

CoNNMO Meeting – Friday 5 October 2018 Member Reports

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Please provide a written report of approximately 500 words outlining relevant activities for reporting at the CoNNMO member meeting.

Name of organisation: Audiometry Nurses Association of Australia Inc.

Number of members: approx. 70

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

We have been involved in the Hearing Health and Wellbeing Inquiry and the Break the Sound Barrier campaign that has evolved from this to make hearing health a National Health Priority. We have been invited to the Hearing Health Stakeholder Forum this month to look at the future roadmap of hearing health services. The Roadmap will be addressed by Hon Ken Wyatt MP.

When is your national conference?

Our Audiometry Nurses annual conference is 24th-26th October 2018 at Orange EX- Services club. We have received 17 CPD points from ACN.

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Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider?

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Australasian Neuroscience Nurses Association

Date of establishment: May 1974

Number of members: 340

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

- We hosted a successful annual conference at the Gold Coast in August. There were 97 attendees from across Australia and New Zealand. We had a Canadian nurse present at the conference which was enlightening regarding the similarities and differences in health systems. We also had a presentation by a nurse who specialises in management of patients with migraine. This is an emerging subspecialty of neuroscience nursing.
- Our Movement Disorders Chapter has been very active in the development of guidelines for nursing management of patients with Parkinsons Disease.
- We are reviewing our management services and seeking proposals from other companies to provide services.
- Securing sponsorship is an ongoing issue. We have been successful in attaining a reasonable amount of funds to assist with our annual conference.
- Our planning for the World Federation of Neuroscience Nursing Congress in Darwin in 2021 continues. The Northern Territory government has been supportive of the congress and have provided us with some financial assistance.
- We have supporting ANNA members to become certified in the internationally recognized Emergency Neurological Life Support (ENLS) course that will be run in Australia for the first time in November 2018.
- We are building new partnerships with other organisations including the Neurocritical Care Society.
- We have met with the group hosting the Australian Healthcare Week in Sydney in March 2019. We will have an Exhibition Stand there promoting our organisation as well as WFNN Congress and are in discussions regarding presenting at the event.

When is your national conference? 30-31 August 2018

What are the issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with? We would be interested to know if other organisations have sponsorship guides.

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider? As above.

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Australasian Rehabilitation Nurses' Association (ARNA)

Date of establishment: - 1991

Number of members: - 622

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

Provision of education and exchange of professional knowledge and evidence via Study Day events held across all Chapters.

- This year there has been an increase in study days provided (15) and also the locations have been expanded to include rural locations. Some Chapters have been able to collaborate and hold joint Study Day events to enable wider attendance and accessibility for rural colleagues.

Preparation and planning for the 2018 Annual Scientific Conference 'Rehabilitation Nursing: Enabling environments, practice, lives'

When is your national conference?

2018 - October 18-19 in Leura Blue Mountains
2019 – October 18-19 in Brisbane

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

Advice regarding Incorporation status. As an Association incorporated in NSW but with an Australasian scope for members and activities, our advice is this may not be in-line with NSW incorporation rules.

Therefore, we have been looking at becoming a Registrable Australian Body (RAB) and then to move to a Company Limited by Guarantee.

It would be helpful to know if other Associations have similar concerns and how they are resolving them

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider? - As above

Deidre Widdall on behalf of the ARNA National Committee
ARNA National President

Meeting attended by: Stephanie Jones (ARNA WA Chapter President)

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Australasian Sexual Health and HIV Nurses Assn (ASHHNA Inc)

Date of establishment: 1991

Number of members: Current approx. 160

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

Newsletter

Governance

Preparation for Planning Day and AGM in November 2018

Updates to website

Committee representation

- ASHM BBV Stigma and Discrimination resource for nurses working group
- ASHM HIV Annual Check resource development working party
- ASHM HIV/AIDS Conference organising committee
- IUSTI Sexual Health Conference organising committee
- ASHM National HIV Standards, Training, and Accreditation Committee
- ASHM HIV Treatments Committee
- CoNNMO
- Australasian Sexual Health Alliance
- ASHM application to PBAC for NP access to s100 prescribing for HIV and hepatitis B

Scholarship applications and processing

Application for additional scholarship funding

When is your national conference?

- n/a

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

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider?

Jo Perks

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Australia and New Zealand Urological Nurses Society (ANZUNS)

Date of establishment: 1999

Number of members: 604

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

1. We have launched our Intra-Vesical Therapy Guidelines
2. We have developed a Post-Grad/Professional Development Scholarship which will be awarded annually
3. We have commenced a review and update of our website
4. We held a very successful Annual Scientific Meeting with record numbers of nursing attendees.

When is your national conference?

ANZUNS has an annual scientific meeting which is run in conjunction with the Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand. It is usually held in February, March or April of each year.

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

Development of a Competency Framework and Practice Guidelines for Urology nurses

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider?

Not at present

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CoNNMO Report for
Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nurses (AASTN)

October 5th 2018

The AASTN was established on the 27th March 1971 and currently has 607 members including, retired full members, full, life, commercial student, associate and journal members.

The last six months has seen significant changes to the AASTN, following recommendations from a previous CoNNMO meeting and supported by NMBA and ANMF: Our credentialling process required reviewing and that it is allegedly not a robust process that meets current standards. In light of the information that was provided to the committee, and following many meetings the credentialling process was withdrawn, this came with some angst and disappointment amongst the membership.

The executive committee in conjunction with the education subcommittee is reviewing how best to support the membership in moving forward. CoNNMO may well be able to assist us with that process.

The last six months has seen the organisation reminding members of their responsibilities under their own organisations code of conduct and ethical standards.

