

CoNNMO Meeting – Friday 9th October 2020 Member Reports

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(formerly Nursing Informatics Australia)

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Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation

Australian Women's Health Nurses Australia

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College of Emergency Nursing Australia

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Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia

Flight Nurses Australia

Professional Association of Nurses in Developmental Disability Australia

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Audiometry Nurses Association of Australia Inc.

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

We were unable to hold our annual conference due to Covid-19 but have held the AGM via Skype. We have elected a new committee through our normal election process and plan to hold all meetings via Skype in the future. This has been a huge cost saving to our organisation and business is otherwise carried out as normal. We have encouraged members to link up with webinars for ongoing CPD & education.

Member numbers have dropped slightly but we are encouraging them to keep supporting the organisation as we need to be financial to support future conferences and scholarships. Our Clinical advisors in audiometry will hold a Skype meeting to update them in their supervision of audiometry students. Case studies will be presented via Skype for all of our members to participate in.

Each Local Health District has developed new business rules regarding service delivery. Some hearing clinics were cancelled during the height of Covid, whilst some were just providing a screening service. The plan to provide a service coming out of Covid may also be quite different in each LHD.

We have several student audiometry nurses who are finding it difficult for their practical placement during this time. Limits on numbers in a room and the closure of hearing booths for diagnostic testing has not made the student experience easy.

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

This year's conference was cancelled and hopefully we will be able to hold one next October 2021.

Obviously there will be restrictions in numbers and space, but we hope to continue to provide education and support for our members.

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Australasian Hepatology Association

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

Whilst the AHA and its members have been significantly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, it has been successful in maintaining a stable membership base of around 160 members and has focused on adapting its current operations and educational programs to meet the new requirements of an online platform. It has also provided input and representation on the Australasian HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Medicine (ASHM) national task force on COVID-19 with a number of members participating in this taskforce to inform the workforce on current and best available evidence in a range of domains including the scientific, clinical, health service delivery and social implications of COVID-19.

The AHA has also provided representation and expert hepatology nursing input on a range of national reference groups including and planning committees:

- Hepatitis Virus B Clinical Standards and Accreditation Panel
- Revision of the national hepatitis B virus testing policy
- Revision of the Australasian recommendations for the management of hepatitis C virus infection
- Australasian Viral Hepatitis (ASHM) conference to be held in 2021.
- International Liver Nurses Consortium
- Revision of the ASHM Hepatitis B Nursing Advanced Management and Care

The AHA has continued to develop its collaborative and networking opportunities for its members who are advanced practice or nurse practitioners through its special interest group

The research special interest group has a number of ongoing projects which have been funded by the AHA

The Introduction to the Nursing Care and Management of Patients with Advanced Liver Disease course is being revised for a virtual format and its first delivery will take place in November 2020

Our AGM took place on Wednesday 7th October

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

The biennial conference will take place in late 2021 with details to be forwarded when dates and venue have been finalized

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

It would be extremely useful if members would be willing to present their planning strategies for the post-COVID era including sustainability

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

Practical issues of governance and compliance would be of great interest

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

The AHA is always interested in collaborative projects with other associations

Australasian Institute of Digital Health Nursing and Midwifery (formerly Nursing Informatics Australia)

Name of organisation: New Name 2020

Australasian Institute of Digital Health Nursing and Midwifery – AIDH NaM (formerly NIA)

<https://digitalhealth.org.au/career-building/workforce-development/nurses-and-midwives-framework/>

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

Preparation for the upcoming Digital Health Summit (10-25th November 2020) being delivered both online and at venues where appropriate In Brisbane, Perth, Sydney, Melbourne (on line only), Adelaide. There is a strong Nursing and Midwifery component throughout the Program.

<https://digitalhealth.org.au/institute-summit/>

Preparation for upcoming Webinar on 15 October, 2020: *Innovating Midwifery with Technology*

https://members.digitalhealth.org.au/events/event_list.asp#

Ongoing collaboration with other Nursing and Midwifery organisations in finalising the New Digital Health Capability Framework for Nurses and Midwives

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

The 2020 Nursing Informatics conference was to be held in Brisbane in July in conjunction with NI2020 – the 15th International Congress in Nursing Informatics. This event has now been cancelled due to COVID -19.

NI2020 – the 15th International Congress in Nursing Informatics is now scheduled to occur in Sydney from 21-25 August, 2021. This will be held in conjunction with the Health Informatics Conference at that time.

