

CoNNMO Meeting – Friday 7 October 2016 Member Reports

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Australian College of Neonatal Nurses
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Australian College of Nursing
Australian Diabetes Educators Association
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Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation
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Australian Student and Novice Nurse Association
Australian Women's Health Nurse Association
Continence Nurses Society of Australia
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CRANaplus
Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia
Flight Nurses Australia
Gastroenterological Nurses College of Australia
Medical Imaging Nurses Association
Nursing Informatics Australia
Otorhinolaryngology Head & Neck Nurses Group Inc
Palliative Care Nurses Australia
Psychogeriatric Nurses Association Australia
Renal Society of Australasia

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Audiometry Nurse Association of Australia Inc.

Last 12 months:

- Commenced social media page with Facebook
- Developed a scholarship proposal for Audiometry Nursing Students, awaiting endorsement at AGM on the 27th October 2016
- Preparing for upcoming annual conference from the 26th to the 28th October in Newcastle
- Many experienced AN's retired last 12months which means loss of knowledge, skills, mentors and educators
- Members exploring ways to convince management the value of the service we provide to communities. Increased 'baby boomer' retirees are leaving gaps in hearing services. Many vacant positions are not recruited to or there is no encouragement/financial assistance made available for interested staff to complete the course.
- Membership is fairly static
- Raise our profile; it has been reported in some areas as a low value service and the service offered in some centres has been reduced from a Diagnostic service to a screening service which effectively means a reduced service so more clients are seen. This then provides an increase to activity and activity base funding.

Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control

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

1. Launch of a new strategic plan
2. Launch of a new international peer-reviewed journal – *Infection, Disease and Health* –
<http://www.journals.elsevier.com/infection-disease-and-health/>
<http://www.acipc.org.au/News-and-Links/Infection,-Disease-and-Health>
3. Development of a new framework for credentialling of infection control professionals for launch in 2016
<http://www.acipc.org.au/Credentialling/What-is-Credentialling>
4. Development and launch of a new College-based course: Foundations of Infection Prevention and Control
5. Series of workshops for on infection prevention for nurses and other staff in residential care facilities
<http://www.acipc.org.au/News-and-Links/eNewsletter/August-2016>

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

1. The new framework for credentialling of infection control professionals for launch in 2016 is open to all health, allied health and non-health professionals.
<http://www.acipc.org.au/Credentialling/What-is-Credentialling>
2. Promoting access of CoNNMO members to College-based course: Foundations of Infection Prevention and Control
<http://www.acipc.org.au/News-and-Links/eNewsletter/April-2016>

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

Australasian Hepatology Association

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

Development of

The AHA, ALA, GESA, ASHM, HA and ASID collaborated to develop a wonderful living Document "Australian recommendations for the management of hepatitis C virus infection: a consensus statement 2016". This document provides a guide to the successful rollout of DAA therapy in Australia.

In December 2015 the AHA released NURSE-LED SERVICES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS WITH LIVER DISEASE IN AUSTRALIA.

The AHA is currently running two research projects, Emerald and Cathpin which are researching patient adherence outcomes and attitudes of health care professionals to patients with HCV, respectively. Both projects have received ethical approval and are well underway.

The Advanced Liver Disease course continues to be successfully run.

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

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

Funding of nurse education by Pharmaceutical companies.

Australasian Sexual Health and HIV Nurses Assn Inc

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

- Governance
- Social media – we now have a Facebook page and Twitter account
- Developing a policy for Life Membership
- Scholarship applications
- Preparations for the upcoming Sexual Health Conference in Adelaide in November 2016
- Strategies to increase membership

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

nil

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

Thanks to member organisations for your assistance with information on Life Membership

Joanne Perks

Australian and New Zealand Urological Nurses Society (ANZUNS)

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

ANZUNS continues to be the peak body representing urological nursing in Australia and New Zealand. ANZUNS comprises member representatives from each Australian state-based urological nursing society, as well as representatives from New Zealand Urological nursing societies.

ANZUNS held its mid-term meeting in September 2016 and work is well underway in planning the 22nd ANZUNS Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) which will be held in Canberra in February 2016, in conjunction with the 70th Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand (USANZ) ASM.

Work continues to secure funding to develop ANZUNS Competency Framework and Guidelines for Urology Nurses.

ANZUNS continues to support ongoing education and, in the last 6 months, has awarded three professional development awards for either conference attendance and/or major urological unit visits.

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

Sustainability of a volunteer organisation into the future - 'raising fees versus value for money'

Development of a Competency Framework and Guidelines for Urology nurses – progressing this from a dream to reality

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

nil

Sally Sara

Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nurses

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

- Currently updating our Constitution with the assistance of Constitutional Lawyers based in Sydney to be ready for acceptance at our March AGM 2017.
- Liaising with the Government regarding review of the Stoma Appliance Scheme. Products have been put out to tender early this year which may have a significant impact on products available in Australia for our patients.
- Planning our 41st national AASTN conference "Storytelling in Stomal Therapy" for 12th -15th March 2017 at Royal International Convention Centre in Brisbane
- Working with Dr Kim Chilman-Blair and Medicine X to develop an interactive swipe-through story format to follow the journey of a real life patient having surgery for a stoma, and explain surgery and treatment considerations, alongside the role of patient support networks for Australians.

Available online at www.colostomyexplained.com.au , on Google Play, iTunes or on a USB-Card, Colostomy Xplained features the story of Robert, a retired retail business owner and grandfather of six. The story follows Robert's journey of having ostomy surgery, from initial confusion of diagnosis, to the initial struggles to find how to live a life full of possibilities.

Healthcare professionals can order Colostomy Xplained USB-Cards and flyers free of charge by visiting www.colostomyexplained.com.au/usb-order

Orders are unlimited and there is no cost to clinics or patients. For further information on Colostomy Xplained please visit www.colostomyexplained.com.au

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

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

Fiona Bolton

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 427, with new undergraduate membership category
2. Honouring the Past, Treasuring the Present and Shaping the Future Conference will be held in Adelaide from the 26th to the 28th of October. The final program is on the website and we will hold our AGM during the conference. <https://cre8itevents.eventsair.com/QuickEventWebsitePortal/accypn-2016-conference/accypn16>
3. The new 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. Different promotion strategies in place. <http://www.accypn.org.au/knowledge-centre/standards-of-practice/>
4. Credentialing work completed with 6 National Nursing Organisation's and the Nursing and Midwifery Office Queensland. Approximately 30 nurses have applied for and are either credentialed or in the process of being credentialed from Queensland. Credentialing nationally for children and young people's nurses was available from July 1st 2016 with process being finalised and credentialing committee being set up. Currently there are 23 nurses credentialed as specialist Children and Young People's nurses with 12 other applications in process.
5. Continuing to review the college's position statements and business rules.
6. New Journal being developed with College of Child and Youth Nurses (NZNO) the paediatric nursing group in New Zealand with potential of linking with the Asia Pacific region.
7. Chapter events running in WA, Victoria and Queensland.
8. Bimonthly member newsletters to members.
9. Redeveloping education services, development of a knowledge centre, e-learning sessions via webcasts for members to view online, <http://www.accypn.org.au/pd/e-learning/>
10. Documents/Issues commented on recently include:
 - a. The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care's National Consensus statement: Essential elements for safe and high-quality paediatric end-of-life care
 - b. Support for the CRANA plus comment on the Royal Commission into Juvenile Detention in the NT
 - c. Australasian Bronchiolitis Guideline

