

CoNNMO Meeting – Friday 3 May 2019 Member Reports

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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?

Our organisation attended the Hearing Health Sector Stakeholder Forums late last year and this year in February. The Hearing Health Sector committee was responsible for developing the Roadmap for Hearing Health Services in Australia, since the Parliamentary Inquiry into hearing health and wellbeing in 2017 identified significant issues in hearing services.

The Roadmap has been devised to manage hearing health priorities and outlines reasonable steps to get there. It is to provide equitable support for all Australians who are deaf or hard of hearing to live well in the community. The Roadmap contains a comprehensive set of actions against each domain and has highlighted several key actions as high priority.

One priority is to have ear health checks of children aged 0-6 years. Every child, particularly those in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, has regular ear health checks and results are to be recorded in a national data base with the objective of no child slipping through the cracks.

Our concerns are the lack of succession planning for Audiometry Nurses in Community Health across Australia. The Roadmap has included Audiometry Nurses in the workforce domain with a desired outcome that the numbers are significantly increased.

The long term goal is to enhance the workforce regulatory framework, to ensure consistent high professional and ethical standards are applied across hearing professions. Also to foster mandatory accreditation of hearing services through a quality and assurance agency.

ANAA Inc. is currently developing a new website that members can interact with and that we can promote our profession to other stakeholders. This will also provide educational links for CPD and brochures which can be downloaded.

We recently joined the Associations Forum to provide us with guidance in running a non- profit organisation. This service will help us move forward and provide continual & consistent support for the future of our organisation regardless of movement of members on the committee.

We have been in discussion with the Australian College of Nursing regarding setting up audiometry workshops to provide hands on practice & upskilling for nurses working in audiometry. This is another avenue besides the annual audiometry conference to obtain CPD points.

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

The Audiometry Nurses of Australia annual conference is on 30th, 31st Oct & 1st Nov'19.
This will be held at Club Taree in northern NSW.

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Australasian Cardiovascular Nursing College

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

Ran a national education day for cardiovascular Nurse Practitioners.

We have additional webinars planned for the remainder of the year.

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

We decided not to run a conference in 2019 due to significant financial losses in 2017 & 2018. We are planning on running a conference in 2020.

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

Finding professional support to help organise conference/ BAS statements / Governance support.

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

Attracting new members and attracting members to apply for Board positions.

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Australasian Hepatology Associates

Date of establishment: 2004

Number of members: 148

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

The membership for AHA continues to grow. The following activities have been commenced and/or completed in the last 6 months:

1. Hepatology Nurse's Consensus guidelines (HBV, HCV, Advanced Liver disease and HCC) have been revised. Consultation with stakeholders almost complete. Published guidelines will be available on the AHA website.
2. Nursing Care and Management of Advanced Liver Disease Course:
AHA developed, & implemented an Advanced Liver Disease Course to Australian and New Zealand RNs working in D+A, wards, GP practice nurses, primary health care settings and Justice Health. Six courses have been run nationally (Sydney, Hobart, Coffs Harbour, Perth, Adelaide, Darwin) this year with more planned. For more information contact Sinead Sheils
Sinead.shiels@health.nsw.gov.au
3. Educational Working Committee has developed a conference program. Advertisement of conference underway.
4. Collaborative submission to PBAC to request Nurse Practitioner s100 prescribing of viral hepatitis therapies
5. Discussions with international Hepatology Nurses Group to develop a program for the 2nd Global Hepatitis Summit 2020, in Taiwan
 - A half or full-day nursing course (4-6 hours) to be integrated within the GHS program
 - A course development committee to be set up and may consist of 1-2 leaders from each participating nurse organizations
 - The course development committee will design and plan topics, speakers, etc.

When is your national conference?

AHA Biennial Conference: "Rising to the Challenge" October 2019: Coffs Harbour NSW



AUSTRALASIAN HEPATOLOGY ASSOCIATION

www.hepatologyassociation.com.au/education/2019-conference

AHA Biennial Conference 2019 Opal Cove, Coffs Harbour, NSW

Thursday 17th* – Saturday 19th October, 2019

*Welcome Reception at 5:00pm

Rising to the challenge

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CoNNMO Member Meeting Report – May 2019

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:

Australasian Neuroscience Nurses Association

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

- Presented and exhibited at the Australian Health Care Network Conference in March 2019.
- Represented at the European Association of Neuroscience Nurses in Manchester, UK in March 2019
- Currently revising our Professional Standards based on the revised Nursing and Midwifery Professional Standards.
- Recently completed a three year strategic plan for our organisation
- Planning the World Federation of Neuroscience Nurses Congress for 2021 in Darwin.
- Completed guidelines for a mentorship program and will launch the program at our National Conference
- Completed sponsorship guidelines

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

October 17-18 2019 at Hotel Intercontinental in Wellington New Zealand.

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

Not currently.

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

Update on national initiatives is always useful to bring back to our members.

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

We have developed sponsorship guidelines based on those developed by NSW Health that are available on our website and other organisations may be interested in reviewing.

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Australasian Sexual Health and HIV nurses Assn Inc (ASHHNA inc)

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

- Jo Perks nominated as Life Member in November 18
- AGM
- Endorsements for sexual and reproductive health related courses
- Committee Representation –CoNNMO; Sexual Health and HIV Conference September 2019; ASHA; ASHM HIV Treatments; NHSTAC
- Newsletter
- Website development

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

Joint Sexual Health and HIV Conference – (multidisciplinary) 16th to 19th September 2019 Perth
<http://www.hivaidsconference.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?

- Governance
- Website development

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Australia and New Zealand Orthopaedic Nurses Association

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

Face to Face Executive and chapter representatives meeting Melbourne 22 March 2019.

ANZONA has been undertaking a great deal of research and work to review its current legal structure. We are currently incorporated in WA however the Associations' Incorporation Act (1987) has been repealed and replaced with a new Act and we are required to meet the new legislative requirements by July 2019. Under the legislation ANZONA will not be able to operate outside of WA which is untenable for a national association of Australia and New Zealand.

