

CoNNMO Meeting – Friday 29 October 2021 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?

- Quarterly committee meetings via Zoom
- Updated Clinical Practice Standards for Audiometry Nursing- distributed to all members
- Updates to our website
- Input into Audiology Australia- Tele-health guidelines
- Audiometry Workshops to be organised in Local Health Districts for nurses.
- Membership is steady even though several retirements.
- Audiometry Nursing course- held at Australian College of Nursing is still attracting students. This has been difficult to get clinical placements during the Covid lockdown where many hearing clinics have been closed & staff redeployed.
- Many audiometry nurses were redeployed several months ago to Covid care teams or immunisation teams. Clinics closed & waiting lists for hearing testing has increased considerably.
- Recently held AGM- committee positions changed. President is now Purna Sweetman, Vice President- Tracy Hawes. Updates will be on our website shortly.

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

Annual conference was cancelled again for October 2021 due to Covid 19 restrictions in regional areas. Postponed until next year where it will be held in Tamworth.

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Australasian Hepatology Association (AHA)

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

The activities of the AHA include, but are certainly not limited to, conference coordination, education delivery, and preparation of 2021-2024 Strategic Plan launch, working group and special interest group activities, sponsorship liaison, grant delivery, hosting round table industry discussion around matters of interest/concern and strengthening national and international partnerships. The AHA Board is committed to providing increased opportunity for members to be involved in organisational activities and projects. To achieve this, three new Working Groups have been established for professional activity during 2021, providing a variety of opportunity for member involvement - Strategic Plan Update 2021 Working Group; the AHA Communications 2021 Working Group and the AHA Conference 2021 Working Group. It was Hepatitis Awareness Day on the 28th July 2021 and the AHA hosted a really successful Virtual Breakfast Webinar event for members, friends and all nurses across the sector. The AHA Strategic Plan for 2021-2024 has been completed and due to be launched on the 5/11/21 at the AHA Conference (details below). This was greatly assisted by the AHA members completing a carefully generated survey around where the AHA members want to see the organisation heading. The AHA has contributed to the 9th International Conference on hepatitis Care in Substance Users (INHSU) (Oct 13th-15th 2021) through collaboration with Canadian and Australian nursing colleagues to formulate a purely nursing event within the conference program. It's titled 'Don't you know there's a pandemic on? ... How nurses are striving for HCV elimination in the time of COVID'. The AHA has been able to offer its members information and access to an application for a 2022 Gilead Research Fellowship Grants program which is a funding initiative that supports the development, exploration and implementation of best practice in enhancing patient outcomes in the specific disease areas, including of chronic viral hepatitis

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

The Biennial AHA is obviously a virtual event this year. It will be occurring 4th and 5th November 2021 and Early Bird registrations close 14th October.

The conference theme is "Continuing Connections in Hepatology" despite how disconnected we may all feel at the moment. The program content is broad and has something for everyone who is interested in all things Hepatology; from viral hepatitis, advanced liver disease, hepatocellular carcinoma management and care, paediatric Hepatology, palliative care of the liver patient and fatty liver disease. There are some great abstract presentations on nurse led models of care and even a Hepatology Zoom Trivia quiz at the end.

Please see the following link for registration: <https://www.hepatologyassociation.com.au/education/2021-conference/>

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

If this is part of CoNNMO's Brief - Social media assistance – please like us on Facebook ☺

<https://www.facebook.com/Australasian-Hepatology-Association-AHA-267273713396676/>

Please follow us on Twitter – twitter.com/@aus_hep

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?

Please let the AHA know if we can like and share any other CoNNMO organisation's social media information and help promote all of the great nursing organisations.

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Australasian Institute of Digital Health - Nursing and Midwifery Community of Practice

Name of organisation:

Australasian Institute of Digital Health - Nursing and Midwifery Community of Practice – AIDH N.M (formerly NIA)
<https://digitalhealth.org.au/communities-of-practice/nursing-and-midwifery/>

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

- NI 2021 Nursing Informatics International Congress - *Nurses and Midwives in the Digital Age*
 - Held online 23 August to 2 September 2021
 - Hosted by Australia with 326 Registrations from 26 countries.
- Established regular discussion forum activity with a different digital health theme each month to increase nursing and midwifery awareness of digital health issues.
 - Recent topics included: September - Virtual Care, October - Biotechnologies
- Successful election of new committee members to NM Community of Practice in October
- National Nursing and Midwifery Digital Health Capability Framework released by ADHA in October 2020
https://www.digitalhealth.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-11/National_Nursing_and_Midwifery_Digital_Health_Capability_Framework_publication.pdf

AIDH has continued working with ADHA in early 2021 to develop an Action Plan for implementation for the Framework. This Plan is yet to be released by ADHA. AIDH will continue to work closely with ADHA on digital health workforce initiatives related to the Action Plan.

