

CoNNO Meeting – Friday 2 October 2015 Member Reports

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Palliative Care Nurses Australia

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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?

- Completion of review of Clinical Practice standards
- New ANAA website is operational with access to:
 - i/ ANAA constitution
 - ii/ revised client educational factsheets
 - iii/ Ear'Tis quarterly professional newsletter
 - iv/ professional competency standards
 - v/ application for professional development funding
 - vi/ Application for the 241 Audiometry Nursing and 242 Clinical Issues in Audiometry Nursing course
- Discussion of scholarship proposal is ongoing
- The AGM of ANAA Inc will be held on 22nd October 2015
- The 2015 ANAA Conference is to be held on 22nd-23rd October at Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour.

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

Nil

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Nil

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Australasian Hepatology Association

What have been the significant activities in your organisation in the last 6 months?

The AHA successfully conducted our second independent Summit in June 2015, feedback regarding content was excellent.

The AHA received an educational grant that will facilitate the AHA members conducting a national research project. This will be run as a step by step process with education and mentoring built in to the program. The aim is to build the research capacity of members and provide research skills that can be utilised to run small research projects in their area of interest. A Research Group has been formed to manage this process and the project is in very early stages.

Development of an Advanced Liver Disease Course for health care professionals continues. This course will be able to "tour" Australia and be delivered in a variety of settings. This course is suitable for individuals who want to increase their knowledge in the area of advanced liver disease.

Direct Acting Antiviral (DAA) therapies for Hepatitis C have now been approved by the TGA and PBAC. The implication of this is 12 weeks of all oral, highly successful, low side effects treatment vs the current treatment of up to 48 weeks that has significant side effects. It is a very exciting time. Many of our members have spent several years working full time as HCV treatment Nurses, these changes will affect the way in which we work significantly. Much of the recent work of the AHA has focussed on the role of the nurse in the DAA era. We are currently involved in the development of consensus statements/position statements around these changes. In addition to this the AHA has been involved in raising public awareness and supporting the push for PBS listing of DAA's.

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

In the near future information will be available regarding the Advanced Liver Disease Course. The Australasian Hepatology Association would appreciate CoNNO members sharing this information with their memberships.

Are there particular issues you would like CoNNO to consider?

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Australasian Cardiovascular Nursing College (ACNC)

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

9th Annual conference 13th & 14th March 2015, Coogee, Sydney.

Invited international speakers: Professor Sabina De Geest- Professor of Nursing and Director of the Institute of Nursing Science, University of Basel, Switzerland & Professor Patricia Davidson, Dean of Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, Boston, USA.

Maria Sheehan (President) joined the Clinical Issues committee of the National Heart Foundation (NHF).

Members involved in review of the National Heart Foundation-Australian Acute Coronary Syndromes capability framework.

Members currently involved in writing and reviewing the Cardiac Society of Australian and New Zealand (CSANZ) and NHF update of the Acute Coronary Syndromes guidelines.

Representation on the Cardiovascular Nursing Council of CSANZ-this council is currently working on competency standards for cardiovascular nursing.

Members involved in review of cardiac literature published by JBI.

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

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Provision of a database to assist members of member organisations with recording and maintaining self education.

Maria Sheehan
President

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Australasian Neuroscience Nurses Association ANNA

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

The Annual Scientific meeting was held in Brisbane with 120 delegates on the 9th to 11th October. At this meeting it was agreed we would hold a co-joint meeting next year with the neurosurgical Society of Australasia (NSA). The proposal received from the NSA would see an agreed sponsorship component provided to ANNA and maintenance of ANNA determined program. ANNA is facilitating the addition of a Movement Disorder chapter. ANNA was represented at the launch of RECOGNISE HEALTH on March 5th at Parliament House

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

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

None at this stage.

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Australasian Sexual Health and HIV Nurses Assn Inc

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

- Member base is 150 which is consistent
- A review of ASHHNA membership processes and cleaning up of the membership database
- Prep for next ASHHNA AGM (Sept)
- Prep for ASHHNA Nurses Breakfast and coordination of ASHHNA nurses prize at the upcoming World STI & HIV Congress and Australasian HIV & AIDS Conference
- Coordination and awarding of the Carol Martin Scholarships
- The World STI and HIV Congress and Australasian HIV and AIDS Conference will be held in Brisbane in September
- I attended Rosemary Bryants farewell in Canberra in July

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

- What systems other associations of similar size use to maintain the membership base i.e their systems for processing memberships, storing membership info, alerts for memberships being due etc
- What do their members find are the most useful member benefits i.e the main reasons their members join? What do members value in being a part of such associations.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Nil

