

CoNNMO Meeting – Friday 8th May 2020 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?

We held our last conference at the Taree Club in October '19. It was a very informative 3 days with workshops & excellent presenters despite the bush fires looming around us. We had a large part of the membership attend which allowed 17 CPD points over the 3 days.

Our membership has remained steady as has our affiliations to other hearing health stakeholders. We have our new website up which has allowed a better communication tool for members and others to contact us and be updated in upcoming activities.

We also have several new students that are currently doing the audiometry nursing course through the Australian College of Nursing.

Our organisation was able to offer 2 scholarships to students this year who met the criteria.

We are in discussions with ACN regarding the course content and possible workshops.

Students have had issues with the clinical component of the course and are needing more hands on training to achieve competencies and acquire confidence to be independent clinicians.

The President of ANAA Inc. has been invited onto an expert advisory committee to look into Aboriginal hearing screening research at Macquarie University hearing hub to provide better outcomes for children with Otitis Media. The research will be looking at when is the best time to screen hearing after the SWISH testing at birth.

We have been building relationships and affiliation with other hearing health stakeholders. The Australian College of Audiologists/Audiometrists may be able to offer ongoing education, webinars and conferences to our members.

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

Next conference is in the Macquarie Park/Ryde area with one day dedicated to being at the Hearing Hub. This will be held on the last week of October for 3 days.

The annual conference is now on hold due to COVID-19.

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

How do we convince government and local health districts that we need a succession plan with more audiometry nurses in community health hearing clinics?

Can government provide scholarships for nurses to do the course?

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

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Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control (ACIPC)

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

A new Board was elected in November 2019

Members have obviously heavily involved at a local level in the response to COVID-19.

Nationally, ACIPC is represented at the Infection Control Expert Group providing advice to the Chief Medical Officer and the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee.

ACIPC is also a partner of the National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce which has been established to undertake continuous evidence surveillance to identify and rapidly synthesise emerging research in order to provide national, evidence-based guidelines for the clinical care of people with COVID-19. ACIPC is represented on the National Steering Committee and the National Guidelines Group.

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

The 9th International ACIPC Conference was scheduled for 1-18 November 2020 in Sydney.

In April 2020 the Board made the decision to cancel the conference.

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?

No currently

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ACIPC is available to be used as a resource for infection prevention and control.

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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 Hepatology Association
Current Membership 158
Established 2004

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

1. The AHA Biennial Conference “Rising to the Challenge” Coffs Harbour 2019 17-19th October 2019
 - 113 registrants plus scholarship recipients and invited speakers. Scholarships provided to successful abstracts demonstrating nurse-led research. Overwhelmingly positive feedback received by evaluations and post conference survey.
2. Initial meeting of Nurse Practitioner special interest group (SIG).
 - The role of the AHA Nurse Practitioner (NP) Special Interest Group (SIG) is to provide a platform for current and upcoming NPs who are AHA members to have a place to connect, communicate, bond and strengthen relationships with a focus on NP related professional matters. The NP SIG meets quarterly and to date has provided consultation on revision of therapeutic guidelines (eTG) for gastroenterology and hepatology guidelines.
 - The SIG has also provided consultation to Australasian HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Medicine (ASHM) for the development of a National Standard for the Hepatitis B s100 Community Prescribers Program.
 - It has also supported the Australian College of Nurse Practitioners (ACNP) in its submission lobbying for NP access to pharmaceutical benefits schedule (PBS), via the community access program, for the treatment and management of hepatitis B, hepatitis C and HIV s100. This was ultimately successful and resulted in an amendment to PBS on April 1st to extend this access to NP’s.
3. Research special interest group
 - Sought abstract proposals from nurses to undertake nurse-led research with the provision of a research scholarship and this was awarded to a member
4. Nursing Care and Management of Advanced Liver Disease Course
 - Continued to generate good attendance and some income for the AHA in late 2019-early 2020, Now on hold due to COVID-19 restrictions
5. AHA Member representations and consultation sought and provided to collaborating organisations including
 - Australasian Viral Hepatitis Conference program development committee – now postponed
 - Nurse-Led Models of care forum – ASHM – now postponed
 - National Hepatitis B Testing Policy – revision
 - International Hepatology Nurses Network
 - ASHM Taskforce on Blood Borne Virus (BBV), Sexual Health and COVID-19 – AHA board representative and several members providing consultation on a range of domains within the Taskforce

As with most sectors the AHA has been dramatically affected by the current COVID-19 pandemic with a significant number of its workforce re-deployed, particularly those members that are working in infectious diseases roles that provide viral hepatitis care. Consequently, we have had to place on hold several projects temporarily. We have also been required to postpone all face to face courses such as the Nursing Care and Management of Advanced

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Liver Disease. The relevant project groups are working to develop alternative modes of delivery such as webinars and online courses etc.

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

2021 date to be determined – biennial conference

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

Interested to hear more of members successes in achieving sustainability of their organisations.

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

Also, it would be great to hear from members of the experiences of their sector and impact on their members of the current COVID-19 pandemic and the ability to continue to deliver guideline based care.

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

Not known but the AHA is always very open for further collaboration

Thank you

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Australasian Institute of Digital Health Nursing and Midwifery (formerly Nursing Informatics Australia)

Name of organisation: New Name

Australasian Institute of Digital Health Nursing and Midwifery – AIDH NaM (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?

