

CoNNMO Meeting – Friday 4 October 2019 Member Reports

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Audiometry Nurses Association of Australia Inc.

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

ANAA Inc. has set up a new website with a new host and web designer which is now more interactive for members. We have updated our links with our hearing health partnerships. There is a member's only section which provides relevant forms, quarterly newsletters & clinical practice guidelines to current financial members.

ANAA Inc. is in discussion with the Australian College of Nursing to improve the student experience by making the audiometry nursing course include workshops and mentoring with audiometry nurse tutors. The course advisory meeting will look at moving the course towards an RTO model which will align with units of competencies.

We are currently reviewing our Clinical Practice Guidelines and researching evidence based practice for referencing. ACN has offered to help us with this task also.

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

Annual Audiometry Nurses Association conference is to be held at the Taree Club on 30th, 31st Oct & 1st Nov'19. We have obtained 17 CPD hours for our conference.

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

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

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Australasian Hepatology Associates

Date of establishment: 2004

Number of members: 159

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

The membership for AHA continues to grow. The following activities have been commenced and/or completed in the last 6 months:

1. Hepatology Nurse's Consensus guidelines (HBV, HCV, Advanced Liver disease and HCC) have been revised and are published.
2. 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. Five courses have been run nationally (Sydney, Hobart, Coffs Harbour, Perth and Brisbane) this year with more planned. For more information contact Sinead Shiels
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3. Conference program set.

International nurse speakers attending.

AHA Biennial Conference: "Rising to the Challenge" October 2019: Coffs Harbour NSW



AUSTRALASIAN HEPATOLOGY ASSOCIATION
www.hepatologyassociation.com.au/education/2019-conference

AHA Biennial Conference 2019 Opal Cove, Coffs Harbour, NSW

Thursday 17th* – Saturday 19th October, 2019
*Welcome Reception at 5:00pm

Rising to the challenge

4. Hepatology Nurse Practitioner Special Interest Group forming.
5. Discussions with international Hepatology Nurses Group to develop a program for the 2nd Global Hepatitis Summit 2020, in Taiwan
 - A half or full-day nursing course (4-6 hours) to be integrated within the GHS program
 - A course development committee to be set up and may consist of 1-2 leaders from each participating nurse organizations
 - The course development committee will design and plan topics, speakers, etc.

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Australasian Neuroscience Nurses Association

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

- Revision of our Professional Standards continues based on the revised Nursing and Midwifery Professional Standards.
- Operational Plan developed for the next three years based on our strategic plan: Priorities include developing a stronger association, growing our membership, expanding professional resources, strengthening partnerships and building our educational resources.
- Planning the World Federation of Neuroscience Nurses Congress for 2021 in Darwin.
- Planning for our conference in Wellington, New Zealand from 17-18 October 2019: <http://www.anna.asn.au/wp-content/uploads/Annual-Conference-Draft-Program.pdf>
- Launching our mentorship program.
- Our movement disorder chapter has been actively involved with the Movement Disorder Society in the development of policy and guidelines within the subspecialty.

When is your national conference?

October 17-18 2019 at Hotel Intercontinental in Wellington New Zealand.

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

Not currently.

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

Update on national initiatives is always useful to bring back to our members.

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

Our management company has guided us through the strategic planning process and operational planning process. These documents are available on our website for any organisations that are beginning the process.

Submitted by

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Australasian Sexual Health and HIV nurses Assn Inc (ASHHNA inc)

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

- Endorsements for Sexual and reproductive Health related courses
- Committee Representation –CoNNMO; Sexual Health and HIV Conference September 2019; ASHA; ASHM HIV Treatments; NHSTAC
- Newsletter
- Website development, new advertising materials for membership
- Twitter and Facebook. DANA commented positively on Twitter about ASHHNA Inc
- Advocacy for sexual and reproductive health issues such as the NSW Abortion Debate
- Scholarships
- Preparation for AGM

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

Joint Sexual Health and HIV Conference – (multidisciplinary) 16th to 19th September 2019 Perth
<http://www.hivaidsconference.com.au/>

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

No

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

No

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

- Governance
- Website development

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ASHHNA Executive

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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?

1. We have developed a Post Graduate Scholarship which will be awarded annually.
2. We are in the process of developing a Research Scholarship which will be awarded annually.
3. We are collaborating with the British Association of Urological Nurses (BAUN) and the European Association of Urological Nurses (EAUN) on an educational framework for urological nurses.
4. We are currently instigating a review of our constitution/charter.

When is your national conference?

Our annual conference was held 13-15 April 2019 in Brisbane (held in conjunction with the Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand (USANZ) ASM).

We had record numbers of nursing registrants (>180) and a record number of abstracts submitted.

The next conference will be in Sydney in March next year where we will celebrate our 25-year anniversary.

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

Sustainability of a volunteer-based organisation. Review of business models.

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

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

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Australian Association of Nurse Surgical Assistants

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

Continuing to develop Standards of Practice specifically for the PNSA role for credentialing of its members in the future. The Literature Review has been completed and the first round of consultation with AANSA membership has been undertaken.

Completed application to Intellectual Property for a registered trademark for Credentialed PNSA pathway, consulted with the ACCC regarding this and awaiting the outcome.