Jo Perks
CoNNO rep

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Australian and New Zealand Society for Vascular Nursing ANZSVN

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

Australia and New Zealand Society of Vascular Nursing Conference | continuing with the organisation of the Australia and New Zealand Society of Vascular Nursing Conference is to be held in Adelaide, South Australia 12-14 November. The SA Branch is the organising committee and the website is open for acceptance of registrations and abstracts with the theme of "*Working Together for an Integrated Approach*" at <https://wired.ivvy.com/event/ANZSVN/>

Vascular Nursing Week 19-26 July | celebrated within dedicated Vascular Units nationally with competitions, afternoon teas, poster display and educational activities.

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

Promotion of our national conference through member organisations via CoNNO to be sent through post Sydney Meeting

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Nil at this time

Karen Simunov - ANZSVN CoNNO Representative

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Australian and New Zealand Urological Nurses Society (ANZUNS)

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

A very successful 2015 ANZUNS Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM), held in conjunction with the Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand (USANZ) ASM, occurred in Adelaide 11-13 April. The meeting was very well attended and offered Urology nurses many opportunities to improve their knowledge and view advances in clinical practice and improved patient care through workshops, and podium and poster presentations. The meeting also provided opportunity for the Nurse Practitioner and Uro-Oncology Special Interest Groups to meet and culminated in the ANZUNS AGM.

Planning is well under way for the 2016 ANZUNS ASM which will be held in the Gold Coast, 16-19 April 2016.

The ANZUNS Executive Committee mid-term meeting was held in August, during which the ANZUNS Strategic Plan for 2015-2017 was revised and updated. The committee also discussed progress towards the development of ANZUNS Competency Standards and Professional Guidelines, a major project for the committee over the next 12 months.

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

ANZUNS would greatly appreciate advice and guidance from CoNNO members in relation to developing Competency Standards and Guidelines.

ANZUNS would also value advice in relation to maintaining and promoting a volunteer organisation to ensure sustainability into the future.

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Australian College of Children and Young People's Nurses - ACCYPN

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

1. Current membership 433
2. Planning for next conference to be held in Adelaide in 2016, venue and themes currently being identified.
3. The final draft of the Standards of Practice for nursing children and young people is near completion. A Delphi survey is being conducted and sent to members in a recent survey for final feedback. Final version should be ready and released soon. Edith Cowan University has agreed to be the corporate sponsor for this work.
4. Credentialing work with 6 National Nursing Organisation's and the Queensland Nursing and Midwifery Nursing Council is ongoing. A MOU with all organisations has been signed and members from ACCYPN have been identified to become credentialing ambassadors. The project is being conducted in Queensland, with a plan for the ACCYPN to roll it out nationally. The office of Nursing and Midwifery Queensland is funding the Queensland component.
5. Currently reviewing all position statements and business rules, recent publication of new position statement about Refugee and Asylum Children
6. Chapter events running, in WA and Qld, with new chapter commencing in Vic.
7. Bimonthly member newsletters to members
8. Redeveloping education services, developing a knowledge centre, e-learning sessions via weblinks for members to view online, <http://www.accypn.org.au/pd/e-learning/>

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

1. Promotion of the next conference, information will soon be on the College's website www.accypn.org.au

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

1. Work force issues related to capturing more accurate data about number so nurses working with children and young people across Australia

Jacquie Burton – Board of Director, ACCYPN

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Significant Activities

1. 29-31 October 2015 - 40th ACCCN ANZICS Intensive Care Annual Scientific Meeting Auckland
2. ACCCN Practice Standards for Specialist Critical Care Nurses launched at the 16th Annual ICE Meeting 18 – 19 June 2015 Glenelg Adelaide
3. Development of Workforce Advisory Standards
4. Continued development of ACCCN Website and database
5. ACCCN Strategic Plan 2015 – 2020 Finalised
6. ACCCN marked Sepsis Day on 13th Sept and we are working with the International Sepsis alliance to add Sepsis, severe sepsis and septic shock to the World Health Org Burden of disease so data can be collected about the syndrome so we can further the work on recognition and prevention.

Issues that CoNNO members may be able to assist ACCCN with:

1. How to increase membership
2. How to engage the younger generation in ACCCN events and activities
3. Useful marketing strategies

Anything you wish CoNNO to consider:

N/A

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Report to CoNNO, October 2015

ACNN has four branches, in New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Queensland. Membership from all states and territories remains strong and growing slowly, now exceeding 600.