After a thorough review (including legal advice) of several possible legal structures (including CLG's), and keeping in mind that it is important that our local chapters continue to maintain their own autonomy, the ANZONA committee have approved the decision to change our structure to a strategic alliance.

We will still be ANZONA but the last 'A' will be replaced with 'Alliance' rather than 'Association'.

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

28-30 October 2020 in Adelaide.

It was to have been held October 2019 in Christchurch, however it was cancelled due difficulty of obtaining an appropriate venue post-earthquake.

Several professional development days have been held, and are planned, throughout Australia by the local chapters.

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

Promoting the group activities – conferences etc.

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Australia and New Zealand Urological Nurses Society (ANZUNS)

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

1. We have developed a Professional Development Scholarship which will be awarded annually.
2. We are in the process of developing a Research Scholarship which will be awarded annually.
3. We have reviewed our committee structure and allocated portfolio leads for education, communication and research.
4. We have reviewed and updated our website and our processes for communicating with members.
5. We are collaborating with the British Association of Urological Nurses (BAUN) and the European Association of Urological Nurses (EAUN) on an educational framework for urological nurses.

When is your national conference?

Our annual conference was held 13-15 April 2019 in Brisbane (held in conjunction with the Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand (USANZ) ASM).

We had record numbers of nursing registrants (>180) and a record number of abstracts submitted.

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

Sustainability of a volunteer-based organisation

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

Nil at present

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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 October 2018 in Auckland

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

16-19 August 2019, Adelaide Convention Centre. Joint conference with ANZSVS.

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

- Ongoing networking and keeping up to date with professional issues
- Better financial representation, including strategies for negotiating for equality in conference profits and/or securing fairer control and conditions for our society in dealing with the College of Vascular Surgeons:

Background:

At Present the ANZSVN is an invited adjunct to the ANZSVS ASM. Whilst ANZSVN generates a moderate income stream, it is in the context of strong nursing and allied health delegate attendance and securing sponsorship for nursing plenary sessions, the sharing of any profits with our organisation is non-existent, nor do we have very good conditions in this relationship in regards to selection of international guest speakers.

Our society is very much at the mercy of the College of Vascular Surgeons despite bringing a reasonable portion of income to the annual event. We would like to discuss strategies / advice – how to negotiate better terms and conditions with a much larger association where there lies a degree of dependency – in order to obtain a more equal relationship.

- 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?

Overview of activities of CoNNMO to update ANZSVN members directly

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 Nurse Surgical Assistants Inc. (AANSA)

Date of establishment: 2012

Number of members: 110 members

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

Completed a submission to NMBA on proposed changes to the definition of Advanced Practice
Continuing to develop Standards of Practice specifically for the PNSA role for credentialing of its members in the future
Completed application to Intellectual Property for a registered trademark for Credentialed PNSA pathway and awaiting the outcome
Continuing to communicate with the MBS taskforce for recognition of the PNSA role

When is your national conference?

Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th of October 2019 at Calvary Public Hospital, 4 Mary Potter Circuit, Bruce, Canberra ACT 2617

What are the issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?

To discuss how AANSA can appropriately develop Standards of Practice and to provide contacts that may be able to assist in this process
To discuss how AANSA can obtain assistance to undertake research to complete a policy publication piece on the Credentialed PNSA pathway and to provide contacts that may be able to assist in this process

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider?

NIL

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Name of organisation:

Australian College of Critical Care Nurses A/Prof Diane Chamberlain President

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

1. The inclusion of 2 non-executive directors (a lawyer and a financial advisor) to the ACCCN Board.
2. Charity status has been achieved so that ACCCN can receive tax deductible donations.
3. Complete rewrite of the ACCCN constitution – this has been a 12-month process
4. The ACCCN ICE 2017 (Institute for Continuing Education) is up and coming June 3rd and 4th in Cairns. .
5. The World Congress in Intensive Care is being held in Melbourne 14th – 18th October. ACCCN is a co-host of the event.

What are the issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?

No issues

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

No issues

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Australian College of Midwives

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

- **NMBA/ANMAC engagement:**
 - Re-entry Standards
 - ESL standards
 - Midwifery Education Standards
- **Submissions**
 - National Strategic Approach to Maternity Services (NSAMS)
 - National Action Plan for the Health of Children and Young People
 - DoH Immunisation materials
 - Registered Nurse Standards
 - Pregnancy Care Guidelines
- **Representation**
 - Child Digital health Record
 - Pregnancy Digital health record
 - SA/ACT – Standalone Birth centres
 - Staffing ratios
 - Midwives PII
 - #KidsOffNauru
 - NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in Stillbirth (Stillbirth CRE) inc. NHMRC Stillbirth CRE Timing of Birth Working Group
 - National Maternity Data Development Project Advisory Group
 - Domestic and Family Violence Implementation Council
 - ACRRM Rural and Remote Digital Innovation Group
 - National Rural Health Alliance
 - Early Career Nurse and Midwife Roundtable Working Group
 - Migrant and Refugee Women's Health Initiative
 - Trans-Tasman Midwifery Education Consortium
 - National Blood Authority
- **E-learning**
 - Release of new course – Antenatal Refresher
- **ACM National Conference – Perth**
 - 15-18 October 2018
- **ACM Projects/Initiatives**
 - Birthing on Country engagement
 - ACM/Rotary PNG Buddy Program
 - Reconciliation Action Plan

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

Power, Passion and Politics' as the 22nd National Conference in Canberra on 17th-19th September,
Website link: <https://midwives.eventsair.com/QuickEventWebsitePortal/acm-2019-national-conference/national-conference>

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

NSAMS – the current draft does not have Midwifery Continuity of Care identified – despite the strong evidence to support this inclusion and differentiation from other continuity of care models.

Link to more details: <https://www.midwives.org.au/news/call-action-nsams>

MBS Taskforce Participating Midwife Group Report. Addressing the need for a recommendation remove the requirement for collaborative agreements (similar to the Nurse Practitioner Report).

Report here: <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/MBSR-pcrg-consult>

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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 membership base between 900 and 1,000 including a few students
- Branches continue to offer professional events to local members
- The six special interest groups are active
- Scholarships and awards were reviewed and restyled to better meet the needs of members
- A social media committee was formed to manage accounts for Facebook, Twitter and Instagram
- Planning to work with the Miracle Babies Foundation to promote Kangaroo Care Awareness Day on 15 May

When is your national conference?