<https://ni2021.org/>

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?

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

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Australasian Neuroscience Nurses Association (ANNA)

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

- Webinar on patient reported measures held in June
- Webinar on neurological complications of COVID 19 in August
- Webinar on traumatic brain injury rehabilitation: The road to recovery in September
- Movement Disorder Chapter (MDC) Webinars:
 - Medication treatment for Parkinson's disease symptoms
 - Constipation management
 - Tremor assessment and identification
 - Palliative care considerations in Parkinson's disease
 - Neuropsychiatry of movement disorders
- Sydney Neuroscience Symposium to be held on 26th June has been postponed until 12th February.
- Scholarships offered
- Ongoing World Federation Neuroscience Nurses (WFNN) Quadrennial (WFNN) planning despite rescheduling to 2025
- Ongoing mentorship program
- Member recruitment power point presentation developed
- State delegates have been invited and have attended executive meetings on a quarterly basis.
- Working party convened for review of national standards
- Australasian Journal of Neuroscience Nursing (AJON) peer reviewed journal published bi-annually
- Current membership – reminders sent to un financial members (current September 2020)
 - Total - 338
 - Financial - 228
 - Un financial 0 110

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

- Virtual conference will be held on 13 November "The heart of neuroscience nursing". Conference venue scheduled for Rydges Hotel, Melbourne Australia cancelled due to COVID 19. Program includes both invited speakers and abstract submissions for oral and poster presentations. Topics include: Epilepsy, Stroke, Headache, Paediatric neuro trauma
- World Federation Neuroscience Nurses (WFNN) Quadrennial Congress scheduled for 20-23 July 2021 Darwin, Northern Territory has been cancelled and rescheduled for July 2025 due to COVID 19. The decision was made by the WFNN Executive to cancel rather than reschedule to the following year due to unclear ongoing COVID 19 restrictions for overseas guests/registrations.

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

- Initiatives for recruitment and retention of members and member engagement.
- Sponsorship opportunities for webinars.

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

- Identifying and negotiating funding and sponsorship opportunities.

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

- We are happy to be contacted to assist other CoNNMO members if required.

Australasian Sexual Health and HIV Nurses Inc

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

- Australian STI Guidelines review
- ASHM COVID 19 Guidelines
- SPHERE representation re COVID and Sexual and Reproductive Health
- Input into NP prescribing governance for S100's
- New ASHM HIV Guidelines
- Steady member numbers
- Scholarship awards

When is your national conference?

Combined HIV and Sexual Health is virtual – October 20

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Australian and New Zealand Society of Occupational Medicine (ANZSOM)

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

The Nurses strategy working group have been in discussion with Latrobe University School of Nursing and Midwifery to establish a specific graduate course for Occupational Health Nurses.
Established an inaugural award to be presented at our annual scientific meeting for Early Career Occupational Health Nurses.

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

This will be held from 19-22.11.20 as a virtual conference

<https://www.anzsom.org.au/annual-scientific-meeting/asm-2020>

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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. ANZUNS hosted its inaugural education webinar with 78 participants in attendance
2. At the 2020 AGM members voted in favour of moving towards a new incorporated business model, phase 1 of the transition is underway
3. The ANZUNS website has been updated
4. A new award has been offered this year, the ANZUNS Post Graduate Scholarship

When is your national conference?

Our annual conference was due to be held from 7-9 March 2020 in Sydney (held in conjunction with the Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand (USANZ) ASM). It was cancelled at short notice due to coronavirus concerns.

The next conference scheduled to be in Brisbane in March 2021 has also been cancelled. ANZUNS will be delivering an educational webinar series through the next 12 months to meet the professional development needs of members.

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

If there any CoNNMO members who have been involved in the transition from state-based societies to an incorporated model we would be very pleased to share your learnings and hear your advice.

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

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

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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.

Branch meetings continue via Zoom where local COVID-19 restrictions do not allow face to face meetings.

The six established special interest groups are active, except for the Low Resource Countries SIG, which may no longer continue its activities in Papua New Guinea during the pandemic.

The new SIG for neonatal skin is active and another proposed SIG for infant feeding was launched in September. Another SIG for neonatal palliative care is preparing an application for the Executive.

Scholarships and awards continue to be available for members.

The social media committee is active on accounts for Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

When is your national conference?