The annual conference and AGM was held on Friday 11 September in Sydney, followed by a symposium entitled *Skin health and skin care* on Saturday 12 September. The conference keynote speaker was Professor Donna Waters, Dean of the University of Sydney Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery (Sydney Nursing School). Johnson & Johnson sponsored two excellent international speakers for the symposium, Dr Michael Cork from the UK and Joanne Kuller CNS from the USA. The conference was preceded by meetings presented by the various special interest groups. Two midwives from Goroka PNG were sponsored to the conference and presented on their experience; neither had ever been out of the country.

The ACNN executive has engaged a Professional Conference Organiser for the next three years, to manage the annual conferences. This will relieve the executive members of a considerable part of their workload as conferences have mostly been organised in-house until this year.

The ACNN special interest groups (neonatal education, neonatal nurse practitioners, neonatal research and the low resource countries SIG) continue their work. The LRC SIG has been active in training for the *Helping Babies Breathe* program which they took to Goroka, Papua New Guinea, in 2014 and will be returning there twice this year to continue more training. A link has been made with the Australian midwives from the University of Technology Sydney, also in Goroka to provide education. There is a possibility that the LRC SIG will be asked to take the HBB program to Nauru.

A member proposed establishing another SIG for members interested in leadership. The aims included encouraging managers to support their staff in college activities and providing support to emerging leaders. The scoping meeting at the conference in September was well attended and it is expected the proposed SIG will be endorsed for a provisional year.

ACNN continues to have a representative for the National Baby Friendly Health Initiative Advisory Committee, the Australian and New Zealand Neonatal Network, the Raising Children Network Scientific Advisory Board and the NGO Coalition for Protecting Australia's Children.

Recently Sydney-based representatives from Médecins Sans Frontières approached ACNN, inquiring about the possibility of neonatal nurses volunteering to work in places where there is infrastructure that provides neonatal units but lack neonatal nurses to work in them, for example in Syria. The knowledge and skills for this work are beyond those required for midwifery. Discussions are ongoing.

ACNN is a member of the Council of International Neonatal Nurses (COINN). Our Professional Officer Dr Karen New is the current COINN president and the next international neonatal nurses conference will be in Vancouver, in August 2016.

Shelley Reid

ACNN Secretary and Public Officer

Australian College of Nurse Practitioners

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

- Appointment of the first CEO to the College Amanda Davis.
- Held the 10th Annual conference in Melbourne 6th-8th September. Invited international speakers Dr Robert Crouch and Karen Hoyt.
- Membership base stable.

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

- Any organisation successfully started a college journal. Could they give us some ideas on cost, sourcing publishers what committee membership required.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Not at this stage.

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Australian Diabetes Educators Association (ADEA)

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

ADEA has:

- Completely revised the Constitution and By-laws and had it approved by members. This has modernised the Constitution in terms of its language, flow and approach. The significant change was a move from branch nominated board members to national nominations and a reduction from 11 board members to 8, which include three Independent Directors.
- Implemented a revised and progressive CDE of the Year program, with a large response from health professionals and consumers.
- Successful implementation of the Research Framework including a research register and toolkit with the commencement of the establishment of an ADEA Research Foundation.
- Patient Centred Care Project – Key resources developed within the Person Centred Care project include Information Sheets on *Improving Health Literacy for People with Diabetes* and *Person Centred Care for People with Diabetes* as well as a dedicated *Person Centred Care/ Health Literacy Website* and a *Person Centred Care Toolkit* which is an evidence based tool to assist Credentialed Diabetes Educators to monitor the quality of their person centred care practices, highlight areas for improvement and monitor ongoing improvement.
- Disaster Planning and Management Program – A number of resources have been developed for consumers on the importance of self-management of their diabetes before, during and after a natural disaster. As well as this, a guide has been developed for emergency services, the not-for-profit sector and local councils on the needs of people with diabetes and other chronic conditions in natural disasters. This guide includes two parts: one for non-health professionals; and one for health professionals which is clinically based.
- Made submissions to the:
 - House of Representatives Submission Enquiry into Chronic Disease Prevention and Management in Primary Care
 - Primary Care Advisory Group consultation in Primary Care
- Implementing a Thought Leadership Series with internationally regarded speaker, Prof William Polonsky from the USA - <http://www.adea.com.au/events/thought-leadership-lecture-series/>
- Run a successful Annual Scientific Meeting with over 1600 delegates.