The AASTN education subcommittee are continuing to manage and update patient information brochures that are available on the website. This same committee is in the process of reviewing the clinical guidelines, with the aim to have these launched at the next conference, this will be held in Sydney, May 2019.

The AASTN would like to ask how can specialities be added to registration? and how can a robust credentialling process be developed and maintained to ensure that specialities are not lost.

Another topic that has been raised in recent weeks is securing MBS numbers for STN's. This is especially prevalent in the private practise but also in general practise for rural remote and cross boarder areas. This is still in its infancy however any guidance from CoNNMO is appreciated.

Many Thanks

Kirsti Dixon
AASTN National President

Australian Association of Nurse Surgical Assistants Inc. (AANSA)

Date of establishment:

July 2012

Number of members:

110

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

- Submission to the Department of Health on Private Health Insurance Reform Consultation July 2018 on the Perioperative Nurse Surgical Assistant (PNSA) role
- Completed a Hospital Accreditation Package for the PNSA role
- Lodged application with Intellectual Property for a registered trademark and certification logo for the Credentialed Perioperative Nurse Surgical Assistant (CPNSA) role
- Continuing to partake in the MBS Review Taskforce consultation process regarding proposed changes to the remuneration of surgical assistants

When is your national conference?

20th and 21st October, 2018 in Launceston, Tasmania

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

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider?

To discuss the registration/tier categories with the NMBA, to assess the need for recognition of advanced practice nursing roles, besides the Nurse Practitioner and Midwife, with its own registration/tier category and positioned between midwife and registered nurse.

The NMBA only acknowledges the following:

1. Nurse Practitioner
2. Midwife
3. Registered Nurse
4. Endorsed Enrolled Nurse
5. Enrolled Nurse

These are the only roles that the NMBA is legally required to acknowledge under the National Law and is based on research that has been completed by Professor Anne Gardner and Professor Christine Duffield on the Nurse Practitioner and Advanced Practice Nursing roles, that are employed within the hospital setting.

This research is important to the nursing profession as it means that the definition of terms and advanced practice nursing roles will be rolled out at a national level and provide clearer pathways. However, this research does not take into consideration specialty advanced practice nursing roles like that of the PNSA that is generally not an employed position within hospitals and as such is a "Nurse Entrepreneur" role.

"The Nurse Entrepreneur is defined as a business owner offering nursing services in the context of preventative, rehabilitation, education, research, administration or clinical specialty direct patient care".

It has been more than eight years since the NMBA carried out a project in 2010, with the support of the COAG Ministerial Health Council, that considered the endorsement of a range of nursing specialties in preparation for the transition to the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS) and it identified that:

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- *A variety of mechanisms are employed nationally to recognise and regulate specialty practice, including Licensure, endorsement, credentialing, validation and certification*
- *Formally regulating specialty groups for purpose of registration did not reduce the risk to the public*
- *There was lack of significant evidence that regulation of specialty practice improves patient/client outcomes*

Healthcare does not remain static. It changes and evolves over time as required, hence the development of the advanced practice nursing roles. The nursing profession needs to adapt to the changes to appropriately meet patient needs. It is also important to discuss the differences between the Public and Private Healthcare Sectors. Additionally, without the support of the NMBA and nursing organisations, other advanced practice nursing roles including the PNSA role that are not an employed position within hospitals will continue to fail to be recognised by Government Departments like the Medical Benefits Schedule (MBS), Department of Veteran's Affairs (DVA) and private health funds for a remuneration pathway.

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CoNNMO Member Report

AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF NEONATAL NURSES

Significant activities of ACNN in the last six months

ACNN maintains national membership as well as five branches that undertake local professional activities, in New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Queensland and in the ACT. Membership overall has been stable with a steady increase, and is currently standing at more than 1,000. This represents approximately a quarter of the neonatal nursing workforce as reported in the Nurses and Midwives NHWDS Fact Sheet for 2016.

The annual conference and AGM for 2018 was held 29 to 31 August 2018 in Launceston. The registration again exceeded expectations with 176 members attending from around Australia. The international speaker, Professor Carole Kenner from the USA, and all the other invited speakers were well received and all presenters contributed to the success of the event.

Planning is proceeding for next year's event. ACNN is supporting the Coalition of Neonatal Nurses (COINN) international conference, to be held in Auckland, May 2019, thus ACNN has taken opportunity to present a visiting academic tour in the second half of the calendar year. Dr Nancy Feeley from Canada has accepted the invitation and will visit most states, ending in Sydney on 9 November 2019. The AGM will be held on that day.

Annual awards were announced at the AGM on 31 August, including the ACNN Neonatal Nurse Excellence Award, the Family Appreciation Award and the Mark New Award for Quiet Achievers. A new initiative this year was to create a new membership category for Honorary Fellows of ACNN. The inaugural recipients were A/Prof Kaye Spence AM from NSW and Dr Carmel Collins from SA.

The ACNN scholarship program offers a Research Scholarship and a Professional Development Scholarship. Each scholarship is valued at \$5,000 and both scholarships were awarded at the AGM.

ACNN continues to support six special interest groups – neonatal education, neonatal nurse practitioners, neonatal research, leadership, low resource countries and neurodevelopmental care. These interests are incorporated into the annual conference program.

ACNN is represented on various external committees. These include the National Baby Friendly Health Initiative (BFHI) Advisory Committee, the Australian and New Zealand Neonatal Network (ANZNN), the ANZNN Clinical Improvement Committee and the NGO Coalition for Protecting Australia's Children.

ACNN is exploring ways to work with the Miracle Babies Foundation, including promotion of significant dates such as Kangaroo Care Awareness Day (15 May) and World Prematurity Day (17 November). The Neurodevelopmental SIG has launched a *Colour it Purple* campaign, which involves lighting up public buildings and spaces with purple light on 17 November, to raise awareness of World Prematurity Day.