Developing a certification pack for AANSA members and prospective candidates for the Credentialed PNSA pathway (CPNSA)

Continuing to communicate with the MBS taskforce for recognition of the PNSA role

When is your national conference?

5th National Conference at University of Canberra Hospital, 20 Guraguma Street, Bruce ACT 2617
19th and 20th of October

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

Nil

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

Developing Standards of Practice

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Nil

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Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nurses (AASTN)

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

- The DOH has sought feedback from ostomates and other stakeholders (including STN's) regarding access to products and support services. As an association we are committed to ensuring access to equipment and professional care in what can often be complex physiological and psychological circumstances. We also wish to ensure efficient use of products and reduce wastage, which can occur when patients over order or circumstances change.
- Review of membership categories to cover STN's working in industry
- Moving forward to update website
- MBS committee in initial stages working to improve access to trained STN's

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

42nd National Australian Association of Stomal Therapy, 19-22 May 2019. Sydney

There were a number of eminent speakers invited and from within our membership. Susan Gallagher is a recognised expert in safety with specialised knowledge of the bariatric patient, skin and wound care. Wendy White's presentation related to positively influencing clinical outcomes through '*changing lives for those at risk or living with wounds*'. Comedian Luke Escombe articulated the reality of living with crohns disease, despair and the journey through to wellness.

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

Advice re. MBS application.

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

Not presently.

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

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Name of organisation: The Australian College of Children and Young People's Nurses (ACCYPN) – October 2019

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

1. Current membership 297
2. Our next conference will be in Darwin from the 2nd to the 4th of September, 2020
3. Our Standards of Practice for Nursing Children and Young People document is available on the ACCYPN website and Edith Cowan University is the corporate sponsor for this work.
<http://www.accypn.org.au/knowledge-centre/standards-of-practice/> Copies available through our website.
4. Credentialing work ongoing with nurses being credentialed nationally with the process being finalised. The credentialing committee for the College is reviewing applications. www.c4n.com.au
5. Review the college's position statements and business rules.
6. ACCYPN Journal will commence in early 2020, we are currently seeking various Editorial positions from the membership.
7. Chapter events running in WA, SA and Queensland.
8. Grants awarded
 - a. Melbourne University Academic Excellence Award - Graduate Certificate in Nursing Practice, Paediatrics
9. Bimonthly member newsletters to members
10. Knowledge centre, e-learning sessions via webcasts for members to view online,
<http://www.accypn.org.au/pd/e-learning/>
11. Documents/Issues Commented on recently
 - a. National Action Plan for the Health of Children and Young People 2020-2030

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

1. Promotion of specialty standards of practice - information is on the College's website www.accypn.org.au
2. Promotion of our next Conference in 2020.
3. Identifying any funding/sponsorship opportunities for the College.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

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

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Australian College of Critical Care Nurses

Attending: Rose Jaspers, ACCCN Director and ACCCN (Vic) President

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

1. Charity status has been achieved so that ACCCN can receive tax deductible donations for scholarships and grants.
2. Complete rewrite of the ACCCN constitution – this has been a 18-month process. The Special Members meeting was held on June 3rd where the new constitution changes were accepted.
3. The World Congress in Intensive Care is being held in Melbourne 14th – 18th October. ACCCN is a co-host of the event.

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

No issues

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNMO to consider?

No issues

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Name of organisation: Australian College of Neonatal Nurses

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

- ACNN continues to maintain a membership base between 900 and 1,000 including a few students.
- Branches continue to offer professional events to local members.
- The six special interest groups are active. Since last meeting, the Low Resource Countries SIG collaborated with the Kokoda Trail Foundation to deliver teaching on basic neonatal care in the Kokoda and Kupiano regions of PNG, in addition to their biannual trips to Goropa in PNG. The Neonatal Nursing Research SIG and the Neonatal Nursing Education SIG held a joint one-day seminar to build on the strengths of interrelated areas of interest.
- Scholarships and awards were reviewed and restyled to better meet the needs of members, including an option for accepting applications year round with two application assessment dates.
- The social media committee is active on accounts for Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.
- Planning to work with the Miracle Babies Foundation to promote World Prematurity Day on 17 November and November NICU Awareness Month.

When is your national conference?

For this year only due to an international neonatal nurses conference in New Zealand in May, ACNN has elected to host a visiting academic tour beginning on 21 October, visiting Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Canberra, and culminating in a one-day event in Sydney on 9 November that will incorporate the AGM. The invited speaker is Dr Nancy Feeley from McGill University School of Nursing, Canada. Nancy has an extensive record in research focussing on neonatal nursing, in particular the care of parents whose newborn has been admitted to a neonatal unit. Other invited speakers include Professor Jill White AM, Professor Mary Chiarella AM, and Professor Euan Wallace AM.

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

No.

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

No.

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

None in particular.

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CoNNMO Member Meeting Report – November 2019

Name of organisation:

Australian College of Nurse Practitioners

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

We held our National Conference in Melbourne from 2-5th September, with over 300 delegates.

We have been heavily engaged in the MBS Review process and lobbying MPs to increase support
We have contributed to numerous consultations to increase our engagement and advocacy for improving access to quality health care.