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

N/A

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

The Health Workforce Australia (HWA) project on Health Professional Prescribing (HPP) seems to have stalled since the de-funding of HWA. The implementation of this will benefit consumers and improve access to better and more timely health care by health professionals. CoNNO is in a position to lobby for the implementation of the HPP project.

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Australian Faith Community Nurses Association Inc.

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

- **AGM held on 15 September** New Board elected for 2015/16: Antonia van Loon - Chairperson; Vicky Legge- Treasurer; Judy King - Secretary; Patricia Watts - National Mentor; Sharon Olsson; Millie Davey, Joanne Scwharz and Lindy Gower - Board members.
- **2016 marks 20th anniversary celebrations** for AFCNA. Refreshing brand, website, fliers and educational offerings.
- **National Conference** and retreat to be held in May 2016 in conjunction with Baptist Care SA.
- **Strategic planning** to focus on four key areas in 2016 where FCNs are making a difference in their communities:
 1. Dying well in the community - -exemplar Covenant Care Community Day Hospice in ACT.
 2. Chronic condition self-management supported by volunteer peer 'Health Coaches' for people living with chronic conditions – program by Baptist Care SA.
 3. Mental health promotion and support: exemplar Share program conducted with several Adelaide Hills SA churches supporting people with severe and enduring mental illness to find friendships and meaningful activity
 4. Healthy ageing; exemplar FCN role between community dwelling older people and residential aged care by FCN in Albury Wodonga region NSW
- **Planning:** Introduction to Pastoral Health and Care Nursing course will be available in 2016.
- **World Forum of Faith Community Nurses** Dr Antonia van Loon Australian representative on international world forum of FCNs which fosters international collaboration in research and practice. An international e-journal has been commenced this year.
 - Supporting partnerships with like-minded organisations of FCNs overseas in New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Samoa, Fiji - Pacific Islands, Pakistan, Jerusalem, Africa, Korea, Japan, Philippines, USA, Canada, Germany, UK, to prepare faith community nurses.

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

- Keeping abreast of, and having input into professional standards and regulatory requirements

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

- None at present

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ANMF Member Report for CoNNO October 2015

Name of organisation: Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF)

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

Largest Union

The most recent figures from the State and Territory Branches show that the ANMF is now the **LARGEST** union in the country, with a membership of 250,000 - a major achievement for a predominantly female organisation.

The following examples of submissions, media releases and campaigns demonstrate the range of professional and industrial issues on which the ANMF has advocated on behalf of nurse, midwife and assistant in nursing members, and in the interests of the health of our community, during recent months.

Submission examples:

- ANMAC review of re-entry to the register midwife accreditation standards – 2nd consultation
- Stakeholder consultation – Health Workforce Scholarship Programme
- Primary Health Care Advisory Group: Better outcomes for people with chronic and complex health conditions through PHC
- House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health Inquiry into best practice in chronic disease prevention and management in primary health care
- Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee Inquiry into the Fairer Paid Parental Leave Amendment Bill 2015
- Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee on the China–Australia Free Trade Agreement

Media release examples:

- *ANMF says a fair day's work for a fair day's pay*
- *Nurses and midwives say new PM must stand up for our families, our health and our community*
- *Government must listen to concerns about Australian hearing being privatised*
- *ANMF condemns new "gag" order on nurses and midwives*
- *Australians hurt by Medicare rebate freeze*
- *Australian Graduates and 457 Workers Exploited Under Current Laws*

ANMF Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)

A working group within the Federal Office, ably assisted by ANMF member and Aboriginal advisor Faye Clarke, has completed a major revision of our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). The new plan, now on our website, provides a framework for the development of plans by our State and Territory Branches. We acknowledge with thanks encouragement and support from our colleagues at the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINaM). Our plan incorporates specific areas for working with CATSINaM for mutually supporting achievement of objectives to increase numbers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nurses and midwives, and promote reconciliation, respect and health equality for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. As part of our RAP, the ANMF Federal Professional Officers are Affiliate members of CATSINaM and we encourage all nurses and midwives to take this step of solidarity with our CATSINaM colleagues.

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

Keep a watch on our website for national / State & Territory Branch campaigns in which your organisation can participate to lend support on issues of importance to the nursing and midwifery professions and the people for whom we care:

Campaign examples include:

- ***Graduate Nurses and Midwives Need Jobs!***
The ANMF convenes a national working group aimed at improving employment opportunities for newly graduating nurses and midwives.

