

CoNNMO Meeting – Friday 6 October 2017 Member Reports

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Palliative Care Nurses Australia
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Australasian Hepatology Associates

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

1. Nursing Care and Management of Advanced Liver Disease Course:
AHA developed, & implemented an Advanced Liver Disease Course to Australian and New Zealand RNs working in D+A, wards, GP practice nurses, primary health care settings and Justice Health. X number courses have been attended to date. For more information contact Rachel Wundke
Rachel.Wundke@sa.gov.au
2. Educational Committee reformed. AHA conference was held in Cairns August 11th-12th. Well attended. Evaluations were positive.
3. Hepato-cellular Carcinoma Expert Working group formed. Aim to develop an education webinar for RNs.

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Australasian Neuroscience Nurses Association

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

- Annual Conference held in Adelaide along with the Neurosurgical Society annual meeting.
- ANNA had 23 members represented at the World Federation of Neuroscience Nurses (WFNN) Congress held in Croatia 17-21 Sept 2017. Of those 10 presented papers. Our organisation also was successful in our bid to host the WFNN 2021 Congress in Darwin.
- Our current membership is 270+ active members.
- We have expanded to include a movement disorders chapter as well as our state chapters and have also had our New Zealand colleagues reactivate their chapter.
- We have formalised a Memorandum of Understanding with University of Tasmania. This will have several advantages for ANNA members including a reduction in fees associated with enrolment in the graduate certificate in neuroscience nursing course.

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Our organisation has contract negotiations coming up with our management organisation as well as our conference organiser. It would be useful to hear from other members regarding their experience with similar negotiations.

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Australasian Sexual Health and HIV Nurses ASSN Inc (ASHHNA)

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

- Governance – new scholarship application form
- Governance – website update
- Newsletter development
- Member survey – there are currently 170 members
- Preparation for Nurses meeting and AGM at the Australasian Sexual Health and HIV conference to be held in Canberra in November 2017
- Update Competency Standards
- Social Media

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

Nil

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Nil

Joanne Perks

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Australia and New Zealand Urological Nurses Society (ANZUNS)

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

- 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 is in the process of launching an on-line Prostate Cancer Nurses Forum which will operate using a program called Sosido, as an online knowledge sharing platform.
- Work continues to secure funding to progress the ANZUNS Practice Standards project.
- ANZUNS has recently updated their guidelines for Intra-Vesical Therapy and is now in collaboration with other Urological and Uro-Oncology professional bodies to endorse these revised guidelines.
- ANZUNS remains committed to supporting ongoing education and is working on additional professional development opportunities and awards available for members in 2018.
- Work has commenced on updating the ANZUNS Strategic Plan for the period 2018-2021
- Planning continues for the 2018 ANZUNS Annual Scientific Meeting which will be held in Melbourne 24-27 February in association with the Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand (USANZ) Annual Scientific Meeting.

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

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

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- Nil at present

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Australian Association of Nurse Surgical Assistant's (AANSA)

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

Addendum Submission provided to the Principles and Rules Committee of the MBS Taskforce for Recognition of the Perioperative Nurse Surgical Assistant (PNSA) role within the Australian Health care System.

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

To continue to provide definition and understanding of the credentialing and certification process for recognising specialty nursing roles like the PNSA

To provide further clarification and understanding of the attributes that contributes to identifying "Advanced Practice" Nursing roles