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

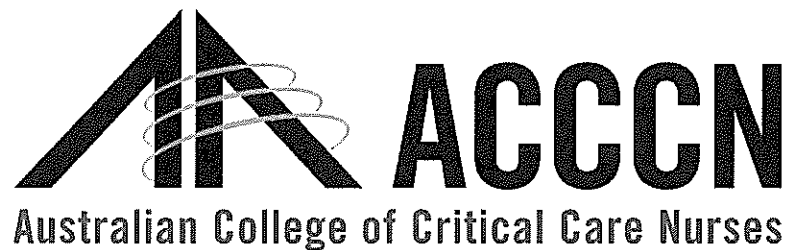
1. Promotion of our upcoming conference, credentialing and specialty standards of practice - information is on the College's website www.accypn.org.au

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.

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Significant Activities

1. Currently in process of recruiting a CEO
2. ACCCN has moved from head office to virtual office
3. 19-21 October 2016 – 41st ACCCN ANZICS Intensive Care Annual Scientific Meeting Perth
4. ACCCN Workforce Standards to be launched at the above meeting
5. Continued development of ACCCN Website and database

Issues that CoNNMO 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 CoNNMO to consider:

N/A

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Report – Australian College of Midwives

Name of organisation:

Australian College of Midwives

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

- **Launched ACM Midwifery Awards:** The College has undergone an extensive review of its awards program and now offer the following to recognise outstanding members and organisations:
 - **Fellow:** recognition of outstanding leadership within the College
 - **Laureat:** recognition of extraordinary leadership within the College and the profession
 - **Life:** recognition of sustained, outstanding contribution to the College and the midwifery profession
 - **Midwifery student:** annual award recognising outstanding achievement in theory and practice
 - **Midwife in clinical practice:** annual award for a midwife exemplifying outstanding clinical achievements
 - **Maternity Service Award:** annual award to recognise innovation in a maternity service promoting continuity of carer and collaboration as a model of careIt is intended to broaden the awards in the coming years.

- **Response to MBS Review**
- **Midwifery Career Pathways:** promotion of broad pathways for midwifery careers and a primary healthcare model for regional and remote maternity care
- **Launch of new website/database**
- **Meetings with NMBA/CNMOs/Health Ministers**
- **Position statements:**
 - Maternity care of asylum seekers in immigration detention
 - Nurses working in maternity settings
 - Midwives working in non-maternity settings
 - Intimate partner violence
 - VBAC
 - Group B Streptococcus

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

- Position statements on nursing in maternity settings and midwives in non-nursing settings

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

- Not at this point.



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Report to CoNNMO, October 2016

ACNN maintains national membership as well as four branches that undertake local professional activity, in New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Queensland with the ACT members in the process of establishing a fifth branch. Membership from all states and territories has been boosted by a membership drive, currently standing at about 670.

The annual two-day conference and AGM was held on Friday 23 to 24 September in Melbourne. Conference speakers included Professor Megan Jane Johnston from Deakin University (her last conference appearance before retirement) and various medical specialists and psychologists. The conference was very successful with 190 delegates, up on previous years. The next conference marks the 25th anniversary for ACNN and will be held on Daydream Island. Planning for a special program is underway.

The ACNN and Parker Healthcare Early Career/Early Research Career Scholarship recipients were announced at the conference.

The ACNN Neonatal Nurse Excellence Award was awarded to the finalist Stevie Duddy from RPAH, who attended the conference in Melbourne.

The Mark New Award for Quiet Achievers was offered again this year and went to Jan Polverino from RPAH.

The ACNN special interest groups (neonatal education, neonatal nurse practitioners, neonatal research and the low resource countries SIG) remain active. The LRC SIG continues biannual training for the *Helping Babies Breathe* program in Papua New Guinea. Other places in the Asia-Pacific region are being considered for neonatal education.

The new Leadership SIG held a meeting at the conference in September; this SIG is still in its provisional year. The aims include encouraging managers to support their staff in college activities and providing support to emerging leaders.

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.

Many of our members attended the Council of International Neonatal Nurses (COINN) conference in Vancouver, in August 2016. The conference was an excellent event with about 350 neonatal nurses from around the world, including a delegation from Japan. The mayor of Vancouver announced that 15 August has been proclaimed as World Neonatal Nurses Day, so that date is now firmly in our diaries for celebration. We are also anticipating World Prematurity Day on 17 November.

Shelley Reid

ACNN Secretary and Public Officer

Reporting Template for CoNNO Members

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

Please provide a written report of no more than 500 words outlining relevant activity for reporting at CoNNO meeting.

Name of organisation:

Australian College of Nurse Practitioners (ACNP)

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

Appointment of a new National Executive from 1 September 2016:

President – Dr Grainne Lowe
Vice President – Lee Poole
Treasurer – Robin Moon
Secretary – Stephanie Dowden

We acknowledge outgoing Board members, in particular Chris Raftery for his leadership and vision during his term as President and our Past President Helen Gosby. Both have made a significant contribution to the direction of the College and created new opportunities for the ACNP at both state and national levels.

The 11th Conference of the Australian College of Nurse Practitioners was held in Alice Springs 30 August, to 3 September, 2016. The program was very diverse and provided a unique perspective on NP practice, particularly in rural and remote settings. The conference also provides a unique opportunity for NPs and those interested in Advanced Practice to network and share ideas, knowledge and opportunities.

Next year's conference will be held in Brisbane 4 – 7 September 2017.

Theme: **Innovate, Integrate, Motivate: leading advanced practice.**

Our ACNP Membership is continuing to grow with over 900 members at 30 June, 2016.

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

A number of reports have been released into the **Healthier Medicare Review**.

The ACNP will be preparing a number of responses. If there is anything you would like us to highlight please contact Amanda Davies ceo@acnp.org.au or call 0457 008 258.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Nomination of registered nurses to clinical committees in your specialist area.

Further information available at:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/MBSR-committees>

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Name of organisation:

Australian College of Nursing (ACN)

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

Appointment of new Executive Director

Michelle Gunn

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) is pleased to announce the appointment of exceptional nurse leader, Michelle Gunn, as its new Executive Director, Professional and Leadership Division.

Michelle is a passionate advocate for quality and affordable healthcare and was an early supporter of clinical pathways and care management. She has a strategic focus on evidence, consultation and collaboration geared toward driving better health outcomes and building an innovative and sustainable nursing workforce. Her nursing and legal background have led her to undertake doctoral research into clinician's perceptions of their legal and ethical obligations, and how they balance competing obligations between the individual patient and the community.