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- **Never Alone campaign against domestic violence**
We're partnered with Rosie Batty in letting victims of family violence know they are never alone.
- **Stop Government cuts to PPL**
Aims to reverse the decision to deny access to Government funded paid parental leave for Australian women who have some paid parental leave provided by their employer through an enterprise agreement.
- **Nurses and Midwives – we deserve our penalty rates**
Against any decision to remove penalty rates, shift allowances, wages and conditions for employees who work unsocial hours in the course of their employment.
- **Support Nepal**
Supporting Union Aid Abroad who is working with Nepal's unions to provide medical aid, shelter, water and food for the Nepalese affected by devastating earthquakes in that country.
- **People's Climate March**
As a member of the Climate and Health Alliance (CAHA), the ANMF is encouraging nurses and midwives to join public marches planned for major cities on 28 and 29 November 2015, to demonstrate to Government, concern about the effects of climate change, especially on health. To sign your organisation up as a partner go to www.peoplesclimate.org.au
- **Anti-poverty week: 11-17 October 2015.** For more information visit www.antipoverty.org.au

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Keep alert to policy changes which have the potential to impact on the practice and/or education of nursing and midwifery professions, or the health of the community in general.

Information for verbal report at meeting:

- **Anti-poverty week** – 11-17 October 2015. ANMF is a national sponsor of this campaign so we encourage you to visit the Website address see what you can do to promote the cause. Nurses and midwives are the health professionals who are most likely to see the effects of poverty on health.
- **NENA conference** – National Enrolled Nurse Association, a special interest group of the ANMF, is holding its 12th Biennial national conference on Wednesday 21 October in Adelaide. Encourage enrolled nurses to attend. <http://www.nena.org.au/>
- **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** – these have replaced the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). There are 17 SDGs and unlike the MDGs these new goals apply to ALL countries. I recently participated in a forum on the SDGs hosted by the Australian Council for International Development and the Australian Council for Social Services. Representatives from a broad range of civil society groups were expressing that these new 17 goals are more comprehensive than previous, but we really need to get governments and the business sector engaged to be able to get real change. Website address: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/>
- **A Lemnos Gallipoli Memorial** was unveiled in Albert Park Melbourne on 8 August 2015 - one hundred years to the day that Australia's nurses arrived on Lemnos to care for the sick and wounded from Gallipoli. The memorial honours the nurses and soldiers for whom they cared. Lemnos was the main base for the Gallipoli campaign, with a military base and field hospitals established there in 1915. Over 130 nurses served on Lemnos during the Gallipoli campaign, with others serving on the ships ferrying the wounded from the Gallipoli battlefield.
Website: <http://www.anmfvic.asn.au/news-and-publications/news/2015/08/11/lemnos-gallipoli-memorial-unveiled>

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Australian Ophthalmic Nurses Association (Inc)
Report to the National Coalition of Nursing Organisations
September 2014

This organisation, along with similar groups in Queensland, Victoria and Western Australia, 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 in the last six months** include:

- Continued access to information via the Internet, websites are maintained by the NSW, Qld, WA and Vic Associations. Major upgrade of the NSW website has been undertaken.
- Publication and distribution to members of a national newsletter, with contributions from all state groups.
- Meetings for members held in each state several times per year; including State conferences in NSW (June) and Qld (August) and Victoria (biennially in November).
- Support of post-graduate study for members and other ophthalmic nurses, through provision of scholarships and through support of existing post-graduate programs and courses.
- Commencement of offering CPD to members via teleconference has had good success.

Our organisation would be interested to share the experiences of other groups with the following issues currently being considered:

- We continue to explore offering ongoing professional education to members. The group would welcome any advice from other groups regarding their experiences of offering online education.
- We would like to hear of other groups experience with engaging with industry to include advertising on Association websites.
- We continue to discuss the formalisation of a national presence, as our groups are separately incorporated State bodies.

Thank you for the opportunity to join this forum.