ACNN is supporting the triennial conference of the Council of International Neonatal Nurses, which takes place in Auckland 5 to 8 May, by offering scholarships for members to attend. For this year only ACNN has elected to host a visiting academic tour, visiting most of the states and territories, beginning on 21 October and culminating in a one-day event in Sydney on 9 November that will incorporate the AGM. The invited speaker is Dr Nancy Feeley from McGill University School of Nursing, Canada. Nancy has an extensive record in research focussing on neonatal nursing, in particular the care of parents whose newborn has been admitted to a neonatal unit.

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?

None in particular.

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Australian College of Nurse Practitioners

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

Transforming Health Care Campaign – funded by DoH
Increased engagement with the health industry and other professional associations.
MBS review participation

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

3rd-5th September 2019 at the Pullman Melbourne
Pre-conference workshops 2nd September

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

MBS review – supporting the 14 recommendations from the Nurse Practitioner Reference Group

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?

Support with any issues relating to improvement of health care or nursing/midwifery roles. Joint position statements and policies, lobbying.

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Reporting Template for CoNNMO Members

Australian College of Nursing (ACN)

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

Policy Chapters:

ACN's four inaugural [Policy Chapters](#) have completed their work for 2018 and four new themes for the existing Policy Chapters have been set out for 2019. The aim is to provide opportunities for nursing leaders and experts to inform, drive, change and guide future policy directions and address current challenges facing the health care system through collaboration. Each Chapter is being led by a high-calibre internationally or nationally renowned Chair and Deputy Chair, and consists of members with demonstrated expertise relevant to their specific Chapter.

Ageing Policy Chapter

This Chapter developed a [Position Statement](#), which drew on Australian and international literature to highlight 11 action areas for Australian nurses to promote health ageing.

This year, the Chapter will be looking at the Quality Indicators for Aged Care Services.

Chronic Disease Policy Chapter

This Chapter developed a [Discussion Paper](#) and [Position Statement](#), which highlighted that nurses are integral to ensuring optimal health outcomes across the lifespan.

This year, the Policy Chapter will focus on childhood and teenage obesity – in particular, the role of nurses in obesity and young people.

End of Life Care Policy Chapter

This Chapter is developing a White Paper that will be informed by the previously released [Position Statement](#), providing nurses with a guide on the implications of Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) legislation. The White Paper is expected to be launched mid-year and ACN will use this to advocate for strategies which optimise nursing's contribution in palliative care.

Workforce Sustainability Policy Chapter

This Chapter developed a [White Paper](#) that was launched at the Policy Summit this year. It examined the third tier workforce outlining current challenges, and making recommendations for implementation into the Australian health and aged care systems.

The Chapter will look into developing a minimum data set for future Nursing Workforce Planning nationally this year.

Policy Summit:

ACN held its third Policy Summit on 22 March 2019.

The keynote speakers were Emeritus Professor Jill White AM FACN, and Minister Meegan Fitzharris, MLA, ACT Minister for Health and Wellbeing, Medical and Health Research, Higher Education and Vocational Education and Skills.

Position Statement:

The Joint Position Statement on [Clinical Supervision](#) (previously presented to this meeting in 2016) with Australian College of Midwives (ACM), The Australian College of Nursing, and the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses (ACMHN) has been reviewed and approved by the three Boards.

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ACN Minister Trailblazer Awards:

Nurses who are leading the way in transforming health and aged care in Australia were recognised by the new ACN [Minister's Award for Nursing Trailblazers](#).

Nursing Now Australia:

[The Nursing Now](#) Australia launch by Lord Nigel, Co-Chair of Nursing Now.

International Nurses Day:

Plans for celebrating [International Nurses Day](#) on **12 May 2019** with the traditional National Nurses Breakfast with the theme: ***"Nurses: A voice to lead – Health for All"***.

History Conference:

The Australian College of Nursing 4th [History Conference](#) will present research on historical perspectives related to nursing and its broader contexts. The theme for the 4th History Conference is ***"The Power of History – Nursing Now"***. It will explore the complexities and differences of the past that have shaped the nursing profession. The conference will take place from **Tuesday 20 August 2019** at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Hobart.

National Nurses Forum:

[The National Nursing Forum](#) (NNF) is the Australian College of Nursing's signature annual event bringing together nurses from around the country and across the globe. The National Nursing Forum 2019 will be held in Hobart from **21 -24 August** with the theme this year being ***'Nursing now: The Power of Policy***.

Community and Primary Health Care Week:

[Community and Primary Health Care Week](#) raises awareness of the current and potential contribution of community and primary health care nursing to the health care system and highlights its impact on the wellbeing of individuals and those in local communities. The campaign encourages nurses and their supporters to host an event at their workplace, university or community centre during the week to celebrate the valuable contribution Community and Primary Health Care Nurses make to the wellbeing of our society.

ACN CEO Membership Board/Committee:

Board Member – Australian Digital Health Agency (new appointment)
Member – Aged Services Industry Reference Committee (IRC)

What are the issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?

Encourage nurses interested in policy to continue to work with ACN in driving the health reform agenda.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

Send your ideas or suggestions on health reform strategies or any other policy matters to the ACN policy email address: policy@acn.edu.au

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Australian Faith Community Nurses Association (AFCNA)

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

We are restructuring the way we promote and progress the role for better support of FCNs

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

On hold for this year as we rewrite and update AFCNA's Introductory courses and other professional documents that support the FCN role

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

Still interested to know what others have found about World Continuing Education Alliance website as suitable platform for online learning.

Would like advice about situation of national organisation that collects members fees across all states and territories. Does it have to be a registered organisation in every State and territory in order to collect membership funds? This seems to be implied but it would add additional costs and reporting burden so keen to know what other associations are doing.

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

As above

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

Will share our findings once we have a clear picture of legal requirements.