National Nursing Forum:

The National Nursing Forum is ACN's signature annual event bringing together nurses from around the country. In 2016 the Forum will take place in Melbourne, Victoria from **26-28 October** at the Melbourne Park Function Centre. Our theme this year, **The Power of Now**, will explore where we are as a profession and how we operate as teams and as individuals. We will look at the current and most vital issues nurses are facing and the creative way nurses are leading necessary reform.

As nurses we lead busy lives and **The Power of Now** brings us back to the moment of being mindful and self-aware and offers an opportunity to take a closer look at our own wellbeing. This creates a flow-on effect that has a positive impact on what we have to offer in our everyday lives. Our ability to have the confidence to know and trust in ourselves helps us to constantly evolve as leaders so that we can be our best selves every day.

Some of the speakers are listed below:

Professor John Daly FACN Dean, Faculty of Health and Head of the UTS/World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Development, University of Technology Sydney	Dale Fisher Chief Executive, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre	Professor Christine Duffield FACN Director of the Centre for Health Services Management (CHSM), University of Technology Sydney	Fiona Brew MACN Interim CEO, Goulburn Valley Health
Hon. Sussan Ley MP Minister for Health and Aged Care and Minister for Sport	Adjunct Associate Professor Lydia Dennett MACN Chief Nurse and Midwifery Officer, SA Health and Chair, Australian and New Zealand Council of Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers	Professor Wendy Cross FACN Associate Dean, Nursing and Allied Health, Monash University	Adjunct Professor David Plunkett MACN Acting CEO of Eastern Health



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Heather Keighley Acting Chief Nurse and Midwifery Officer, Northern Territory	Vivienne Black Consultant, Facilitator, Coach, Leaders in Leading	Paul Mracek CEO, Kotan Australia	Lindy Marlow Chair, Refugee Nurses of Australia
Dr Louise Shaper Chief Executive Officer, Health Informatics Society of Australia (HISA)	Orator Kate Birrell OAM, MACN Emeritus Group Director of Nursing, St. John of God Health Care	Forum MC: Brian Dolan MACN (Associate) Director, Health Service 360	Ann Maree Keenan Chief Nurse and Midwifery Officer, Victoria
Ms Fiona Barron Publishing Editor, Elsevier Australia	Sandy Eagar FACN Nurse Manager, NSW Refugee Health Service	The Hon. Mary Wooldridge MP Shadow Minister for Health, Victoria	Professor Lisa McKenna FACN Editor in, Chief, Collegian, Monash University

Policy and Advocacy

White Paper:

Nurses are Essential to Health and Aged Care Reform

To be launched in October at the Parliamentary breakfast attended by Nursing leaders, parliamentarians and the Prime Minister.

Submissions

The ACN Policy and Advocacy team have worked on a number of interesting submissions. This includes:

August

- Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) Elder Abuse Inquiry
- Developing a health workforce strategy for Queensland: Discussion Paper and Technical Paper Review*

July

- Parliament of New South Wales Inquiry into Violence Against Emergency Services Personnel
- Climate and Health Alliance (CAHA): 'Toward a National Strategy on Climate, Health and Well-being for Australia' – Discussion Paper Survey*

June

- National Strategic Framework for Chronic Conditions*
- Physician Assistants in Queensland – Consultation Survey conducted by Queensland Health*

May

- ACN response to Australian College of Midwives (ACM) Draft position statement on maternal and perinatal care for asylum seeking women held in detention*

*submissions are confidential unless they have been released by the relevant committee. Due to the format of certain submissions they are not made available for publication on the website.

Position Statements

- The role of registered nurses in residential aged care facilities (July 2016)
- Bullying in the workplace (April 2016)
- Clinical Supervision Joint Position Statement with Australian College of Mental Health Nurses (August 2016)

Position statements on Assistants in Nursing and Bullying in the Workplace have been completed. ACN is revising a number of position statements and assisting in uploading these to the website for public viewing.

Publications

NurseClick

The Policy and Advocacy team has produced a number of publications to ACN's monthly e-zine, NurseClick. This includes topics such as:

- May: School nurses: Teaching healthy habits beyond the classroom
- June: Ending the aged care 'lottery': The National Aged Care Alliance working towards the future of Australia's aged care system
- July: Responding and preventing elder abuse in Australia
- August: Australian Nursing Workforce: A Snapshot 2015

The Hive

In addition, the Policy and Advocacy team has produced publications for ACN's quarterly magazine, The Hive. This includes topics such as:

- Autumn 2016: Policy Snapshot
- Winter 2016: Shining a light on chronic disease in Australia: ACN reviews inquiry report on chronic disease prevention and management in primary health care - Australia's platform for health reform

ACN Weekly E-Newsletter

The ACN Policy and Advocacy team regularly submits content to the ACN Weekly E-Newsletter to help inform members of relevant news that Australian health care industry. The ACN policy team has used the E-newsletter to connect with members and promote consultation.

Website Development

ACN continues to update its website.

Scholarships

Australian College of Nursing continues to administer the existing Commonwealth Government scholarship schemes for nurses (Nursing and Allied health Scholarship and Support Scheme NAHSSS), aged care nurses and the Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship scheme for Indigenous health scholarships.

The Department of Health has not announced any new scholarships for study in 2017.

Education

ACN has had a positive feedback related to alumni and member discounts for graduate certificate courses. In addition to the award courses and single units of study, ACN offers a Refresher program, designed for RNs holding general registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia who meet the Recency of Practice

Registration Standard of three (3) months practice in the last five years but wish to refresh their knowledge in acute care nursing. It is also ideal for nurses working in non-acute areas of practice that wish to work in acute care.

In addition, ACN is developing a suite of online CPD courses which will be launched in the next couple of months.

The Immunisation for Registered Nurses course is currently under review to ensure that it will meet the new National Immunisation Education Framework for Health Professionals, to replace the current National Guidelines for Immunisation Education for Registered Nurses and Midwives. The Immunisation course is currently recognised in NSW, VIC, TAS, and SA and provides nurses and midwives with the authorisation to administer immunisations without the direction of a medical officer.

Membership

- As of 1st June 2016 all ACN members will receive three free online Continuing Professional Development (CPD) courses valid for that registration year. The value of these courses is \$363. All the courses are offered online and each course accrues up to 4 CPD hours which go towards mandatory continual professional development registration standards.
- As of 1st June 2016 ACN Members and Fellows receive a discount on all full fee- paying courses.
- ACN giving a chance for Members and Fellows to volunteer as a facilitator at CPD short courses. As a thank you the facilitator will be able to enrol in the course free.
- The online professional portfolio is available to Members and Fellows and it encompasses 3LP, online CPD tools.
- Throughout 2016 ACN has been hosting networking functions all over Australia. These events have been very successful with Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officers, Politicians, VIPs and State/Territory dignitaries attending most of the events.
- ACN now has a join online option for all levels of membership.
- ACN has launched a new level of student membership: ACN Start-Up which is complimentary to all undergraduate bachelor and diploma nursing students in Australia.
- ACN has launched two one-hour coaching sessions for paying undergraduate RN and EN nursing student members.
- ACN has launched our newly modelled Emerging Nurse Leader program.
- ACN is also establishing a Nursing Informatics Special Interest Group.
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What are the issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?