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APNA (Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association)

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

- Successful 2015 APNA National Conference “Brave to Bold”
- Nursing in General Practice (NiGP) Program funded by Australian Government DOH all deliverables completed 30th June 15.
- Member consultation regarding cessation healthy kids check
- Member consultation regarding Nurse Clinics
- Finalising the Nursing in PHC funding agreement with the Department of Health
- Ongoing discussions with NeHTA to support the uptake of electronic health records
- Joint submission to Parliamentary Inquiry into best practice in Chronic Disease prevention and management in PHC, with ACMHN, MCFHNA, CATSINaM, ACN.
<http://www.apna.asn.au/lib/pdf/Policy/SubmissiontotheParliamentaryInquiryinfochronicdiseasesAugust62015.pdf>
- Became a co-signatory of the Border Force Act
<http://www.apna.asn.au/lib/pdf/Position%20Statements/APNAPositionStatement-AustralianBorderForceAct2015.pdf>
- Released updated position statement on Chronic Disease Management
<http://www.apna.asn.au/lib/pdf/Position%20Statements/APNAPositionStatement-ChronicDiseaseManagementinGeneralPractice.pdf>
- Submitted response to PHCAG
- Attended MBS review consultations around the country

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

- Nil at present

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

- Nil at present

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Australian Wound Management Association (AWMA) CoNNO Report

Name of organisation:

Australian Wound Management Association but in November will become Wounds Australia

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

Our AGM 27 November 2015 in Melbourne will be the last AGM under the banner of AWMA. Our energies have been geared to dissolving our state and territory based groups, writing a new constitution, exploring marketing options and developing the new CEO position.

Our subcommittees are currently working on the following publications for release in 2016"

- Standards for Wound Management Third Edition
- NHMRC Australian and New Zealand Clinical Practice Guideline for Prevention and Management of Venous Leg Ulcers Second Edition
- Minimum Standard for a Wound Dressing Procedure

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

Organisations with mutual interests may contact secretary@awma.com.au to explore sharing space in newsletters. The purpose of this initiative is to reach a wider health care sector on education opportunities and publications.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

We encourage likeminded members to also consider being members of the Australian Health Care Reform Alliance (AHCRA) <http://www.healthreform.org.au/>. This coalition of peak health groups is active in lobbying for a fair and equitable Australian health care system.

Wounds West <http://www.health.wa.gov.au/WoundsWest/home> which is an excellent source of wound management information is making a transition to be known as the Wound Healing Institute of Australia.

This will be my last report as the Nursing representative of AWMA. Wounds Australia will be looking to continue the association with CoNNO but who that person will be has yet to be confirmed. Thank you for opportunity to attend and learn from this forum.

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Continence Nurses Society Australia (CoNSA) Inc

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

We are currently reviewing our continence nursing standards for practice which were developed in 2000 and have not been formally reviewed since then. We looking to get input from CoNSA members as well as content validity at the workshop we are holding at the Continence Foundation of Australia national conference on 25 November 2015 in Melbourne.

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

We would appreciate support and guidance on how to take our special interest group from being run by members in their own time and at their own expense into a more professional organisation with administration support.

We would appreciate support and guidance in developing a business plan and/or strategic plan to help guide our future.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

A/A

Janie Thompson
President

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Council of Deans of Nursing & Midwifery Australia and New Zealand

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

Nursing workforce are part of an ongoing discussion for the Deans that includes: retention of nurses and employment of graduates; leadership programs for clinicians; new graduates working in aged care and mental health without adequate mentoring; constraints imposed on NP positions and difficulties recruiting to academic positions.

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

Nurse Prescribing: Anticipated changes to Poisons and Drugs Act will change the criteria under which RNs are authorised to prescribe medication and categories of nurse with prescribing rights. CDNM have discussed the implications for courses to ensure appropriate content is provided in curricula.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

How will speciality groups ensure appropriate education for members who meet criteria for prescribing of medications?

Rhonda Griffiths
October 2015

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CRANApplus

The peak professional body for the remote and isolated health workforce

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

- Secured a 3 year funding agreement with the Federal Government to continue to support, educate and represent the Remote & Isolated Health Workforce
- Development on the organisations inaugural Reconciliation Action Plan
- Successful joint tender with Abt JTA to provide support and education services to the Australian Nurse Family Partnership Program
- Moved the location of our Alice Springs Office to co-locate with the Centre for Remote Health
- Development of a Marketing and communications strategy, value proposition and brand guidelines for the organisation
- RHCE2 funding to run two BSS resilience workshops in remote WA
- Development of a paper on MBS reform to improve Chronic Disease management in remote areas
- Publication of a 'Pathway to Remote Professional Practice' resource:
www.crana.org.au/files/pdfs/CRANApplus_RemotePractice_Jan15.pdf
- Creation of a CRANApplus position Statement on the older person:
www.crana.org.au/advocacy/position-statements/older-persons
- Creation of a CRANApplus on-line shop: www.cranamerchandise.com.au

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

Dissemination of our up-coming CRANApplus conferences: Telling Tales, the Power of the Narrative – Alice Springs, 15th – 17th October 2015

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Nil

Christopher Cliffe
Chief Executive Officer

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Discharge Planning Association

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

Planning and facilitating the annual Discharge Planning Association Professional Day continues to be very successful and October 2014 was no different. We had very good feedback and we hope to replicate that same result for this year. Topics included- Wound care Update, ACAT update 2014, Elder Abuse, Seamless Transitions initiatives, Aboriginal Identification in Hospitals-Quality Improvement project and End of Life in the Community.