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

None.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

No.

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28th September 2018

**Member Report to CONNMO (Meeting Friday 5th October – Sydney)
Please accept our apologies.**

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 in September 2018

President – Leanne Boase
Vice President – Amanda Davies
Treasurer – Catherine Smith
Secretary – Kathy Tori

We acknowledge outgoing Board members Dr Grainne Lowe, Lee Poole and Robin Moon for their leadership and direction during the past term.

The incoming Board is committed to working with all stakeholders. For direct contact please email Leanne.boase@acnp.org.au

Thank you to everyone who supported the College and attended the National Conference in Canberra from 10-13 September 2018. The program was quite diverse and provided a myriad of concurrent sessions designed to link nurse practitioners from a range of specialty areas of practice.

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

Preparation for Royal Commission into Aged Care
Preparation for Federal Election
Support with improving MBS and PBS access
Assistance with State based issues such as State legislation and regulations

Are there any particular issues you wish CONNO to consider?

Leanne Boase
President ACNP

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Australian College of Nursing (ACN)

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Position Statements:

- Currently reviewing final draft of the Joint Position Statement on Clinical Supervision (previously presented to this meeting in 2016) with the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses (ACMHN) and the Australian College of Midwives, (ACM.) The ACN Board approved the Voluntary Assisted Dying in Victoria Position Statement (written by End of life Policy Chapter members) in August 2018. <https://www.acn.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Voluntary-Assisted-Dying-in-Victoria.pdf>
- The ACN Board endorsed [ICN Evidence-based safe nurse staffing](#)

Policy Chapters Update:

Chronic Disease Policy Chapter

Professor Lisa Whitehead MACN is the Chair of the Chronic Disease Policy Chapter and the Deputy Chair is Robyn Quinn MACN. This Chapter is in the process of developing a Discussion Paper, which will examine the role of nurses in delivering high quality care in the prevention and management of chronic diseases in remote and rural settings in Australia. The Discussion Paper will highlight case studies of innovative nurse led models of care in rural and remote areas in Australia. We are seeking support from nurses to identify innovative nurse led models of care that we can include in our discussion paper. The Discussion Paper will inform an ACN Position Statement.

End of Life Care Policy Chapter

Professor Patsy Yates FACN is the Chair of the End of Life Care Policy Chapter and the Deputy Chair is Doctor Melissa Bloomer FACN. This Chapter has developed a Position Statement on Voluntary Assisted Dying in Victoria, which is currently being considered by the ACN Board. The Chapter is also working on a White Paper and at present is undertaking a systematic literature review.

Healthy Ageing Policy Chapter

Professor Deb Parker MACN is the Chair of the Healthy Ageing Policy Chapter and the Deputy Chair is Nancy Arnold MACN. This Chapter is looking at a process to ensure all older Australians have safe, quality care in aged care services, which includes looking at the role of the registered and enrolled nurse in providing care for older Australians. This Chapter will develop a Position Statement to promote the role of the Registered Nurse and Enrolled Nurse in supporting Healthy Ageing in a cross setting environment.

Workforce Sustainability Policy Chapter

Professor Leanne Boyd MACN is the Chair of the Workforce Sustainability Policy Chapter and the Deputy Chair is Adjunct Associate Professor Alanna Geary MACN. This Chapter is reviewing the variation in training requirements and continued growth in the unregulated workforce in healthcare across Australia. This Chapter will develop a White Paper, which will aim to ensure quality and safety for the community and healthcare workforce through standardised training expectations, scope of practice clarity and regulation

Policy Summit:

The third ACN Policy Summit will be held on 22 March 2019 in Canberra more details to follow.

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National Nursing 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. This year's Forum held on the Gold Coast from 28-30 August with the theme **'Diversity**

and Difference: Nurses leading the way' was an excellent success. The NNF for 2019 will be held in Hobart 21-23 August, with the theme **Power of Policy**. More information is available on ACN's [webpage](#).

1min.care:

1min.care is an awareness campaign aimed at showing nurses the respect and recognition they deserve. The campaign was created in Germany, where nurses face low wages, high patient ratios and a lack of professional recognition. Participants are asked to film one minute of applause for the nursing profession. The aim is to compile hundreds of one-minute clips into 24-hours of applause for nurses. ACN was the first international organisation to participate and we would like to encourage other nurses across Australia and abroad to participate and demonstrate the strength and collegiality of our profession. To upload your video open the [1min.care](#) website in Google Chrome. A pop-up in the top right corner of the page will give you the option to translate the page. Scroll down the page until you see the upload form. Some of the fields may not appear in English so we have translated these for you [here](#). If you have any queries please feel free to contact the campaign organisers via challenge@1min.care.

Nurse Strong Campaign:

ACN's NurseStrong campaign encourages nurses to take time out to look after their own health and wellbeing and improve their physical, mental and emotional strength. We have teamed up with personal trainer Lauren Hannaford to offer nurses the opportunity to complete the 12-week [FHIT by Lauren Hannaford](#) program together in a safe and supportive environment. The program can be accessed anytime, anywhere and includes healthy meal guides, a library of videos teaching different workouts, blogs explaining mindfulness exercises and an online support group. Lauren kindly offered the first 1,000 registration spots free of charge. Now that these spots have been filled she is extending a 20% discount to the next 1,000 registrants, reducing the cost of the program to only \$8.75 per week (to be paid upfront). For more information and to register visit www.acn.edu.au/nursestrong.

Australian Digital Health Agency (ADHA)

ACN has been working with the Agency to support the roll out of information.