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

2nd to 5th September 2020 on the Gold Coast

There will be workshops on Day 1, followed by plenary and concurrent sessions Days 2-4

2020 is the WHO year of the Nurse and Midwife, it is also 20 years since the first NP in Australia, and we will also see the 2000th NP endorsed. We will be celebrating all year!

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

Continuing support for the MBS review and integration of Nurse Practitioners into the health system in Australia
Celebrating 20 years of Nurse Practitioners in Australia.

The Nursing workforce still does not understand the pathway to NP, the ACNP has developed a pathway flyer to assist this and would appreciate any support in making it visible to the nursing workforce. We believe there are many potential NPs in Australia, and education and support will help both create training positions, and increase the numbers.

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

Building our ability to contribute to health policy and improvement.

Becoming an organisation that is considered a stakeholder, rather than continually pushing for a seat at the table

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

We are happy to discuss admin support for other organisations, we have a great office space in Melbourne and an amazing team, and we welcome any sharing or collaborative opportunities.

We are open to joint position statements with other organisations where our views align.

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Australian College of Nursing (ACN)

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

Policy Chapters:

ACN Policy Chapters continue to enhance ACN's advocacy work and policy work. Each Chapter is led by a high-calibre internationally or nationally renowned Chair and Deputy Chair

Ageing Policy Chapter 2019: Quality Indicators in Aged Care Paper (Scoping Review)

Chronic Disease Policy Chapter 2019: Position Statement and Toolkit. Title: The effectiveness of nurse led interventions on child and adolescence obesity

End of Life Care Policy Chapter 2019: In August 2019, a White Paper was released (*Achieving Quality Palliative Care for All: The Essential Role of Nurses*) which ACN will use to advocate for strategies which optimise End-of-Life care. The Chapter will also produce a toolkit to guide the implementation of a nurse-led model for End of Life Care.

Workforce Sustainability Policy Chapter: Scoping review on minimum data set for Nursing Workforce planning.

Policy Summit: Confirmed that a fourth Policy Summit will be held on Friday 20 March 2020.

Work in progress:

- Diversity and Inclusion working party has been formed to provide direction and advice to ensure nurses understand their role in Diversity and Inclusion and the nursing profession is leading the way, in our industry.
- Developing a position statement on key priorities to ensure that nurses can work in a culturally safe and inclusive industry.
- Established a Sexual Harassment and Assault of nurses by patients' taskforce to set a new standard of behaviour and expectation for the nursing profession now and into the future.

Nursing Now Australia: [The Nursing Now](#) initiatives include ACN Roadshows facilitate discussion on the future of healthcare in Australia through the lens of the Triple Impact Report which focuses on enabling nurses to work to their full potential within their scope of practice.

When is your national Conference?

4th Australian College of Nursing History Conference: "*The Power of History – Nursing Now*". [History Conference](#) explored the complexities and differences of the past that have shaped the nursing profession now.

National Nurses Forum: "Nursing now: The Power of Policy". [The National Nursing Forum](#) in 2019 saw nurses attending from around the country and across the globe. 2020 it will be held in **Canberra from 19- 21 August**.

- The **Australian College of Nursing Foundation** was launched at the Forum Its purpose is to ensure nurses in Australia have access to opportunities and experiences which will keep us at the cutting edge of developments in service delivery.
- An appeal to establish a sculpture of **LtCol Vivian Bullwinkel AO, MBE, ARRC, ED, FNM** at the Australian War Memorial was also launched at the Forum with ACN providing significant seed funding: www.acn.edu.au/bullwinkelproject

Men in Nursing eBook: Our Men in Nursing eBook presents a powerful collection of the stories of 28 males who outline their experiences as nurses. We thank all the contributors for courageously telling their stories with such raw honesty and conviction.

Community and Primary Health Care Week: [Community and Primary Health Care Week](#) raises awareness of the current and potential contribution of community and primary health care nursing to the health care system and individuals.

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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 have just launched our Strategic Plan for 2019-2022. This plan will assist ACORN to leverage themselves into the next phase of growth. Although the Board identify this plan is bold, the recruitment of a Perioperative CEO provides assurance to our members we are investing in our strategic plan and the future of the college.

Alongside of our strategic plan ACORN commissioned THINK: Insight & Advice to undertake a consultation process with members and stakeholders to test the feasibility of a multi-year, national project to encourage the uptake of ACORN's Standards for Perioperative Nursing within perioperative settings across Australia.

This National Roadmap to recognition project has been approved by the Board and was announced at the Leadership Summit in Canberra last month. All details can be found on ACORN's website www.acorn.org.au. There are exciting times ahead for ACORN.

When is your national conference?

The Inaugural Leadership Summit in Canberra in September this year was an overwhelming success. This will run again at a date to be confirmed in 2021.

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?

Increasing membership and member engagement
Leveraging a voice for Perioperative Nurses

Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider?

Transitioning to a Board of governance model
Medical company sponsorship/support and the delicateness of this.