The Association again offered 6 x \$500 travel/accommodation scholarships to assist DP Association members attend our 2014 Professional Day. These scholarships are available for those eligible members who live outside the Sydney Metropolitan Area and wish to attend the professional day.

The Executives are in the process of planning 2015 Professional Day and perspective approaching speakers and we plan to hold the event at the same venue as last year. That is, Northern Sydney Education & Conference Centre at Macquarie Hospital North Ryde on Wednesday 28th October 2015. Lunch and refreshments will be provided and the day will be free of charge for all members.

Program attached for your information.

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

Over the years there have been many enquires regarding availability of a course about Discharge planning. DPA have proposed the development of a course, however, following some research there is a "Care Coordination Course" on the Health Education & Training Institute (HETI) website that is 20 minutes in duration but only can be accessed by RNs working in the public sector. DPA has approached HETI to gain access for our members who work in the private sector and they are in the process of addressing this for us.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Nil at this stage

Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia (DANA)

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

On 15-16 August 2015, DANA held a sell-out Forum in Sydney. Based on member feedback, this year DANA made significant changes to their annual conference format and held an engaging, informative and interactive Forum. Speakers were selected to present topics that were of great interest and would have the most impact on informing practice.

Over the two days, delegates heard from a range of clinicians, academics, consumers and industry leads. John Rogerson from the Australian Drug Foundation gave an engaging presentation on the impact of alcohol in sport and the Good Sports Program. Clinically, the audience was encouraged to reflect on their own practice around take-home Naloxone (presented by William Woods), tobacco dependence (Dr Colin Mendelson), supporting older adults with addiction (Andrew Taylor), alcohol withdrawal and the importance of monitoring clients dietary needs and 'refeeding' (presented by Moira Williamson).

Implications for policy and practice were informed by Dr Andrew Smirnov presentation on the subjective effects and addiction potential of ecstasy and methamphetamine. A very informative session was given by Andrew Taylor on cannabinoid replacement therapy for management of treatment resistant cannabis dependent clients in an outpatient setting.

Dr Kate Conigarve and Michael Doyle presented an excellent session on what the nursing profession can do support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians to address substance misuse. Interactive workshops were held on a range of topics including Clinical Supervision, Self-Care, NRT, Dual Diagnosis in Older Adults and the challenges of providing care for non-injecting clients with opioid dependency.

One of the highlights of the Forum was the closing address by Professor Margaret Hamilton on Complex Needs which ended with a heart lifting performance by the Sydney Street Choir.

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Flight Nurses Australia Incorporated.

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

1. Flight Nurses Australia held another successful Annual Conference August 2015 in Darwin.
2. Second strategic workshop held to focus Committee activities over the next 1-2 years was held post conference included ordinary and Committee members.
3. FNA has been very active on Facebook and Twitter. It has proved to be an engaging medium for all age groups inside and external to the industry. It has raised the public profile of our speciality on domestic and international arenas.
4. A subgroup is working on an interdisciplinary aeromedical standards development document.
5. eNewsletter has also seen regular engagement and contact with members.

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

Nil

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Nil

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Maternal Child and Family Health Nurses Australia

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

Stages 2 (broad community consultation via online qualitative survey) is complete. We had over 600 complete responses. We are now analysing this data. We plan to revise standards based on these findings and then distribute our modified Delphi survey to all MCFHNA members. This will ensure that members have the final say in the development of their standards.

We are still working on the development of a functional business plan with a view to sourcing financial sponsorship and employing a professional officer.

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

Nothing at this time thanks. We will be asking for support to develop our standards for publishing and distribution in the coming months.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Support for organisations with matters of governance and financial management.

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**Nursing Informatics Australia (NIA)
Report for CoNNO Meeting: Sydney 2 October 2015**

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

NIA Committee meetings are held monthly by teleconference. Two face to face meetings are held annually with the midyear meeting occurring on 2 Aug 2015.