ACN in collaboration with the Agency are running a clinical champions pilot and pilot is currently going through the EOI stage to identify the Clinical Champions.

Engagement summary:

A new [My Health Record in aged care](#) webpage is now available.

Provider Readiness Clinical resources are now available:

- Factsheets and frequently asked questions for hospital staff available on the My Health Record microsite [here](#)
- Provider videos are complete and available [here](#)
- E-learning modules available [here](#)

New useful information for My Health Record

Two new case study videos were released last week focusing on real people using the My Health Record system have now been published on our [YouTube Channel](#).

Community and Primary Health Care Week:

17-23 September ACN celebrated Primary Health care throughout the nation with 71 events held.

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

Ensuring the nursing voice is aligned to support RN's working in aged care

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

Positions Vacant in [Policy at ACN](#).

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

Send your ideas or suggestions on health reform strategies or any other policy matters to the ACN policy email address: policy@acn.edu.au. We would love to collaborate with you on health reform policy issues.

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Australian College of Perioperative Nurses (ACORN)

Number of members:

5500

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

ACORN hosted their Biannual conference in late May in Adelaide and the event was a terrific reflection of the colleges hard work. We were delighted to be sharing this with our ASIORNA colleagues with a record level of international guests. Due to this international exposure we are pleased to be working closely with the Indian Perioperative college that has just been established. Rebecca East (Pres.) has been asked to present the key note at their first conference later this year.

During the conference the 2018-2020 board were inducted and have been collaborating to continue to deliver our regular member services along with some new ideas. Di Hutt our standards chair has been working tirelessly to continue the development of our standards. We are delighted that our New Zealand perioperative colleagues will be adopting the ACORN standards.

The Board held their first face to face meeting in Darwin earlier this month. In collaboration with the Northern Territory perioperative nurses group the teams delivered a study day relevant to the perioperative community's needs.

When is your national conference?

We will be hosting our first Leadership and Management Summit in Canberra in September 2019
Our biannual conference will be hosted in Sydney in May 2020. The international federation of Perioperative nurses will be holding their board meeting during our conference.

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

Advanced practice within not only the perioperative field but the entire nursing community.

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider?

Social media engagement, member engagement and investing in to the right resources for your business.

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Australian Dermatology Nurses Association

Date of establishment: 1990

Number of members: 320

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

Focus continues to be on developing the Post Graduate dermatology education for our members. This is now well advanced through a National Nursing body and our launch date is anticipated for 2019.

When is your national conference? May of each year in conjunction with the Australasian College of Dermatologists. Next one is 18-21 May 2019, in Melbourne

What are the issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with? Nil identified at this stage

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider? Not at this stage

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Australian Diabetes Educators Association (ADEA).

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

- ADEA led development of a proposal to government to fund a project aimed at improving safe administration of insulin in schools. ADEA collaborated with other national diabetes organisations. The 2 year project has commenced and was launched by Minister Greg Hunt.
- Increased membership and number of CDEs (Credentialled Diabetes Educators) around 3-4% annualised
- Development of a new website and CRM has commenced.
- National conference co-hosted with the Australian Diabetes Society (ADS) with over 1400 delegates.
- Provided a submission to the NMBA for the discussion paper on non-medical prescribing in December 2017 & September 2018. ADEA's view is that specialist nurses should be recognised differently and that ADEA can support CDEs in private practice to prescribe by developing a governance framework for them.
- Provided input into the Medicare Review Taskforce Allied Health Clinical Committee.
- Developing a joint position statement on Prediabetes with a number of other national diabetes and allied health organisations.
- Developing a joint statement/advice on 'loop technology' or sometimes referred to as DIY technology in diabetes with other national diabetes organisations.
- Inaugural Alliance member of Early Life Nutrition – supporting promotion of ELN especially on social media.
- Established a partnership with HealthShare, a directory of Australian healthcare specialists, nurses and allied health practitioners - <https://www.healthshare.com.au/directory/find-a-health-professional/#home>.
- Analysis of biennial membership survey completed, demonstrating overall improvement in member satisfaction from 2015.
- Current advocacy issues include Medicare and Private Health Insurance rebates. ADEA has responded to the Medicare Review Taskforce Allied Health Committee's consultation. ADEA believes there should be an increase in the number of visits per year (10 instead of 5 for all allied health) and rebate for CDEs within the chronic disease management item. In addition, there should be an item number for women with GDM to receive diabetes education outside tertiary care, and telehealth consultations should attract a Medicare rebate and there should be another gatekeeper model for chronic disease

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Australian Nurse Teachers Society - ANTS

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

ANTS _ National Nurse Education Conference – May 2018 in Melbourne

Conference ran at a loss – due to factors out side our control

AGM and election of offices held during the conference. National Executive were re-elected for a further 2 year term

Next conference will take place in 2020 venue and state to be determined in the next few months

Membership has maintained at a stable rate over the past twelve months

ANTS is maintaining the bronze affiliation with CAN commenced last year.

ANTS has been partnering with AUSMED to promote and develop nursing education across australia

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

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Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation

Date of establishment: 1924

Number of members: 269,000

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

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

- NMBA - Proposed registration standard: Endorsement for scheduled medicines for registered nurse prescribing in partnership. ANMF position statement - *Registered nurse and midwife prescribing* Available from: http://www.anmf.org.au/documents/policies/P_Registered_Nurse_and_Midwife_Prescribing.pdf
- ANMAC - review of the Registered Nurse Accreditation Standards
- Senate Inquiry into the financial and tax practices of for-profit aged care companies. ANMF commissioned report available from: http://anmf.org.au/documents/reports/ANMF_Tax_Avoidance_Full_Report.pdf
- Senate appointed Select Committee on Stillbirth Research and Education - future of stillbirth research and education in Australia
- Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council Consultation - National Strategic Approach to Maternity Services
- A plethora of issues relating to aged care, including National Aged Care Alliance; Australian Aged Care Quality Agency Aged Care Standards Guidance Material; Terms of Reference for the Royal Commission into aged care quality and safety; Aged care quality and safety Commission Bill 2018
- MBS review: nurse practitioner reference group
- Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Health Council - Proposed reforms for mandatory reporting by treating practitioners under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law*
- COAG Health Council -Second Tranche potential National Law reforms: *Regulation of Australia's health professions: keeping the National Law up to date and fit for purpose*
- 2018 Climate and Health Symposium.