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

Digital Health Institute Summit
21-22 February 2022 – Melbourne and online
3 - 4 March 2022 – Virtual Showcase
<https://digitalhealth.org.au/institute-summit/>

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 series held quarterly with 30-40 participants
- Movement Disorder Chapter (MDC) Webinars held 2nd monthly
- Sydney Neuroscience Symposium to be held virtually on 12th February.
- Scholarships offered
- Ongoing World Federation Neuroscience Nurses (WFNN) Quadrennial (WFNN) planning despite rescheduling to 2025
- Ongoing mentorship program planning
- Member recruitment power point presentation
- State delegates attending executive meetings on a quarterly basis.
- Working party for review of national standards, document in final draft for comment
- Australasian Journal of Neuroscience Nursing (AJON) peer reviewed journal published bi-annually
- Current membership – reminders sent to unfinancial members (current September 2021)

Total - 413

Un financial (outstanding) 114

Average new members per month - 10 - 14

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

- Virtual conference will be held on 11-12th November “Localised Connections”. Program includes both invited speakers and abstract submissions for oral and poster presentations. The first day is based on movement disorder topics and the second day broad neuroscience topics. Registrants have the option of attending either one or both days. Topics include:

Neuro vascular

Posterior fossa tumours

Traumatic brain injury

Guillan Barre

Stroke

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.

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CoNNMO Member Meeting Report– Australasian Rehabilitation Nurses' Association (ARNA) October 2021

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Name of organisation: Australasian Rehabilitation Nurses' Association (ARNA)

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

Since the end of 2020, the ARNA Board has progressed transition from an Incorporated Association to a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG) structure

Monthly Board meetings with discussion / decision making informed by Chapter Members feedback

Collaboration with interested members in both New Zealand (NZ) and Western Australia (WA) to progress formation of ARNA Chapters

Research and Education Scholarships

Key Sub Committees have been established within the organisation to encourage members participation with activities focusing on research, education, finance and strategic initiatives.

New programs of ARNA webinars, Mini Webinars and Journal Club to provided members networking and continuing professional development opportunities

Addition of ARNA specific content to the ARNA Education Portal in collaboration with the World Continuing Education Alliance (WCEA)

Continued representation

After planning a 'hybrid' 29th ARNA National Conference this year, the ARNA Board made the difficult decision to flip to a fully virtual conference on Sept 9th and 10th September 2021. With the theme "Rehabilitation in Nursing: exploring the possibilities" delegates agreed this provided much needed opportunities for professional networking and to share the unique contribution nurses make in delivering rehabilitative care.

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

31st ARNA National Conference 2022

Adelaide, October 2022.

This is a general date claimer with more specific information to be announced via our ARNA website, Newsletters and social media accounts very soon.

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 rehabilitation nursing and specialty practice of rehabilitation nursing issues in professional practice.

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?

Not at this time

Alison New

ARNA CoNNMO Representative

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Name of organisation: Australasian Sexual Health and HIV Nurses Assn Inc (ASHHNA)

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

- Very enthusiastic executive committee
- Promotion of speciality has led to increase in member numbers
- STI and HIV joint conference via Zoom in September very successful
- Scholarship program going well
- Membership numbers currently:
- Members continue to represent on committees for both HIV and Sexual and Reproductive Health Nursing
- Updated version of competency standards sent to members
- AGM 18.10.21
- Newsletter
- COVID: Many of our members have been seconded for contact tracing

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

As above the Joint Sexual Health and HIV Conference was held by Zoom in September 21.

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?

Presentation by SPHERE – NHMRC funded Coalition looking at Sexual and Reproductive health topics such as nurse led clinics and Long acting reversible contraceptive use

Are there any issues that you or your organisation may be able to assist other CoNNMO members with?
No

Joanne Perks
22.10.21

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Name of organisation:

Australia and New Zealand Urological Nurses Society (ANZUNS)

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

1. ANZUNS has been hosting educational webinars in lieu of face to face meetings
2. ANZUNS continues to progress towards a new incorporated business model

When is your national conference?

Our annual conference, due to be held in Brisbane in March 2021 but was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. However, an educational forum was held (virtual) in October, in collaboration with the Australian and New Zealand Urogenital Clinical Trial Annual Scientific Meeting.

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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Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nurses

Membership: Combined membership groups (Full, Life, Retired, Associate, Commercial, Student and Affiliate) is 640

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

Our focus has been the AASTN website upgrade. Hoping it will be ready in early 2022

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

AASTN is partnering with the New Zealand Nurses Association to hold a concurrent symposia with the Tripartite Colorectal Surgeons (Australia and New Zealand, UK and USA) in Auckland February 21st to 24th 2022. This will be a hybrid conference for both face to face and virtual registrants. Registration is now open

www.tripartite2022.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?

The AASTN would appreciate a speaker on insurance needs for nursing associations. I think many associations may not have the appropriate cover. We are also having issues regarding getting correct written information on our state branches being covered. Knowing our rights and responsibilities would be great.