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Australian Nurse Teachers Society

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

Promoting the organisation
On line – ANTS moodle member interaction
2 e-bulletins
Planning for the organisational development over the next 12 month focus on member recruitment

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

Commencing planning for our 2020 Conference – to be held on the Gold Coast at Seaworld resort October 2020

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

Nil at present

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

Nil at present

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

Nurse education matters

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Date of establishment: 1924

Number of members: 275,000

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

Policy work from the professional and industrial teams has included policy development, submissions and personal representation at committees/forums, on:

- ANMF policy statement – *Digital Health* Available from:
http://anmf.org.au/documents/policies/P_Digital_Health.pdf

Submissions:

- Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Health Council consultation on the second stage of potential reforms to the National Law – October 2018
- Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council (AHMAC) consultation on the Strategic Directions for Australian Maternity Services – November 2018
- Australian Government Department of Health consultation on the policy options for reforming the Indigenous Pharmacy Programs – November 2018.
- Submission to the senate legal and constitutional affairs references committee- the effectiveness of the current temporary skilled visa system in targeting genuine skills shortages, December 2018
- Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) consultation on the revised Re-entry to practice for nurses and midwives policy and fact sheets – January 2019
- Australian Government Department of Health consultation on the Discussion Paper: Streamlined Consumer Assessment for Aged Care – submitted February 2019
- Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC) consultation on the review of the registered nurse accreditation standards -February 2019
- Pre-budget submission 2019-20- February 2019
- Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC) consultation on the review of the re-entry to the register enrolled nurse accreditation standards - February 2019
- Australia's Health Workforce: strengthening the education foundation, the final report of the Accreditation Systems Review project consultation- March 2019
- Productivity Commission Consultation, The Social and Economic benefits of improving mental health- April 2019
- Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety Update

The third stage of hearings are starting next week in Sydney and are focusing on dementia. The ANMF Federal Secretary Annie Butler was among those giving evidence at the first stage of hearings on 13 February, explaining how the systemic, sub-standard and inadequate care provided to vulnerable nursing home residents can be addressed by the implementation of mandated staffing ratios and skills mix. Annie's full statement and transcript from the hearing is available on the ANMF website, including ANMF Royal Commission Updates which provide a general overview of the progress of the Commission. This information and other Royal Commission resources are available at: <http://anmf.org.au/pages/royal-commission-into-aged-care-quality-and-safety>

What are the issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?

Support the ANMF national **Aged Care Campaign Ratios for Aged Care - Make Them Law Now**. From 2003 to 2016 there's been a 13% reduction in registered and enrolled nursing staff working full-time in nursing homes. Residents are receiving 2 hours 50 minutes of care per day, well below the 4 hours 18 minutes they should be getting. ANMF members report dangerously low staffing levels, such as, facilities with just one qualified nurse to manage the care of up to 100 residents on a night shift; or, that one carer has to feed, bathe, dress and mobilise 16 residents in 45 minutes.

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider?

Support the ANMFs work to both improve care for older people and the professional lives of the nurses who care for them, by:

- Liking ANMF on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/MoreStaffForAgedCare>
- Going to <http://anmf.org.au/campaign/entry/ratios-for-aged-care> and signing up to join the campaign

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Australian Ophthalmic Nurses Association (Inc) **Report to the National Coalition of Nursing Organisations** **May 2019**

This organisation, along with similar groups in Queensland, Victoria and Western Australia; and as part of the AONA National Council; represents the interests of Australian Ophthalmic Nurses. Our objectives are around providing a forum for nurses working in ophthalmic practice, facilitating education, defining and promoting a standard for practice, creating networking opportunities and promoting research in this area of practice.

With this in mind **significant activities of the organisation since we have last reported** include:

- Publication of the National Professional Practice Standards for Ophthalmic Nurses in Australia

Objectives of the Council

- Provide professional representation for ophthalmic nurses
- Develop and maintain national standards, statements, and recommendations relating to the practice of ophthalmic nursing
- Provide expert clinical advice and collaboration if requested, for any post graduate education or ophthalmic learning opportunity
- Seek to include ophthalmic nurses in the wider national and global visual dialogue and strategies, and their participation in sector initiatives
- Provide a national point-of-contact to other external stakeholders and interested parties wishing to engage the national ophthalmic nursing community
- Encourage member engagement and collaboration with national research and innovation projects and opportunities
- Share information on meetings, conferences and workshops and support the publication of a national newsletters
- Promote the profession of ophthalmic nursing
- Act as the national consultative body on issues affecting ophthalmic nurses.

Current Projects

- Early career ophthalmic nurse recruitment and retention planning
- We are currently exploring the role of ophthalmic nurses in delivering an intravitreal injection service. This would involve development of education and training courses and a process of certification/credentialing to undertake the role.

Thank you for the opportunity to join this forum.

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Australian Womens Health Nurse Association Inc (AWHNA)

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

- AGM with Change of Executive Office Bearers
- Conducted research on 'What makes membership likeable for you?' - an AWHNA 'Belonging well together' Survey - will help us to understand our members' (and potential members') needs and ensure that we make improvements to have members 'Belonging well together'. AWHNA is looking at ways to retain, grow and sustain membership.
- Introduced trial of 'Minute Taker Assistant to Secretary' paid position for regular General Meetings and Peer Review Meetings (held on same day) – to assist with Agenda planning and recording meeting minutes.
- Reviewing and renewing AWHNA new membership 'Welcome Package'
- Successful 2018 Annual Professional Development update held 15 & 16 Nov
- Progress report: NSW Women's Health Project 2017 – 2019: Rural and regional northern NSW women's knowledge and experiences of women's health services (Researchers from Flinders University SA and AWHNA Inc)

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

- 14 and 15 November 2019 at **NSWNMA, 50 O'Dea Ave, Waterloo. Planning underway**

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

- Helpful information in looking at increasing Affiliation (close connection) and possible *merging* with other likewise organisations to give beneficial gains to all regarding maintaining and sustaining memberships.
- Perhaps knowledge where AWHNA members can have realistic benefits through 3rd Party partners. What will this look like? Are there any willing to be 3rd Party partners with AWHNA.

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

- Not at present

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

- Supporting where women's health is a priority 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.