When is your national conference?

ANMF Federal Office holds a biennial conference of delegates chosen from each state and territory Branch. Resolutions from Branch delegates conferences come to this event, are discussed, voted on, then successful resolutions inform policy work for Federal Office. The larger ANMF Branches hold annual low-cost conferences/professional days, which attract large numbers of nurses and midwives.

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

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

Anti-poverty Week Campaign - The ANMF provides annual funding support for this Campaign to raise awareness of the hardships of poverty both in Australia and across the globe. **October 14-20 2018** is the campaign's focal week. Please visit: <https://www.antipovertyweek.org.au/> to find out more about the campaign and how you and your organisation can support this very worthwhile cause.

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider?

Health effects of climate change, and actions nurses and midwives can take for environmental sustainability.

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Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association

Date of establishment:

Number of members: Over 4000

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

- Highest Membership Growth on record (August YTD result exceeded previous whole year record).
- Annual Conference May 2018 held in Brisbane – over 600 delegates.
- Federal Budget: Nursing in Primary Health Care Program – refunded \$8M over 4 years.
- New CEO, Darren Carr, commenced May 2018.
- Record Annual Workforce Survey Response – over 2000 respondents.
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Nursing in Primary Health Care 2015 – 2018

See attached infographics outlining achievements in each of the four elements of this program.

Nursing in Primary Health Care 2018 – 22

\$8M funding over 4 years announced in Federal Budget.

- **Transition to Practice Program:** Aims to increase the confidence, skills and knowledge of recently graduated and experienced nurses starting work in primary health care settings. Up to 150 Transitioning Nurses will be supported over 4 years with a flexible 12 month participation program which includes a combination of clinical and professional guidance, self-assessment to tailor selection of formal education and induction workshops.
- **Building Nurse Capacity Project (Formally Enhanced Nurse Clinics (ENC))** Aims to build the capacity of the primary health care team by optimising the role of nurses in care delivery. 35 Nurse delivered (team based) models of care will be supported to implement a model over two 18 month participation periods .
- **Chronic Disease Management and Healthy Ageing Education:** Aims to support the professional development of nurses by providing evidence based, best practice education on management of chronic diseases and healthy ageing for nurses working in primary health care with a local needs focus

When is your national conference?

- 4-6 April 2018. Adelaide Convention Centre.

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

- Advocacy in lead up to federal election to support primary health care nurses working to their full scope of practice. Support funding models (eg Health Care Homes, MBS changes if any emerge) that facilitate this.

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider?

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Australian Womens Health Nurse Association

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

- Planning Professional Update for 2018
- Women's Health Positions being reviewed in several LHD.
- Membership numbers continue to decline

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

Provide advice to small associations that are run by volunteer committees without outside assistance with administration on what has worked for other small associations to attract and encourage members to be involved.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

Always keep WHN on all agendas

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Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Ltd (CNSA) – October 2018 Report

Date of establishment:

CNSA was established in 1998, initially as part of the Clinical Oncology Society of Australia (COSA) – which means we are celebrating our 21st birthday this year!

At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Sydney in 2011, the CNSA membership voted unanimously to introduce CNSA only membership – and the independent organisation was born, then registered as an Association in the ACT.

In September 2017, CNSA was registered with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) as a company limited by guarantee.

Number of members: ≈1100

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

- Transitioning to the new governance structure – including the first elections for the Board of Directors, review of Board processes, induction for newly elected Directors, the development of a Board skills matrix, the reassessment of the CNSA's administration and support structures, and exploring ways to ensure the financial sustainability of the organisation.
- CNSA welcomed a new President, Lucy Patton – who was appointed in April to fill a casual vacancy, and was re-appointed for another term after the 2018 AGM.
- Induction of the new CEO, Sonja Cronjé (who commenced in February 2018); Sonja is also the company secretary.
- Publication of the first [CNSA Annual Report](#) since being registered as a company limited by guarantee
- First AGM of CNSA as a company limited by guarantee.
- Granted Life Fellowship of CNSA to Professor Mei Krishnasamy – who is only the sixth member to receive this honour.
- Establishment of an adolescent and young adult (AYA) specialist practice network, which became operational on 1 April.
- 2018 Annual Congress held in Brisbane from 21 to 23 June, with the theme “*Science, Symptoms and Service Delivery*”. There were also seven pre-congress symposia covering a variety of exciting topics, including breast care, advanced care planning, vascular access devices, radiation therapy, getting started in research, improving patient care, as well as a masterclass in cardiac and respiratory assessment in cancer patients.
- Board strategic planning day (which included the development of a consumer-focused ‘Vision’ for CNSA, analyses of the operating environment and our current strengths, opportunities, weaknesses, threats, as well as risks facing the organisation, and a stakeholder mapping exercise).
- The new CNSA strategic plan is currently being drafted.
- Submission of the Annual Information Statement to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).
- Input into health policy issues – including the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR) Faculty of Radiation Oncology’s position statement on [Informed Decision Making in the Management of Localised Prostate Cancer](#); a submission to the Medicare Benefits Schedule Review Taskforce in response to the Report from the Oncology Clinical Committee; participation in a think tank on survivorship by COSA; participation in a cross-organisational workshop around models of care and psycho-social support for women with metastatic breast cancer.
- Co-hosted a joint plenary session with the New Zealand Nurses Organisation Cancer Nurses College at the 2018 International Conference on Cancer Nursing ([ICCN 2018](#)), hosted by the International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care (ISNCC), at the Auckland Convention Centre in New Zealand from 23 to 26 September.
- To date in 2018, CNSA Regional Groups and Specialist Practice Networks have hosted a total of 14 local professional development / networking events, attracting around 700 attendees.