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

- NMBA engagement: Codes of Conduct and Ethics for Midwives; Midwifery Practice Standards
- **Submissions:**
 - Draft National Breastfeeding Strategy
 - NSW Breastfeeding Policy
 - Senate Community Affairs References Committee on Number of women in Australia who have had transvaginal mesh implants and related matters inquiry
 - AHHA – ACM endorsed the AHHA Consensus Statement on increased access to LARC methods.
 - Draft NHMRC National Antenatal Guidelines in partnership with CATSINAM
 - Marketing in Australia of Infant Formulas (MAIF) Complaints Tribunal Amended Terms of Reference
 - PBS - Proposed changes to Computer Prescription Stationery
 - ICM – provided feedback about midwifery and maternity service MAP that has been developed.
 - DPCS Regulation Review and the proposed Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Regulations 2017
 - COPE: Effective mental health care in the perinatal period: Australian clinical practice guideline – in partnership with CATSINAM
 - Thematic review of the Commonwealth midwife professional indemnity legislation
- **E Learning:**
 - Release of new course in association with the Continence Foundation :The importance of the Midwife
 - Review of Antenatal Refresher package
 - Development of Midwife Initiated Oral Health course with the University of Western Sydney
 - Contracts in development for review of courses covering labour and birth and postnatal care
- **Membership**
 - Established ACM Liaison Midwives across maternity services in Australia
 - Established free access to live webinars for members Value \$300pa
- **Publication**
 - Launched ACM Continuity of Care Guide August 2017
- **ACM National Conference – Adelaide 30th October to 2nd November**
 - Keynotes: Nicky Leap, Billie Hunter, Janine Muhamad and Annabel Crabb
 - www.acm2017.org.au
- **ACM Inaugural Midwifery Managers Symposium “The Joys and Challenges of Managing Midwifery Work”**
- **ICM Toronto** – attended 2 weeks of meetings and Congress. Australia had the second biggest delegation behind the host nation, Canada.

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

- Midwife prescribing in public hospitals: what precedents are already set for non-medical practitioners to prescribe and order diagnostic and screening tests

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- Note that legislation has passed through the Queensland Parliament to change the National law in recognising that Midwifery is a distinct profession.

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THE PEAK PROFESSIONAL BODY
FOR NEONATAL NURSES IN AUSTRALIA

Report to CoNNMO, October 2017

ACNN maintains national membership as well as five branches that undertake local professional activities, in New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Queensland and now in the ACT. Membership overall has been boosted by initiatives including a second membership drive, and is currently standing at more than 900.

The annual conference and AGM for 2017 marks the 25th anniversary for ACNN and will be held 18 to 20 October at Kingfisher Resort on Fraser Island. The registration has already exceeded expectations with a record number attending.

The ACNN and Parker Healthcare Early Career/Early Research Career Scholarship recipients have been selected and they will be announced at the conference.

The ACNN Neonatal Nurse Excellence Award was also awarded and the finalist will be announced at the conference.

The Mark New Award for Quiet Achievers was offered again this year and the recipient will be announced at the conference.

The established ACNN special interest groups (neonatal education, neonatal nurse practitioners, neonatal research, leadership and the low resource countries SIG) remain active. A new SIG has been established, for neurodevelopmental care.

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

ACNN remains active on the Coalition of International Neonatal Nurses (COINN) board with two of our members holding the secretary and vice president positions. The next COINN international conference will be held in New Zealand in 2019 and ACNN will assist the host organisation, Neonatal Nurses College Aotearoa (NNCA), to manage this event.

Shelley Reid

ACNN Secretary and Public Officer

29.09.17



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Australian College of Nurse Practitioners

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

The college has over the past six months experienced continued membership growth, recently having launched a new website and digital platform that supports member engagement through enhanced nurse practitioner online forums, as well as enhanced online learning and CPD capability.

The college is currently working through the implementation of a new constitution and terms of reference that will support the Colleges' new governance structure. The College welcomed a new CEO taking over from Amanda Davies who departed the college earlier this year. Matthew Monaghan joins the college having led membership organisations across the Health and Public Sectors. The College has also recently appointed a Marketing & Communications Manager and Events & Partnerships Manager, who will support the delivery of the Colleges programs and activities nationally. These staff will be based out of the College's new Melbourne National Office.

The College was pleased with the delivery of the national conference in Brisbane, over 300 delegates attended the three - day event. Delegates has the opportunity to hear from 80 speakers, across 92 sessions. The conference also included the presentation of the College's annual awards. Canberra has recently been announced as the host location for the National conference in 2018.