- Strategies to improve member engagement.
- Nurses interested in Health & Aged Care reform working with ACN in driving the agenda.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

- Nursing Education:- Position statement on nursing education. (In view of Pauline Hanson policies).
- Aged Care Workforce: -RN in RACFs on duty and available 24/7.

Australian Diabetes Educators Association (ADEA)

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

1. Developed and finalise a new Strategic Plan
2. Developed in consultation with members and board
3. Primary Health Care Nurses project
The focus for this project is to develop education to complement the ADEA online learning module - *Primary Health Care Nurses' Care and referral of people with complex care needs*. This education will be delivered at the Primary Health Network level.
4. Fitness to drive project
ADEA will be updating the *Support for health professionals in the assessment of a person with diabetes and their fitness to drive (Fitness to Drive)* online learning module following the release of the new edition of *Assessing Fitness to Drive for commercial and private vehicle drivers* which comes into effect from 1 October 2016.
5. Person-Centred Care project
The focus of this project is to adapt the Person-Centred Care Toolkit developed by ADEA in 2015 for Allied Health Professionals as well as to hold a series of one day workshop for diabetes educators on implementing person-centred care. The project will also maintain the Person-Centred Care Website which can be found at <https://www.adea.com.au/projects/person-centred-care/>
6. 'My Diabetes Emergency Plan' - A pamphlet for people to record their personal information and important contacts, a place they can record a detailed list of their medications and schedule. This also includes a checklist for preparing an emergency kit.
7. 'Make a Plan. Manage Your Diabetes in an Emergency' Poster available for use in pharmacies, GP waiting rooms and to other healthcare professionals, including Credentialed Diabetes Educators. It lists place that people can access the My Diabetes Emergency Plan.
8. 'Managing Diabetes in an Emergency' - A set of Frequently Asked Questions.

All the Disaster resources have been translated into Cantonese, Mandarin, Vietnamese, Turkish and Arabic.

9. Guidelines to assist emergency services, local governments and the not-for-profit sector on the needs of people with diabetes and other chronic conditions in natural disasters were finalised. These guidelines will be used as a basis for planning at the local and state government level as well as to assist those who 'work on the ground' after a natural disaster who are likely to come into contact with people with diabetes.
10. Finalised a Mentoring online module for members
11. Exploring a professional and educational pathway in diabetes for Aboriginal Health Practitioners
12. Policy issues: CGM implementation; diabetes education in schools, GDM & Medicare
13. Developing resources for Credentialed Diabetes Educators (CDEs) in private practice.

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

Disseminate information about projects 3-9

Australian Nurse Teachers Society – (ANTS)

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

ANTS provided sponsorship and exhibition at NET- NEP international conference in Brisbane during April of 2016. Executive members at the stand spoke with many members and prospective members during the conference – membership numbers were increased during the conference

ANTS Executive has been further focusing on increasing membership across Australia and supporting state branches to facilitate state based events.

Sponsorships and scholarships have recently been provided to several members to attend international conferences relevant to the nursing education specialty field. Members will be attending conferences in Canada and the South Pacific.

ANTS will be supporting the ACN conference in October for the third year in a row. This event is always well attended and an excellent forum to promote the organisation and meet with members and prospective members.

NNEC (national nursing education conference 2018 planning has commenced. This is proposed to be held at Crowne Promenade in Melbourne in late April / early May 2018. Initial meetings have taken place with venue and conference team.

Member bulletin continues to progress well and provide information and articles to members
ANTS website and forum pages remain active .

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

Nil at present

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

Nil at present

Michelle Girdler – National President

Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF)

Significant activities of our organisation in the last six months

Reconciliation Action Plan

ANMF Federal Office finalised development of a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), which has subsequently been endorsed by Reconciliation Australia. The Federation thanks our colleagues at CATSiNaM for their generous assistance with providing advice on the preparation of our RAP. A number of the ANMF State and Territory Branches have commenced work on developing their own RAP. We encourage all CoNNMO member organisations to also consider developing a RAP. The ANMF Federal Office RAP is available at: <http://anmf.org.au/pages/reconciliation-action-plan>.

The following recent 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.

Recent submissions:

- Australian Parliamentary Inquiry to the Paris Agreement
- Independent Review of Chaperones to Protect Patients
- Submission to the Department of Health and the Communicable Diseases Network of Australia consultation on the Australian National Guidelines for the Management of Health Care Workers known to be infected with Blood-Borne Viruses
- Submission to the Senate Education and Employment Committee Inquiry into the Fair Work Amendment (Respect for Emergency Services Volunteers) Bill 2016
- Submission to Australian Law Reform Commission Consultation on Issues Paper Elder Abuse
- Submission to Productivity Commission Consultation on Issues Paper Human Services: Identifying sectors for reform

Recent media releases:

- **National campaign on voluntary euthanasia launched as support for legislation grows across country (23 Sept, 2016)**
A national campaign appealing for politicians to support voluntary euthanasia laws has today been launched by television and radio personality Andrew Denton at South Australia's Parliament House.
- **ANMF welcomes review of aged care funding cuts (14 Sept, 2016)**
The country's largest union, the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF), says it's encouraged by today's announcement that the Opposition is moving to force a Review of the \$1.8 billion in funding cuts to the aged care sector.
- **It's time to take equal pay seriously, Mr Turnbull (8 Sept, 2016)**
Australia's largest health union, the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF), says we should use Equal Pay Day (EPD) 2016 as an opportunity to highlight the ongoing wage disparity being experienced by its members working across the health and aged care workforce.
- **ANMF continues to grow Australia wide membership (1 Sept, 2016)**
The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) has announced a 4.2% growth in its membership – with the number of members now standing at 258,989 as at 30 June 2016.
- **Political leaders must put health and aged care first (30 Aug, 2016)**
The country's biggest union, the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF), has welcomed new Ministers, MPs and Senators to Australia's 45th Parliament today and called on them to put health and aged care at the top of their policy agenda.
- **Federal Election: Australians vote to maintain Medicare (4 July, 2016)**
With the result of the federal election hanging in the balance, the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) says it's apparent that the people of Australia have overwhelmingly voted to reject the Turnbull Government's ongoing attacks on Medicare and the stripping of billions of dollars in funding for public hospitals.
- **Surveys confirm ANMF warning on Medicare rebate freeze (30 June, 2016)**
The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) says two new surveys of GPs have confirmed its worst fears – that the Turnbull Government's crippling freeze on Medicare rebates will see an increasing number of doctors abandoning bulk-billing and lead-to higher out of pocket costs for GP visits.