The ACNN Executive decided to postpone the planned conference in Canberra to September 2021. A virtual conference was held on Thursday 3 September with some of the conference speakers who did not defer to next year, and was well attended with over 200 registrations. The AGM was held online as part of the conference program.

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

None.

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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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.

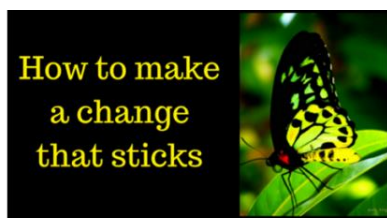
Please provide a written report of approximately 500 words outlining relevant activities for reporting at the CoNNMO member meeting.

Name of organisation: Australian Faith Community Nurses Association Inc.

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

We have a [new online education hub](#): where we have various offerings online for Continuing Professional Development via flexible learning. We are using the 'Teachable' platform accessed via AFCNA's website www.afcna.org.au. New courses on offer include:

- **'Introducing Faith Community Nursing'** – is a FREE online course (1-2 hours) introducing the FCN role.
- **'Boundaries'** - a FREE short course on how set limits and keep boundaries in your practice.
- **'How to make a change that sticks'** - a course to help people make health and life changes and keep them.
- **'Lifelines – a journaling workshop'** - a journaling workshop promoting self-care.
- **'Restoring Balance'** - a course to help nurses avoid compassion fatigue and restore work/life balance.
- **'Foundations of Faith Community Nursing'** course (semester long course) - started 19/7/2020 and ends Dec 2020. This course is the internationally recognised preparation for the FCN role adapted for our region. This course is on-line on a Moodle platform (\$300 members, \$400 others). This is a 16 module course taken over a semester and we have our first 8 students enrolled. This course will be offered annually online and face to face in various configurations once COVID-19 restrictions are eased.



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

To be decided

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?

The area of ethics and freedom of speech in the media especially re social media postings would be useful

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

We have learnt a lot about getting quality CPD courses on-line that may help members

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Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation

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:

COVID-19 response information and resources for nurses and midwives:

- ANMF Evidence Briefs, Guidelines, Fact Sheets, Online Training and Education, FAQ's, media releases and links to regulatory and government resources:

<http://anmf.org.au/campaign/entry/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-members>

Submissions:

- ACSQHC public consultation on the draft National Safety and Quality Digital Mental Health Standards – 28 May 2020
- Australian Government Department of Health Aged care Worker Regulation Scheme Consultation – 26 June 2020
- AHPRA Consultation on the COAG Health Policy Direction 2019-1 through the AHPRA Professions Reference Group – 13 July 2020
- Australian Government Department of Health Review of the Pregnancy Care Guidelines – 17 July 2020
- Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee Inquiry into the Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Financial Transparency) Bill 2020 – 31 July 2020
- ACSQHC public consultation on the draft National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards User Guide for Multi-Purpose Services Aged Care Module – 28 August 2020
- NMBA public consultation on the proposed revised Registration Standard: Recency of Practice – 31 August 2020
- NMBA public consultation on the proposed revised Nurse Practitioner Standards for Practice – 31 August 2020
- Australian Government Department of health National Preventive Strategy public consultation – 28 September 2020
- ACSQHC Quality Use of Medicines and Medicines Safety (10th National Health Priority) – Phase 1: Aged Care Discussion Paper consultation – 2 October 2020
- Skills IQ Enrolled Nursing Draft 2 Validation consultation – 5 October 2020

Committees/forums:

- AHPRA Professions Reference Group
- Australian Digital Health Agency Digital Health Capability Framework for Nurses and Midwives Advisory Group
- Australian Digital Health Agency Workforce and Education Steering Group
- ACRRM National Rural and Remote Digital Innovation Group
- Early Career Nurse and Midwife Working Group
- ACSQHC Health Services Medication Expert Advisory Group
- ACN Postgraduate Scholarships Advisory Group
- ACN Aged Care Scholarships Advisory Group
- Climate and Health Alliance
- National Rural Health Alliance
- National Aged Care Alliance