Members of the two key professional bodies for Health Informatics in Australia, voted in December 2019 to merge and become a new peak body for digital health and health informatics. The Health Informatics Society of Australia (HISA) and the Australasian College of Health Informatics (ACHI) officially became the Australasian Institute of Digital Health in February 2020.

NIA participation on ADHA Advisory Committee to the Digital Health Capability Framework for the Nursing and Midwifery Workforce Program

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

The 2020 conference was to be held in Brisbane in July in conjunction with NI2020 – the 15th International Congress in Nursing Informatics. This event has now been cancelled due to COVID -19.

NI2020 – the 15th International Congress in Nursing Informatics is now scheduled to occur in Sydney from 21-25 August, 2021. This will be held in conjunction with the Health Informatics Conference at that time.

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.

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.

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Australasian Neuroscience Nurses Association (ANNA)

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

1. Webinar held on 2nd December. Update on Management of Epilepsy presented by Melissa Bartley, Clinical Nurse Specialist Epilepsy Westmead Hospital. 22 registrations.
2. Webinar on Patient Reported Measures to be held in March was postponed to 2nd June due to illness of the presenter.
3. NSW Education Seminar on Neuro Oncology to be held on Wednesday 6th March via ZOOM platform.
4. Sydney Neuroscience Symposium to be held on 26th June has been postponed until 12th February.
5. Annual strategic planning meeting held with priorities addressed.
6. Ongoing World Federation Neuroscience Nurses (WFNN) Quadrennial (WFNN) planning
7. Ongoing mentorship program
8. Member recruitment power point presentation developed
9. State delegates have been invited and have attended executive meetings on a quarterly basis.

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

12-13 November Rydges Hotel, Melbourne Australia. Awaiting COVID – 19 updates prior to securing venue.
World Federation Neuroscience Nurses (WFNN) Quadrennial Congress 20-23 July 2021 Darwin, Northern Territory.

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

Initiatives for recruitment and retention of members and member engagement

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

Identifying and negotiating funding and sponsorship opportunities.

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

We are happy to be contacted to assist other CoNNMO members where able.

Diane Lear
ANNA President

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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?

New members to Executive orientated
Website Update
Committee representation
NP Access to Prescribing S100's
Increase in membership
Members deployed to other jobs including Contact Tracing during the COVID 19 Pandemic
Twitter and Facebook
Letter to Minister Hunt regarding NP prescribing under TGA personal importing scheme
Working Party to update Competency Standards.

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

The Sexual Health and HIV Joint conference was due to be held as a face to face meeting in September but the organising committee will now consider a virtual conference.

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?

Continue as is currently

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

Governance advice for smaller organisations

Joanne Perks
CoNNMO rep.

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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 August 2019 in Adelaide
- Update of website
- Online membership renewals
- Securing scholarships to promote participation in vascular nursing professional events

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

9-12 October 2020, Gold Coast Convention Centre. Joint conference with ANZSVS.

Announced this week that due to COVID-19 it will be deferred till 2021 date TBC remaining at the same venue.

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 and New Zealand Society of Occupational Medicine (ANZSOM)

Nursing report for CoNNMO Meeting May 8th 2020

Nurse Liaison Roles

- The Federal Nursing Liaison Officer role provides a nursing perspective at the level of the Executive & General Council to ensure the needs of the occupational health nurses are considered in our ongoing strategic development and operational planning
- Nurse Liaison roles also now in most Branches
 - QLD
 - NSW
 - WA
 - VIC/TAS
- Also, nurse representation on CPD Committee

Nurse membership

- There are currently 52 nurse members, representing 18% of all financial members
- While a number of nurse members have retired and left ANZSOM, nurse membership continues to grow with 15 new members in 2019, including 7 in Western Australia from Corporate Group membership.
- 31 nurses attended the Annual Scientific conference (ASM) in 2019 held in Adelaide.
- Sponsors hosted a dinner for nurses during the ASM, helping nurses to network.
- 2020 the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife - In honor of the 200th birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale

Nurse Strategy Working Group

- Many other Occupational Health Nurses are not ANZSOM members. Our ongoing challenge is to reach these individuals and bring them into ANZSOM.
- The Nurse Strategy Working Group was Initiated in 2018 to progress nursing interests and support the membership growth
- ANZSOM have been working on the Competency Standards for the OHN's, and were successful in obtaining membership of **(CoNNMO)** - The Coalition of National Nursing & Midwifery Organizations in October 2019

Sally Kane and Sandra Code

ANZSOM members.

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 Post Graduate Scholarship which will be awarded annually.
2. We are in the process of developing a Research Scholarship which will be awarded annually.
3. 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.
4. We are currently instigating a review into our Business Model, exploring options to move from state based and NZ societies to an incorporated model that provides for one unified organization.

When is your national conference?

Our annual conference was due to be held from 7-9 March 2020 in Sydney (held in conjunction with the Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand (USANZ) ASM. It was cancelled the day before it was due to start as a result of COVID-19 Coronavirus concerns. This year we had planned to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the formation of ANZUNS with a gala dinner – all the more special given the WHO 2020 Year of the Nurse. As disappointing as the cancellation was it was the correct thing to do. Unfortunately, the impact (financially and otherwise) of an ASM cancellation will be felt for a number of years to come.

We had record numbers of nursing registrants and a record number of abstracts submitted.

The next conference will be in Brisbane in March 2021.