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- **Aged care funding will change votes this election (22 June, 2016)**
More than half the nurses, assistants in nursing (AIN) and members of the community who participated in the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation's (ANMF) national survey on aged care would change their vote in the upcoming federal election if a major party restores the devastating funding cuts to the aged care sector to improve the services, staffing levels and basic standards of care provided to elderly, vulnerable nursing home residents.
- **Aged care cuts hurt marginal electorates – new research reveals (18 June, 2016)**
As the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation's (ANMF) national phone-in on aged care starts today (Saturday 18 June), its new research has revealed the full extent of devastating cuts to aged care funding in key, marginal electorates across the country.
- **TV Ads highlight the impact of \$57 billion in health cuts (5 June, 2016)**
From tonight, the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) will commence airing a series of powerful TV and radio ads highlighting how \$57 billion ripped from health budgets is compromising the care nurses, midwives and assistants in nursing can deliver to the community.
- **Reversing cuts to Medicare rebates a win for patients (19 May, 2016)**
The country's largest union, the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) has welcomed the Opposition's election pledge that it will reverse the Turnbull Government's crippling freeze on Medicare rebates.
- **We're celebrating international nurses day 2016 (12 May, 2016)**
The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) says International Nurses Day (IND) 2016 gives Australians the chance to commend nurses on the valuable contribution they make to the health of our society.

Issues CoNNMO members may be able to assist our organisation with:

Recent campaigns you can support, on issues important to the nursing and midwifery professions and the people for whom we care:

- **ANMF supports: *Be The Bill: Support Voluntary Euthanasia***
The South Australian Voluntary Euthanasia Bill will soon be debated in the South Australian Parliament. The ANMF has partnered with Go Gentle Australia to support this bill and people like Kylie Monaghan, who face unrelievable pain in the final stage of life and who want the compassionate choice of a peaceful death.
- **ANMF national campaign: *Demand Dignity for residents in aged care***
As a community we're entitled to expect a high standard of quality care for older family members and friends - and ourselves, when our time comes. Our elected governments must set and adhere to standards that protect all individuals and keep residents of aged care facilities safe.
- **ANMF supports: *Never Alone - against domestic violence***
ANMF partners with Rosie Batty in letting victims of family violence know they are never alone. The latest in this campaign is *Justice for kids – fix family law*. This part of the campaign is seeking a family law system that is safe for all our kids. Visit: <http://www.neveralone.com.au/justiceforkids>
- **ANMF national campaign: *Graduate Nurses and Midwives Deserve a Working Future***
The ANMF continues to work towards securing employment opportunities for newly graduating nurses and midwives. We know that the situation will only worsen unless people in the position to make real change find solutions to improve employment opportunities for graduates.

Support the ANMF national position to oppose credentialling for nurses and midwives
http://anmf.org.au/documents/policies/PS_Credentialling.pdf

Particular issues CoNNMO member organisations can consider:

- **ANMF is a national sponsor of: *Anti-poverty week – 16-22 October 2016***
Nurses and midwives are the health professionals who are most likely to see the effects of poverty on health. Visit: <http://www.antipovertyweek.org.au/> to see what you can do to promote this cause.

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Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association (APNA)

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

1. Progressing the Nursing in Primary Health Care (NPHC) project; supported with funding from the Australian Government Department of Health.

The program contains four projects as follows:

- The APNA Transition to Practice Pilot Program (TPPP) will deliver and evaluate an accessible and structured 12 month transition program, with the aim of increasing the confidence, skills and knowledge of nurses commencing work in primary health care settings.
- Education and Career Framework and Toolkit will develop a range of career pathways (including their educational underpinnings) relevant to primary health care nurses in Australia.
- Enhanced Nurse Clinics project is establishing innovative nurse-led clinics Australia-wide, in primary health care settings. Resources developed from the project will support other primary health care organisations to commence similar models of care.
- Chronic disease management and healthy ageing for nurses in primary health care Face-to-face education in the delivery of chronic disease management and healthy ageing for nurses working in primary health care.

The development of the Education and Career Framework and Toolkit is progressing well. APNA is now conducting the second wave of consultations, with four consultations remaining for 2016. APNA has conducted semi-structured interviews with 39 key stakeholders and held eight key stakeholder workshops. By the end of 2016, workshops will have been held in every jurisdiction in Australia, with over 350 individuals expressing their interest in being part of the consultation to date.

2. Preparations for the 2017 APNA Conference – *State of the Art*. To be held in Hobart, 4-6 May 2017.

The conference will once again highlight the great work of nurses working in primary health care. The program is currently being developed with abstracts opening soon.

3. Reviewing and planning APNA's Foundations of General Practice Nursing Workshops series.

APNA is delivering six Foundations workshops this spring in Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Perth and Hobart.

The workshops are for nurses new to general practice and cover the following topics over two days –

- The Australian Healthcare System, Health Promotion and Preventative Care
- Professional Practice and Professional Development
- Clinical Assessment and Chronic Disease Management
- Wound management
- Immunisation
- Infection Prevention and Control, and Quality and Safety, and Triage
- Information management and ehealth

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

APNA would appreciate any assistance in promoting:

1. The APNA 2017 National Conference - *State of the Art* - to be held in Hobart on 4-6 May, 2017.
2. The Consultation Process for the development of an Education and Career Framework and Toolkit. Upcoming consultation workshops are scheduled for:

Adelaide: Tuesday 11 October 2016, 6pm to 9pm Rydges South Park, Adelaide

Darwin: Tuesday 25 October 2016, 6pm to 9pm, Northern Territory PHN, Darwin office

Melbourne: Tuesday 8 November 2016, 9.30am to 12.30pm, Melbourne (CBD location to be confirmed)

TBC Melbourne: For new graduate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nurses, St. Vincent's Hospital

Contact Emily Wheeler emily.wheeler@apna.asn.au for more information.

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Australian Student and Novice Nurse Association (ASANNA)

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

We have spent the majority of our time preparing for our AGM and Council of Representatives and Executives (CORE) meeting. This event will take place on the 17th and 18th October in Brisbane, where we are inviting some expert opinions in to help us redefine who we are, what we do and what we want to achieve for Australian Nurses over the coming years. We are inviting student and novice nurses from across the country to contribute their opinions, ideas and time to attend so that we can best reflect what our stakeholders want in a representative body.

We have also presented at one conference, and another later in the month around a project we are trying to launch called the 'I Want The Student' project. It is a program to be implemented in workplaces to ensure that student and mentor relationships are of the highest standard with maximum regard nursing retention and most importantly, patient outcomes. The presentations both discuss the merits of this program and we are very excited to see it come to fruition in the future.

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

As always, exposure please! We are a growing organisation, but we would love to grow better yet. In the next executive (After October this year) we are looking to branch out and create more professional affiliate relationships with other organisations that are mutually beneficial. If this is something your organisation would be interested in, please contact ASANNA. Our primary points of contact are president@asanna.com.au; info@asanna.com.au and www.asanna.com.au. We are also on Facebook – www.facebook.com/AsannaNurses.

We are also looking at overhauling our website and potentially creating our own server for emails and the website etc but have zero expertise as to how to do this – if any one has used a good tech person they could recommend, that'd be great!

