

**CoNNO Meeting – Friday 1 April 2011  
Agenda Item 8 – Member Reports**

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Otorhinolaryngology, Head & Neck Nurses Group Inc

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**Name of organisation:**

Australasian Hepatology Association

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

Our membership has grown by more than 30% this financial year.

The current project of the AHA is to develop clinical nursing guidelines specific for HCV, HBV, advanced liver disease and HCC. We have formed working groups to facilitate this and have successful in been actively seeking funding for this.

We are due to hold or next annual summit meeting which is wait listed at present.

Our website continues to improve and is about to have a major redo.

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

As a voluntary only organisation we do not have staff /funding for our day to day running, board meetings and are unable to attract this type of funding because of M.A. guidelines. We are unable to afford face to face meetings even though members are willing to give their own time. Do other groups face this problem?

**Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?**

Pharma funding and Medicines Australia Guidelines.

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## **Australasian Rehabilitation Nurses Association**

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

1. 20<sup>th</sup> National Conference held in Woolongong - very successful with over 200 delegates
2. Continued participation in the development of the Coalition of Professional Bodies involved in Rehabilitation Services.
3. First issue of the new version of JARNA to be published in April – fully refereed journal
4. Executive committee held strategic planning day in
5. Invited to conduct a session at the forthcoming combined conference Australasian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine and Australian and New Zealand Spinal Cord Society. ARNA is doing a panel session on the contribution of Specialist Rehabilitation Nurses to the Rehabilitation Team.

### **What are the issues that CoNNO members may be able to assist your organisation with?**

Process for sharing of information on educational events

Potential to facilitate joint conferences – there are many nursing organisations doing similar things and nurses have limited funds and opportunity to attend conferences. Conference and educational events are time consuming and expensive to run – could be some opportunities to run joint events.

### **Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?**

Strategic agenda of CoNNO in the future?

*Suzie Hooper*

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## **Australasian Sexual Health and HIV Nurses Association Inc**

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

- Executive Planning Day – February 2011.
- Vale: Carol Martin Sexual Health Nurse from Royal North Shore Hospital died in February 2011 whilst diving in Sydney's south. Carol had recently done quite a lot of work with HIV/AIDS in Papua New Guinea. The annual ASHHNA scholarship has been named in Carols honour.
- Member numbers are consistent at 160 – 200
- The ASHHNA Competency Standards update continues.
- We are trying to recruit more HIV nurses.

### **What are the issues that CoNNO members may be able to assist your organisation with?**

- Information on governance and continued national updates

### **Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?**

*Jo Perks*

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## **Australian & New Zealand Society for Vascular Nursing**

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

We held a successful AGM at our annual conference on the Gold Coast in October 2010

Trade financially supported us to hold a successful Strategic Planning Meeting in Sydney, March 2011

We discussed the 1-5 year plan for the Society over 2 days. We discussed Website management, sponsorship promotion opportunities, Newsletter planning, CoNNO representation, review of Mission statement and goals, SWOT analysis identifying Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats, action plan implemented for 2011/12.

Vascular 2011 conference was to be held in Christchurch, New Zealand in November but due to the recent earthquake has been moved to Brisbane, Queensland. This meeting gave us the opportunity to future plan the content for the conference and give some much needed support to the new nursing convenor in Brisbane.

### **What are the issues that CoNNO members may be able to assist your organisation with?**

- Request for innovative strategies and promotion techniques to increase membership numbers particularly for recognised geographical limitations, (cross Tasman)
- We would like to explore opportunities to collaborate with other organisations i.e. Diabetes, Renal, Wound Management, and Radiology in holding joint education sessions for nurses in Queensland, NSW, Victoria and South Australia.
- We would like to request the ability to add our website link to others organisations website and reciprocal rights to promote our organisation.
- We would like some assistance in succession planning and sustainability methods for our smaller local groups. Has any organisation had trouble maintaining committee members?

### **Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?**

I think that we need to address the financial equity of representatives at this meeting. Previous discussion identified that roughly half attendees are paid to attend CoNNO meetings and the others are volunteering their precious time. How can we make it equitable across the board?

*Clare Cleave*

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**Australian College of Children and Young Peoples Nurses**  
**accypn.org.au**

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

ACCYPN continues to advocate for optimum health outcomes for children and young people.  
SEPT 2010 ACCYPN wrote to 41 members of State and Federal Parliament regarding the National Health Reform Process and the potential impact on Children and Young Peoples Health services.

OCT 2010 ACCYPN was represented on the Australian Council for development of a National Plan for Children and Young Peoples Health.

DEC 2010 ACCYPN was represented at the ARACY Change Workshop  
(Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth )

2011 ACCYPN has provided comment on the Early Childhood Development Workforce Study.

The Board of Directors continues to have monthly teleconferences and our annual face to face Board meeting was held in Sydney in November.

Several State Chapters continue to have well attended Professional Development days.

Current membership is approx 600 and we are keen to increase our membership for the next financial year

The bi monthly newsletter is being trialled on the front page of the web site.

We are looking forward to our inaugural conference in Sydney October 2011. Details are available on the conference web site.

[www.accypn2011.eventplanners.com.au](http://www.accypn2011.eventplanners.com.au)

### **What are the issues that CoNNO members may be able to assist your organisation with?**

Promotion of our inaugural ACCYPN conference in Sydney October 19-21 2011 –  
"Navigating New Directions in Children's and Young People's Health Care."