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

No

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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 steady membership base of over 900, including a few students. We have moved to offering membership renewal rates for up to 5 years and this has been taken up by a proportion of members. The NSW and Queensland Branches have conducted membership drives in their states, and a national membership drive took place during May.

Meetings for Branches, Special Interest Groups and the Executive continue via Zoom where COVID-19 restrictions do not allow face to face meetings. Only the Queensland and South Australian Branches have held in-person events recently.

The new SIGs for neonatal skin and for infant feeding completed their first year of operation and have been granted ongoing status by the Executive. ACNN now has 8 SIGs, for Education, Research, Neonatal Nurse Practitioners, Low Resource Countries, Leadership, Neurodevelopmental Care, Neonatal Skin, and Infant Feeding.

The SIGs are active, except for the Low Resource Countries SIG, which may no longer continue its activities in Papua New Guinea during the pandemic. However, they continue to work on other activities such as educational tools, in collaboration with Taking Paediatrics Abroad, an NFP organisation. SIGs continue to host Zoom seminars with presentations focussing on their area of interest and these are popular with members.

Scholarships and awards continue to be available for members. Assessment times have been adjusted to be more applicable to the types of applications, for example those that relate to enrolment in education programs.

The social media committee is active on accounts for Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. This activity is important for raising the profile of ACNN.

Professional Officer Dr Linda Ng completed her term and we are pleased to announce the new Professional Officer is Professor Denise Harrison. We thank Linda for her contributions and welcome Denise, a former ACNN President who returned from a long stay in Canada and is based at Melbourne University.

When is your national conference?

ACNN had hoped to hold the annual conference that had been deferred from last year, in Canberra 8 to 10 September 2021. However, we were defeated by COVID-19 restrictions from the outbreak of the Delta strain. The online conference was held successfully in September with good attendance and feedback. Next year the Annual Conference is to be held in Coffs Harbour in September, celebrating 30 years for ACNN. We were successful in receiving some funding for this event from the NSW Government.

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 but happy to respond to enquiries.

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Name of organisation:

Australian College of Nurse Practitioners

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

Our main focus, like many of the CoNNMO members, has been on ensuring our workforce is able to contribute positively to the COVID vaccine rollout. As many of you may be aware, there were issues where nurse practitioners in private practice were blocked from administering vaccines, despite having the legal authority to prescribe it. We have had some minor progress, but the issue is still not resolved fully. Our concern of course is for people in rural and remote areas and other marginalised or vulnerable populations that nurses and nurse practitioners are willing and able to provide access to. Most recently our efforts have been focused on working with RFDS.

We have had the first meeting now of the nurse practitioner steering committee as set up by the Minister for Health following our collective visit to him earlier this year. We hope that with the second meeting coming up soon we get some implemented and positive changes as a result of this collective effort, unlike past experiences which have had no result, including the MBS review.

Operationally ACNP has continued to expand our team with our new events manager joining us, and one of our key team members being promoted to operations manager.

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

The ACNP National Conference will be hosted in Sydney, at the Novotel in Brighton Beach from the 13-15 October 2022. We are planning an very positive theme for this conference, moving on from our fun with our superhero theme earlier in 2021.

We also have Nurse Practitioner week running from 6-12 December, with the 'Kickstart the conversation' challenge, encouraging everyone to have 10 conversations during NP week each, with colleagues, patients and friends about what nurse practitioners can do. In fact, why wait, we are encouraging everyone to start now!

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

Keep up the great work, keep collaborating with each other, keep the conversations going.

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

Nurse Led and private practice models of care

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

We can help smaller organisations with admin support and guidance

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CoNNMO Member Meeting Report Template

Name of organisation: The Australian College of Nursing (ACN)

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

ACN has undertaken a number of significant activities in the last six months, including:

- Facilitating the National Nursing Workforce Summit, held virtually on 14 October. The Summit addressed key issues facing the nursing workforce, particularly in light of COVID-19. Recommendations were presented to the Minister for Health and Aged Care, the Hon Greg Hunt MP (summary of recommendations attached).
- Partnering with other leading climate and health organisations on the *MJA Lancet Countdown Policy Brief: Australia increasingly out on a limb*. (Policy Brief attached).
- Launching the Reimagining the Community and Primary Health Care System White Paper during Nursing in the Community Week (September 2021). The paper was launched by the Hon Dr David Gillespie, Minister for Regional Health (White Paper attached).

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

The National Nursing Forum (NNF) is ACN's signature annual leadership and educational event bringing together nurses, students and other health professionals from around the country and across the globe. The virtual NNF took place between Tuesday 26 October and Thursday 28 October. It was originally due to be held Wednesday 18 – Friday 20 August 2021 at the National Convention Centre in Canberra but was postponed and moved to a virtual format due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The theme for the NNF was 'Champions of Change' a theme explored in the keynote plenary sessions and throughout the program.

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

Consistent with our recent priorities, ACN would welcome support from other CoNNMO members to further advance our advocacy to:

- Improve utilisation of and sustainability of the nursing workforce,
- Ensure the primary objective of the new Aged Care Act is to provide high-quality and safe care for every older person in Australia
- Support nurses to lead emissions reduction and climate action at the individual, workplace, community and government level

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

As above.