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- Ongoing engagement with CNSA members, and exploring options for increased member benefits. One of the initiatives CNSA is signing up for, to launch in early 2019, is the International Council of Nurses' learning management system and educational resources, housed and managed by the World Continuing Education Alliance (WCEA).
- To celebrate 21 years of cancer nursing, CNSA decided to profile 'local heroes' in cancer care – those members who work at the nursing coal face, who might not necessarily be in a high-profile position, but who demonstrate the [CNSA values](#) of excellence, professionalism, innovation and collaboration in their everyday work. A total of 24 local heroes, nominated by the membership, are being profiled on CNSA social media between September 2018 and February 2019 (one per week for 24 weeks). Follow CNSA on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to read their stories.
- CNSA's participation in Sosido was nominated as a finalist for the 2018 PRIME Awards (see media release attached).
- Ongoing stakeholder engagement, locally and abroad – including the ABC Global Alliance (CNSA recently became a supporting member), Associations Forum, Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation, Australian Society of Breast Disease, Breast Cancer Network Australia (BCNA), Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology, Cancer Australia, Cancer Council Australia, Cancer Voices Australia, Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINaM), COSA, Department of Health, Haematology Society of Australia and New Zealand (HSANZ), ISNCC, McGrath Foundation, Medibank, New Zealand Nurses Organisation, Palliative Care Nurses Australia (PCNA), RANZCR and the [Radiation Oncology Tripartite Committee](#), Renal Society of Australasia, Union for International Cancer Control (UICC).

When is your national conference?

The 2019 CNSA Annual Congress will be held in Melbourne from 20-22 June 2019. The theme is "*The Complexity of Cancer Care: What will the future of cancer nursing look like?*"

More information is available from <http://www.cnsacongress.com.au/>.

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

General sharing of information and ideas – such as:

- Membership fees vs. member benefits received (we are hoping to 'benchmark')
- How to engage and support regional and special interest groups as a part of the national organisation
- Diversification of the organisation's income (beyond member fees, sponsorship and events).

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider?

- Advocating for the important role of nurses and the need to include nurses in forums for decision making on health policy
- How CoNNMO member organisations can help 'close the gap' in Indigenous life expectancy – tangible things we all could / should contribute.

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CATSINaM

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

- The Department of Health completed its review of the four Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health professional organisations in May 2018. The outcome resulted in a new four-year funding agreement with increased funding to CATSINaM. We wish to acknowledge and thank the stakeholders for their input into this review.
- We continue to participate in the Indigenous National Health Leadership Forum (NHLF) with the CEO of CATSINaM the Chair of the NHLF; the Close the Gap Campaign Steering Committee and activities related to the Redfern Statement Alliance.
- CATSINaM contributed to the AIDA and Presidents of Medical Specialist Colleges Collaborative Agreement Network forum, which was hosted by Minister Ken Wyatt. This particular forum focussed on building the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workforce.
- We continue to advocate to Government on their Closing the Gap Refresh Project, which is overseen by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. This project is reviewing and revising the original 6 goals of the Government's Closing the Gap Strategy.
- We are also involved in the Implementation Plan Advisory Group (IPAG) which advises the Department of Health in the development of the 2nd Implementation Plan that covers 2019-2023 period of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan. This work includes developing tools to measure culturally safe environments.
- In September, we participated in the Close the Gap Parliamentary Friends Group and spoke about the Birthing on Country project, which we are involved with along with the ACM, Queensland University and Indigenous Urban Health Institute and the University of Sydney.
- Our conference was held in Adelaide 17-19 September 2018, which was a fabulous event with our gala dinner celebrating our 20th anniversary.
- At our conference, we launched the new website for the Leaders in Indigenous Nursing and Midwifery Education Network (LINMEN) at www.linmen.org.au. LINMEN is a collaborative peer support network for nursing and midwifery educators to develop and share the highest quality education on cultural safety and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, history and culture.
- Our second Cultural Safety & the NSQHS Standards Framework Workshop is on 21st & 22nd January 2018 in Brisbane. This follows the successful pilot workshop on 31st April & 1st May 2018.

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

- We are hosting further CHCDIV002 Promote Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural safety: Orientation Workshop (ENQ workshop) on 13 November 2018 in Melbourne and 15 November 2018 in Brisbane. These workshops follow our first workshop on 23 July 2018 in Sydney, this workshop and associated teaching materials will assist RTOs to deliver this unit.

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- We'd like members to help promote the ENQ workshop to your networks and we'll send out a flyer.
- We'd like members to promote LINMEN and membership to LINMEN through the new website at www.linmen.org.au and for all members of CoNNMO to consider becoming organizational members of LINMEN and promoting individual LINMEN membership to your members. We can provide promotional material and articles for publications on request.
- Continue to promote the Codes of Conduct for Nurses and Midwives. Foster and promote understanding of cultural safety, particularly the concepts of 'white privilege' and 'whiteness' and debunk the misinformation put out by the conservative media.