The College continues to engage with government and key stakeholders on the challenges continuing to present to Nurse Practitioners specifically relating to MBS, we have continued to meet

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

Nothing at this time.

Are there any particular issues you would like CoNNMO to consider?

Seek a more united voice across Nursing and Advanced Practice nursing, further collaboration in advocating the role of Nurse Practitioners in healthcare.

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Australian College of Nursing (ACN)

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

Position Statement:

The Nursing Informatics Position Statement is completed and launched. Putting forward for CoNNMO for circulation.

Emerging Nurse Leaders Program:

Since 2012, through the ACN Emerging Nurse Leader (ENL) award program we have been committed to supporting the future generation of nurses by offering participating undergraduate students with a unique opportunity to develop their leadership skills. The Emerging Nurse Leader (ENL) program aims to identify and nurture the natural and aspiring nurse leaders of the future. The program seeks to identify undergraduate nursing students and early career nurses who have demonstrated a commitment to leadership in nursing. This can be achieved through their involvement in student activities, community activities, student/nursing representation and/or other involvement in the advancement of the nursing profession.

This year, ACN was pleased to extend the ENL program to allow nurses with up to six years' experience in nursing to participate. Up to fifty individuals each year are selected to embark of a nine-month program which looks to develop their skills and confidence through a blend of formal education, self-reflection, mentoring and action based learning.

ACN is committed to the long term nature of this program as an important investment in our future.

National Nurses Forum:

The National Nursing Forum (NNF) is the Australian College of Nursing's signature annual event bringing together nurses from around the country and across the globe. It was held in Sydney from 21 – 23 August. The theme this year was, *Make Change Happen*, is a celebration of innovative nurses finding their power to make a difference to patients, communities and social determinates of health nationally and globally.

The National Nursing Forum 2018 will be held on the ***Gold Coast from 28-30 August and the theme is Diversity and Difference: Nurses leading the way.***

Watch this space:

Policy Summit:

Plans are in preparation for 2018 following on from the success of last year.

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

Strategies to improve member engagement.

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

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

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

Australian College of Perioperative Nurses (ACORN)

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

President or ACORN delegate, represented Australian Perioperative Nurses at following events:-

- April 2017 AORN Association of Perioperative Nurses America,
- April 2017 CORN China Operating Room Nurses Conference,
- April 2017, ASIORNA Asian Operating Room Nurses Board meeting
- May 2017 EORNA European Operating Room Nurses Association
- May 2017, IFPN International Federation of Perioperative Nurses
- May 2017 ICN, International Council of Nursing
- June 2017 Associations Forum Sydney

Support to members

- June 2017 Issued Commemorative Journal to celebrate 40 years since ACORN Founded
- July 2017 Summit with state associations perioperative Presidents on Membership Strategies, hosted by Associations Form Australia 40 attendees
- September 2017 Release of DVD on Hand Antisepsis Gowning and Gloving
- September 2017 Released Clinical Competency assessment Tool as a guideline for beginner practitioners and Post graduate Certificate Students
- September 2017 issued Professional indemnity insurance access for ACORN Members
- Spring ACORN Journal issued as an electronic Journal
- July 2017 Appointment of Michael Crossland as ACORN Ambassador
- September 2018 Dr Sonya Osbourne announced winner of 2017 \$20,000 Nursing Research Grant

Projects to be launched late 2017

- October 2017 Celebration of International Perioperative Nurses week
- November 2017 Social Media workshop for ACORN Board

Membership now stands at 5300 as at 1/9/2017.

