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider or present at member meetings?

- Presently none to mind

Are there any issues that you or your organisation may be able to assist other CoNNMO members with?

- Supporting where women's health is seen as a significant requirement for improvement in nursing practice, by offering; CPD in regular Peer Review, Professional updates, mentorship, linkage with specialist nurses practising in Women's Health, expert knowledge and skill sharing. We offer membership for Women's Health Nurses, and RNs working in Women's Health Specialised areas….across Australia.
- AWHNA supports and endorses the following SPHERE: *Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health COVID-19 Coalition, A Consensus Statement on implementation and monitoring of the National Women's Health Strategy 2020-2030: 'Maternal, sexual and reproductive health' priority area. (Attachment: SRH COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin #10, 11 May 2021)*

Compiled By

Anne

Anne Smart, President Australian Womens Health Nurse Association Inc

Cancer Nurses Society of Australia

What have been the significant activities of your organisation in the last six months?

Over the past six months, our main focus has been:

- **Membership renewals:** with our membership year running from 1 April – 31 March, our renewal period opened in mid February. Our renewal rate is currently at 81.7% with a goal of 85% by 30 June.
- **Development of Organisational membership:** after discussions with a large employer of cancer nurses, the development of a pilot organisational membership was implemented. This resulted in the addition of 155 members to CNSA.
- **Workforce project:** CNSA has identified that there is no real data on the cancer nursing workforce, and has commenced a research project to collate data and understand trends. A main piece of work to ensure this project was successful was having cancer care recognised by AHPRA as a speciality area to allow us to mine the data. This piece of advocacy work was successful in December 2020 (with thanks to some introductions from CoNNMO)
- **Congress:** After the outbreaks over Christmas and snap lockdowns in Brisbane and Perth, it was decided that we would hold CNSA Congress across five locations to minimise risk. This move has been successful, with 450 delegates registered for this event nationally.
- **Education:** We have continued running regular webinars for members, with ten run so far in 2021. We have also reintroduced F2F education in Perth and Adelaide

When is your national conference? (Please include the details)

CNSA's 23rd Annual Congress will be going ahead as a face to face event in 2021. The Congress will be held on Friday 18th June in Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney and Perth.

The theme is reflective of the year that has been - with Cancer Nurses called on to rise to the unique challenges the healthcare sector faced as a result of COVID-19. A Voice to Be Heard: Driving Cancer Care and System Reform is a powerful message and emphasises the role our members, and the wider nursing workforce, have played during the pandemic.

Plenary 1: Driving Cancer Care & System Reform

- Tanya Farrell, A/g CNMO, Victoria
- Professor Dorothy Keefe, CEO, Cancer Australia
- Tanya Buchanan, CEO, Cancer Council Australia

Plenary 2: Building a Workforce Fit for Purpose

- Dr Shelley Dolan, CEO, Peter Mac
- Professor Jill White - Western Pacific Region nursing representative on the Board of the Nursing Now Campaign

The program will offer something for all nurses from novice to expert through our plenary sessions, abstract presentations, breakfast events and virtual poster display PLUS give everyone the chance to finally see their peers face to face in the exhibition space.

Are there any issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?

Development of organisational membership – lessons learned

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider or present at member meetings?

Best CRM / CMS systems for membership engagement and event management

Are there any issues that you or your organisation may be able to assist other CoNNMO members with?

Happy to discuss any of the activities that we are undertaking that CoNNMO members might be interested in.

College of Emergency Nursing Australasia (CENA)

What have been the significant activities of your organisation in the last six months?

CENA Board have been progressing a change to our governance structure, moving to a skills-based board, with support from our members at the October 2020 AGM.

Engagement with the National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce:

- Steering Committee
- Clinical Guidelines Leadership Group
- Critical Care panel
- Paediatric panel

Membership continues to grow in 2021, with an average of 7 new members joining per week

Moved to a new association management company, which has improved communication to members. Change to LMS and website have all streamlined the access to education and resources.