Are there any issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

- No

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Reporting Template for CoNNMO Members

Name of organisation: Continence Nurses Society Australia (CoNSA)

Date of establishment: 1991

Number of members: ~260

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

The CoNSA Practice Standards for Nurse Continence Specialists have been given a professional finish with the input of a graphic designer.

Input into continence subjects with the Australian College of Nursing and La Trobe University.

Continued campaigning for better conditions for Nurse Continence Specialists from the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

Further workshop planned on vaginal and rectal examination at the Continence Foundation of Australia Conference to upskill members.

Journal articles submitted to the Australian and New Zealand Continence Journal on research from CoNSA

When is your national conference?
October 2018

N/A. We have our AGM and annual dinner on Wednesday 24

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

CoNSA and Nurse Continence Specialists continue to have issues with NDIS and My Aged Care (MAC). Nurse Continence Specialist receive a much lower rate of reimbursement than allied health professionals and also have significant limitation on hours to provided assessment and review of NDIS participants. Referral from MAC continue to be of poor quality and sometimes not appropriate.

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider?

Being a voice regarding CoNSA's concerns about NDIS and MAC.

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Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia Inc (DANA)

Name of organisation: Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia Inc (DANA)

Date of establishment: 1984

Number of members: n/a

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

- Signing of the Joint Statement on Cultural Safety
- Submissions on behalf of members to:
 - ANMAC Review of Registered Nurse Accreditation Standards
 - Draft National Alcohol Strategy 2018-2026
 - WHO and UN International Standards for the Treatment of Drug Use Disorders
 - APHRA Proposed Registration standard: Endorsement for scheduled medicines for registered nurses prescribing
- AGM held in conjunction with the Annual Conference with support for an ongoing move away from regional chapters to specific portfolio management
- A significant increase in the number of scholarships awarded from the DANA Members' Scholarship Program
- Through an arrangement with the Australasian Society for HIV Medicine (ASHM) and DANA, DANA members are now entitled to affiliate membership of ASHM
- Forging closer links with the International Nurses Society on Addictions (intNSA).

When is your national conference?

- The DANA 2018 Australasian '*It Starts with Us*' conference was held in Melbourne in July 2018 where we enjoyed record attendance. A grant from the Ian Potter Foundation enabled DANA to bring three international nursing keynote speakers (two from the USA and one from the UK) to present at the conference
- As conference organisers were looking to increase social media engagement throughout the conference, Twitter training for delegates was provided via the DANA You Tube channel prior to the meeting resulting in 1.669 million twitter message and impressions over the course of three days
- As well as using Twitter, audience participation was achieved using 'Zeetings', a web-based platform that enabled participants to actively participate and respond to questions posed by the presenter from their own device. Their responses were able to be displayed in real time on the conference screens
- The next DANA Conference will be in Sydney in August 2019 at the Swissotel.

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

- DANA is still trying to find a simple to use, inexpensive membership database (those that we have explored are either too expensive e.g. \$35,000+ or not user friendly)
- We are unsure how extensive our insurance cover should be. Right now we carry public liability but are looking at possibly adding volunteer, event, management liability and professional indemnity for committee members. We are interested to know how other small organisations have approached this issue.

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider?

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Flight Nurses Australia (FNA)

Date of establishment: Early 1994

Number of members: 107

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

Preparation for the September Conference
Provision of Education sessions via teleconference
Continued active social media presence with 1340+ followers on Facebook
Securing of COASTN partnership for two FNA members to attend COASTN course 2019.
Award of the FNA Scholarship for two members to use towards Professional development.

When is your national conference?

Held in conjunction with ASA (Aeromedical society of Australasia) in Hobart Sept 26th – 28th 2018.

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

Our greatest challenge in the last six months has been to maintain the service that we want to provide (including monthly meetings & newsletters), as well as ongoing projects to our members, plus maintaining communication to our committee from a very small active committee. We rely entirely on the volunteer capacity of this small group in addition to their existing very busy professional and personal lives.

We have explored the possibility of outsourcing some of the secretarial work but financially not in the position to make this viable. I believe we could benefit on some advice from other small organisations as to how they manage their service provision with very limited resources.

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider?

No

Louise Burton
FNA President
20th September 2018

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Gastroenterological Nurses College of Australasia

Date of establishment: 1978

Number of members: 1,500

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

Australian Gastroenterology Week Nurses Programme Brisbane 8-10th September
GENCA National Conference Canberra 28-29th April
Celebrating 40 year anniversary
Many other educational events and workshops.

When is your national conference?

June 2019

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

Tips for Running a mainly volunteer led organisation, recruiting new volunteers, not burning out older volunteers.
Managing an operational Board.

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider?

Are there other NFP Organisations that have Board Members from outside their membership?
How do they cope with a very operational Board?

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Maternal, Child and Family Health Nurses Australia (MCaFHNA)

Date of establishment:
2004

Number of members:
953

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

We have signed a contract with the Associations Forum to help us explore the prospect of moving from a federated state and territory-based association to a National, direct membership, single entity body.
We have been planning our 2019 conference

When is your national conference?



Navigating the future
'New Directions in Maternal, Child and Family Health'

6th Conference 2019
August 15-17
ICC, Sydney
www.mcafhna2019.or.au

Maternal, Child and Family Health Nurses Australia

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

We would appreciate support from any members with experience navigating structural change

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider?

We would appreciate support around the legal requirements of associations and how volunteer (not-for-profit) associations manage legal issues.