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CoNNMO Member Meeting Report – May 2019

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

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

Name of organisation: *Australian DERMATOLOGY NURSES ASSOCIATION*

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

our Annual conference in May attached to the Austr. College of Dermatologists saw 127 Attendees in Melbourne

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

Adelaide mid May 2020.

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

Our Annual Education Days in each State progress - however Numbers of Participants are down in 2019 - any ideas for motivating Nurses to attend Annual Ed. Days + Conferences

How can we increase our Member Numbers?

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

We (ADNA) have been instrumental in developing & providing the Grad. Cert in DERMATOLOGY Nursing through the Australian College of Nursing. This has been many years in the making & it came to fruition Earlier this year, which is very exciting. ADNA Exec^{Committee} worked closely with the College to firm the Course Content & Schedule.

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Thankyou.

Australian Nurse Teachers Association

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

AGM held online via email over a selected time period up to 25 June 2019'

- No change in Executive Positions
- Resignation from Victorian committee representative due to personal reasons

Most activity is related to planning the bi-annual conference

ANTS Representative will be presenting at the ANEC Conference in New Zealand in November 2019 plus promoting our NNERC 2020 conference

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

INSPIRE | MOTIVATE | EDUCATE

28-30 October 2020 at Sea World on the Gold Coast, QLD

Sponsorship now open

EOI for Abstracts (65) and Registration (131) and (6) confirmed sponsors

Scientific committee formed from EOI

Planned dates

- February Abstracts open
- March registration open with EB closing August

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

Not at this time

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

All presentations are of interest and value. thankyou

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

Not at this time

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

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

New position statements:

- ANMF national position statement – Medicinal Cannabis Available from: http://anmf.org.au/documents/policies/PS_Medicinal_Cannabis.pdf
- ANMF national position statement – Harm Minimisation Available from: http://anmf.org.au/documents/policies/PS_Harm_minimisation.pdf

Submissions:

- Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) public consultation on the definition of 'cultural safety' – 15 May 2019
- Department of Health, Primary Care Reference Groups consultation on the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) Review Taskforce reports – 7 June 2019
- Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) public consultation on the proposed Decision-making Framework for Nurses and Midwives - 24 June 2019
- Department of Health consultation on Educating the nurse of the future: Independent review of nursing education – 4 July 2019
- Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care consultation on Australia's national response to the Third World Health Organisation Global Patient Safety Challenge – Medication without harm – 5 July 2019
- Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC) public consultation on the review of the Midwife Accreditation Standards - 10 July 2019
- Australian Commission of Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC) consultation on the draft National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards (2nd Edition) Aged Care Module – 9 August 2019
- NPS Medicinewise Review of the Prescribing Competencies Framework Delphi study – 12 August 2019
- Letter to the Minister for the Environment, Sussan Ley MP on the proposed variation to the National Environment Protection (Ambient Air Quality) Measure standards for ozone, nitrogen dioxide and sulphur dioxide – 10 September 2019
- Department of Health consultation on the proposed alternative models for allocating residential aged care places – 13 September 2019
- Australian Healthcare Associates consultation on the evaluation of the Aged Care System Navigator Measure – 16 September 2019
- Department of Health consultation on Serious Incident Reporting Scheme for Commonwealth funded residential aged care: finer details of operation – due 4 October 2019

Committees/forums:

- ANMAC Strategic Accreditation Advisory Committee
- ANMAC Professional Reference Group for the review of the RN Accreditation Standards
- ANMAC Professional Reference Group for the review of the Midwife Accreditation Standards
- ANMAC Professional Reference Group for the development of the RN Prescribing Accreditation Standards
- AHPRA Professions Reference Group
- AHPRA Mandatory Reporting Awareness Campaign Working Group
- National Aged Care Alliance
- Resource Utilisation and Classification Study (RUCS) Sector Reference Group
- End of Life Directions for Aged Care (ELDAC) Stakeholder Forum
- Serious Incident Reporting Scheme Forum

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- Alternative Models for Allocating Residential Aged Care Places Forum
 - Parliamentary Friends of Dementia Breakfast
 - Australian Digital Health Agency Workforce and Education Steering Group
 - National Rural Health Alliance
 - National Rural and Remote Digital Innovation Group
 - Health Informatics Society of Australia (HISA) Digital Health Capability Advisory Committee
 - Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Healthcare (ACSQHC) Health Services Medication Expert Advisory Group
 - ACSQHC and the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA) Joint Roundtable on the introduction of neuraxial devices compliant with the International Standard in Australia
 - Department of Veterans Affairs Health Providers Partnership Forum
 - MBS Review Taskforce Nurse Practitioner Reference Group
 - MBS Review Taskforce Chronic Wound Management Roundtable
2. National Aged Care Campaign
 3. Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety
 4. Ensuring Integrity Bill
 5. CoNNMO Secretariat and Operations