Seeking to appoint a new Education Consultant and CENA Trauma Nursing Program Consultant (interviews underway).

When is your national conference? (Please include the details)

International Conference for Emergency Nurses (ICEN 2021), will be held in Sydney 13-15 October 2021. This will be delivered in a hybrid way, both face to face and live online.

Are there any issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?

Motivation of a volunteer-based organisation, and management of volunteers who do not contribute as required of their roles.

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider or present at member meetings?

Would love to hear what other Colleges are doing to grow their membership,

Lobbying / advocacy at government level.

Are there any issues that you or your organisation may be able to assist other CoNNMO members with?

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Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery (CDNM)

What have been the significant activities of your organisation in the last six months?

We have met as a council once per zoom and been involved in a number of other meetings. We have been involved in UA meetings, NMEAN and have met with ANMAC. We are working with NMBA on assessment project.

When is your national conference? (Please include the details)

November 2021

Are there any issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?

Not as this stage.

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider or present at member meetings?

Skills commission, Mental health degrees

Are there any issues that you or your organisation may be able to assist other CoNNMO members with?

No.

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Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia (DANA)

What have been the significant activities of your organisation in the last six months?
Webinars:

- November 2020 *'AOD Are we an endangered species webinar?'*
- April 2021 *'Start living on your own terms! A webinar for Drug and Alcohol Nurses and Nurse Practitioners interested in Private Practice'* featuring the DANA funded research Drug and Alcohol Nurse Practitioner Workforce Mapping Project
- May 2021 *'Standards Driven. Competency Focused'* featuring DANA's reviewed and revised Standards and Competencies for Drug and Alcohol Nurses

Publications:

- DANA funded research: The impact of COVID-19 on alcohol and other drug nurses' provision of care: A qualitative descriptive study
- 'Private Practice Information for Australian D&A Nurse Practitioners'
- DANA Specialist Nursing Standards and Competencies for Drug and Alcohol Nurses
- Draft submitted for a Chapter in 'Addiction Medicine' 3rd edition, 'Addiction Nursing Practice'

Research concluded:

- Drug and Alcohol Nurse Practitioner Workforce Mapping Project

Other:

- Collaboration with APNA in the development of an educational package *'Foundations of treatment: Opioid Substance Use Disorder'*

When is your national conference? (Please include the details)
DANA will not hold an annual conference in 2021 due to ongoing uncertainty around COVID / border closures. We will be hosting or sponsoring the following events:

- WOWS 14.5.2021 Brisbane *Through the Looking Glass*
- VAADA 24.6.2021 Melbourne *An AOD forum for Nurses*
- ACT 27.8.2021 Canberra *Creating the New Normal: Drugs and Alcohol, Every Nurses' Business*
- APSAD 6.11.2021 Brisbane (theme yet to be finalised)

Are there any issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?
The value of charitable status and negotiating the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider or present at member meetings?

Are there any issues that you or your organisation may be able to assist other CoNNMO members with?

Flight Nurses Australia

What have been the significant activities of your organisation in the last six months?

Education Webinars on Human Factors and Communication
Revision and update of the Standards for Flight Nursing Practice in Australia
Kaye Melmeth Scholarship advertised for members.

When is your national conference? (Please include the details)

Planned to be held in Auckland in September 2020, rescheduled for September 2021 and now planning for 2022. Cancelled due to COVID travel restrictions.

Are there any issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?

Will be interested to hear how other organisations have engaged members if unable to hold a conference in the past 12 months and maintained their membership base.

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider or present at member meetings?

Keen to hear of innovations that other organisations have used since COVID to continue to engage their members and provide service to their members.

Are there any issues that you or your organisation may be able to assist other CoNNMO members with?

No.

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GENCA – Gastroenterological Nurses College of Australia

What have been the significant activities of your organisation in the last six months?

Maintained membership during a difficult time. Held National Conference as a face to face event last weekend, in Gold Coast – which was a huge success. Unfortunately the Victorian delegates, and the GENCA office staff (based in Victoria) weren't able to attend, however all sessions were recorded and streamed live.