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- National Ageing Research Institute Best Practice Model of Continence Care in Residential Aged Care Project Advisory Group
 - National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) ILC Project Steering Group
 - Electronic Prescribing Webinar
 - Aged Care Workforce Industry Council
 - Aged Care Worker Regulation Scheme Consultation Forum
 - ANMF Professional Advisory Committee
 - ANMF Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group
 - NMBA Nurse Practitioner Advisory Group
 - ANMAC Review of the Midwife Accreditation Standards
 - Primary Health Care 10 Year Plan Nursing and Midwifery consultation
 - ACSQHC Electronic Medicines Management in Residential Aged Care Roundtables
 - ACSQHC National Clinical Taskforce for the review of the Hospital Acquired Infection Standard
 - Society of Hospital Pharmacists Don't Rush to Crush 4th Edition Editorial Committee
 - Aged Care Providers Webinar on COVID Preparedness and the Hong Kong Experience
 - Australian Council of Trade Unions Aged Care Working Party
 - International Dementia Conference – Care in the Age of Outrage
 - Voluntary Industry Code of Practice consultation
 - Leading Aged Care Services Australia Aged Care COVID-19 Forum
2. National Aged Care Campaign
 3. Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety
 4. 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 2020. The ANMF provides funding support to this national campaign, and promotes to members and other nurses and midwives. In 2020, Anti-Poverty Week will be held from 11-17 October. For more information visit the website: <https://antipovertyweek.org.au/>

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

The ANMF asks CoNNMO members to consider 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?

- COVID-19 response information and resources;
- Professional and industrial issues impacting nurses and midwives and students of nursing and midwifery;
- Involvement in the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife (IYNM) activities.

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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?

- AWHNA Inc. as a non for profit organization, became the *financial trustee for (small) grant monies* allocated to financial members of the organization who lead/coordinate partnership projects, holding the monetary funds for the project.
- Holding our bi monthly meetings via Teleconference for continuity of effective communication, connection, support, peer review, and shared information that is contributing to improving Women's Health Nurse safe clinical and quality practice.
- Completed review and revised Women's Health Nurse Essentials of Care - resource guide (for facilitators). Available to members on AWHNA web site, and on written request by non-members/other organisations
- Participated and contributed to ACSQHC virtual consultation (ThinkPlace digital agency) focus group re Digital technology review for meetings.
- Attended virtual meeting presentation AHPRA and National Boards *Guidelines: Mandatory notifications about registered health practitioners*.

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

- Postponed until 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions. AWHNA will look towards including our conference day/s with our AGM and general meeting day in February (11th & 12th Feb 2021)

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

- Presently none to mind

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

- Presently none to mind

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

- Supporting where women's health is seen as a significant requirement for improvement in nursing practice, 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.
- AWHNA supports and endorses the following SPHERE: *Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health COVID-19 Coalition, Nurse and midwife-led provision of mifepristone and misoprostol for the purposes of early medical abortion: a consensus statement. (Attachment: SRH COVID-19 Coalition Bulletin #7)*

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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 focused on our retaining and growing our membership, increasing our education offerings and reshaping our governance structure as a result of the induction of four new Board members.

Key activities undertaken:

- The introduction of a 3 month trial membership from 1 July – 30 September, which saw 333 nurses trial CNSA (approx. 20% of our membership base)
- The coordination of nearly 20 webinars (1 per week) on a variety of practical and clinical topics
- The highest membership retention rate in 5 years (up nearly 20% on 2019)
- The induction of four new Board members who bring with them a wealth of experience and unrivalled enthusiasm
- The reshaping of our Board portfolios to enable stronger involvement in key areas such as Research, Education and Professional Practice, and create better succession planning
- The implementation of a new CPD mobile app to allow members to access global education on the go from their mobile and tablet devices
- The creation of two new Specialist Practice Networks focused on GU Cancer and Older Persons with Cancer, with exploration of a further two providing networks and sharing of resources for Nurse Managers and Nurse Educators
- The publication of our [Annual Report](#) and the holding of our AGM which included two special resolutions to make constitutional changes

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

Our next Annual Congress will be held from 17-19 June 2021 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:

- 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
- How CoNNMO member organisations can work together to gain enhanced data on the nursing workforce by specialty area
- 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.
- How we can engage with other organisations in terms of advocacy, policy and education to share the load and increase relevance
- How to engage with the next generation to increase membership?

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.

COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY NURSING AUSTRALASIA (CENA)

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

CENA Board have been progressing a change to our governance structure, moving to a skills-based board, with support from our members at the October 2019 AGM. This will be presented for ratification at the online AGM on 14th October 2020.