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

Not specifically, though ACN would be happy to assist or collaborate with other organisations where requested.

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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 updated website: www.afcna.org.au with new teaching platform
- We have graduated 5 new students in the Foundations of Faith Community Nursing which is an online 6 month course that is the baseline preparation for the FCN role

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

Participating in planning for international conference in 2022 in USA

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

Not at this point

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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:

- Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Healthcare discussion paper on the National Opioid Analgesic Stewardship Program – 4 June 2021
- Primary Health Reform Steering Group draft recommendations for the Australian Government's Primary Health Care 10 Year Plan – 27 July 2021
- Commonwealth Government Serious Incident Response Scheme for In-Home Aged Care Services Consultation – 13 August 2021
- Independent and Peaceful Australia Network (IPAN) Inquiry into the Costs and Consequences of Australia's involvement in US led wars and the US Alliance – 16 August 2021
- Australian Government Department of Health Aged Care Quality Standards review – 16 September 2021
- Australian Government National Mental Health Workforce Strategy 2021-2031 – 30 September 2021
- Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care consultation for the review of quality use of medicines publications: Guiding principles for medication management in residential aged care facilities – 5 October 2021
- Australian Government Department of Health Review of the National Medicines Policy – 8 October 2021

New policies, position statements and factsheets developed

- Position statement – [Specialising in clinical care settings](#)
- Position statement – [Sex, Sexuality and Gender Diversity](#)
- [Registration Renewal Fact Sheet 1 – Exposure-prone procedures](#)
- [Registration Renewal Fact Sheet 2 – Withdrawn or restricted right to practise](#)

Committees/forums:

- ACSQHC Health Services Medication Expert Advisory Group
- ACSQHC National Quality Use of Medicines publications Project Advisory Group
- ACSQHC Neural Connector Device Working Group
- ACTU Climate Action Group Meeting
- Ahpra Professions Reference Group
- ANMAC Strategic Accreditation Advisory Committee
- ANMF Professional Advisory Committee
- ANMF Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group
- Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists Industry Reference Group
- Australian Digital Health Agency Aged Care Advisory Group
- Australian Digital Health Agency National Digital Capability Action Plan Project Steering Group

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- Australian Government Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities (CALD) COVID-19 Vaccine Roundtable with Health Practitioners
- Australasian Institute of Digital Health Advisory Group for the National Nursing and Midwifery Digital Health Capability Framework Project
- Climate and Health Alliance
- Commonwealth Department of Health Vaccine Briefings
- Department of Veterans Affairs Health Providers Partnership Forum
- Early Career Nurse and Midwife Working Group
- National Aged Care Alliance
- National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) ILC Project Steering Group
- National Rural Health Alliance
- National Skills Commission's Care Workforce Labour Market Study review
- Participating Midwives Implementation Liaison Group
- ACRRM Rural and Remote Digital Innovation Group
- Society of Hospital Pharmacists Don't Rush to Crush 4th Edition Editorial Committee
- Thrive By Five Campaign by the Minderoo Foundation

2. National Aged Care Campaign
3. Response to recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety
4. CoNNMO Secretariat and Operations
5. National Digital Health in Aged Care project funded by the Australian Digital Health Agency

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>

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.

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Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association (APNA)

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

- Representation on the steering committee for PHC 10 Year plan (second consultation in progress)
- Representation Nurse Practitioner Workforce Strategy (10-year plan for Nurse Practitioner-led models of care) and the ten-year Nursing strategy
- Representation Department of Health COVID weekly teleconferences
- Nursing Australia Week 22- 26 November 2021 <https://www.apna.asn.au/education/nursing-australia-podcast/nursing-australia-week>
- NSW surge workforce assistance with placement of 70 nurses on the ground predominantly in western NSW in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health services
- Supporting PHCN with COVID and vaccine roll out
- Transition to Practice Programs retention rate of 89.2% across 3 tranches and 100% for Tranche 4 building on the learnings and looking to the future
- Covid Pulse check August 2021
 - 79% of Primary Health Care (PHC) nurses report providing education to patients on potential side effects and 90% report addressing patient concerns and COVID vaccine hesitancy.
 - 86% of respondents are either very confident or confident in providing general education to patients about the COVID vaccine
 - Almost 30% of primary health care nurses report not working to their full scope of practice. This figure has increased by almost 10% from the data reported in April 2021.
 - Chronic Disease Management: Almost half of respondents are currently undertaking less chronic disease and health ageing management activity in August compared to May 2021
 - Preventative Health Screening: Almost half of respondents are currently undertaking less preventative health and screening activities in August compared to May 2021
 - Almost 1 in 5 respondents intend to cease working as a nurse, in their current primary health care setting, in the next 2-5 years.
 - When respondents were asked where they have considered moving to, the most common response was retirement (24%), followed by non-nursing roles (15.6%) and state/territory health department COVID-19 vaccine roll-out settings (15.6%).
 - Common reasons for intention to leave their current position included increased workload, lack of recognition and pay and conditions.