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

- Continue to support the ANMF national Aged Care Campaign *Ratios for Aged Care - Make Them Law Now*, to ensure staffing levels and skills mix which will provide safety and quality of care for older Australians. Visit: <http://anmf.org.au/campaign/entry/ratios-for-aged-care> and signing up to join the campaign Like ANMF on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/MoreStaffForAgedCare>
- Join with ANMF in promoting Anti-Poverty Week with its key message: *Poverty exists. Poverty hurts us all. We can all do something about it.* The ANMF, through Federal Office provides funding support to this national Campaign, and promotes to members and other nurses and midwives. In 2019, Anti-Poverty Week will be held from 13-19 October, with 17 Oct nominated as a Day of Action on solutions to end poverty. The focus of 17 Oct will be the *Raise the Rate* campaign led by the Australian Council on Social Services, which aims to get an increase to the rate of Newstart and associated allowances by \$75 a week. Around a million Australians are reliant on these payments which have not been increased in real terms for more than 25 years. Newstart, at around \$40 a day, traps many people in poverty and many employers say it acts as a brake on job search. Visit the Anti-Poverty Week website: <https://twitter.com/AntiPovertyWeek/status/1161850958512447488>

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

The ANMF asks CoNNMO members to consider developing a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) for their organisation. Reconciliation Australia could be invited to present at CoNNMO on the benefits of a RAP in giving direction on ways for achieving reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians and non-Indigenous Australians. Their website is: <https://www.reconciliation.org.au/> The ANMF Federal Office *Innovate* RAP and Engagement Plan have been revised and will be submitted to Reconciliation Australia for endorsement, later this year. Welcome to Country and Acknowledgment of Country Protocols have been prepared for our staff and are publicly available on the ANMF Federal Officer website: <http://anmf.org.au/pages/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-health>

Contributing to the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Journal (ANMJ) and the ANMJ website.

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

- Professional and industrial issues impacting nurses and midwives and students of nursing and midwifery
- Involvement in the Nursing Now Campaign

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Australian Womens Health Nurse Association Inc (AWHNA)

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

- NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in Sexual and Reproductive Health for Women in Primary Care SPHERE Partnership – awaiting successful funding grant

RE: Partnership Project APP1191793 The AusCAPPs Network: A community of practice to support the provision of long acting reversible contraception and medical termination of pregnancy in primary care

- Strategies for growing membership have to date resulted in approx. 6% increase in new members
- Reviewing and renewing AWHNA new membership 'Welcome Package' – new package looking good and available
- Successfully planning guest speakers (includes International), topics and program for annual professional development symposium
- Progress report:

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

- *A Meeting of Minds: Advancing Women's Health*, 14 and 15 November 2019 at **NSWNMA, 50 O'Dea Ave, Waterloo**. (Program & Registration attached)

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

- Perhaps knowledge where AWHNA members can have realistic benefits through 3rd Party partners. What will this look like? Are there any willing to be 3rd Party partners with AWHNA.

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

- Collation outcomes and recommendations from:
Independent Review of Nursing Education: Educating the Nurse of the Future (The Review)

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

- Supporting where women's health is a priority by offering; CPD in regular Peer Review, Professional updates, mentorship, linkage with specialist nurses practising in Women's Health, expert knowledge and skill sharing. We offer membership for Women's Health Nurses, and RNs working in Women's Health Specialised areas.....across Australia.

Compiled By

Anne

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Cancer Nurses Society of Australia

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

Over the past six months, CNSA has continued to build towards operational efficiency and improved governance with the following plans, procedures and processes put into place:

- Launch of Strategic Plan at the 2019 Annual Congress
- Completion of Annual Report to feedback success and highlight priorities to CNSA Members and stakeholders
- Undertaking of 2019 Annual Congress which had record attendance of 700+ in Melbourne
- On-boarding of an association management company which now provides the role of Executive Officer, Company Secretary and administrative support
- Annual General Meeting which saw the on-boarding of three new Directors
- A new series of templates that have been implemented and endorsed including:
 - Board Agenda and Minutes
 - Terms of Reference for Committees
 - Annual Work Plans for Committees
- Quarterly Chair's meeting to improve communication across Committees and ensure they are informed
- New Communications Committee to undertake a review of our Marketing and Communications Strategy and engineer change to increase engagement
- Attendance at the ICN-ISNCC Policy Leadership in Cancer Nursing Programme in Geneva, Switzerland which was an opportunity to network with peers from 21 countries representing 6 WHO regions
- Review of Board Charter, Board evaluation and Company By-Laws
- Implementation of new Governance Sub-Committee to oversee CNSA Governance and policies
- Finalisation of membership renewal period with move to a pro-rata option for new Members from 1 October

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

Our next Annual Congress will be held from 18-20 June, 2020 in Brisbane. The theme is Precision Care Everywhere.

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

We would like to explore the sharing of information and ideas including:

- Membership tiering – what is your CVP and how do you promote to non – members
- Student membership – do you charge / what process do you have in place to on-board them
- National sponsorship strategy / how you comply with Medicines Australia Code of Conduct?
- Sharing of templates or agreements to ensure best practice

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

- How CONNMO member organisations can help 'close the gap' in Indigenous life expectancy – tangible things we all could / should contribute.
- Options for income diversification and sponsorship – and how to do that while complying with new Accounting Standards as well as within Medicines Australia Code of Conduct Guidelines.
- Membership renewal, acquisition and retention strategies and best practice in terms of software and platforms
- How we can engage with other organisations in terms of advocacy, policy and education to share the load and increase relevance
- Succession planning for Board and Committees

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

CNSA has made significant change over the past 12 months to safeguard our organisation for future success. We are very happy to talk with any organisations who may be interested in what processes we've put in place and the lessons we have learnt along the way.