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

If there any CoNNMO members who have been involved in the transition from state-based societies to an incorporated model we would be very pleased to share your learnings and hear your advice.

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

Negotiation skills when working with other organisations and negotiating funding opportunities. Understanding the basics of a funding agreement. Contractual risks to small nursing organisations that we should be aware of.

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Australian Association of Nurse Surgical Assistants (AANSA)

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

Literature Review completed for developing National Standards of Practice for Credentialed Perioperative Nurse Surgical Assistant (CPNSA)

AANSA executive committee identified representatives for the Expert Reference Group to discuss and review the Draft Standards of Practice for CPNSA.

First meeting with Expert Reference Group representatives will be held on the 26th March 2020

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

Saturday 17th October – St Andrew's Private Hospital, Toowoomba, QLD

Sunday 18th October – St Vincent's Private Hospital, Toowoomba, QLD

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

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Nil

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Name of organisation: The Australian College of Children and Young People's Nurses (ACCYPN) – May 2020

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

1. Current membership 313
2. Our next conference has been postponed to the 15th to the 17th of September, 2021 in Darwin
3. Chapter events now running as webinars, aiming for monthly sessions
4. Social media links on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and more recently on LinkedIn #accypn @accypn
5. Our Standards of Practice for Nursing Children and Young People document is available on the ACCYPN website and Edith Cowan University is the corporate sponsor for this work.
<http://www.accypn.org.au/knowledge-centre/standards-of-practice/> Copies available through our website.
6. Credentialing work ongoing with nurses being credentialed nationally with the process being finalised. The credentialing committee for the College is reviewing applications. www.c4n.com.au
7. Review the college's position statements and business rules.
8. ACCYPN Journal will launch in October early 2020, Editorial Board established.
9. Grants awarded:
 - a. Michelle Wedding was awarded the ACCYPN Lyn Frazer Postgraduate Nursing Award in Child and Adolescent Health at QUT
10. Bimonthly member newsletters to members
11. Knowledge centre, e-learning sessions via webcasts for members to view online,
<http://www.accypn.org.au/pd/e-learning/>
12. Documents/Issues Commented on recently:
 - a.

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

1. Promotion of specialty standards of practice - information is on the College's website www.accypn.org.au
2. Promotion of our next Conference in 2021.
3. Identifying any funding/sponsorship opportunities for the College.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

1. Work force issues related to capturing more accurate data about the number of nurses working with children and young people across Australia.
2. Members experience with business development assistance to share experiences, for eg: with Porbono Australia

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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 continued to offer professional events to local members until COVID-19 restrictions were introduced.
- The six 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. A new SIG for neonatal skin is being established and another proposed SIG for infant feeding is seeking expressions of interest from members.
- Scholarships and awards continue to be available for members.
- The social media committee is active on accounts for Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

When is your national conference?

For this year the conference was planned to be held in Canberra in September. The ACNN Executive has been monitoring COVID-19 restrictions over the last few weeks, and has now decided to postpone the conference to 2021, same time and place. A half-day online event is now being planned for the purpose of bringing some of the conference speakers to members virtually, and for holding the AGM online.

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

Advice on holding a virtual conference.

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 Nursing (ACN)

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

ACN was pleased to have the Hon Greg Hunt MP, Minister for Health, launch 'A new horizon for health service: Optimising advanced practice nursing' White Paper in December 2019 at Parliament House. The Minister was joined by the Hon Chris Bowen MP, Shadow Minister for Health and Senator Dr Richard Di Natale. The White Paper is available to read on our website at this link: <https://www.acn.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/white-paper-optimising-advanced-practice-nursing.pdf>.

ACN has a new Position Statement titled 'Sexual Harassment and/or Sexual Assault of Nurses by Patients' and is also completing a booklet on Diversity and Inclusion within the nursing profession.

ACN's Policy Chapters have written Position Statements, a toolkit and White Papers:

Chronic Disease Policy Chapter

Position Statement: 'The effectiveness of nurse-led interventions in the assessment and management of overweight and obese children and young people'

Toolkit: 'Working with children above a healthy weight in primary health care: ACN Toolkit for nurses'

End of Life Care Policy Chapter

White Paper: 'Establishing a Nurse-led Palliative Care Service in Australia: An implementation toolkit'

Workforce Sustainability Policy Chapter

White Paper: 'A National Minimum Dataset for Nursing Workforce Planning and Decision Making'

The Chapter also produced a scoping review and environmental scan

ACN is currently responding to the COVID-19 pandemic in ways listed below (not an exhaustive list):

- ACN was given \$1,000,000 by the Australian Government to run an online Refresher Program for 1,000 Registered Nurses (RNs). There was an overwhelming response with 2,300 nurses signing up in the first 24 hours. Subsequently, the number of scholarships was increased to 3,000.

- ACN has offered 500 scholarships to Enrolled Nurses (ENs) who want to help with the response to COVID-19. Initially 250 scholarships were made available but strong demand saw more than 250 ENs apply within 24 hours.

- ACN called on the Commonwealth to either immediately implement all recommendations of the Medicare Review Taskforce – Nurse Practitioner Reference Group Report.

- ACN has established a COVID-19 Workforce Solutions Expert Advisory Group which will lead work towards improving the availability of quality primary health care for all Australians.

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

The National Nursing Forum has been rescheduled.