2018 Major items to occur

- May 2018 updated ACORN Standards to be issued
- May 2018 Adelaide 18th Biannual Conference Combined ACORN and ASIORNA.
Conference details on our website www.acorn.org.au
- May 2018 2018 Research grant winner to be announced at Conference

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

Concern re questions from members and non members about practice that is outside or borderline of expected scope of practice. ACORN Board to discuss at November face to face meeting

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

No

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Australian Dermatology Nurses Association

Significant activities in last 6 months:

- Begin review of Constitution
- Commence discussions and circulate Governance Toolkit; education program on governance within ADNA; What is it, how governance quality impact on Professionalism, our activities, our membership.
- Continue education development – initial steps investigating dermatology specific training programs and workshops.
- Raise the profile of requirement to review NMBA Nursing Standards against the dermatology nursing contexts
- Discussion of membership criteria: what does inclusiveness provide to our association?

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

Strategic plan development

Promoting events

How to sustain a small speciality organisation with a reliance on volunteer hours/succession planning to assist committee function

Establishing quality, flexible education (RPL) to support career paths

Identification of a format already proven, for review of the Nursing Standards against specialist context of care

Increasing membership across other clinical areas

Particular issues for CoNNMO to consider

Funding of nurse education by pharmaceutical companies – maintaining integrity, avoiding knowledge and opportunity gridlock at particular levels in an association

Raising profile of skin care health and skin condition management -acknowledging dermatology nurse potential

Jan Riley

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Australian Nurse Teachers Society (ANTS)

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

ANTS held its AGM via webinar in June, members were able to participate via an on line platform for an education session followed by the AGM. ANTS is aiming to increase membership engagement via the internet given the national membership spread. Nil Executive positions were open for voting – National Executive are due for election in 2018. National branches remain under the guidance of the National team at present, with state based activities happening on an adhoc basis.

ANTS opened a facebook page for members and has developed a twitter account for members. Both are growing and developing. It is hoped both social media sites will assist to increase member engagement and add to promoting the next National Nurse Education Conference to be held in Melbourne in May 2018.

ANTS provided an exhibition at ACN conference and has also joined ACN as a Bronze affiliate to offer members a reduced rate of membership to ACN and access to activities and CPD on offer.

The primary activity at present is planning and preparing for the 2018 nurse education conference next year. Abstract submissions have been opened and activity is ramping up to build a conference that supports nurse education across the specialties.

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

Nil at present

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Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF)

Significant activities of our organisation in the last six months

The items listed below demonstrate the wide-ranging professional and industrial advocacy work undertaken by the ANMF over recent months, on behalf of our nurse, midwife and assistant in nursing members, and in the interests of the broader professions and the health of our community.

Recent submissions to:

- Draft Report of the Independent Review of Accreditation Systems within the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for Health Professionals
- Inquiry into the provisions of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2017
- Public Consultation by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia on the NMBA Midwife standards for practice
- Senate Inquiry into the Value and Affordability of Private Health Insurance
- Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee Inquiry into Penalty Rates
- Inquiry into the Medicare Levy Amendment (National Disability Insurance Scheme Funding) Bill 2017 and 10 related bills
- Options to reduce pressure on private health insurance premiums by addressing the growth of private patients in public hospitals
- Aged Care Legislated Review
- Independent Review of Accreditation Systems within the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for health professions – Draft report: *Australia's Health Workforce: strengthening the education foundation*.
- Discussion Paper on Mandatory reporting under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law

Recent media releases:

- *ANMF urges Senators to vote for mandated aged care staffing levels in nursing homes*
- *Nurses say aged care staffing levels 'inadequate'*
- *ANMF supporting free vote on marriage equality*
- *Minister must act to stop slashing of care hours*
- *ANMF welcomes pledge to restore Sunday penalty rates*
- *Poor staffing in aged care resulting in abuse of elderly*
- *Understaffing in nursing homes resulting in deaths that "shouldn't be happening"*

Recent Federal ANMF Campaigns:

- **Southern Cross Don't Care** - Southern Cross Care in three states are cutting nursing and carer hours, and, in Tasmania enterprise bargaining has stalled and qualified carers are being paid below the award minimum rate.
- **Demand Dignity for residents and workers in aged care** - concerns the future of Australia's aged care workforce.