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

- APNA Conference Roadshow February & March 2022 <https://www.apna.asn.au/education/roadshow>

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

- Promulgation of the primary health care nursing workforce APNA workforce survey – November 2021(MOU AIHW) APNA can share the data findings with CoNNMO members

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

- Educating Nurse of the Future report response and recommendations discussion

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

- Refreshing you or your nursing workforce by logging onto Nursing Australia Week 22- 26 November 2021 <https://www.apna.asn.au/education/nursing-australia-podcast/nursing-australia-week>

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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 partnership with SPHERE and AusCAPPS research, our expert representative continues to attend Virtual meetings and is on the panel network working group.
- Supported letter related to National Women's Safety Summit – 80/80 in 2031
- Supporting and disseminating of Women's Health Nurse advertised positions across our email membership network
- Executive member working with Cancer Institute working group to assist with setting meaningful KPI's as percentages for the continuation of funding for Cervical Screening in NSW
- Providing regular mental and professional support to members during COVID-19 restrictions and lockdowns
- Planning 2022 Professional development

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

- Planning for 2022 underway with pending dates in February and details to be confirmed
- Plan for two (2) option pathways – Face to face or Virtual
- Virtual program flyer to follow when topics and presenters confirmed.

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

- Share promoting AWHNA professional development events, on member's website will be kindly appreciated.
- Concerns with regrading of CNC positions to CNS and potential for further regrading down with loss of these higher grade positions all together. What is CoNNMO's position with helping to protect higher grade nursing positions?

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

- *'Nurse of the Future'* an update of what has/is being successfully implemented.

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.

Compiled By

Anne

Anne Smart, President Australian Womens Health Nurse Association Inc

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

Name of organisation:

CRANApplus

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

- CRANApplus course schedule for 2022 has been released through to June 2022.
- CRANApplus flagship face to face courses REC (Remote Emergency Care) and MEC (Maternity Emergency Care) have been delivered in a hybrid model when F2F courses have been impacted by the ongoing pandemic.
- The Mental Health and Wellbeing team continue to successfully deliver virtual workshops, supporting resilience in the rural and remote workforce
- CRANApplus' membership continues to grow, along with professional support and advocacy on behalf of the remote and isolated health workforce

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

The CRANApplus virtual symposium was held in September 2021 with diverse and inspiring key note speakers and industry presenters. This was a very successful event with a high level of engagement from the sector. Feedback was very positive, and planning is now underway for the 2022 conference.

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

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

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

Promotion of the Bush Support Line and Mental Health and Wellbeing resources we have available for the rural and remote workforce and their families.

<https://crana.org.au/mental-health-wellbeing/overview>

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25th October 2021

CoNNMO report

CoNSA members continue to work in trying conditions with many members reporting that their services and staff have been disrupted by the demands of COVID outbreaks with staff redeployment and increasing use of telehealth for consumer care. There have been many adaptations made by members to address the challenges of providing appropriate assessment including physical examination and person-centered care in times of crisis. A learning experience for everyone and hopefully we are all moving towards a new normal.

CoNSA National has continued to conduct its business via remote platforms. At State level this has meant on-line webinars for education for members. Both the National Conference on Incontinence (NCOI) and the International Continence Society (ICS) annual meeting, which was hosted by Melbourne had to move to an on-line format.

Highlights from the ICS meeting were a strong Australian Nursing representation in the nursing forum, with three outstanding speakers: Ms Elizabeth Watt, Ms Janie Thompson and Dr Joan Ostaskiewicz, who was also an invited key note speaker at the conference. The nursing forum showcased Australian continence nursing care, aptly titled Professional Issues in Continence Nursing Policy, Education and Practice. The topics addressed were: 1. Development and Evaluation of Practice Standards for Australian Nurse Continence Specialists (NCS) 2. The Role of a NCS within the context of a Telephone Advisory Service and 3. Principles of Practice for Continence Care in Nursing Homes. The topics were of great interest and well received by international as well as local delegates. In addition, Joan's key note presentation was titled: The Art and Science of Continence Caregiving, outlining a new paradigm in continence nursing care within the Aged Care Sector and it was a great honour that Joan was asked to take this role.

CoNSA have this year completed a review of the Practice Standards for Nurse Continence Specialists and I am pleased to report that the process showed that the standards are still relevant and utilised by members. The new version will be available on our new website at www.consa.org.au and are free to download. We are proud of the work that has gone into ensuring that our members have relevant guidelines upon which to evaluate their role and practice.

On another note, I would like to extend congratulations to Queensland member Julie Westaway, who has been nominated in the Health Minister's Award for Nursing Trailblazers. You can read more about Julie and her wonderful work to change the lives of those she provides care to here: <https://www.acn.edu.au/nursing-trailblazers>. The National Committee wishes Julie all the best for the awards announcement at 9.20am EST on 26th October, 2021. Julie would be a very worthy winner and we will be cheering for her.