Other than that, please always consider students and novices when thinking about your events and organisation! If you ever want to have a conversation about how best to engage students or novice nurses, we're more than happy to help.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

None at this time.

Reporting Template for CoNNMO Members

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

Please provide a written report of no more than 500 words outlining relevant activity for reporting at CoNNMO meeting.

Name of organisation:

Australian Womens Health Nurse Association Inc(AWHNA Inc)

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

- Planning for our 30th In-service "Shaken but not Deterred" at The Carrington Katoomba NSW November 2016
- Setting up a Memorial Fund for Cheryl Kelly WHN (who passed away earlier this year)
- Meeting with APNA CEO and President to discuss the direction options for our members

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

- Always keep WHN on all Agendas

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

As above

Continence Nurses Society Australia (CoNSA)

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

Development of draft CoNSA strategic plan for 2017-2020 – to be represented to CoNSA members at our AGM in November.

Review of draft CoNSA Practice Standards for Nurse Continence Specialists by the CoNSA Management Committee. Currently undergoing a further draft before being sent out to all CoNSA members for feedback.

Creation of a CoNSA Banner to aid the promotion of CoNSA.

CoNSA website continues to undergo development to ensure the information within it is up to date.

CoNSA Management Committee continues to meet via teleconference approximately two monthly.

CoNSA is developing a research project to look at the profile of continence nurses in Australia, workforce needs, and knowledge and learning needs with attending vaginal and rectal examinations.

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

CoNSA would appreciate support in developing as an organisation on a national level that is not solely reliant on the work of volunteer members.

CoNSA would appreciate support with dealing with national health care issues such as the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and My Aged Care (MAC).

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

The impact of NDIS on community continence nursing positions – including workload and reimbursement for costs.

The impact of MAC on timely and appropriate flow of referrals for continence nursing. Inclusion of continence services which are not HACC funded on the My Aged Care Portal.

Jane Thompson

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?

- We are working with the ACM and CRANaPlus to develop an education and training package to answer the question how do you do birthing on country, particularly for women that have to go to a metropolitan hospital and be off country.
- We co-hosted with the Victorian Governor and Chloe Shorten, an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women in Leadership and Health morning tea event in Melbourne.
- We hosted a adaptation working group to tailor the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Curriculum Framework to better support university schools of nursing and midwifery to implement the framework.
- We are working with APNA as part of their Expert Advisory Group regarding their nursing education and careers pathways in primary health care project.
- We are also on the PEPA (Program of Experience in the Palliative Approach) Reference Group who are assisting CareSearch by providing advice on the development of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Hub for their website.
- We have also made number of submissions:
 - Productivity Commission inquiry into Human Services – jointly with the National Rural Health Alliance.
 - ACSQHC re Regulatory Impact Statement on the Review of the National Safety and Quality Health Standards
 - NHMRC – targeted call for research priorities in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health
 - NHMRC Structural Review of Grants Program Consultation, jointly with the National Rural Health Alliance.
 - NMBA workshops regarding codes of professional conduct for nurses and midwives; and EAG for midwife practice standards

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

- We invite CoNNMO members to be part of CATSINaM's International Indigenous Health Workforce Meeting in Melbourne, Australia on 7 November 2016. We would also like members to support their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nursing and midwifery colleagues to attend this meeting. The Meeting will bring together Indigenous and non-Indigenous health professionals from around the world to work towards an integrated approach to improving health care and health outcomes for all Indigenous people. Speakers from Australia and abroad will explore topics relating to Indigenous knowledge, culture, experiences and identity in professional practice and health care. More information and registration details can be found at:
<http://catsinam.org.au/conference/conference-catsinam>

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

- Family Matters Campaign - is about a shared commitment to the safety and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, families and communities. A campaign launch will be on 9 November 2016, in the Mural Hall, Parliament House Canberra, at 7:30am, with a buffet breakfast provided. The event will be co-hosted by:
 - Senator the Hon. Nigel Scullion, Minister for Indigenous Affairs
 - Senator Patrick Dodson, Shadow Assistant Minister for Indigenous Affairs and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, and
 - Senator Rachel Siewert, Greens Spokesperson for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Issues.

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CRANAplus

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

- Undertook a Remote Training Needs Analysis and a Remote Membership survey
- Further development of the Remote Area Nursing 'Certification' process, with launch due in late 2016
- Commencement of a 12-month National Safety & Security project for Remote Practice in consultation with the Dept. of Health
- Commencement of a project to better support and represent our Rural Nursing members, through the 'Country Nurses = Country Health' initiative
- Initiation of a National Anti-Bullying Symposium in Remote Health & development of a remote restorative Practice Tool planned for Early 2017 in Darwin.
- Review of the pilot and launch of the new 'Remote Management Course' in partnership with ACHSM
- Commencement of the infrastructure build for the 'CRANAplus Remote Health App' for smart phones and pads, with downloadable content for off-line usage.
- Launch of position Statements:
 - Birthing on Country (a joint position with CATSINaM & ACM)
 - LGBTI (Remote workforce Gender Identity and Sexual Diversity Inclusion)

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

- Dissemination of the toll free 24hr CRANAplus Bush Support Telephone Counselling Service - call 1800 805 391 - for all remote and rural health care workers and their families.
- CRANAplus 34th Annual Conference - "GOING TO EXTREMES: How isolation, geography & climate, build resourcefulness & innovation in healthcare", to be held at the Grand Chancellor in Hobart on the 12th - 14th of October 2016.
- CRANAplus 35th Annual Conference - "The Future of Remote Health & the influence of technology", to be held in Broome WA on the 18th - 20th of October 2017.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

- Continue to support the drive for national consistency of the State Based Drugs and Poisons legislations and Immunisation course curriculum (and accreditation) to improve workforce cross boarder movements.

Christopher Cliffe

Drug & Alcohol Nurses of Australasia (DANA)

Together we achieve more! This phrase best captures DANA's achievements over the past year. Through partnerships and collaboration, we have had some major achievements.

Based on DANA member feedback, Chapter based forums were a focus this year. Last October, DANA SA joined with ACMHNA SA to hold a one day Forum. In April 2016, a successful symposia was held in Wellington, NZ run by Matua Raki with support from DANA. Also in April, DANA and the ACMHN held a sold out Forum in Canberra. The Brisbane Chapter held its ninth annual Walk on the Wild Side Symposium to a packed audience in May. The 11th NSW DANA Forum held in August was also sold out attracting nearly 200 attendees. With the theme of Resilience, the day was a great success capped off by a performance by the Sydney Street Choir.

Following an amnesty on credentialing fees, we have received a marked increase in applications. DANA is pleased to announce that our Credentialed Drug and Alcohol Nurses and Advanced Certification Nurses (NZ) are well into double figures.

DANA thrives on its collaboration with like-minded organizations. This year was no exception and we continue to nurture our relationships with the Addiction Practitioners Association Aotearoa New Zealand, Matua Raki, APSAD, ACN, CoNNMO, ACMHN, NZCMHN and CATSINaM.