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

Visit our website for the full list of ANMF campaigns and those we support – www.anmf.org.au

Particular issues CoNNMO member organisations can consider:

- Aged Care Nurses and Carers Survey - *What are the cuts/changes at your workplace and how are they impacting?* Go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D95M562> and complete the survey.
- ANMJ now on-line, here's the link: <http://www.anmf.org.au/anmj-landing>

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Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association (APNA) Report for CoNNMO Members

Name of organisation:

Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association (APNA)

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

- Development and soft launch of a Career and Education Framework tool, focusing on nursing in primary health care. The tool is interactive and web-based – incorporating numerous resources such as several “a day in the life” short videos of nurses working in different primary care settings. Promotion of this framework and tool will scale-up over the next few months. See <https://mynursingfuture.com.au/>
- APNA is in the process of developing resources to facilitate the establishment and promulgation of models of nurse-led care in primary health care, including general practice. These resources have been developed with a user-design approach and build on the knowledge and evaluations of the Enhanced Nurse Clinics project (2016-2018).
- Development of a new Position Statement: *Improving patient outcomes – Primary health care nurses working to the breadth of their scope of practice*. See <https://www.apna.asn.au/profession/APNA-position-statements>
- Adoption of a new Constitution and change in corporate structure to a Company Limited by Guarantee.

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Any assistance to promote the Career and Education Framework and <https://mynursingfuture.com.au/> would be appreciated.

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Australian Women's Health Nurse Association INC. (AWHNA Inc)

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

- Planning Professional Update for 2017
- 3 positions given final completion date in one LHD
- AWHNA Facebook page developed
- Membership numbers declined
- Changes to Cervical Screening Program due to commence Dec 2017. Confirmed Women's Health Nurse funding to cover cost of Pap Smears continuing through Cancer Council for the next year.

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

Ongoing Governance support

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

Always keep WHN on all agendas

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Name of organisation: College of Emergency Nursing Australasia (CENA)

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

- 1: Organisation of the 15th International Conference for Emergency Nurses (11-13th October), which will be attended by over 400 emergency nurses.
- 2: Establishment of 5 new emergency nursing awards to assist emergency nurses develop, research, innovate and improve patient care

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Continence Nurses Society Australia (CoNSA)

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

CoNSA has been actively campaigning the Minister and Assistant Minister for Social Service and Disability Services regarding the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) reimbursement rate for continence assessments and for the assessment to be solely conducted by registered nurses and not welfare officers.

Review of the CoNSA Practice Standards for Nurse Continence Specialists has almost been completed and will be presented to the membership for endorsement at the CoNSA AGM in November 2017. Feedback was sought and received from the ANMF. A poster on the research behind the review has been accepted as a poster for the Continence Foundation of Australia conference in November 2017 in Sydney.

The CoNSA position statement on the reuse of intermittent catheters and urinary drainage bags has been completed.

The survey of CoNSA members regarding vaginal and rectal examinations has been accepted as a poster for the Continence Foundation of Australia conference in November 2017 in Sydney.

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

NDIS – the rate at which continence assessments are funded is vastly lower for nurses than for services provided by allied health professionals. We would like support in having this inequity addressed as there is a risk of job losses and casual rather than permanent employment if the rate of reimbursement is not improved.

CoNSA would appreciate direction in developing as an organisation on a national level that oversees the state branches and is not solely reliant on the work of volunteer members.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

NDIS and My Aged Care (MAC) – the impact on nurses and nursing positions.