When is your national conference? (Please include the details)

As above – held last weekend – 28-30 May

Are there any issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?

As always – lack of volunteers – despite a very stable membership of 1,500

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider or present at member meetings?

Engaging volunteers

Are there any issues that you or your organisation may be able to assist other CoNNMO members with?

Advice on how they engage volunteers – at regional committee level, education committee etc.

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CoNNMO Member Meeting Report – June 2021

This reporting template has been developed to assist sharing of information between CoNNMO members and to identify particular issues of importance to nursing and midwifery organisations.

Please provide a written report of approximately 500 words outlining relevant activities for reporting at the CoNNMO member meeting.

Name of organisation: Palliative Care Nurses Australia (PCNA)

What have been the significant activities of your organisation in the last six months?
The management committee and members from PCNA provide considerable advocacy and impact about palliative and end of life care nursing as evidenced through our representative roles and targeted submissions. In addition, we provide education through our regular webinar series and biennial national conference. We also engage and provide an opportunity for information dissemination with our members through monthly newsletters and email blasts as required.

Representation on the following committees / working groups - advocacy

- Palliative Care Australia Board
- Commonwealth Primary & Community 10 Year Planning Consultation
- CareSearch Advisory Group
- WA Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) Consultation
- End of Life Law for Clinicians (ELLC) Advisory Committee
- Coalition of National Nursing & Midwifery Organisations [CoNNMO]
- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare - Palliative Care and End-of-life Care Data Development Working Group
- Palliative Care Australia National Policy Advisory Committee [NPAC]
- National Covid-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce Guidelines Leadership Group
- Australian Coronavirus Disease 2019 Palliative Care Working Group (ACPCWG)
- Advanced Cancer Nursing Project Working Group
- Palliative Care Training Collaborative [PCC4U & PEPA]
- Palliative Care Australia Grief and Bereavement Resource Development working group
- NHMRC Targeted Research Call Peer Review Work
- caring@home for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People Advisory Committee
- Palliative Care Australia Parliamentary Friends Forum
- Palliative Care Australia working party- generalist supplement for the national standards

Policy submissions – impact and advocacy

- National Palliative Care and end-of-life care information priorities consultation draft – November 2020
- Aged Care sector: Pathways and Tertiary Education in Aged Care and Improving the Food, Nutrition and Mealtime Experience in Aged Care - discussion paper - Sept 2020
- Queensland Law Reform Commission's Consultation Paper WP 79, A legal framework for voluntary assisted dying – November 2020
- Inquiry into the Provision of the Public Health Amendment (Registered Nurses in Nursing Homes) Bill 2020 – April 2021
- Therapeutic Guidelines Limited (TGL) revision of the palliative care guidelines – April 2021
- Retention of essential elixir liquid palliative care medications in Australia - March 2021
- Voluntary Assisted Dying Training Consultation (2021)
- Consensus Definitions for Palliative Care consultation process – January 2021)
- Pre-Budget Submission - January 2021
- Inquiry into the provision of the Public Health Amendment (Registered Nurses in Nursing Homes Bill 2020 - January 2021

Education and training provision

Professional Association of Nurses in Developmental Disability Australia (PANDDA)

What have been the significant activities of your organisation in the last six months?

- A revised version of the PANDDA Standards were launched in November 2020 and replace the original PANDDA Standards from 2002. The Standards are based directly on the research evidence that PANDDA has been supporting through a range of strategies.

- PANDDA provided witness statements to Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability - Health care for people with cognitive disability and appeared at the commission to give expert evidence. The outcome of the Royal Commission is due for release in the near future. PANNDA expects that the health needs of people with intellectual and developmental disability will be at the forefront of some recommendations and that the role that nurses do, and can play, will also be among the recommendations.

- PANDDA held a face-to-face Conference in November 2020 which was also live streamed due to COVID uncertainty. Speakers included Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward, Australian College of Nursing: Professor Owen Barr, Ulster University, Londonderry, Northern Ireland and Assistant Professor Melissa Desroches, University of Massachusetts, Dartmout.