DANA is kept alive and has an active following through social media. Our communication officer keeps members informed and entertained via Facebook and Twitter. The monthly eBlast connects members across Australia and NZ as we read about latest findings, activities and upcoming events.

The driving force behind DANA is the Management Committee. Often unseen, this group of dedicated individuals personifies the theme of the last year 'together we achieve more (TEAM)!

Casey Doyle

Flight Nurses Australia

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

1. Large delegate travelled to Queenstown NZ for the Aeromedical Society of Australasia and College of Air Surface Transport Nurses (COASTN) conference in Queenstown NZ.
2. Membership survey and engagement – gained valuable data to guide and shape FNA in the coming years. Lots of member engagement.
3. Strategic meeting to shape the direction of the association in the coming 12 months held in Queenstown.
4. Meeting with the College of Air Surface Transport Nurses (COASTN) in New Zealand to work together to strengthen trans Tasman relations.
5. COASTN will offer two places for Australian Flight Nurses on their Aviation Nursing courses next year.
6. Bilateral agreement to have bi-annual meetings.
7. Facebook, twitter and newsletter continues to grow and increase engagement.
8. Continued archiving and documenting our history.
9. Able to give the Kaye Melmeth Grant for this year (\$2000) – winner Louise Burton used it to attend our conference in NZ.
10. Able to offer a \$500 prize for best FNA member at the conference with six entrants – winner from Queensland spoke regarding flight nurses returning to rotary wing services in Queensland .
11. Membership sits at 100 – achieved our goal of maintaining growth and retention.
12. Judy Whitehead, long serving member (20 years) and secretary has left the committee thanks to Judy and all her hard work. I wish to publically acknowledge her support over the years.
13. I would also like to thank outgoing committee members Jodie Martin and Karen Croker for their commitment and help with FNA over the past few years. Thank you.

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

Nil

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

RIPRN endorsement update please.

Gastroenterological Nurses College of Australia

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

Ongoing education meetings around the country – well attended.

Held a national conference for the first time in 5 years, in Melbourne – attended by approx. 250 nurses, over 2 days, with a cocktail/networking function. Will also hold a similar event in 2017 and 2018, and review after these.

Fundamentals for endoscope reprocessing workshop has been completely rewritten to align with new AS4187 reprocessing of medical devices standard. More comprehensive now and well received by those who attend.

Membership is now over 1000 nurses.

The credentialling exam is being held this Sunday coming with 5 candidates. The exam bank has been updated and the style of the exam has been overhauled to provide a more clinical focus rather than facing 200 multiple choice questions.

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

Promotion of our education events, conferences.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

None at this time.

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Medical Imaging Nurses Association

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

Continued development of our website
2 representatives attending diagnostic imaging accreditation scheme advisory committee
2 representatives attending peak imaging coalition
Forming alliances with Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists

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

Recognition of medical imaging nursing as a speciality with AHPRA
Succession planning within our state and national committee

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

SWOT analysis completed at workshop.
Strengths good value, networking, education, workshops
Weaknesses hard to recruit committee members, hard to recruit members, not enough promotion of MINA within facilities, lack of nursing speakers.
Opportunities post grad education for nurses, masters in radiology, research
Threats small, apathy and complacency, low profile, lack of time, no funding, access in remote areas

Dawn Pedder

Nursing Informatics Australia (NIA) Report for CoNNMO Member Meeting: Sydney 7 October 2016

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 Committee meetings are held annually: January in Brisbane and July/August in conjunction with annual NIA Conference. The mid-year meeting was held on 23 July 2016 in Melbourne.

The NIA Annual Conference was held in Melbourne on 24 July 2016.

The conference was very well attended with a diverse range of topics addressed and a new format well received by attendees.

Keynote speaker was Adj Prof Kylie Ward, CEO – ACN.

Invited speakers included

Alison Patrick, Executive Director of Nursing and Midwifery at Mercy Health Services,
Prof Patricia Flatley Brennan, Professor of Nursing and Engineering, University of Wisconsin-Madison (USA)
Brittney Wilson, Author & Blogger, The Nerdy Nurse (USA)

Presentations throughout the day covered a range of topics including Nursing Leadership in Health Information activities, Informatics governance, data analytics, eCredentiailling.

A panel discussion and Q&A session focussed on key challenges for nurses and midwives in digital healthcare.

The Moya Conrick Award is presented annually at the conference for the best overall Nursing Informatics paper. This year the Award was won by Naomi Dobroff from Monash Health.

The AGM and election of Committee positions was conducted on 24 July 2016 at the conclusion of NIA Conference. Lis Herbert was re-elected to the Chair, NIA for a further three years.

NIA Conference for 2017 will be in August in Brisbane.

<http://www.hisa.org.au/nia/>

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

Nil

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

Nil

Reporting Template for CoNNMO Members

Sept-2016

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 2016 National conference in Melbourne and start to prepare for the 2017 National Conference in Adelaide. This latest meeting saw record numbers attending with very supportive and encouraging evaluations of the meeting. This next program is almost all confirmed and ready for March 2017. I have secured the five international keynote speakers that have been invited to present at the Surgical ASM and their talks and reputations look as though they will be of a very high standard with up to date and current technology and treatment that is in practice in the USA, UK and Europe. This meeting will be our 21st anniversary and as always we will plan a few surprises, such as 6 hands on workshops, an early morning fun walk/run and a cheese and wine get together to celebrate our "21st birthday".

We no longer have a newsletter editor, so we have not been able to produce a current issue but we still keep our website up to date and use our social media, Facebook and Twitter feeds to keep members informed.

During August we had a Face-to-Face meeting in Melbourne and we were quite successful in getting our strategic plan drafted for the coming year. Some of the motions that came from this meeting was the need to increase annual membership, as this has not changed since the inception of the group. We are looking at getting an "Online renewal and reminder" system set up, and this is what the increase in fees will help fund.

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

QLD

The ÖHNNG Qld State Group has offered a variety of educational opportunities throughout 2016. A study day was held on the peninsular at the Redcliffe Hospital on June 18th. The Redcliffe hospital has only recently added an ENT service and the staff were very keen to learn a little more about the specialty. A four-hour program was offered which focused on the procedures they do most – limited rhinology and tonsillectomy. 137 nurses attended the event. The response was outstanding and the evaluation forms confirmed that the event was well targeted.

In July our annual cadaver dissection courses were offered – this year we held the first Trans oral laser surgery course in conjunction with the Head and Neck course. As always, the nurses who attended reported that the experience of see such anatomy on show was invaluable.

Also in July we held our first dinner meeting – 2 ½ hours focusing on otology. This event also proved to be quite successful with much positive feedback.

September we held another study day in Toowoomba. This full day event attracted 74 delegates and a program full of great speakers covering 6 different topics. There is one more event this month (6 hour workshop), in regional QLD and will focus on general ENT and an overview of Head and Neck cancer management including tracheostomy training.