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CRANAplus

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

- New Strategic plan produced
- Safety & Security Guidelines, online course, poster, decision making tools and Handbook released
- Undertaking the development of a short courses in Remote Mental Health emergencies, and Remote Area Safety & Security
- Remote Health App developed with information on Bullying and Safety & Security
- Begun work on a residential aged care hospital avoidance program in rural Qld
- Begun work on a project to improve the safety and security of the Indigenous non-health remote workforce for PM&C
- Launch of the 'Central Australia Academic Health Science Centre' of which CRANAplus is a founding member
- CRE for Integrated Quality Improvement have provided seed funding to evaluate the impact and diversification of the 'CRANAplus Remote Management Program'
- Launch of a new CRANAplus Position Paper on Cultural Respect and Cultural Safety, endorsed by CATSINaM

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

- Dissemination of an International Rural & Remote Nursing Conference that CRANAplus is hosting in Cairns on the 20th – 22nd September 2018

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

- Nil

Christopher Cliffe

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Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia (DANA)

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

A growing amount of attention has been focused towards the crisis facing nurses within Drug and Alcohol field at present – workforce development. With an aging workforce, minimal if any drug and alcohol within undergraduate curriculums and very limited if any state or national strategies to address this pressing crisis we are in the process of considering options and a plan to move forward to address.

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

- Strategies and frameworks to address workforce development issues.
- Getting the most out of volunteers.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

- Strategies and frameworks to address workforce development issues.

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Flight Nurses Australia

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

- Scholarship provision for two members to use towards CPD/ conference attendance
- ASA/FNA Aeromedical conference Sydney August 31st – Sept 1st
- Website restructure and launch at Aeromedical conference
- Continued social media presence with now 1000 followers on Facebook.
- Securing of two FNA members to attend COASTiN Aeromedical course in NZ
- 100 members

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

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Name of organisation:

Gastroenterological Nurses College of Australasia

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

National Meeting May 2017

Australian Gastroenterology Week August 2017

Launch E-Learning Modules - Percutaneous Gastrostomy Tubes

Webinars

Regular State and local education meetings

Fundamentals of Endoscope Reprocessing Workshops nationally and in New Zealand

Reprocessing Assessments

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

Succession Planning for committees and Board members

Maintaining and encouraging new volunteers

Value to members

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National Enrolled Nurse Association (NENA)

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

NENA president Louise Dearman has been successful in obtaining nomination and election as an Enrolled Nurse representative on the CoNNMO Council.

Otherwise NENA has had a quiet 6 months of activities but have been busy preparing and engaging speakers for the upcoming 13th Biennial Conference in Hobart we have a line-up of speakers focusing on Empowering Enrolled Nurses in their scope of Practice this conference is being held on the 11th October 2017.

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

As always it is engaging and retaining members

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

Not at this time

*Louise Dearman
President*

Nursing Informatics Australia (NIA) Report for CoNNMO Member Meeting: Sydney 6 October 2017

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

Committee Meetings

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.

Annual Conference

The 2017 NIA Conference was held on Sunday, 6 August in conjunction with the Health Informatics Conference (HIC) at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. The theme for the 2017 conference was Consumer participation and the nurse's role in the digital future. The conference was well attended and a diverse range of topics addressed. Christine Giles (Portland District Health) and Cheryl McCullagh (Sydney Kids) were keynote speakers.

Nursing Informatics Position Paper released at NIA 2017

This position paper, produced collaboratively by Nursing Informatics Australia (NIA), Health Informatics Society of Australia (HISA) and the Australian College of Nursing (ACN), is the first national statement to affirm the role of nurses in digital healthcare at all levels and in all health settings.

Read Position Paper here:

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

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

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

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

Nil

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Name of organisation: Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Nurses Group - OHNNG

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

- Purchase and instillation of new software to improve membership data collation and improve communication with members. Provide online payment for new members and renewal.
- Encouraged national wide events to mark World Head and Neck Day July 27. Events ranging from study days, balls, morning teas and screening clinics to acknowledge the day and raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of head and neck cancer.
- 1 day Rhinology workshop - Sydney
- 4 day - Head and Neck and OSA cadaver dissection courses - Brisbane
- 1 day Cochlear / otology workshop - Sydney
- Full day Rhinology workshop - Hobart
- 1 day ENT Head and Neck workshop - Darwin - the first event for our new NT coordinator.
- 3 hr Planned for October 4 - Laryngology dinner meeting - Brisbane
- 1 day Planned for October 28 - ENT Head and Neck Workshop - Perth

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

List of valuable speakers for conferences - not specialty specific.