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

ACN responded to the opportunity to provide feedback on the Skill Set Consultation Paper developed by the Department of Education, Skills and Employment (April 2020). ACN believes "early skill set" graduates/personal care workers are not the solution to potential workforce demands within the aged care and disability sectors. Instead, ACN believes it is more valuable (in the current pandemic situation as well as for future workforce planning) to:

- i) Upskill non-practicing nurses;
- ii) Utilise out-of-work Registered Nurses (RNs) in the acute sector; and
- iii) Utilise unemployed graduate nurses who have failed to find a place of employment.

ACN would like support from other organisations in advocating on this matter to the Australian Government.

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ACN would like to raise the issue of nursing workforce solutions and put forward that this issue is receiving significant attention in the current pandemic but more needs to be done to enhance access and equity of health service delivery.

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

ACN welcomes opportunities to collaborate in areas of shared goals and interests.

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CoNNMO – Member Meeting Report Australian College of Midwives – May 2020

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Name of organisation: Australian College of Midwives

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

- **COVID response**
 - Development of content online for women, midwives, employers, students, general information
 - Advocate to Minister Hunt for community based maternity services
 - Engage with consumer groups to address women's requirements in COVID
 - Develop surveys to gather data from women, midwives and midwifery students
 - Advocate to Universities for support of students
 - Engage with CNMO's, Universities, health ministers and health leaders around maternity services
 - Engage with weekly NMSRG meetings addressing nursing and midwifery issues/requirements
 - Engage with local ministers in regards to maternity standards
 - Regular communications with members and midwifery community
 - Increase promotion of online learning resources accessible for midwives for CPD
 - Engage with and support communications coming from AHPRA, ANMAC, NMBA and CNMO
- **NMBA/ANMAC/AHPRA engagement:**
 - ANMAC - Midwifery Accreditation Standards
 - AHPRA - Guidelines for mandatory notifications
 - AHPRA - Guidelines for Advertising a Regulated Health Service
 - AHPRA - Supervised practice framework (excluding Psychology and Pharmacy)

Submissions

- ACM Submission to AHPRA Supervised Practice Framework - Dec 2019
- ACM Submission to NDHWE Roadmap Feedback - Dec 2019
- ACM Submission to ACSQHC Severe (Third and Fourth Degree) Perineal Tear Clinical Care Standard - Dec 2019
- ACM provides feedback on the ACSQHC Draft Consumer Guide for the Australian Charter of Healthcare Rights - Nov 2019
- ACM makes a submission to the Senate Inquiry for Effective approaches to prevention, diagnosis and support for FASD - Nov 2019
- ACM Submission to AHPRA Guidelines for Advertising a Regulated Health Service - Nov 2019
- ACM Submission to Guideline for the prophylactic use of Rh D immunoglobulin in Maternity Care - Nov 2019
- ACM Submission to AHPRA Mandatory Notifications - Nov 2019
- FSANZ - ACM Provides Feedback to the P1050 Pregnancy Warning Labels Consultation - Oct 2019
- ACM provides feedback on the proposed Capability Framework for Diabetes Care - Oct 2019
- 20200131 ACM Response to Physical Activity in Pregnancy Guidelines
- 20200221 Mental Health Productivity Commission Draft Report Submission
- 20200224 ACM Response - NHMRC Alcohol Guidelines
- 20200402 ACM Submission MBS Allied Health Telehealth Services Feedback
- CDNM – representation at the planned summit of midwives in this the year of the Nurse and the Midwife

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Working on:

- Stillbirth Action and Implementation Plan 25Feb20
- **Representation**
 - Pregnancy Digital health record
 - Stillbirth (Stillbirth CRE)
 - 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
 - Department of Health - Technical Advisory Group (TAG) for the Australian Future Health Workforce - Midwives
 - National Children's Digital health Collaborative - National Clinical and Community Advisory Group
 - ICM Education Standing Committee
 - Australian Government Department of Health - Health Economics Services Panel
 - ANMAC - Chair of ANMAC Board
 - DoH NMSRG - ACM Representative
 - AIHW - National Maternity Data Development Plan Advisory Group
 - DoH - Primary Health Care Roundtable on the First 2,000 Days
 - DoH - Professional Services Review - Determining Authority - MIDWIFE position
 - Southern Cross University - 2020 Women's Continence Conference - joint with CFA, University of Newcastle and CONSA
 - Department of Health - National Medicines Policy Preliminary Working Group
 - ACSQHC - Active Ingredients Prescribing
 - Murdoch Children's Research Institute - P3-MumBubVax to optimise maternal and childhood vaccination delivery and uptake - partnership
 - HESTA - HESTA Nurse & Midwife Awards judging panel
 - Marie Stopes Australia - Preventing Reproductive Coercion in Clinical Settings.
 - DoH - 10-year primary health care reform
 - DoH - NMSRG - ACM Representative
 - ICM - South Pacific Representative
 - ICM - Treasurer to ICM
 - ANMAC - Chair of ANMAC Board
 - Department of Health - Health Economics Services Panel
 - European Wound Management Association.
 - UTS - Midwifery Reaccreditation committee
 - FARE - FSANZ P1050 review of the standards recommendation process
 - Perinatal Wellbeing Centre - Reference group for Perinatal Specialised Care Pathway for CALD and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders communities in the ACT
- **E-learning**
 - Release of new course – cCMV in partnership with Cerebral palsy Australia
 - Development of the Birthing on Country online course – due for release early May
 - Development of the Postnatal and Labour and Birth refresher online courses – due for release June 2020
 - Monthly webinars – added to webinar library
 - Promotion of ACM Refresher Program for midwives.
- **ACM National Conference**
 - September 2019 – held in Canberra
 - October 2020 scheduled for Sydney (COVID pending)
- **ACM Projects/Initiatives**
 - Birthing on Country engagement
 - ACM/Rotary PNG Buddy Program
 - Reconciliation Action Plan
 - Trans-Tasman Midwifery Education Consortium

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

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The Thrill of the Ride – 15-18 October 2020, Sydney: <https://www.midwives.org.au/acm-2020-national-conference>

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MBS changes.