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National Enrolled Nurse Association (NENA)

Date of establishment:

24th October 1994

Number of members:

As of time of report 38 (renewals in process at time of report)

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

Our Tasmanian Committee member has been busy promoting NENA

- speaking to local TAFE EN students prior to final acute care placement
- promoting NENA as an organisation and the benefits of membership
- answered questions 're upcoming placement
- engaged with students and provided supported them whilst on placement
- post placement meeting with the class 're selection criteria and application process for employment
- assisted with setting up for graduation
- attended graduation ceremony in support and encouragement
- interest in NENA increased and promoted the benefits of membership

When is your national conference?

October 2019

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

Running effective meetings

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider?

Membership boosting and effective promotion of organisation

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Nursing Informatics Australia (NIA)

Position paper on Nursing Informatics available at:

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

Date of establishment: 1990

Number of members: approx. 300

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

June 2018: Bid for and awarded the opportunity to host the IMIA NI (International Medical Informatics Association - Nursing Informatics) International Conference which will be held in Brisbane on 26-29 July, 2020. The theme for this conference is Nursing in the Digital Age.

29 July 2018: The annual NIA Conference was held in Sydney on 29 July in conjunction with the Health Informatics Conference (HIC). The theme for the 2018 conference was Empowering Nurses and Midwives in Digital Health. The conference was well attended and a broad range of topics addressed by presenters. Angela Reed (Northern Ireland Practice and Education Council) was the keynote speaker and provided an inspirational address on nurses leading the way in digital health.

29 July 2018: Annual General Meeting held.

28-30 August 2018: NIA members presented at the ACN National Forum on Gold Coast.

NIA Committee meetings held monthly by teleconference.

When is your national conference?

NIA Conference Melbourne 11 August 2019

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 topics you wish CoNNMO to consider?

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OHNNG continues to provide specialty specific educational opportunities to both member and non members. In addition we have partnered with other national bodies to host nursing sessions at their events. The international ANZHNCS meeting was held in Melbourne in July - coinciding with World Head and Neck Cancer Day (July 27) , OHNNG was gifted a session on the program to highlight nursing considerations in this demographic. We considered this a fantastic opportunity on an international stage to promote ourselves and our ethos. The second half of the calendar year has several state based events and the registration numbers have been impressive.

OHNNG was included in a government funded Pacific Islands Project ENT team trip to Samoa. Our role was to provide ENT education to perioperative, ward and out patient nurses. The trip was very successful and approximately 100 nurses benefited from our knowledge. The education was mostly delivered in small groups which afforded the opportunity to ensure understanding. Middle ear disease is a significant challenge in the community and a basic understanding of treatment compliance was lacking. Other topics included tracheostomy care, sinus, tonsil, parotid and thyroid management as well as many ENT outpatient considerations.

After speaking with other CEOs from smaller associations at the past CONNMO meeting it seems to be a common issue that the vast majority of the work required to hold these associations together and active falls to a small number or perhaps just one or two individuals who are the driving forces, as is the case with OHNNG. This is not a long term sustainable situation. If the CONNMO executive has any suggestions to offer to assist with this and other small group issues I would be delighted to be made aware of them.

In addition, we had our constitution assessed by the CONNMO endorsed Associations Forum which to be honest was of little assistance. They were able to tell me how our current constitution was lacking and would benefit from editing but when those editions were made - they were unable and unwilling to assess the appropriateness of those changes. I found this to be a huge source of frustration - consider the amount of time taken to meet the editions they suggested. It would be of great value for CONNMO to suggest solutions to these governance issues which would likely be common to many of its members.

The remainder of the year will fill with several OHNNG events across the nation - fewer than we would have liked as economical venues are difficult to source. I wonder if this is another area CONNMO would be willing to assist with?

Cheryl Kelly - President.

Palliative Care Nurses Australia (PCNA)

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

Conference 2018 was held in Brisbane on 20 – 21 May. The program included four workshops and two panel discussions and presented a range of nursing research in end of life care and specialist palliative care nursing. We received support from the Australian Government Department of Health which allowed us to award grants to ten nurses working in rural/regional Australia so they could attend conference.

Evaluations from delegates and exhibitors have been overwhelmingly positive. Conference 2020 will be held in Melbourne and the organising committee has been appointed.

Special Interest Groups

The Aged Care SIG grows in number as nurses working with older people in all settings become more interested in the education being provided through the SIG. The Aged Care SIG education is supported by the Australasian Association of Gerontology (AAG).

The Nurse Practitioners SIG facilitated a networking and brainstorming session at conference. Following on from the session the NP SIG is reframing meetings and considering ways to promote the role and support professional learning.

Business processes

Following a call for tenders we have recently appointed a new organisation to provide secretariat services. We are currently progressing through the hand over process.

PCNA underwent a branding refresh and we launched the new logo and livery at conference. Development of our new website has been delayed but we hope to launch it in early November.

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

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

None at this time.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

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

Kym Griffin
Secretary PCNA
2 October 2018

Renal Society of Australasia

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

On September 12th 2018 the RSA launched a new online education portal in partnership with the World Continuing Education Alliance (WCEA) which is free to RSA members. This is a significant period of growth for the continuing education needs of our members.

The development a Policy, Research committee, and a suite of position statements that identify the RSA strategic goals with a major focus on aligning with Kidney Health Australia. The purpose of this group is to seek consumer engagement and to support nursing research that aligns with the strategic direction of the RSA.

Development of research collaborations to limit renal research silos.

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

Continuation of the vascular access workshop series in collaboration with Industry partners that are held in a series across major cities each year.

Formulation of a rebranded Renal Nurse Educators network with a strong focus on streamlining RSA educational activities

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

Preparation is underway for the 2019 Annual Conference which will be held in New Zealand.

In consultation with Cambridge publishing the RSA intends to launch the Renal Society of Australasia Journal online from 2019.

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

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

Reporting to consumers in Nursing and Midwifery Organisations.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

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

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