What have they done differently with their conferences - what has worked / what hasn't.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

No.

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Palliative Care Nurses Australia (PCNA)

The focus on end of life care and legislative changes in several jurisdictions continues to attract media and community commentary. PCNA has been approached by government representatives of those jurisdictions for background information and expert reference or comment. As the peak body representing an increasing number of nurses working in aged care as well as nurses identifying as palliative care specialists, PCNA is working to present an expert nursing viewpoint with an understanding of the fears around death and dying held by members of the Australian community. We believe that it is important that we do not participate in political rhetoric or the media frenzy but provide balanced views which consider the many aspects of life and healthcare that impact on end of life in this country.

PCNA Special Interest Groups are increasing their education activities for members. The Aged Care SIG recently conducted a webinar in collaboration with Australasian Association of Gerontology (AAG) that was accessed by PCNA and AAG in Australia, New Zealand and Asia.

The Nurse Practitioners SIG ran a face to face pre-conference workshop on the topic of Motor Neurone Disease at the Palliative Care Australia conference in September 2017. It attracted over 60 nursing, medical and allied health professionals.

The AGM held during September 2017 returned us to a full strength national committee with members from all mainland states. We are pleased to welcome members from aged care, regional clinicians and policy developers on to the committee.

Planning for Conference 2018 in Brisbane on 20 – 21 May continues. The call for abstracts will open at the end of October and a plan to encourage undergraduate and novice nurses to submit an abstract is underway.

PCNA continues to represent the interests of palliative care nurses in a number of national and state-based forums.

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
5th October 2017



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Psychogeriatric Nurses' Association (PGNA) Report for CONNMO meeting 6/10/2017

PGNA has members throughout Australia who represent nurses who are working with older adult patients, clients and residents who are experiencing mental health problems.

Educational offering

This year the Executive Committee of the Association decided that PGNA would be involved in the development of a rural symposium to be held in Orange on 3rd November. The symposium is entitled "Future of Older Adults' Mental Health".

A second conference will be held in collaboration with Faculty of Psychiatry of Old Age in 2018. The venue will most probably be in the middle of the year in Sydney. Planning will commence before end of 2017. Consideration will also be given to offering 2-3 Education evenings in 2018.

PGNA Newsletter

The PGNA continues to provide relevant news items through the PGNA "Newsletter" including information about relevant workshops and conferences, scholarship availability for conference attendance and research activities, to members.

Planning Day

The Executive Committee organised a Planning Day for 19 August to evaluate current offerings, review survey results, review the organisation's Strategic Plan, evaluate the website and consider promotion of the PGNA and its relationship with similar organisations, and consider findings related to a possible name change for the organisation.

Members' Survey

PGNA Executive Committee organised a survey for members to explore the extent to which the Association is meeting members' needs and identify any areas of skills practice and knowledge that the PGNA could assist in meeting.

Survey Results

Survey findings suggested that the PGNA change its name to reflect a broader charter for the organisation in which other related specialties (eg. Aged Care and Dementia Care) could be incorporated. Discussion is continuing in relation to this finding. Strategies were identified to attract members to join the organisation, and ideas for promotion of the website. Ideas were also canvassed regarding number of education workshops and conferences members were interested in being provided for them by the organisation each year. The existing PGNA Strategic Plan was reviewed and evaluated and a revised plan for 2017-2021 developed.

Membership Drive

The Executive Committee continues to identify services throughout Australia whose members could benefit from PGNA membership.

PGNA Website

PGNA website continues to be updated on a regular basis and provides information for members related to membership, scholarship availability, strategic plan, events, publications, and provides links to other relevant websites.

AGM

The PGNA AGM will be held in Orange at the conclusion of the Orange symposium. \

Dr. Peter Brown
President, PGNA, Australia (Inc)