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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?

Introduction of a paid Education Consultant (commenced in April 2019), has resulted in weekly education updates, as well as the development of an education program to be delivered nationally (being piloted in November across 3 states). Member feedback to these initiatives has been positive.

The CENA Board have been consulting with membership regarding changes to the Board structure, and will present a proposed model for a skills-based Board to the membership at our AGM on Thursday 17th October 2019.

Addition of a new position co-opted to the CENA Board: Director (Marketing Advisor). This Director brings marketing expertise and is informing Board decisions regarding marketing both within the College and external to it. Additionally, this position will 'test the waters' for members in relation to our proposed move to a skills-based Board.

Revision of the Practice Standards for the Emergency Nursing Specialist – we expect these will be finalised in the next 2 months.

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

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

The 17th International Conference for Emergency Nurses is being held on 16-18 October 2019 at the Adelaide Hilton: <http://www.icen.com.au/> There are approx. 300 delegates currently registered to attend.

In 2020, the 18th International Conference for Emergency Nurses will be held on the Gold Coast from 14-16th October.

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

As we continue to progress changes to the Board structure and Constitution, we would value advice from Colleges who have made similar changes recently. The advice from the Associations Forum (as recommended by CoNNMO members) has also been valuable.

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

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

Not at this time

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

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Continence Nurses Society of Australia (CoNSA)

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

The significant activities include lobbying NDIS to provide equity of pay for professionals. We have completed and published new national practice guidelines for continence nurses. Continue to provide educational activities for our members:

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

Continence Foundation of Australia – Melbourne, November 2019

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

Currently there is a lack of recognition for the continence specialty. This has resulted in a loss of funding for positions once the current nurse has retired leaving the more vulnerable patients groups (disabled, elderly, women & children) without services. The impact of this is the current services are stretched and Continence Nurses are developing burnout. They have limited time to educate and develop potential successors.

There has been inequitable funding for Continence Nurse assessments from NDIS making it difficult for service providers to fund proper and accurate assessments. Have other Nurses experienced this lack of professional recognition and how have they overcome this issue?

The pathway for postgraduate education is unclear, resulting in a lack of skilled practitioners. There is no dedicated post graduate certificate in bowel and bladder continence. There is only one module from the stomaltherapy certificate at the CoN. A short course from LaTrobe in urology and continence and short courses from blue care and other health providers giving CPD.

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

How to better advocate on behalf of our nurses and their positions.

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

Could assist with aged care and disability sectors joint submissions for NDIS or My Aged Care to ensure equitable reimbursement for nursing assessment.

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CRANaplus

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

- CRANaplus' 37th Conference, was held 18-20 September 2019, Hunter Valley NSW. This year's theme was *Embracing Diversity to Build Stronger Connections*. There were a number of engaging and informative speakers which captured the theme of diversity. Keynote speakers included: Gillian Triggs (former president of the Australian Human Rights Commission) and Kurt Fearnley AO (Paralympian, Disability Rights Advocate).
- Remote Area Nurse certification process continues to gain momentum (free to members): <https://crana.org.au/uploads/pdfs/RAN-Certification-Brochure-2017.pdf>
- Remote Emergency Care Course has been extensively revised and is set for launch in early 2020.
- Remote Health Workforce Safety and Security Community of Practice established to;
 - bring together committed individuals who have common professional areas of interest with a desire to work collaboratively to learn share and build the capability of members to improve safety and security for remote and isolated health workforce;
 - Support the review and dissemination of knowledge that is of relevance to this area of professional practice.
 - Act as champions within their areas of influence to disseminate knowledge and training opportunities.
- Mental Health Nurse Educator has been engaged to develop a suite of MH webinars
- Aged Care Program (funded by NQPHN) expanded to cover 3 more Aged Care Facilities
- Remote Management Program delivered in the Hunter Valley

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

The 2020 CRANaplus conference will be held in Canberra on 14- 16 October with the theme: Passion. Purpose. Influence. Impact.

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

Nil

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

Nil

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

CRANaplus has extensive engagement with the remote and isolated nursing and midwifery workforce. As one of the larger organisations we are always happy to help fellow CoNNMO members where we can. This is especially so for the smaller groups who have limited staff and resources.

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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?

- Launch of the DANA projects:
 - 'Who will write our History?' (the history of D&A nursing in Australia and New Zealand)
 - Workforce 2020 (mapping the D&A nursing workforce in Australia and New Zealand)
- Installation of the CiviCRM (a web-based open-source software program for the management of member relationships)
- Updated the DANA constitution with assistance from the DANA lawyer
- Completion of a DANA member Clinical Supervision survey
- Development of a DANA Position Statement on 'Pill-testing' and review of the DANA Position Statement on 'E-Cigarettes'
- Submissions:
 - Educating the Nurse of the Future
 - National (alcohol) Treatment framework submitted 13.7.2019
 - NSW Special Commission of Inquiry into the Drug 'Ice'
 - Guidelines for Mandatory notifications
- Appointment of a second patron, Ms Tonina Harvey AM (joining Professor Margaret Hamilton AO).