Anne Smart, President Australian Womens Health Nurse Association Inc

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Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Ltd (CNSA) – May 2019 Report

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

CNSA has had a very busy period of self-reflection over the last year, resulting in several organisational changes being agreed and implemented in recent months, to help ensure good governance and organisational sustainability. These include:

- The finalisation of a new CNSA Strategic Plan – including a consumer-focused vision, revised organisational values and four strategic priorities (Our Learning, Our Voice, Our Members and Our Organisation) – to be officially launched at CNSA's Annual Congress in June 2019
- Development of a [new organisational structure](#) – including the allocation of portfolios to Board Directors, a [position description for each Director portfolio](#), and the establishment of new Board sub-committees and standing committees to help achieve our strategic priorities
- A change in the business support model, and contracting with an association management organisation to provide membership services, secretarial and operational support, as well as Executive Officer and Company Secretary services
- Development of templates for committees' terms of reference and annual work plans
- A review of CNSA's current policies and guidelines, and identifying policy and procedure priorities.

CNSA has also introduced several member benefits in 2019, including:

- Two more years of access to Sosido – allowing cancer nurses to communicate important announcements, keeping CNSA members updated with the latest research impacting their practice, whilst fostering a community where members can crowdsource information, discuss trending topics and network with peers
- In partnership with the World Continuing Education Alliance, CNSA members now have access to a Continuing Nursing Education Portal where they have world class continuing professional development at their fingertips (e.g. >900 free nursing CPD courses available 24/7, free CPD tracker and ability to accrue CPD hours from the comfort of their home)
- The [Australian Journal of Cancer Nursing](#) will now be published on-line, with CNSA members able to 'opt in' if they want to also receive a hard copy.

CNSA has also awarded the following grants and scholarships in recent months:

- 9 x professional development grants (up to \$1500 each) – to support members attending national/international professional development events
- A research grant of \$15,000 to support a project exploring "Specialist Cancer Nurses' Engagement in Clinical Supervision"
- A Leadership Skills Development Scholarship of \$5,000.

Stakeholder engagement (locally and abroad), including:

- Australian Primary Healthcare Nurses Association (APNA)
- Australian Society of Breast Disease
- Breast Cancer Network Australia (BCNA)
- Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology (CANO)
- Cancer Australia
- Cancer Institute NSW
- Clinical Oncology Society of Australia (COSA)
- Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINaM)
- Federal Department of Health's Radiation Oncology Roundtable
- International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care (ISNCC)
- Medicare Benefits Schedule Review Taskforce
- McGrath Foundation
- Ovarian Cancer Australia
- Radiation Oncology Alliance (of which CNSA is now officially a member)
- Union for International Cancer Control (UICC).

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CNSA's membership and financial year runs from 1 April to 31 March, so we have also been busy with membership renewals, annual financial statements and preparations for the annual audit, as well as budgeting for the year ahead.

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

The 2019 CNSA Annual Congress will be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre from 20-22 June 2019. The theme is "*The Complexity of Cancer Care: What will the future of cancer nursing look like?*" More information is available from <http://www.cnsacongress.com.au/>.

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

General sharing of information and ideas – such as:

- 'Benchmarking' membership fees (i.e. annual member subscription fees vs benefits received)
- Diversification of the organisation's income (beyond member fees, sponsorship and events)
- Developing a national sponsorship strategy
- Communication and marketing ideas.

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

- How CoNNMO member organisations can help 'close the gap' in Indigenous life expectancy – tangible things we all could / should contribute.
- Options for income diversification and sponsorship – and how to do that while complying with new Accounting Standards as well as within Medicines Australia Code of Conduct Guidelines.

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

CNSA is very happy to share lessons learned from our development these last 12 months, if that would be helpful to any other CoNNMO members.

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CATSINaM

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

- CATSINaM contributed to the Indigenous Health Workforce Roundtable which was hosted by Minister Ken Wyatt. This particular forum focussed on building the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workforce.
- We continue to advocate to Government on their Closing the Gap Refresh Project. This work has now progressed to a Partnership agreement between the Federal Government states and territory governments and the National Coalition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peak Organisations. The Agreement was developed collaboratively with the Coalition of Peaks, the largest group of Indigenous community-controlled organisations, and committed to by all levels of government
- In March, we participated in the Close the Gap Day which this year was held away from Parliament House and instead hosted by Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation based in Campbelltown Western Sydney.
- Our conference will be held in Sydney from 24 to 26 September 2019. At our conference, we will have our annual student day, a Leaders in Indigenous Nursing and Midwifery Education Network (LINMEN) workshop, chronic disease workshop and possibly a cultural safety forum.
- Our second Cultural Safety & the NSQHS Standards Framework Workshop was held on 21st & 22nd January 2018 in Brisbane, which has led to Local Health Districts in NSW purchasing workshops that will be tailored to meet their needs. Our Framework is available to purchase separate to the workshop and details can be found on our website.

What are the issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?

- Continue to promote the Codes of Conduct for Nurses and Midwives. Foster and promote understanding of cultural safety, particularly the concepts of 'white privilege' and 'whiteness' and debunk the misinformation put out by the conservative media.

Are there any issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

- Following the release of the AHPRA consultation paper on the definition of cultural safety which lists CATSINaM on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Workforce Working Group, we've had feedback that some nurses and midwives are concerned that we support the revised definition. We wish to advise that CATSINaM has not changed its position on the meaning or definition of cultural safety as that put into the Codes of Conduct for Nurses and Midwives. Whilst CATSINaM is on the Working Group that helped developed the proposed new definition, we have not changed our stance on the definition we advocated for in the Codes of Conduct, nor any other consultation process. Rather we were unable to change the views of others that wanted a less confronting definition. After everything that nurses and midwives went through upon the release of the Codes of Conduct it is disappointing that all that hard work has not been recognised and maintained, but rather people have felt the need to step back from that definition. We hope this reassures you of our position and support to you, and we acknowledge and thank you for the support you have given us.