Finally, CoNSA has undertaken a project to unify our state branches into one National organisation. This will provide streamlined operations and improve value for members with access to educational opportunities via a National education plan and to continue to represent the interests of our members with National and International peak bodies. We are moving towards the final stages of the process and are confident that we have proposed an operational model our members will be support.

Our AGM will be held on the 1st December at which time the new Constitution will be voted on by members. We will again include an educational component to our AGM via zoom.

Thanking you

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joanne Dean', with a stylized, cursive script.

Joanne Dean
CoNSA National President

Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia

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

Continuation of the webinar program:

1. Start Living on your own terms: A webinar for nurse practitioners and nurses interested in private practice
2. How can nurses and midwives perform at our best when we are not at our best? (Nursing and Midwifery Health Program Victoria / Nurse & Midwife Support)
3. Standards driven; Competency focused

New or revised DANA publications:

1. Private Practice Information for Australian D&A Nurse Practitioners **new**
2. Specialist Nursing Standards and Competencies for Drug and Alcohol Nurses **revised**
3. The impact of COVID-19 on alcohol and other drug nurses' provision of care: A qualitative descriptive study
new

Other publications

1. Provided a chapter, 'The Role of Nursing in Addictive Disorders' to the 3rd edition of 'Addiction Medicine' OUP.

Other

1. AGM held September 2021
2. Organised a bundled membership package with [APSAD](#) as a special DANA member benefit
3. Introduced corporate packages for organisations employing nurses
4. Appointed a new casual project officer to focus on workforce issues.

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

1. August 2021 Adelaide (postponed)
2. Brisbane 7th November (cancelled)
3. ACT Forum August 2021 (postponed), October 2021 (Postponed), [re-scheduled for 25.2.2021](#)
4. August 2022 Adelaide

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Our ongoing national workforce research e.g. the impact of stress and alcohol consumption among Australian nurses.

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Flight Nurses Australia Incorporated

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

Annual General Meeting held in September 2021 via Zoom with good attendance and all positions filled on the committee. The new President is Ms Colleen Reid from RFDS Western Australia
We have held two Webinars and another being planned for November on Mass Casualty Incidents.
The Kaye Melmeth Scholarship was awarded to a member.
The FNA newsletter was sent monthly to all members.
FNA standards were reviewed and accepted by the Committee.
We are currently reviewing the Rules of our association.

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

The 2021 ASA FNA Conference was planned to be held in New Zealand however was cancelled due to COVID-19 border restrictions. A conference has been rescheduled for August 2022 in Brisbane.

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

To learn how other CoNNMO members engaged and maintained members during the Pandemic.

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

We would be interested to learn how other Nursing and Midwifery organisations have had to adapt to the pandemic.

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

No

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Palliative Care Nurses Australia (PCNA)

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

The management committee and members from PCNA provide considerable advocacy and impact in relation to palliative and end of life care nursing as evidenced through our representative roles and targeted submissions. In addition, we provide education through our regular webinar series and biennial national conference. We also engage and provide an opportunity for information dissemination with our members through monthly newsletters and email blasts as required.

Representation on the following committees / working groups - advocacy

- Palliative Care Australia Board
- Palliative Care Australia Paediatric Palliative Care Consultation Forum
- Commonwealth Primary & Community 10 Year Planning Consultation
- CareSearch Advisory Group
- WA VAD consultation
- End of Life Law for Clinicians (ELLC) Advisory Committee
- Coalition of National Nursing & Midwifery Organisations [CoNNMO]
- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare - Palliative Care and End-of-life Care Data Development Working Group
- Palliative Care Australia National Policy Advisory Committee [NPAC]
- National Covid-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce Guidelines Leadership Group
- Australian Coronavirus Disease 2019 Palliative Care Working Group (ACPCWG)
- Advanced Cancer Nursing Project Working Group
- Palliative Care Training Collaborative [PCC4U & PEPA]
- Palliative Care Australia Grief and Bereavement Resource Development working group
- NHMRC Targeted Research Call Peer Review Work
- caring@home for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People Advisory Committee
- Palliative Care Australia Parliamentary Friends Forum
- Palliative Care Australia working party- generalist supplement for the national standards
- Quality and Workforce Strategic Advisory Committee - Palliative Care Queensland (PCQ)