Engagement with the National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce:

- Steering Committee
- Clinical Guidelines Leadership Group
- Critical Care panel
- Paediatric panel

Collaboration with ACEM, Ambulance Victoria and Safer Care Victoria in the Emergency Medicine Community of Practice, a fortnightly meeting for all emergency workers. Key invited guests to date include:

- Dr Andrew Wilson, Chief Medical Officer, Safer Care Victoria discussing health worker infections,
- Dr Peter Cameron, Clinical Network Lead, Emergency Care Clinical Network (ECCN, describing COVID-19 Victorian governance)
- Professor Brett Sutton, Victoria's Chief Health Officer, Overview of lockdown and next steps
- Anna Love, Chief Mental Health Nurse (Victoria) and Dr Jenny Babb, Deputy Chief Psychiatrist (Victoria), discussing What we are doing about mental health during the pandemic
- Professor Ewan Wallace, Deputy Secretary, Community Engagement & Testing Commander, discussing contact tracing
- Professor David Watters, Former President of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and member of COVID-19 Perioperative Expert Working Group, discussing return of elective surgery
- Professor Paul Johnson, Deputy Director Department of Infectious Diseases, Austin Health, discussing the management of infection risk in high risk environments

Membership continues to grow in 2020, with an average of 9 new members joining per week

Moved to a new association management company, which has improved communication to members. Change to LMS and website have all streamlined the access to education and resources.

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

The International Conference for Emergency Nurses (ICEN) was scheduled on the Gold Coast in October 2020 but has been postponed due to COVID-19.

Our next national conference will now be October 2021 in Perth, and we will return to the Gold Coast for our 20th ICEN in 2022.

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

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?

Would love to hear what other Colleges are doing to grow their membership,

Lobbying / advocacy at government level.

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CoNNMO Member Meeting Report – October 2020

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:

CRANApplus

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

- Launch of our new strategic plan for 2020-2025
- Delivery of a suite of on-line educational webinars to support remote and isolated nurses and midwives during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Launch of refreshed and revised eRemote modules
- Support of the rural and remote workforce through our Bush Support Services 24/7 telephone counselling line
- Commencement of a new project: Mental Health Training for Health Professional in Drought and Bushfire affected areas. Resources and details of our workshops are available on our website.
- Advocacy and representation of the remote and isolated workforce at various national forums with significant focus on the COVID-19 pandemic

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

Cancelled for this year.

Annual awards – currently in process, winners to be announced in November.

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

- Promotion of education activities & resources
- Promotion of Bush Support Services

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?

- Please reach out to CRANApplus

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Name of organisation: Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia

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

- Participated in the AOD Coalition working group, in order to develop a sector position on AOD workforce capability and capacity.
- Launch of the DANA Springtime webinar series: #1 *Depot Buprenorphine - the Nurse Practitioner Perspective*.
- The DANA Standards and Competencies sub-committee was re-convened to review the DANA Standards and Competencies for AOD nurses.
- The DANA Executive team completed media training with Dr Neryl East.
- Conclusion of DANA's research: *Workforce 2020: Mapping the alcohol and other drug (AOD) nursing workforce in Australia and New Zealand* (Executive summary attached).
- Development and launch of DANA's position statement: *Recruitment and Selection of Drug and Alcohol Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Practitioner Candidates, Transitional Nurse Practitioners and Drug and Alcohol Nurses*
- Ethics approval received from Deakin University for DANA to undertake two new research projects:
 - COVID19: The impact on drug and alcohol nurses and
 - Exploring models of care in the Drug and Alcohol Nurse Practitioner (NP) workforce
- Submissions:
 - Development of the 'National Preventive Health Strategy.'
 - Contribution to 'Guidance for the delivery of medication assisted treatment of opioid dependence in response to COVID19: a national response'.
 - Policy and Funding Needs in the Alcohol and other Drug Sector in Response to COVID-19. A submission from a coalition of Australian alcohol and other drug services June 2020.
 - Submission to the Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs Inquiry into Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence.
 - Proposed revision to the Nurse Practitioner standards for practice.
 - Recency of Practice Standard.

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

- DANA's 2020 conference was postponed until August 2021.
- The DANA AGM was held using zoom on August 14th 2020.
- Mr Darren Smyth stepped down as President. Dr Adam Searby was elected president.

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

- How to access Commonwealth Department of Health grants for nursing conferences.

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

- Outcome of the DANA Workforce 2020 Research project and plans for future research.
- Issues around becoming a charity.