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Continence Nurses Society Australia (CoNSA)

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

1. Presentation of a pelvic floor examination workshop using live models at the National Conference on Incontinence in Hobart, November 2018 to ensure that nurse continence specialists have the opportunity to develop advance pelvic examination skills for use in the clinical setting to inform diagnosis and management. This opportunity has also been offered on an annual basis by the Victorian/Tasmanian branch of CoNSA
2. Representation of two Nurse Continence Specialists on the International Continence Society Nursing committee
3. Publication of the outcomes of the National Project to Develop and Validate Practice Standards for Australian Nurse Continence Specialists by Joan Ostaszewicz, Janie Thompson and Elizabeth Watts. The practice standards have been sent to all current members and are available on the CoNSA Website and provide a framework for individuals and organisations to understand the specialist and advanced practice requirements of continence nursing specialists
4. State branch professional development days have been held. Membership is currently at: 268 with an increase in member numbers in NSW and Victoria but a decline in Queensland.
5. CoNSA committee members (state and national branch members) have been instrumental in working with LaTrobe university to ensure that Continence Nursing Subjects continue to be offered at post-graduate level. Many courses have ceased operation in recent years, limiting the educational opportunities for registered nurses wishing to undertake specific nursing education.

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

28th National Continence on Incontinence 13-16th November, 2019 to be held in Melbourne. (Organising body is the Continence Foundation of Australia). Conference website link:

www.ncoi.org.au

CoNSA AGM is held during the conference

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

Nurse Continence Specialists (CNS) nationally report that NDIS payment rates are impacting the viability of service delivery and preventing the achievement of optimal client care outcomes.

The rate is paid at just under \$100 per hour and generally capped at 3 hours to cover assessment, review, report writing and travel, which is the same as the general nursing rate. This does not recognise the specialist skill set of the continence nurse specialist in complex bladder and bowel issues and the work involved in a continence assessment. Higher rates are paid to allied health practitioners of around \$175 per hour and upwards. NCS are concerned that continence is viewed as a "pad prescription" service rather than a skilled assessment which can cure, improve or better management bladder or bowel dysfunction.

Lobbying to NDIS and the Federal government has failed to elicit a satisfactory (or at time, any) response.

Given the practice standards document which outlines the specialisation requirements, it seems unreasonable that this is not recognised at a clinical and practical level by NDIS.

Support to achieve recognition and change would be greatly helpful, either in assisting with lobbying or direction on how to proceed.

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

Not at the time of this report

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

Not at present

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CRANApplus

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

- CRANApplus held the *Inaugural Rural Nursing Symposium* in Canberra on 28 February 2019. Well over 60 rural nurses, managers, academics and stakeholders attended. Speakers included Professor Jane Mills (past Director of Australian Rural Nurses and Midwives Association), Prof Debra Thoms (Commonwealth CNMO) Julianne Bryce (ANMF), Professor Paul Worley (National Rural Health Commissioner) and rural nurse leaders/researchers Jason Phieler (Lorne Community Hospital), Karen Schnitzerling (Tamar Health, Tasmania) and Sarah Smith (University of Wollongong).

The purpose of the Symposium was to identify and prioritise key issues, along with actions, that are unique to rural nurses now and into the future. There was a general consensus that we can achieve more by standing together. An Outcomes and Directions paper has been prepared for circulation among attendees and other key stakeholders. CRANApplus is keen to collaborate with others who believe more can be done to support, educate and advocate for rural nurses.

- Remote Area Nurse Certification continues (free to members)
<https://crana.org.au/uploads/pdfs/RAN-Certification-Brochure-2017.pdf>
- CRANApplus has released 2 new free eRemote Modules:
 - a. Diversity in Aged Care
 - b. Working Safely in Community Night Patrol
- A comprehensive review is underway of all CRANApplus eRemote Modules. The existing modules will be replaced with 18 new modules that are under construction and align with the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards (2017) and Remote Area Nursing Competency Standards (2001)
- Remote Emergency Care Course undergoing extensive review augmenting
- Stay Safe and Secure Course continues to be delivered.

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

Embracing Diversity to Build Stronger Connections, CRANApplus' 37th Conference, will be held 18-20 September 2019, Hunter Valley NSW. Confirmed speakers include Kurt Fearnley AO (Paralympian, Disability Rights Advocate) and Stan Grant (Indigenous Affairs Editor, ABC).

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

Nil

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

Nil

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

As one of the larger organisations we are always happy to help fellow CoNNMO members where we can. This is especially so for the smaller groups who have limited staff and resources.

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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?

- New membership software (civiCRM) and Stripe for online payment processing;
- A special general meeting to update the DANA constitution in line with planned expansion;
- Appointment of a second Patron; Ms Tonina Harvey AO;
- Planning weekends: November 2018 and April 2019;
- Development of 'Models of Care';
- Member satisfaction survey;
- Launch of: *Where are the Drug and Alcohol Nurses? DANA Mapping Research*;
- Memorandum of understanding signed with the Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol & other Drugs (APSAD) ;
- 2019 Submissions:
 - NSW Special Commission of Inquiry into 'Ice';
 - Response to the NPRG MBS submission;
 - Review of Registered Nurse Accreditation Standards Consultation Paper 3;
 - COAG reforms to Health Practitioner Regulation National Law.

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

- DANA's Inaugural Drug and Alcohol Nurse Practitioner one-day Symposium to be held in Sydney on Thursday 15th August 2019 at the Swissotel.
- DANA 2019 Conference '*The Power of Connection*' to be held in Sydney in August 2019 at the Swissotel.
- Post Conference workshop Hepatitis C in Primary Care and Drug and Alcohol Settings: An update for Nurse Practitioners to be held in Sydney on Saturday 17th August 2019 in collaboration with the Australasian Society for HIV, Viral Hepatitis + Sexual Health Medicine (ASHM) and the Kirby Institute.

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

- The development of Models of Care (MOCs) / sharing of MOCs.

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

- Business structures most suited to an NFP organisation (currently incorporated in NSW) for Western Pacific membership
- Media training

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

- Always willing to help

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Flight Nurses Australia (FNA)

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

Preparation for the October Conference in Perth
Continued active social media presence with 1750+ followers on Facebook and Instagram
Securing of COASTN partnership for two FNA members to attend COASTN course 2019.
Offer of Scholarship to value of \$2500 for use towards professional development due June 30th.