Addressing the need for a recommendation remove the requirement for collaborative agreements (similar to the Nurse Practitioner Report).

Changing the needs for access to endorsement – clinical hours, PII, MBS item numbers etc.

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ACM to present about the Birthing on Country Program

ACM to present about the PNG Buddy Leadership program

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Australian Diabetes Educators Association (ADEA)

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

Publication of prediabetes position statement for primary health care.

Joint project with ADS, Dietitians Association, Exercise and Sports Science Australia, and Pharmaceutical Society.

Title: A Position Statement on Screening and Management of Prediabetes in Adults in Primary Care in Australia, May 2020

Accepted to be published in: Diabetes Research and Clinical Practice.

Successful advocacy for all credentialled diabetes educators (CDEs) to bill Medicare item numbers for telehealth diabetes education services during COVID-19.

Successful advocacy and policy development for government support for the supply of continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) for people with type 1 diabetes.

Commencement of work on Diabetes Pathways to map out best practice for diabetes education services – when to see a Credentialled Diabetes Educator, and other members of the diabetes care team, in a person's diabetes journey. This project will be completed in 2020.

The **National Diabetes Nursing Education Framework** has been approved by the Department of Health and will be available in mid-2020. This framework of competencies in diabetes care across nursing practice levels continues to receive considerable interest from nurses, workplaces and further education bodies. The Framework will be promoted at conferences, and implemented in a number of workplaces and universities in 2020-21.

The **Diabetes in Schools program** was launched in February 2020. The online program for parents, schools and teachers has been rolled out nationally and the face-to-face/ telehealth training for school staff is being progressively rolled out across Australia. Although the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted roll-out of the program, three tertiary paediatric hospitals are delivering the training in Victoria, NSW and WA and the national roll out will continue throughout 2020.

Communicating with people who have an intellectual disability disorder (IDD) about their diabetes: a guide for health professionals – and associated online module content have been developed and are expected to be available in mid-late 2020. The online training module and the video animations and factsheets for a person with an IDD have received positive feedback from consumer groups.

Review of subcutaneous injection technique guidelines for diabetes management injectable medications.
https://www.adea.com.au/Resources/stds_position_statements_other_resources/ADEA_clinical_guidelines

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

Usually the last week of August, however due to current COVID-19 related restrictions the 2020 conference will be held in the first week of November.

Australasian Diabetes Congress, 4-6 Nov 2020, Adelaide Convention Centre <https://diabetescongress.com.au/>

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- An update regarding non-medical prescribing (prescribing in partnership) that NMBA were working on in 2018/2019.

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- Supporting planned advocacy for:
 - ongoing access to Medicare-funded telehealth for Credentialed Diabetes Educators, within the public health system and within private practice. Approximately 85% of Credentialed Diabetes Educators are Registered Nurses and Midwives.
 - private health insurance coverage for services provided by Credentialed Diabetes Educators, including services provided by telehealth. As noted above, approximately 85% of Credentialed Diabetes Educators are Registered Nurses and Midwives.
- Promoting the National Diabetes Nursing Education Framework, once finalised, to CoNNMO members.
- A question has been raised regarding Registered Nurses working in the area of obstetrics and midwifery. We understand that midwife CDEs are currently required to only practice diabetes education and management in their obstetrics and midwifery roles and it is not deemed within their scope to practice in a generalist diabetes education capacity. A midwife CDE has asked ADEA why a RN CDE is able to practice as a CDE in a maternity unit, when they are not a midwife.

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The National Diabetes Nursing Education Framework, once finalised, and specialising in diabetes as a career pathway of nurses and midwives.

The Diabetes Pathways, once finalised.

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

Mentoring and upskilling on diabetes education and management

Access to online learning activities regarding diabetes education and management are available on the ADEA Learning Management System.

<https://learning.adea.com.au/lms/login/index.php>

Registration to the site is free.

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Australian Faith Community Nurses Association Inc (AFCNA)

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

- AFCNA has finalised its updated website changes and launched our new educational hub which went live in 2020 for members
- We have placed many resources for nurses working as FCNs in our new online educational hub on our website www.afcna.org.au which provides free and affordable courses for members
- We have developed additional COVID-19 specific e-newsletters that share resources from and for FCNs, and evidenced-based guidelines, plus we disseminate government approved public health messages/information
- We have updated all of our introductory materials for nurses and for faith communities so they are able to commence an FCN role that meets regulatory requirements

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

- Instead of a conference in 2020 we have decided to focus AFCNA's energy on launching the internationally recognised *Foundations of Faith Community Nursing* in an online format
- We hope to prepare at least 20 new nurses for this role in 2020.
- This course has been undertaken by 15,000 nurses in 32 countries worldwide, and AFCNA contributed to the development of the revised course (accredited Nov 2019) in collaboration with nurse educators in the World Forum of Faith Community Nurses hosted by the Westberg Institute in the USA.