- PANDDA has attended the National Roundtable on the Health of People with Intellectual Disability since August 2019. This Roundtable negotiated via leadership from advocates and leading researchers secured a commitment from Hon. Greg Hunt, MP prior to the last Federal election to hold a series of Roundtables about health and intellectual disability. In April 2020 the Department of Health sent out a questionnaire to further develop the Roadmap. PANDDA responded by stating that many of the proposed initiatives were very medically focussed and sought to remind everyone involved in the Roundtable that nurses represent the largest part of the health workforce. PANDDA is advocating for positive changes, such as the mandating of Undergraduate Curricula with a focus on 'Health and people with intellectual and developmental disability'.

- PANDDA is continuing to provide regular CPD webinars at a small cost to non-members.

- PANDDA were successful in their submission to a review of the Ageing and Disability Commissioner Act 2019 to have nurses included as a health professional who can support the execution of search warrants in cases of neglect or abuse of vulnerable adults living in care settings.

- PANDDA President delivered a presentation to the Council of Deans for Nursing and Midwifery on the 25th March, 2021 about the work that PANDDA has been undertaking as well as to foreground the issues around the possible future mandating of content about intellectual disability in the undergraduate nursing curriculum.

- PANDDA remains an active partner in the NDIS funded "Every Nurses Business" national project.

When is your national conference? (Please include the details)
25 and 26 November 2021 at Novotel Parramatta. The conference title and call for abstracts will be released in the near future.

Are there any issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?
Promote membership.

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider or present at member meetings?
None currently

Are there any issues that you or your organisation may be able to assist other CoNNMO members with?
None currently

- May 2022 – national conference – planning underway
- May 2021 - Webinar Presentation Launch BD BodyGuard T – 4 x 1 hour webinars focused on continuous subcutaneous infusions with the newly launched syringe drivers for use across the sector
- May 2021 – National Palliative Care Week- Join nursing leaders chatting live to Jean Kittson – 1 hour webinar
- April 2021 - Grief and bereavement care during COVID-19 – 4 hour online workshop
- August 2020 - An Overview of "CarerHelp" – a tailored website for carers of people with palliative care needs
- May 2020 - Don't forget selfcare: Important conversations and resources for palliative care nurses

When is your national conference? (Please include the details)
Our biennial national conference will be held virtually in May 2022. Our draft conference theme is: *Exploring new dimensions: the future of palliative care nursing* with a focus on the following areas (noting the program is still under development): 1. Leadership / change / advocacy; 2. Symptom evidence updates; 3. Voluntary Assisted Dying; 4. National overview from the Department and Palliative Care Australia; 5. The digital health revolution. The conference planning committee, chaired by Professor Jane Phillips, has been convened and development work is underway.

Are there any issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?

We are ongoingly interested in nursing workforce capability for palliative and end of life care, across all health care settings. How can we best promote optimal evidence-based care nationally for all working with people with serious and life-limiting illness? Being able to improve the understanding of what palliative care nursing is and achieves is an area we are keen to continue focusing on. That is, how can we systematically connect with, support and inform care provided in really all settings of care, at all ages and into grief and bereavement support.

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider or present at member meetings?

- Leadership in optimal palliative and end of life care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders – really enabling an understanding of need and provision of respectful, connected and trauma-informed care;
- Connection and leadership in relation to optimal palliative and end of life care for minority and vulnerable populations;
- Ongoing awareness of jurisdictional changes in relation to Voluntary Assisted Dying is important – and the impacts these changes have on nursing in general, and palliative care nursing specifically;
- Awareness and understanding of the ongoing impacts of the Aged Care Royal Commission and working to support / enable / empower nurses within these outcomes / changes
- Nurses can lead change to improve national palliative and end of life care – how can we foster this?

Are there any issues that you or your organisation may be able to assist other CoNNMO members with?