When is your national conference?

The DANA Conference and AGM were held in Sydney at the Swissotel in August. There were 240 delegates at the Conference. It was preceded by the DANA Inaugural Drug and Alcohol Nurses Practitioner (NPs) one-day Symposium. There were 35 D&A NPs in attendance. Registration was only open to NPs or those undertaking transition NP programs.

DANA depends on a surplus from the conference each year, along with membership contributions, to continue to provide a full range of member benefits. Happily, the conference delivered a good financial return to DANA.

Planning is underway for the 2020 event which will be held in Adelaide.

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

The first stage of the DANA Workforce 2020 Mapping research is completed. The next stage will involve mapping the drug and alcohol interventions undertaken by nurses who are not employed in traditional D&A roles. At the appropriate time we would like to distribute information about the second stage of the research.

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

Not currently.

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

Happy to provide any assistance.

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Flight Nurses Australia

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

Kaye Melmeth Grant/Scholarship of \$2500 awarded.
Preparation for the October Conference and AGM.
Continued active social media presence with 1870+ followers on Facebook/Instagram.
Newsletter and updates to members.
Securing of COASTN partnership for two FNA members to attend COASTN course 2020.

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

Oct 15th – 17th 2019 to be held at Crown Perth, Western Australia.

<https://www.aeromedconference.com>

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

No

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

No thanks

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

Willing to share to other small organisations how the use of social media has raised our profile/membership engagement.

Louise Burton
FNA President/Secretary.

Gastroenterological Nurses College Australia (GENCA)

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

- Maintained steady membership – currently 1,595 members
- Held 2019 GENCA National Conference in Melbourne – 372 attendees
- Planning for GENCA National Conference, 2020
- Delivered a successful Nurses Program at AGW2019, Adelaide 8-10 September, 2019 – approx. 220 nurses attended
- Regional Meetings – held in each Australian state
- Fundamentals workshops
- Production of Journal
- Webinars - one delivered and planned 2 more in 2019

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

TBC – May/June 2020

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

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

Succession planning for volunteers – particularly at Strategic (Board) level.

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

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Maternal Child and Family Health Nurses Australia (MCaFHNA)

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

MCaFHNA hosts a national conference every two years, and the significant activities of our organisation in the last six months has been preparing for and hosting this conference. The conference was held in August in Sydney (details below) and was a huge success with approximately 550 registrations. Maternal, Child and Family Health Nurses from around Australian and New Zealand attended and had the opportunity to hear from international and national keynote speakers, listen to presentations highlighting recent research and service developments and network with peers.

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

The 8th Maternal Child and Family Health Nurses Australia conference was held from 15 to 19 August 2019 in Sydney, Australia. The theme was “Navigating the Future: New Directions in Maternal, Child and Family Health Nursing”.

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

Not presently.

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

No

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

- Website development
- Governance

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National Enrolled Nurses Association

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

NENA is currently on hold with minimal membership at this time

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

Not planning a conference for this year

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

How to reinvigorate interest in a small minority organisation

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

Supporting members of the nursing team within the working environment

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

Understanding the value of Enrolled Nurses

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Name of organisation: Nursing Informatics Australia (NIA)
<https://www.hisa.org.au/nursing-informatics/>

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

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

Successful 2019 Conference: *Nursing Career Paths in Digital Health* held 11 August 2019 in Melbourne.

- Leanna Woods was awarded the Moya Conrick Award for best paper
- AGM and member elections held at conference: Dr Jen Bichel-Findlay elected as new chair of NIA

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

Ongoing planning and participation on organising committee for NI2020 Congress

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

Next NIA Conference will be held in conjunction with NI2020 – 15th International Congress in Nursing Informatics, Brisbane, 27-29 July 2020

Further information at: <https://ni2020.org/speakers/>

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

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

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

Presentation on Nursing Informatics/Digital Health to members.
Dissemination of NI2020 Congress information

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

Increasing awareness and importance of Nursing Informatics/Digital Health issues through conference presentations and participation.

For further information please contact: Marian Linnane, NIA CoNNMO representative: marlinn@optusnet.com.au

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OHNNG Otorhinolaryngology Head & Neck Nurses Group

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

Our state coordinators have been busy offering quality ENT H&N educational events across the country.

SA

State Coordinator and past president Tracey Nicholls has facilitated 2 education evenings "Tonsils & Tracheostomy" & "All About Ears and ENT Emergencies" ...attended by over 120 members collectively

NSW

Our 'newest' state coordinator - Maddy Fischer in NSW successfully ran her first event - "Rhinology Workshop"

QLD

Megan Green in Queensland has offered "Tracheostomy" and "HPV and H&N Cancer"

TAS

Held in Hobart - "Paediatric ENT" attended by 70 members from around the island

VIC

John Paul So in Victoria is hosting "OHNNG & Medtronic Workshop" in Oct 2019

NT

Gabe in Darwin has a great event to offer our NT members this month - a full day program of ENT H&N topics

WA

Unfortunately, we still don't have a representative in WA however they will not be forgotten - we are hosting an event in Perth in just a couple of weeks.