NSW

From the AGM we have elected a new State Coordinator for Metro NSW, Krystal Yang and Gai Shylan remains rural coordinator. This is a very exciting move as now we will be able to delivery more metro education. First session for the year was an Educational dinner meeting in Sydney on current treatment in Sleep Apnoea. Then on the 4th May – 41 nurses attended an Educational Dinner focusing on Facial Trauma. It was an enjoyable evening – many thanks to Professor Gary Hoffman for his presentation.

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World Head & Neck Cancer Day fell on 27th July & to help promote H&N Cancer Awareness 2 x events were held simultaneously at Calvary Mater Hospital, Waratah, NSW.

31 nurses attended a nurse's education day, from both public & private sectors. The final presentation was 'Facial Prosthetics' – the Calvary Mater H&N Support Group was invited to attend this presentation as the 'guest speaker' for the Support Group. Evaluation responses were overwhelmingly positive from both groups. Also a 'Head & Neck Cancer Awareness Stand' was also held at Calvary Mater Hospital, Waratah. This stand was manned by Cancer Council staff, as well as, members of the Calvary Mater Head & Neck Support Group. Interest was generated by supplying information & resources regarding Head & Neck Cancer Signs & Symptoms, treatments, diets & support.

Metro State Coordinator Krystal Wang has successfully ran her first education evening workshop on Tracheostomy Care covering information on tracheostomy surgery, post surgery tracheostomy care and trade display. This workshop was well attended by 33 Nurses from public and private hospitals, who are working at various work settings include perioperative, ward and clinic; 1 Dietitian, 1 Medical Student and 1 Anaesthetic Technician. The feedback was very positive among attendees and most people are interested in attending other OHNNG education events.

TAS

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

VIC

The National Conference was held in Melbourne in March but following the meeting and the resignation of the Victorian State Coordinator, this position remains vacant and there has been no further sessions run. We are hoping that this will be filled at the next AGM.

ACT

State Coordinator Judy Redpath held a day workshop in September titled "General ENT". This was very well attended and there is a Paediatric & Adult Sleep Apnoea Education Day planned for Oct.

SA

We have run two education sessions, one on the use of Robotics in ENT and Outback Otology. These were both very well attended and there are two more sessions planned for the rest of the year. We also held a fundraiser "Dinner" at Ayres house with guest speaker Marty Doyle from QLD to raise the awareness of Head & Neck Cancer Day. The next sessions are scheduled for Oct & Dec.

WA

State CoOrdinator Tooey Trang Tran. Perth has had two education sessions in May and August and the last for the year due in November.

Membership

A reflection of the continuing efforts and hard work of our state coordinators has seen yet another increase in our numbers on all fronts over the last 12 months. We have now over 600 listed members on the database.

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

- 1) On line renewal and reminder system.
- 2) Has any group actually registered a certificate of other formal education qualification with a registered teaching body and how did they go about it..

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

27th July has now become International **Recognition Day for Head & Neck Cancer** is there some way that CoNNMO could assist in getting the word out?

Representing the national interests of nurses and midwives in all sectors of the health profession

Palliative Care Nurses Australia (PCNA)

PCNA has by invitation, provided representation to the Australasian Palliative Link International (APLI) group. APLI aims to develop and foster links between palliative care providers and organisations in Australia and New Zealand and the Asia-Pacific region <http://apli.net.au/>. PCNA sees our involvement with this group as an opportunity to help build palliative care nursing capacity in the region.

Early in 2016 PCNA launched the Special Interest Group – Aged Care with an education session via webinar. Recognising the growing expertise of nurses working in aged care, the SIG – Aged Care aims to provide members with opportunity to participate in a specialist knowledge network and shared understanding of the growing body of specialist knowledge in palliative care nursing in aged care settings. This was our first SIG and we have received considerable interest from members to join.

The PCNA Committee met recently for a half day strategic planning meeting to prioritise the organisation's program of work for the next 12 months and to plan for new initiatives beyond 2017. Our priorities moving forward will be around important pillars of work identified as care, advocacy, education and research.

Our biennial conference was held in Canberra during September. Attracting more than 230 delegates, the conference program provided a show case of research being undertaken by palliative care nurses from across Australia who are working to improve care outcomes for patients and families in the Australian community.

The AGM was held during conference in September. Professor Jane Phillips was re-elected to the role of President for a 2 year term.

PCNA continues to represent the interests of palliative care nurses in a number of forums including the:

- National Standards Assessment Program,
- National Policy Advisory Committee,
- and a number of CareSearch Advisory Groups.

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

None at this time

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

None at this time



Kym Griffin
Secretary PCNA
26th September 2016



*Promoting excellence in palliative care nursing
through leadership, representation, and professional support.*

The Psychogeriatric Nurses' Association Australia (Inc)

Significant activities of the organisation in the last 6 months

The web page for the Association, previously supported by ACN, is now hosted by Net Presence. The new website will also feature a blog for members to use. Net Presence has also modernised the website on behalf of the Association.

A conference was held 26 and 27 August in conjunction with FPOA, representing Psychogeriatricians/Old Age Psychiatrists. The focus of the conference was "Transitions – Changes in later Life" and featured topics such as Elderly in prison; Staying put or leaving home; Older refugees, Professional and service transitions; Services for older lesbians; Pathways to community initiative; Dementia concepts and DSM-5; Ultra-brief ECT in older adults; Adapting to dementia in someone you love; Theories of late life personality and psychosocial development. Speakers included Old Age Psychiatrists, CNC, Multicultural Aged Officer, Consultant, Manager, Older People's Mental Health Policy Unit. Sixty-five attended the conference from NSW and other States and Territories. A regular Newsletter is forwarded to members electronically.

No scholarships have been awarded in past 6 months toward conferences, workshops, research projects.

The Association has been actively engaged in discussions with College of Mental Health Nurses and nurses' representative group of AAG to identify ways in which PGNA can work together with these organisations. At this stage CMHNs has offered to include information about PGNA activities in its electronic newsletter.

Membership has been slowly rising. Membership fees have seen a small increase.

The Executive is currently considering broadening the scope of PGNA to include Aged Care Nurses and Dementia Care Nurses.

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

- Advertising PGNA events

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

- How could PGNA assist CoNNMO members who represent services with older adult populations?

Dr. Peter Brown

Reporting Template for CoNNMO Members

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

Please provide a written report of no more than 500 words outlining relevant activity for reporting at CoNNMO meeting.

Name of organisation: Renal Society of Australasia

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

- New Board President, Fiona Donnelly, commenced in June 2016.
- Launch of RSA / University of Tasmania partnership in June 2016. This partnership allows RSA members to study a Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma of Nursing (Renal), HECS-free.
- Highly successful Annual Conference in June 2016 at Sea World, Qld. Launch of 2017 Annual Conference, which will be in Sydney in June 2017.
- Entered into Year 2 of the RSA Strategic Plan, with a focus on education and research.
- Commencement of the RSA Research Special Interest Group
- Continued our program of Branch education events and our members-only webinars

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

- Nothing at present.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

- Not at this stage.