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

October 15th – 17th Perth Western Australia.

www.aeromedconference.com

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

Our continuing challenge in the last six months has to been around sustainability of the organisation with a very small active committee, however this last six months with fewer committee members but very active members has meant the organisation has continued to grow.

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

No thanks.

Gastroenterological Nurses College of Australia (GENCA)

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

Planning for GENCA National Conference, 31/5-2/6/2019
Attendance at SIES 2019 – approx. 200 nurses in attendance
Planning for AGW2019, Nurses Program development, 8-10/9/2019
Regional Meetings
Fundamentals workshops
Production of Journal, including appointment of new Editor, and developing new editorial committee
Planning of IBD Foundation school for nurses
Mailout to all endoscopy clinics in Australia – promoting membership and education we offer.

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

Friday 31 May (welcome reception) – Sunday 2 June 2019
Pullman Melbourne Albert Park
<https://www.genca.org/education/2019-national-conference/>

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

Succession planning for volunteers – particularly at Strategic (Board) level.

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Maternal Child and Family Health Nurses Australia (MCaFHNA)

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

MCaFHNA hosts a national conference every two years, and the significant activities of our organisation in the last six months have been preparing for this conference.

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

The 8th Maternal Child and Family Health Nurses Australia conference will be held from 15 to 19 August 2019 in Sydney, Australia. The theme is "Navigating the Future: New Directions in Maternal, Child and Family Health Nursing".

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

Not presently.

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

Not presently.

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National Enrolled Nurse Association (NENA)

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

NENA is in a hold at present due to dwindling numbers and with a spread-out committee who all work full time within their nursing roles it has been difficult to coordinate any firm activities or plans

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

National conference is due this year in October but at this stage will not be going ahead

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

Membership boosting and effective promotion of organisation

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

Workplace relationships between colleague's and patient engagement

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

Enrolled Nursing within a team environment

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Nursing Informatics Australia (NIA)

Position paper on Nursing Informatics available at:

https://www.hisa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Nursing-Informatics-Position-Statement_06082017.pdf

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

Planning and organisation of 2019 Conference.

Committee member attendance at National Nurse Education (Educating the Nurse of the Future) consultation events.

Submission to ANMAC regarding Registered Nurse Prescribing Accreditation Standards and potential impact of digital health records.

Review and update Strategic Plan, Operational Plan and By Laws.

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

NIA Conference Melbourne 11 August 2019.

Conference theme is *Nursing Career Paths in Digital Health*

Further information and registration: <https://www.hisa.org.au/hic/nia/>

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 in professional practice.

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

Presentation/update on Nursing Informatics/Digital Health at future Member meeting.

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

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

For further information please contact: Marian Linnane, NIA CoNNMO representative: marlinn@optusnet.com.au

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Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Nurses Group

What have been the significant activities of your organisation in the last six months? Annual national conference in Brisbane, March '19 (140) Paediatric Airway workshop March '19 (14) ENT H&N workshop Toowoomba (40) Oct 18, ENT H&N workshop Townsville Nov 18 (30).

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

March 22nd to 24th 2019 Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre in conjunction with ASOHNS.

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

Advertising and dissemination of event details to nurses nationwide. These events take a lot of time to put together and it is disappointing when numbers are small. Getting the information out is very difficult and time consuming.

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

As mentioned previously – an open discussion between groups to discover how other groups achieve income, advertising event, recruitment, legal support (constitution) AGMs etc.

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

Finding a way to get information out to non member nurses about events we are hosting.

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CoNNMO Report: October 2018 to May 2019

Our group has continued to provide a variety of specialty specific educational opportunities for its members over the stated period.

Events were held in Toowoomba, Gold Coast and Townsville. Myself and the state representative facilitated these events which were well attended and evaluated as beneficial by all attendees (approx 120 nurses).

As a small group we continue to struggle with finding willing representatives who are motivated and have available time to commit to organising and hosting events. As all members of the executive and committee (including state representatives) are volunteers it is difficult to dictate expectations. It is compounded by the difficulty of finding venues which are both economical and appropriate for these events. It would be helpful if a list of venues, deemed appropriate by other groups was published or at least shared within the coalition.

Our national conference was held in Brisbane in March. We welcomed 140 delegates the majority of which, considered the content, venue and resources as excellent. Hosting this conference in partnership with our surgical colleagues dictates high cost venues and facilities but allows our delegates the benefit of fulfilling their specific leaning needs across both programs. With corporate support, ever challenging to attain, we were able to keep our registration costs at a reasonable level. The unwillingness of multiple employers, both public and private, to offer 'conference leave' or professional development entitlements for potential conference delegates should not be underestimated.

Prior to our annual conference we hosted a pre conference paediatric tracheostomy management workshop. This content of this workshop was excellent however the attendance was poor. I am unable to explain nor understand with this was so. The information about the workshop was shared to many health facilities across the eastern seaboard and Perth however with little impact on attendance numbers. Perhaps the CoNNMO team could facilitate a discussion focusing on event marketing, common networks, untapped lists etc. I believe there is an easier way of 'reaching' nurses across the country however I seek assistance from the coalition to outline how that can be done.

Regards to all
Cheryl Kelly
President OHNNG

Palliative Care Nurses Australia (PCNA)

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

Biennial Conference

Conference 2020 dates and venue have been announced. With the theme '2020 Year of the Nurse, celebrating palliative care nursing' conference will be held in Melbourne on 3 & 4 May.

Special Interest Groups

- Aged Care SIG is in final stages of editing a, 'End of life care for Older people' position statement. Prof Deb Parker, Chair of the SIG provided an oral submission to the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety and the Aged Care SIG will also provide a written submission to the Commission.
- Nurse Practitioner SIG will be providing a palliative care nursing response to the MBS review. The NP SIG will provide mentors for the recently launched PCNA mentoring program aimed at non-specialist palliative care or early career nurses.
- Rural and Regional Nurses SIG has been endorsed following requests from members who practice in isolation or remotely from specialist palliative care teams. The R&R SIG held its first meeting in March 2019.
- WA Nurses SIG also held its first meeting in March 2019. This SIG was formed following requests from members and, as a way to better engage with nurses providing end of life care in WA.