Policy submissions – impact and advocacy

- National Palliative Care and end-of-life care information priorities consultation draft – November 2020
- Aged Care sector: Pathways and Tertiary Education in Aged Care and Improving the Food, Nutrition and Mealtime Experience in Aged Care - discussion paper - Sept 2020
- Queensland Law Reform Commission's Consultation Paper WP 79, A legal framework for voluntary assisted dying – November 2020
- Inquiry into the Provision of the Public Health Amendment (Registered Nurses in Nursing Homes) Bill 2020 – April 2021
- Therapeutic Guidelines Limited (TGL) revision of the palliative care guidelines – April 2021
- Retention of essential elixir liquid palliative care medications in Australia - March 2021
- Voluntary Assisted Dying Training Consultation (2021)
- Consensus Definitions for Palliative Care consultation process – January 2021
- Pre-Budget Submission - January 2021
- Inquiry into the provision of the Public Health Amendment (Registered Nurses in Nursing Homes Bill 2020 - April 2021
- Submission for the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (Ihpa) in relation to The Public Consultation Paper on the Development of the Admitted Care – June 2021
- ACSQHC discussion paper "National Opioid Analgesic Stewardship Program – June 2021
- Queensland Health, Palliative Care Services Planning Guideline Draft Recommendations Paper – July 2021

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Education and training provision

- May 2022 – national conference – planning underway
- October 2021 – Webinar Presentation - Advance care planning conversations (an introduction to ACP and practical strategies to build confidence for nurses in facilitating ACP conversations with clients)
- August 2021 – Webinar Presentation - Palliative Care in the Australian hospital setting. How can we improve the quality of care provided?
- May 2021 - Webinar Presentation Launch BD BodyGuard T – 4 x 1 hour webinars focused on continuous subcutaneous infusions with the newly launched syringe drivers for use across the sector
- May 2021 – National Palliative Care Week- Join nursing leaders chatting live to Jean Kittson – 1 hour webinar
- April 2021 - Grief and bereavement care during COVID-19 – 4 hour online workshop
- August 2020 - An Overview of "CarerHelp" – a tailored website for carers of people with palliative care needs
- May 2020 - Don't forget selfcare: Important conversations and resources for palliative care nurses

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

Our biennial national conference will be held virtually in May 2022. Our draft conference theme is: *Exploring new dimensions: the future of palliative care nursing* with a focus on the following areas (noting the program is still under development): Nurses leading change; Innovations in palliative care for older Australians; Updates on National Palliative Care Policy work; Integrated palliative care in practice; How palliative care can embrace digital health. The conference planning committee, co-chaired by Professor Jane Phillips and Dr Claudia Virdun, has been convened and development work is underway.

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

We are ongoingly interested in nursing workforce capability for palliative and end of life care, across all health care settings. How can we best promote optimal evidence-based care nationally for all working with people with serious and life-limiting illness? Being able to improve the understanding of what palliative care nursing is and achieves is an area we are keen to continue focusing on. That is, how can we systematically connect with, support and inform care provided in really all settings of care, at all ages and into grief and bereavement support.

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

- Leadership in optimal palliative and end of life care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders – really enabling an understanding of need and provision of respectful, connected and trauma-informed care;
- Connection and leadership in relation to optimal palliative and end of life care for minority and vulnerable populations;
- Ongoing awareness of jurisdictional changes in relation to Voluntary Assisted Dying is important – and the impacts these changes have on nursing in general, and palliative care nursing specifically;
- Awareness and understanding of the ongoing impacts of the Aged Care Royal Commission and working to support / enable / empower nurses within these outcomes / changes
- Nurses can lead change to improve national palliative and end of life care – how can we foster this?

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

Palliative Care Nurses Australia (PCNA) is a member organisation for Australian nurses who are passionate about excellence in palliative care. We provide a unified voice for nurses who deliver, or have an enduring interest in, palliative care policy, practice, research and education. Our goal is to support our members to provide high quality, evidence-based palliative care services for patients at the end of life, and their families. If we can add value to CoNNMO members in any way, we are delighted to discuss this.

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

- A one-page summary of the revised version of the PANDDA Standards has been developed and can be located on the PANDDA website at pandda.net. The summary is intended for easy distribution or display. The revised Standards (full version) have been distributed widely to a range of stakeholders including Primary Health Networks, Schools and Colleges of Nursing, Chief Nurse and Midwifery Officers, Ministers for Health, NDIS providers
- PANDDA has consented to the Royal Commission publishing on its website the submission provided in response to Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, neglect, and Exploitation of People with Disability - Health care for people with cognitive disability. The outcome of the Royal Commission is due for release soon. PANDDA expects that the health needs of people with intellectual and developmental disability will be at the forefront of some recommendations and that the role that nurses do, and can play, will also be among the recommendations.
- PANDDA has attended the National Roundtable on the Health of People with Intellectual Disability since August 2019 and the roadmap was released in August 2021. PANDDA has pushed to ensure that PANDDA is a vital part of the future conversations. An Expert advisory group has been established and is represented by Nathan Wilson as PANDDA President and as a leading nurse academic.
- PANDDA is continuing to provide regular CPD webinars at a small cost to non-members. The 2022 webinar programme has been finalised.
- PANDDA is participating in CID Education Resources Development Meetings. Resources currently being developed are for Primary Care and involve co-facilitation training with a person with ID that finishes in July 2022 across four states. There are a number of health projects that are linking together with this project.
- PANDDA has commenced conversations with The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) to look at the possibility of inclusion of post graduate content relating to intellectual and developmental disability.
- PANDDA remains an active partner in the NDIS funded “Every Nurses Business” national project. The learning programmes hard launch was in July 2021 and the programme will continue until June 2022.
- PANDDA attended The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) National Summit on the current issues facing the nursing workforce nationally. The purpose of the National Summit is an opportunity to provide recommendations and proposed solutions to the Australian Government, including the Minister for Health Greg Hunt MP, and other representative organisations, including jurisdictions.
- PANDDA was invited and was represented at Australian College of Nursing’s Parliamentary Friends of Nursing on 17 June 2021 in Canberra. This provided an opportunity to engage and network with both parliamentarians and senior nursing leaders.