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

- Continue to provide links for COVID-19 information so we can share it.

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

- Nothing at the moment

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

- Disseminating COVID-19 health messages from government to the broader community

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Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation

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

1. Professional work which has included policy development, submissions and representation at committees/forums, including:

COVID-19 response information and resources for nurses and midwives:

- ANMF Evidence Briefs, Guidelines, Fact Sheets, Online Training and Education, FAQ's, media releases and links to regulatory and government resources:

<http://anmf.org.au/campaign/entry/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-members>

New position statement:

- ANMF national position statement – *Midwifery staffing for care of the newborn*:
http://anmf.org.au/documents/policies/PS_Midwifery_staffing_for_care_of_the_newborn.pdf

Submissions:

- Department of Health consultation on Serious Incident Reporting Scheme for Commonwealth funded residential aged care: finer details of operation – 11 October 2019
- NMBA public consultation on the draft Guidelines for registered nurses and midwives and nursing and midwifery students in relation to blood-borne viruses – 1 November 2019
- AHPRA public consultation on the review of the Guidelines for mandatory notifications – 6 November 2019
- AHPRA public consultation on the review of the Guidelines for advertising a regulated health service – 26 November 2019
- ACSQHC National Consultation on the draft Severe (Third and Fourth Degree) Perineal Tears Clinical Care Standard – 8 December 2019
- AHPRA consultation on a draft proposed Supervised Practice Framework – 17 December 2019
- COAG Health Council Consultation on Strengthening the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for health professions to better protect the public – 20 December 2019
- ANMAC Review of the Midwife Accreditation Standards Consultation Stage 2 – 17 January 2020
- Productivity Commission Draft report on Mental Health – 6 February 2020
- Department of Health Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) Review Taskforce Draft Report from the Wound Management Working Group – 19 February 2020
- Skills IQ public consultation on the Enrolled Nursing Qualifications, Units of Competency, and Associated Skill Set – 2 April 2020
- Australian Digital Health Agency (ADHA) and Health Informatics Society of Australia (HISA) public consultation on the draft National Nursing and Midwifery Digital Health Capability Framework – 2 April 2020
- Australian Government public consultation on the draft National Still Birth Action and Implementation Plan – 9 April 2020
- NMBA preliminary consultation on the proposed revised NP Standards for Practice – 8 May 2020
- NMBA preliminary consultation on the proposed revised Registration Standard: Recency of Practice – 8 May 2020
- ACSQHC public consultation on the draft National Safety and Quality Digital Mental Health Standards – 15 May 2020

Committees/forums:

- Serious Incident Reporting Scheme Critical Friends Group
- Climate and Health Alliance Symposium

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- Australian Digital Health Agency Digital Health Capability Framework for Nurses and Midwives Advisory Group
 - Australian Digital Health Agency Workforce and Education Steering Group
 - Australian Digital Health Agency Medicines Safety Program Steering Group
 - Department of Veterans Affairs Health Providers Partnership Forum
 - Quality Dementia Care Forum
 - National Aged Care Alliance
 - Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) Climate Action Group
 - Australian Digital Health Agency National Digital Health Workforce and Education Summit
 - Primary Health Reform Consultation Group
 - Residential Aged Care Funding Reform Working Group
 - Plus Paternal Health Project Consultation
 - AHPRA Professions Reference Group
 - Professional Indemnity Insurers Workshop
 - ACRRM National Rural and Remote Digital Innovation Group
 - Commonwealth Government's Health Sector Response to the Bushfire Incidents Stakeholder Briefing
 - ACSQHC Active Ingredient Prescribing Consultation
 - Postoperative Complications Summit
 - ACSQHC Health Services Medication Expert Advisory Group
 - ACSQHC Draft National Safety and Quality Digital Mental Health Standards Consultation
 - National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) ILC Project Steering Group
 - Australian Climate Roundtables
 - ANMAC Strategic Accreditation Advisory Committee
 - ANMAC Project Reference Group for the review of the Midwife Accreditation Standards
 - Resource Utilisation and Classification Study (RUCS) Sector Reference Group
 - National Rural Health Alliance
 - Parliamentary Friends of Rural Health Breakfast
2. National Aged Care Campaign
 3. Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety
 4. CoNNMO Secretariat and Operations

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

- Continue to support the ANMF national Aged Care Campaign *Ratios for Aged Care - Make Them Law Now*, to ensure staffing levels and skills mix which will provide safety and quality of care for older Australians. Visit: <http://anmf.org.au/campaign/entry/ratios-for-aged-care> and signing up to join the campaign Like ANMF on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/MoreStaffForAgedCare>
- Join with ANMF in promoting Anti-Poverty Week 2020. The ANMF provides funding support to this national campaign, and promotes to members and other nurses and midwives. In 2020, Anti-Poverty Week will be held from 11-17 October. For more information visit the website: <https://antipovertyweek.org.au/>

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

The ANMF asks CoNNMO members to consider contributing to the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Journal (ANMJ) and the ANMJ website.

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

- COVID-19 response information and resources;
- Professional and industrial issues impacting nurses and midwives and students of nursing and midwifery;
- Involvement in the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife (IYNM) activities.