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

Further to the presentation of the DANA Workforce Development 2020 Research Project to CNSA in March, if other CoNNMO groups are interested in knowing more about this project let us know (dana.mail2access@gmail.com).

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Flight Nurses Australia

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

Focus on monthly newsletter becoming the main communication/engagement to members during the COVID 19 pandemic
Continued active social media presence with 2200+ followers on Facebook and Instagram
Establishment of education sessions available to members via Zoom
Review and update of Flight nursing standards
Review and update of website for membership payment
Paid administrative support to assist executive members
AGM and Strategic meeting held in September via Zoom
Announcement/Presentation of Life long membership recipient at AGM

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

2020 Aeromedical conference postponed until Sept 2021 (Auckland NZ). Next ASA/FNA conference will be in 2022 – date to be confirmed.

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

No thanks

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?

Nil identified.

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PANDDA

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

In 2017, PANDDA funded a 3-year project aimed at redeveloping the PANDDA practice standards for IDD nursing, consisting of three phases. Phase 1 consisted of literature reviews and interviews with nurses who work with people with IDD; Phase 2 was a national survey of nurses whose primary role was working with people with IDD; and Phase 3, the subject of this study, is to re-write the PANDDA standards. The new practice standards will be ready for launching at the November conference and this will produce an NDIS- ready document that informs the public about what to expect from nurses whose specialty area of practice is to work with people with intellectual and developmental disability.

PANDDA submitted an issues paper to Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability - Health care for people with cognitive disability. The issues paper was well-received by the Commission and is available on the Commission's website. Lawyers for the Royal Commission recognised nurse education as a topic of interest, following public hearings in Sydney that looked at health care and services for people with disability. Education and training of health professionals was a key theme that arose from the evidence of a number of witnesses and therefore, PANDDA's evidenced-based submission was timely and welcomed. The Royal Commission is also keen to receive everyone's experiences, views and insights that will give direction to the inquiry and has made further contact

PANDDA is a key consortia partner along with the College of Critical Care Nurses, the Australian Primary Health Nurses Association, the College of Emergency Nurses, and the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation. In a \$1.2 million national project is aiming to build the capacity of nurses in Australia to provide quality accessible care to people with intellectual disability and/or autism in mainstream health services. The project received funding earlier this year from the first round of the National Disability Insurance Scheme's (NDIS) Mainstream Capacity Building Program grants, with more than \$35 million awarded to 28 organisations to carry out projects that lead to practice change in the delivery of mainstream services and more inclusive approaches for people with disability.

PANDDA has made a submission to a review of the Ageing and Disability Commissioner Act 2019 where we argued that nurses should be included as a health professional who can support the execution of search warrants in cases of neglect or abuse of vulnerable adults living in care settings

PANDDA is running regular CPD webinars at a small cost to non-members. Topics to date include CPR and basic life support for everyone, Considering Restrictive Practices, research and evidence, NDIS and Diabetes Care, Urinary Catheter Care and Problem Solving. The next webinar is on 13th October and the topic is Men's Sheds: Mentoring Programs for Unemployed Young Males with Intellectual Disability. Information is on PANDDA website. pandda.net

When is your national conference?

The 2020 conference is a one-day event to be held on the Monday 23rd November (adjusted due to COVID19). The year's Conference Theme is: 2020 Vision: Wellness & Health...character, ethics and integrity in developmental/Intellectual disability. This theme reflects the momentous changes occurring for people with disabilities and their families in Australia. The National Disability Insurance Scheme has led to significant changes in the way support and health care services are organised and delivered for individuals. This in turns offers opportunities for nurses and nursing in developmental/intellectual disability.

The Conference will be held at Novotel Parramatta for delegates and Speakers who are able to travel can attend in person. Where travel is not possible attendance will be Virtual with the Conference being Live Streamed. For those attending, the Novotel and PANDDA have developed a COVID safe plan

There is no call for abstracts this year but in line with the International Year of the Nurse we will have 2 international nurses presenting via live stream. These presenters are Professor Owen Barr from Ireland and Dr Melissa Desroches from the USA. Other Speakers include: Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward Canberra Australian College of Nursing, Tracy Wright Executive Manager: NSW The Disability Trust, The Standards Project Team: Western Sydney University & PANDDA Joint Project. The finalised 2020 PANDDA STANDARDS will also be launched at the Conference. Conference information is available at www.pandda.net/conference/index.html

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

Promoting membership, conference attendance and webinars