Palliative Care Nurses Australia (PCNA) is a member organisation for Australian nurses who are passionate about excellence in palliative care. We provide a unified voice for nurses who deliver, or have an enduring interest in, palliative care policy, practice, research and education. Our goal is to support our members to provide high quality, evidence-based palliative care services for patients at the end of life, and their families. If we can add value to CoNNMO members in any way, we are delighted to discuss this.

Psychogeriatric Nurses Association Australia Inc (PGNA)

The Association for Nurses Working in Older People's Mental Health, Aged and Dementia Care.

Current Member numbers: 121

Current PGNA Executive Members

President: Marianne Cummins. Vice President: Grace Ongley. Treasurer: John Nadjarian. Secretary: Kelli Flowers. Membership Secretary: Anne Hoolahan. Ordinary Member Education sub committee: Emma Underwood. Ordinary Member: Sandra Everson.

What have been the significant activities of your organisation in the last six months?

- The "**Positive Ageing Forum**" was to be held in February 2021 **was postponed** due to restrictions of COVID-19.
- **Newsletters**, May and November 2020 February 2021 and May 2021
- **Education Subcommittee** have held Webinars over the past year (open to members and non members) and currently focussing on physical health practice improvement in Old Age Psychiatry and our next one in July 2021 will focus on The **Role of Antipsychotics in managing BPSD**.
- PGNA is represented on the Australian Association of Gerontology AAG's **mental health and wellbeing in older age project**.
- PGNA has also been requested to give feedback to the NSW Mental Health Branch on the **Draft Report Extreme BPSD Project Report (in Feb 2021)**
- **Website being rebuilt** so the Executive are able to update Items more readily and revamped the look – pgna.org.au
- **New PGNA LOGO** – this was a competition in Feb 2021 – to be finalised in June 2021
- **New Patron 2021-2023**– Dr Sid Williams Psychogeriatrician who has written one of the best book on brain and behaviour "Your Brain in sickness and in health-The experience of dementia and other brain disorders "
- PGNA Executive Committee has recently agreed, due to the growing member base, to **pay for Secretarial services** so we can concentrate on Educational events, this will also help the organisation to become more professional.

When is your national conference? (Please include the details)

- The 25th Anniversary of PGNA was 2020 but we were unable to have the Conference in November 2020 so will be joining the RANZCP – 4-6 November 2021. Flyer for CoNNMO website https://www.ranzcp.org/practice-education/events/fpoa-and-pgna-conference-2021 Link to conference

Are there any issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?

- Yes - Advertising PGNA Events to member organisations and on **CoNNMO website –**

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider or present at member meetings?

- .Aged Care Royal Commission summary final report

Are there any issues that you or your organisation may be able to assist other CoNNMO members with?

- PGNA could assist CoNNMO members who represent services with older adult populations
- Old Age Psychiatry issues and resources re Dementia

Report by: Marianne Cummins, President PGNA, on behalf of the PGNA Executive Committee.
13/5/2021 "The Association for Nurses Working in Older People's Mental Health, Aged and Dementia Care"

Renal Society of Australasia

What have been the significant activities of your organisation in the last six months?

The Renal Society of Australasia continued to provide education to its members through webinars.

We also look forward to a joint webinar by the Society of Hospital Pharmacists Australia (SHPA) and the Renal Society of Australasia (RSA) SHPA & RSA Webinar: CKD: an Overview of Initial Diagnosis, Management and Treatment in July 2021. https://www.renalsociety.org/eventdetails/9826/shpa-rsa-webinar-ckd-an-overview-of-initial-diagnosis-management-and-treatment

When is your national conference? (Please include the details)

Thursday 17 to Saturday 19 June 2021 in Melbourne (https://www.renalsociety.org/conference/program/)

Are there any issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?

None at the moment.

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider or present at member meetings?

Not currently

Are there any issues that you or your organisation may be able to assist other CoNNMO members with?

Not currently

Dr Edward Zimbudzi
RSA Board Director