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Australasian Rehabilitation Nurses' Association ARNA

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

Annual National Conference & AGM – October 2019

Annual National Committee Planning Meeting – November 2019

- Decision to work towards forming a Company Limited by Guarantee and change to Constitution

COVID 19 and Review of Activities and Operations

- Cancellation of Face-to face Education events for 6 months
- Deferment of Annual (Oct 2020) Conference to Sept 2021
- Deferment of annual membership fee to 2021 (current members, membership extended to June 2021)

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

30th National Conference – September 9-10 in Hobart, Tasmania.

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

Company Limited by Guarantee – governance and Board structure when moving from and Incorporated Association with a National Committee and Chapter Committees

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Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINaM)

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

- Online CATSINaM member forums across the state and territories.
- The development of resources to support self care and promote the importance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nurses and midwives.
- Raising the profile of CATSINaM members using *#RecogniseBlackNursesandMidwives2020* in recognition of the work CATSINaM members do and as a part of the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife. Due to the link of the campaign to Florence Nightingale CATSINaM has decided to showcase the healing and birthing being done by First People in Australia for thousands of years.
- Due to COVID-19 CATSINaM has postponed the CATSINaM conference to the 12-14 April 2021 in Cairns.
- Finalising a resource to promote pathways into nursing and midwifery for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.
- Resources to help student nurses apply for graduate programs and provide advice on interview skills.
- Developing a webinar series to promote online learning for CATSINaM members.
- A pilot of a mentoring program will commence later in the year.
- Online Cultural Safety training platform is in development and will be launched in April 2021 at the CATSINaM conference.

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

The CATSINaM conference is being held 12-14 April 2021 in Cairns.

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?

Update on the impact of COVID-19 on the nursing and midwifery workforce.
Any ideas on potential work that nursing and midwifery organisations can work on collaboratively.

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

Supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nurses and midwives to be recognised and valued.

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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 2019 AGM.

Recent engagement with the National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce.

Meeting with Safer Care Victoria regarding revision to the Emergency Triage Education Kit. ETEK was published in 2009, with a view to ensure national consistency in triage education. CENA have been advocating for revision of ETEK for the last 5 years, as it does not reflect NEAT, streaming etc, and as a result, several departments, and at least one state, have started developing their own resources. This was progressing with links to Federal support, until COVID-19 delayed the most recent meeting.

Representation & advocacy at Department of Health Stakeholder Briefings re Bushfires in January 2020.

Collaboration with ACEM re a report to government re time-based targets in ED

Achieved Clarivate listing for the College journal: Australasian Emergency Care.

Our Education Consultant was appointed 12 months ago (April 2019). She has been developing education for both F2F and online delivery, and provides a 5-Minute Education snapshot released to members every Friday (5MF). These have been well received by members.

Release of revised Practice Standards for the Emergency Nursing Specialist.

Building relationships with international emergency nursing organisations, including College of Emergency Nursing New Zealand, and Fiji.

Membership has grown by 140 people (10%) between January 2020 and April 2020.

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

The International Conference for Emergency Nurses (ICEN) was scheduled on the Gold Coast in October 2020 but has been postponed due to COVID-19.

Our next national conference will now be October 2021 in Perth, and we will return to the Gold Coast for our 20th ICEN in 2022.

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

We are looking for a new 'membership database'. We have heard good things about Membes, and Wild Apricots, and would be keen to hear what other Colleges are using. (We currently use EventsAir, which is actually an events platform, and seems to have some issues in membership management).

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

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

Lobbying / advocacy at government level.

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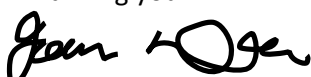
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CoNSA National is closely monitoring the effect of the current COVID-19 pandemic on service provision and access to our client groups.

We are aware of the following:

1. Most Continence Services are still operational during the COVID-19 crisis primarily for telephone/telehealth consultations with prioritisation of access and limited face to face contact on a triage basis
2. We are aware of one major service nationally who have shut for the duration, redeployed all staff and all referrals are being rejected (reported that no waitlist is being kept for when service resumes). This is concerning for those consumers and not in line with what other services are doing. The Continence Foundation of Australia (CFA) have determined that nationally approximately 87% of services on their register are still operational in some form. This register includes private services and physiotherapy services which may not be operational for business reasons.
3. The NCHL (National Continence Helpline) continues to operate during the crisis as usual. There does not appear to be an increase in call volume to date
4. CONSA AGM will move to an online format this year (yet to be determined)
5. The National Conference on Incontinence (NCOI) which was to be held in Brisbane is moving to a streaming format in the month of October, which should make uptake especially by rural and remote Nurse Continence Specialists and interested general nurses more likely
6. CoNSA has provided a joint submission with the CFA to the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety
7. CoNSA has provided a joint submission with the CFA to the NDIS Workforce Plan consultation to highlight the disparity in pay rates between allied health and NCS; also raising issues about the quality of care provided via non-specialised nursing staff to NDIS consumers that can result in poorer outcomes e.g. pad prescription services as opposed to comprehensive assessment and management plans that focus on overall continence rather than only containment. This continues to be an issue for sustainability of NCS services providing care in this sector
8. Our bi-monthly CoNSA national committee meetings have continued during the COVID-19 crisis as we have been able to achieve a quorum to proceed.

Thanking you



Joanne Dean NP

CoNSA President (National)

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CRANApplus

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

During the COVID-19 pandemic we have been responding to the needs of the remote and isolated workforce in a number of ways. CRANApplus has been attending a number of national forums to represent the workforce

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our face to face courses, however we have developed a series of webinars to continue to support the professional development of the workforce:

Clinical up skilling:

- Assisting with childbirth
- Primary and Secondary Assessment in Trauma

Professional updates including:

- Infection prevention and intervention
- COVID-19: a shift in remote practice

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

Postponed for 2020.