MID YEAR COMMITTEE MEETING.

The OHNNG state representative and the executive committee met in Brisbane on Saturday, August 31st. The day was spent in fruitful discussion about proposed state and international events, governance and the 2020 conference. A subcommittee will be working on the group's constitution and creating a governance document that will outline roles, responsibilities, guidelines for events, sponsorship, scholarships - and a variety of other items. We hope to have these documents ready for presentation at the AGM in Sydney. Members are welcome to submit items for consideration to president@ohnng.com.au.

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

2020 will be held in Sydney in conjunction with the surgical scientific meeting as it has for the past 24 years. Registrations are now open. Head to <https://www.ohnng.com.au/registration/> for details. 2020 conference documents are also available at the website conference menu. It will be held at the recently renovated International Convention Centre Darling Harbour area.

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

Not currently

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

I am often asked if there are any formal ENT courses available in Australia. Unfortunately, there is not although as a group we would one day like to offer something along these lines. Could this be something that CoNNMO might be able to assist with. Possibly approaching an accredited provider to offer advice to start something like this

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

Not currently

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PGNA - CoNNMO Member Meeting Report – October 2019

Psychogeriatric Nurses Association Australia Inc (PGNA)

- Current Membership Numbers as of end of September 2019 TOTAL =85

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

- **Education Webinar** – Influencing Clinical Practice (Series) – Models of Ageing presented by Dr Neil Jeyasingam Psychogeriatrician (FRANZCP)
- **PGNA 2019 Conference** – Raise Your Voice – Collaboration working in Older People's Mental Health, Aged and Dementia Care. Multidisciplinary Speakers. Friday 13th September 2019 Innovation Campus UOW.
- **Education with Faculty Psychiatry of Old Age** "State of Play in Old Aged Psychiatry - A Farewell to Brian Draper" Psychogeriatrician at UNSW Kensington on Friday 26.7.2019
- PGNA continues to **Collaborate with Faculty Psychiatry of Old Age (FPOA)**, with the aim to increase Multidisciplinary ties in the field of Older Person's Mental Health specialisation. More education collaboration with both organisations. FPOA have invited PGNA members to their Conference in November at a discounted rate.
- PGNA will be working with FPOA again for the Feb 2020 Seniors week event – Community Forum (Flyer and information will be sent to CoNNMO at this time)
- **PGNA has become a champion organisation** for StepUp For Dementia Research, University of Sydney
- A **PGNA Scholarship recipient** attended a 2-day conference in Brisbane April 2019 on the latest updates on mental health illness and health promotion for older persons. A report is in the August Newsletter. Of particular interest to the recipient was the session on "Unconscious Bias" – "we are all guilty of it" – presented by Jane Stanfield.
- Work is continuing to improve PGNA Website: now Members ONLY Area on PGNA Website pgna.org.au

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

- **PGNA 2019 National Conference** – Raise Your Voice – Collaboration working in Older People's Mental Health, Aged and Dementia Care. Multidisciplinary Speakers. Friday 13th September Innovation Campus University Of Wollongong. (Forwarded Flyer 29/8/2019, CoNNMO secretariat).
- Very successful 101 delegates. The promotion and incentive discount to become a member and Conference Delegate increased our membership by double. We also did things differently – putting an add in the Lamp and other places more strategic in advertising, waiting for evaluation (33 so far very positive)
- Importantly we had Free Conference Registration for Nursing Students with 5 Students attending.
- Along with the activities above, the PGNA has been strategically revising our processes and using innovative electronic resources to simplify becoming a members, using contacts lists better to engage with aim to increase membership: 1- early bird members rates, 2- Early bird Conference and combined member rates, 3-Free Conference Registration giveaway etc.

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

- Collaborate with different organisations ie Aged/Gerontology, Dementia Nurses - trying to link with the College of Mental Health Nurses – Older Person's Mental Health Interest group - **still working on this!**

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

- Aged Care Royal Commission – an Update from Annie Butler (Vic ANMF) re the work ANMF has completed - member surveys

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

- Not Sure but happy to explore this – maybe you have contacts with Chief Nurses Mental Health we can contact through your organisation!

Report by:

Marianne Cummins

PGNA President

20th September 2019

on behalf of the PGNA Executive

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Renal Society of Australasia

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

A successful annual conference for 2019 with over 400 delegates in Auckland New Zealand.

A very successful uptake of education via the new WCEA platform with increased member activity in accessing resources related to both renal care and other specialties such as cardiac nursing. This is a significant period of growth for the continuing education needs of our members.

The RSA is working with Kidney Health Australia in the development of a National strategy towards kidney disease inclusive of a common research strategy across the partnership. To align with this we continue to progress 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 alliance and the RSA.

We have successfully partnered with Kidney Diabetes Research Australia to secure funding of \$150,00 over a three year period for nursing research projects.

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. This has now been expanded to include New Zealand.

The RSA journal was released on line for the first time this year, a small print run has been continued for members who opt for a hard copy but these numbers are very small in comparison to our membership.

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

RSA annual conference June 2019 Auckland New Zealand.

RSA annual conference will be held in Melbourne in 2020.

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

Contemporary issues in the nursing workforce and nursing education.

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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