Organisational processes and Representation

Since last meeting, PCNA has made formal responses, submissions and representations to:

- WA Parliament Joint Committee re: Inquiry into informed decisions regarding end of life choices – response to questions from the Committee, June 2018;
- Shaping the Future of Palliative Care Round Table, Canberra, November 2018
- Queensland Parliamentary Inquiry into Aged Care, End-of-life and Palliative Care, and Voluntary Assisted Dying, April 2019.

PCNA continues to participate in a number of other national and state-based committees and forums to represent the interests of nurses working in palliative and end of life care.

What are the issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?

None at this time.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

PCNA requests that CoNNMO supports better classification of nursing specialties in data collected by AHPRA at time of registration.

Kym Griffin
Secretary PCNA
2 May 2019

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PGNA Psychogeriatric Nurses Association Australia (Inc)

NEW LOGO the Organisation membership has expanded to include "Nurses Working in Older People's Mental Health, Aged and Dementia Care."



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

www.pgna.org.au

What have been the significant activities of your organisation in the last six - 12 months?

- 2018-2019 PGNA Summary of Achievements
 - Commenced regular Education Events by Zoom US
 - Upgrades to Website – look better, increase current Information on there and future upgrades ie
 - Membership only area
 - Update of Organisation promotional material and Banners
 - Continue as member organisation of the NSW Older Person's Mental Health Working Group and CoNNMO
 - PGNA now listed in the 2019 Australian Nurse Diary Pocket & A5 (hard cover) under the Heading "Useful Contacts. Other Australian Nursing Groups PGNA - Psychogeriatric Nurses Association
 - Approved and funded x 1 Scholarship 2018
 - PGNA - Professor John Snowdon (retired) accepted invitation as PGNA PATRON.
 - Added to PGNA Website Home Page – Statement of Acknowledgement of Aboriginal people and announced in Newsletter Code of Conduct and Cultural Safety joint Statements.
 - PGNA Policy and Procedure Manual for the Organisation is well underway to aid new Committee members.
 - Increase collaboration with FPOA and Multi Disciplinary specialists in Older Person's Mental Health
 - PGNA has a representative the Sydney North Older Person's Mental Health Network
- 2018 Nov AGM – Open Forum inviting Faculty Psychiatry of Old Age (FPOA) (20 attendees)
- 2019 Feb Successful Seniors week Forum (Free event) combined with FPOA (130 attendees)
- 4 Newsletter per year with broader information for members now includes Aged and Dementia Care Nurses – see website – all Newsletters are up on PGNA webpage
- Education Events and Exec meetings by Zoom US second monthly – Next one May 23rd 2019 see flyer
- Continued PGNA representative NSW Older Person's Mental Health Working Group and CoNNMO

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

PGNA Bi Annual Conference will be held – Friday 6th September 2019. Venue: Innovation Campus, University of Wollongong NSW

Conference Theme:TBA

Flyer to be sent when completed

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- There is no longer a Gerontological Nurses specific organisation since Geriaction ceased, (Geriaction had a very Residential Aged Care Facility focus so also did not suit people working in Community Health or Acute Care.
- Australian Association of Gerontology (AAG) now has a different focus (more research, Academic/Education and Administration Policy), more than Clinical, even the AAG Gerontological Nurses Special Interest group (AAG GNSIG) has folded in my understanding or at least dormant!
- PGNA is struggling with the workload to progress the organisation and membership (7 Exec all volunteers) that try to hold things together

Nurses Education: is failing our current and future nurses!

Students, New grads, RNs, RN nurses wanting to change specialty – (the issues are different for these groups)

- New staff wanting to work in specialist areas mostly come to wards with NO prior experience or knowledge. There is no understanding of the concepts of Mental Health for instance the concept of the 'therapeutic self'.
- There are mostly only "on line" Courses for any staff and New Grads
- On line training courses do not give staff any way to practice skill based learning, no experiential learning, (there are some things like attitudes and philosophy of "Care" that are not able to be learned on line)!
- Specialist Education and training for Nurses ie Older Person's Mental Health, Gerontological Nursing is an issue and barrier for new staff to work in these areas – **core competencies are "airy fairy"** – do not give staff any meaning.

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

Nurses Education and training

- National Level Curriculum, there is a current independent review of nursing preparation in Australia – Educating the Nurse of the Future – issues as above
- Increased Links between Universities and placement training – increased opportunities for Placements (not just Acute Care and Community health – need to have such diverse placements to increase pathways for Primary Health and preventative medicine
- Current RN training, placements of students, pathways of specialisations

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

Information

Report on behalf of the PGNA Executive

Marianne Cummins

PGNA Vice President

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Renal Society of Australasia

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

A very successful uptake of education via the new WCEA platform with increased member activity in accessing resources related to both renal care and other specialties such as cardiac nursing. This is a significant period of growth for the continuing education needs of our members.

The RSA is working with Kidney Health Australia in the development of a National strategy towards kidney disease inclusive of a common research strategy across the partnership. To align with this we continue to progress the development a Policy & Research committee, and a suite of position statements that identify the RSA strategic goals with a major focus on aligning with Kidney Health Australia. The purpose of this group is to seek consumer engagement and to support nursing research that aligns with the strategic direction of the alliance and the RSA.

Development of research collaborations to limit renal research silos.

Continuation of high quality webinars in partnership with Industry which are conducted in a series of three per year on topics highly relevant to the renal nursing and allied health community.

Continuation of the vascular access workshop series in collaboration with Industry partners that are held in a series across major cities each year. This has now been expanded to include New Zealand.

Stabilising our financial position through the work of the RSA finance committee.

The RSA journal was released on line for the first time this year, a small print run has been continued for members who opt for a hard copy but these numbers are very small in comparison to our membership.

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

Launch of the 2019 Annual Conference which will be held in New Zealand.

What are the issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?

Good governance by Board oversight – key issues and barriers and how to overcome these.

Reporting to consumers in Nursing and Midwifery Organisations.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

Continued focus on preserving the nursing workforce with safe patient staffing ratio's and specific consideration for specialist areas such as nephrology nursing.

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