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- PANDDA finalised its Strategic plan for 2021-2025. The plan identifies six key objectives. The strategic plan and the mission of PANDDA are also aligned with and underpinned by the principles of the Nursing and Midwives Board of Australia, Standards for Practice. That is, that nursing practice is person-centred and evidence-based with preventative, curative, formative, supportive, restorative, and palliative elements. Nurses work in therapeutic and professional relationships with individuals, as well as with families, groups, and communities. These people may be healthy and with a range of abilities or have health issues related to physical or mental illness and/or health challenges.
- The completion of a research project partnered by PANDDA, Achieve Australia and the School of Nursing and Midwifery Western Sydney has resulted in a published article titled *The Financial Costs of Registered Nurse-Led Relationship-Centred Care: A Single-Case Australian Feasibility Study*. The paper breaks new ground and will hopefully be the first of many papers that will work towards evidence for models of care that are registered nurse led. The paper can be downloaded here: <https://www.mdpi.com/2673-7272/1/4/23/html>

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

PANDDA's annual conference has been postponed for 2021. An online seminar will be held from 4pm on 25 November. The theme of the seminar is *Navigating the Future: Leadership you can Trust*.

The theme reflects the momentous changes occurring for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families throughout Australia along with the people who provide care and support in a wide range of settings.

Registration is open at www.pandda.net/2021 and the event is free.

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

Promote membership.

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

None currently

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

None currently

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Name of organisation: *Psychogeriatric Nurses Association Australia Inc (PGNA)*

Current Member numbers: as of 1st October 2021

Total-95 Members – (7 Life Members; - 72 Full (subscribed voting) Members - 14 Associate Members (allied Health - 2 Student Members) 12 of these members are from states outside NSW. Our next strategic Plan will be targeting this to increase our range of locations.

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

- Our membership has increased with our efforts through the Education Webinars giving Members Free and non Members a cost
- **Newsletters**, continue to be Quarterly: Feb, May, August and November 2021
- **Education** Webinars have been held regularly over the past year for members and non-members. September 2021- **BPSD and Psychotropic Medications, Part 2 – Exploring the Evidence. Part 3 – Legislation, Consent and Guardianship-10th November 2021.** Website pgna.org.au
- PGNA has also been requested to give comment and endorsement **RE: Draft revised Delirium Clinical Care Standard:** opportunity to provide feedback and potential endorsement of the draft revised *Delirium Clinical Care Standard*.
- **Website pgna.org.au** has been rebuilt with rebranding and New LOGO - pgna.org.au The Members Only area has the PowerPoint presentations and recordings from our Education Webinars 2019-current, other items are all Newsletters 2005-current, and Strategic Plans.
- Currently PGNA Exec is working on the **6th Strategic Plan** – with a focus on a Communication Strategy
- **Membership** has been gradually increasing over the past 2 years, this has been attributed to highlighting and advertising what membership includes, in all our Correspondence ie 2-3 Free education webinars/yr, PGNA Conference discount, Quarterly Newsletters, as well as targeting Allied Health Professionals to become Associate Members, we offer FREE Membership to Undergraduate Students Nurses and Allied Health.
- Collaboration with Faculty Psychiatry of Old Age and other organisations like Professional Mental Health Network (PMHN) to increase our reach to Nurses in other states.

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

- Update - PGNA was 2020 but we were unable to have the Conference in November 2020 so will be joining the RANZCP for a Virtual Conference in November 2021 - New Horizons of Ageing.
<https://www.ranzcp.org/practice-education/events/fpoa-virtual-conference-2021>

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

- Yes - Advertising PGNA Events to member organisations and on **CoNNMO website**
<https://www.pgna.org.au/events>

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

- PGNA could assist CoNNMO members who represent services with older adult populations
- Old Age Psychiatry issues and resources re Dementia

Report by: Marianne Cummins, President PGNA, on behalf of the PGNA Executive Committee.18/10/2021 "The Association for Nurses Working in Older People's Mental Health, Aged and Dementia Care"

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

We successfully held our virtual conference in June 2021.

The RSA also continues to provide members and non-members with education opportunities.

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

Our conference will be held in Darwin on 16 – 18 June 2022. Further details are here;

<https://www.renalsociety.org/education/2022-conference/>

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

None at the moment.

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

Workforce during the COVID pandemic.

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

Not currently

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