NIA annual conference was held on Monday, 3 August 2015 at Brisbane Convention Centre. The conference is held in conjunction with the Health Informatics Conference each year, the annual conference of the Health Informatics Society of Australia (HISA). The opening address was presented by Kerri Holzhauser from Princess Alexandra Hospital/Metro South Hospital and Health Service Brisbane. Princess Alexandra Hospital is preparing for the hospital wide implementation of an Electronic Medical Record in November 2015. Other presentations covered a range of topics such as the Nursing Informatician Role, the Impact of technology on the Nursing Role and Acquiring Nursing Domain Expert Knowledge.

The AGM and election of Committee positions was conducted on 3 August 2015 at the conclusion of the conference.

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

Nil

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Nil

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Reporting Template for CoNNO Members

Sept-2015

Name of organisation:

Otorhinolaryngology Head & Neck Nurses Group Inc ...O.H.N.N.G.

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

It has been a busy six months as we continue to celebrated the success of our 2015 National conference in Sydney and start to prepare for the 2016 National Conference in Melbourne. The program is in the beginning stages but this will live up to our very high standard and be as educational and as enjoyable as our previous meetings. This meeting will be our 20th anniversary and we are planning a few surprises.

Our new newsletter editor, Lisa Helwege has just released our latest newsletter full of great information and reports and has got our social media platform up and running our Facebook page and Twitter feeds.

During May I was fortunate enough to travel to Rome, with our Victorian State Coordinator and attend the 7th European Operating Nurses Association Congress, (EORNA). EORNA was founded in 1980 by a group of innovative European Perioperative nurses and was formally launched in Copenhagen Denmark in 1992. Five years later the first conference took place, in Belgium, followed by Norway, Greece, Ireland, Denmark, and Portugal. Usually the congress is every third year but this will now change and it will now be held every 2nd year. The next congress in 2017 will return to Greece. There are currently 28 member associations from 27 different countries. This meeting had 1293 delegates and 32 medical companies registered to attend. Australia was very well represented with over 25 delegates attending.

Education remains our primary focus and sessions have continued to run around the country...

QLD

Cheryl Kelly (QLD state Coordinator) ran the first rural meeting in Cairns in June, and I headed up to help her run the day. This study day was planned to precede the four-day World Congress on Larynx Cancer. The day was amazing, it was well attended with around 40 delegates. Held at the Cairns Base Hospital in the newly renovated education centre. We would like to thank the nurse educators there that helped us run the day and allow us free access to their facilities.

NSW

State Coordinator Gai Shylan held a very successful dinner meeting in Sydney on current treatment in Sleep Apnoea

TAS

New State Coordinator Lisa Hellwege will run her first education day in Hobart at the end of September.

VIC

I recently attended the very successful Victorian study day held once again at the Olympus Headquarters in Notting Hill. The theme for the day was focused on Otology. Presenters spoke on the anatomy of the ear, hearing problems, ENT emergencies, and surgery. We had some great speakers, and it was good to see the huge attendance from both of Melbourne's micro- suction ear clinics.

The afternoon saw participants moving around four stations: practicing sinus endoscopy, touring the education facility and learning how Olympus can assist and support us, viewing and discussing broken down flexible endoscopes and touring the national service centre – an eye opener for all. The afternoons' activities proved to be very informative.

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Palliative Care Nurses Australia (PCNA)

Our AGM was held at the start of September. The sitting President retired for health reasons and Professor Jane Phillips was elected to the role of President until September 2016. The election also brought in three members who have not served on Committee before bringing a fresh outlook to PCNA.

In response to a call from members at the 2014 AGM, a sub-committee steering party has been working toward formation of a PCNA Aged Care Special Interest Group and it is hoped to launch the SIG in November this year. Education via video conferencing and online discussion boards is planned as a main focus for the group.

Two pre-conference workshops were presented by PCNA in collaboration with the Palliative Care Clinical Studies Collaborative (PaCCSC) at the recent Palliative Care Australia conference. Both workshops were fully subscribed to by health professionals of all disciplines. They presented latest evidence for palliative and end of life practice and evaluations have been overwhelmingly positive for both. The workshops provided a strong indicator of feasible audience numbers for an annual event which is now under consideration by Committee.

Planning is underway for the 2016 conference to be held in Canberra in September 2016. The theme and streams will be decided in the coming weeks but will recognise the move toward inclusiveness and the concept that end of life care is everyone's business.

PCNA has participated in the development of a position paper by CRANApus on the provision of palliative care in remote and regional Australia. We look forward to similar future collaborations.

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

None at this time.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

None at this time

Kym Griffin
Secretary PCNA
28 September 2015



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