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

Promotion of our Bush Support Services 24/7 - a free and confidential telephone counselling service for rural and remote area health professionals and their families. Call 1800 805 391

We have large office facilities in Adelaide - we will be seeking to rent office space post pandemic.

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?

We are open to collaborative partnerships with CoNNMO members.

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Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia

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

- 2020 Australasian Conference / Symposium preparation and then cancellation
- Development of a graphic animation:
 - 'Drug and Alcohol Nurses Save Lives' <https://youtu.be/wcA0kjFsORk>
- Conclusion of Workforce 2020 research project / write up in progress
- Presentation of Workforce 2020 research project to CNSA
- Student of nursing promotional campaign (complimentary membership of DANA)
- Implementation of the DANA / IntNSA* partnership agreement (* IntNSA = International Nurses Society on Addictions)
- Review of position statement: 'Problematic Substance Use by Nurses and Midwives'
- Management Committee planning meeting held in Sydney November 2019 (and held again in March 2020 by Zoom)
- Collaboration on 'Interim guidance for the delivery of medication assisted treatment of opioid dependence in response to COVID-19: a national response'
- DANA Members COVID-19 Strategies Survey
- Submissions:
 - Inquiry into Effective approaches to prevention, diagnosis and support for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder
 - Australian Guidelines to Reduce Health Risks from Drinking Alcohol
 - Under preparation: DANA Submission to COVID-19 Select Committee

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

DANA '2020 Vision' Australasian Conference and Drug and Alcohol Nurse Practitioner Symposium and AGM was being held in Adelaide on August 13th and 14th 2020. It has been postponed to August 2021.

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?

- Outcome of the DANA Workforce 2020 Research project and plans for future research.
- Media training.

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

Further to the presentation of the DANA Workforce Development 2020 Research Project to CNSA in March, if other CoNNMO groups are interested in knowing more about this project let us know (dana.mail2access@gmail.com).

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Flight Nurses Australia (FNA)

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

Continued active social media presence with 2000+ followers on Facebook and Instagram
Securing of COASTN partnership for two FNA members to attend March COASTN course 2020. (Cancelled)
Award of financial support to two candidates for attendance to COASTN course to value of \$1000.
Focus on monthly newsletter becoming the main communication/engagement to members during the COVID 19 pandemic.

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

Was scheduled for Sept 2020 in Auckland NZ, - now cancelled.
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 and remain around 100 members. We have from early 2020 secured a paid secretary for the organisation – the first paid executive position in many years.

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

No thanks.

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

Encouraging small organisations to get involved in social media for promotion of the profession.

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Psychogeriatric Nurses Association (PGNA)

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

- The Psychogeriatric Nurses Association (PGNA) and the NSW Branch of the FPOA collaborated to hold the **"Positive Ageing Forum"** in February 2020 at Burwood RSL. This is the second time this free community forum has been held as part of Seniors Week, with presentations from a wide range of speakers. The Aim of this forum is to demystify Psychiatry of Old Age through engagement and education and provide strategies to improve wellbeing in older adults. A further aim of the forum is to de-stigmatise Psychiatry of old age by participants able to approach Old Age Psychiatrists and ask questions of them. This was again a very successful event with 135 participants and a range of information tables.
- November 2019 & March 2020 Newsletters
- Planning 2-3 Education Series by Webinar over the year (open to members and non members)
- Since our expansion of members not only from Psychiatry of Old Age, we have been trying to be more inclusive with our information to develop and highlight the need for a more 'holistic' knowledge base with Gerontological (Aged), Dementia Care Nurses and Allied Health due to the complexities (frailty, co-morbidities and chronic health issues) of our aged client's/patients. Currently focussing on physical health practice improvement.

When is your national conference? (Please include the details) – usually every second year last year was conference,

- This year 2020, is the 25th Anniversary of PGNA. We are hoping to have another Conference day in November 2020 joining the RANZCP to celebrate this. Details yet to be announced.

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

- **YES** – PGNA is a small organisation – we are trying to update a lot of things over the next period of time ie our website. And also our New look Newsletter we pay for design. We are really struggling time wise to do all these things and really need some help to do this future enhancements. Our other extreme difficulty is our **Secretarial Role**, this is vacant and we are unable to co-opt anyone into this role.
- **Question** – Is there any chance of acquiring some funding from CoNNMO or Government organisations to aid us for some secretarial work to get things set up ie Drop Box with "Roles, Processes and Procedures" and "How to"
- **Issue re member's email** – NSW Health email does not allow PGNA Newsletter sent by mailchimp to our members in NSW Health – Through what system do other Nursing organisations use to send information to NSW Health site Nurses ie Mailchimp etc!

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

- Update on the Aged Care Royal Commission Since the Release of the Interim report.
- The changes and future of the Aged Care Assessment Teams (ACAT) in light of the AC Royal Commission!
- Summary of the Final report released in 2019 re the Future of Nursing Education

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

- Old Age Psychiatry issues and resources

Current Member numbers: 89

Report by: Marianne Cummins, President PGNA, on behalf of the PGNA Executive Committee.

30th April 2020 - "The Association for Nurses Working in Older People's Mental Health, Aged and Dementia Care"

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