### **Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?**

Nil specific thankyou.

Sue Scott,  
Board of Directors  
ACCYPN



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### AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF CRITICAL CARE NURSES (ACCCN)

ACCCN has recently employed a new Executive Officer, Mr John Jannese, who has many years experience in the Associations sector. This recruitment process was managed in house saving significant costs however it was notably resource intensive for the College Executive. John is an accountant who has many skills that will enhance the College's growth and strategic direction. The ACCCN Board and national team welcomes John.

**Our 2 major annual conferences (1 Clinical, 1 ASM - Scientific/Research) are well underway with 2 Organising Committees in Perth and Brisbane well advanced.**

**The ACCCN ICE Meeting is a clinical education forum (350-500 delegates)**  
<http://www.acccn.com.au/content/view/126/157/>

**Friday 20 - Saturday 21 May 2011 - Pan Pacific Hotel, Perth, Western Australia**

We are inviting all nurses eager to enhance and expand their critical care knowledge and skills to this very exciting meeting in Perth on the banks of the picturesque Swan River at the ACCCN 12th Annual Institute of Continuing Education (ICE) meeting to be held on May 20 and 21, 2011.

The organising committee has developed an excellent and informative programme aimed at catering to a broad range of nurses involved in critical care nursing. Whether you are highly experienced or a novice working in a critical care area, or need to call on critical care skills in a remote or rural setting, the programme holds something for everyone. Be prepared to be stimulated by the clinically focused sessions, the professional practice sessions or perhaps you will join in a publication or research workshop delivered by nurses who are leaders in this field. Take the opportunity to participate in the comprehensive ALS programme and discuss the latest technologies and products with our industry colleagues in the trade display area.

As you explore the diversity of the programme, you will be privy to some of the most contemporary evidence-based information available – as delivered 'by nurses for nurses.' Mingle with your professional colleagues, savour the finest food and wine the West has to offer and enjoy the warmth and hospitality of the lovely people of Perth. We look forward to seeing you here in 2011.

**The 2011 ANZICS/ACCCN Intensive Care Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) will be held in Brisbane 13-15 October at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre**

<http://www.intensivecareasm.com.au/content/view/232/280/>

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

None at present apart from any updates on national nursing policy

**Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?**

Not at this time.

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## **Australian College of Neonatal Nurses Inc.**

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

- Planning for annual conference in Hobart on 8 April 2011.
- Launching Neonatal Nurse Excellence Award at conference.
- Working towards merging state associations into national college with state branches.
- Securing of affiliation with Miracle Babies Foundation (consumer group).

### **What are the issues that CoNNO members may be able to assist your organisation with?**

None at this point.

### **Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?**

No

*Shelley Reid*

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## Australian College of Nurse Practitioners

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

- NP's gain access to PBS/MBS on the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010. This has been a major work in progress, with a lot of ongoing issues.
- Review of the guideline of registration of NP's with NMBA. There have been many issues with some new NP's waiting 8 months to have the registration process started.
- The ACNP is continuing to work with the AMA and RACGP on the collaboration model.
- Providing input to the Medicare Tele-Health Advisory Group (TAG) meetings which are drafting a report to the Federal Minister of Health recommending MBS item numbers for Specialists GPs and Nurse Practitioners as a first role out.
- Providing input to the NeHTA as one of the nursing groups.

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

Placing the term collaboration in its correct context and not making it bigger than a "Tsunami" as some members of the RACGP are alluding to. Medicare and the legislation have provided sufficient examples and explanation for this issue.

### Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

*Helen Gosby*

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## Australian Diabetes Educators Association

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

- **Credentialling review underway**  
ADEA, as part of its Strategic plan, is undertaking a comprehensive review of the Credentialling Program. An independent organisation has been contracted to complete the review.
- **Health insurer recognition and reimbursement for credentialed diabetes education**  
Ongoing efforts to improve recognition and reimbursement continue with a campaign to increase recognition and reimbursement by private health insurers. Of the 40+ private health insurers only a limited number offer any recognition of credentialed diabetes educators and reimbursement processes for many patients are inconsistent (i.e.; despite meeting criteria they may be refused reimbursement of costs).
- **Annual Scientific Meeting and State Conferences**  
Next ASM will be held in Perth from Aug 31 - Sept 2, 2011. This is a joint conference with endocrinologists. Planning is also well underway for several state conferences around the country.
- **Education for other health professionals**  
Dr Kate Marsh has updated the content of the Diabetes in the General Care Setting and targeted the information to practice nurses. The program will be provided on-line through the APNA website.
- **Research support**  
ADEA is offering \$10,000 research grant (or two \$5,000 grants) for diabetes education research. In addition, successful negotiations have resulted in 3 new grants for diabetes education research being offered through the Diabetes Australia Research Trust (DART).
- **GP Referral Practise**  
ADEA has commenced research into GP knowledge of and referral practice to Credentialed Diabetes Educators. Focus groups have commenced.

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

ADEA are looking forward to the final Credentialling project report from CoNNO.

**Other issues:** No

*Tracy Ayles*

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## **Australian Faith Community Nurses Association inc**

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

Regular board meetings (Nov, 2010 and Feb 2011) and the facilitation of a weekend retreat.

A retreat weekend in March, gave 16 members and interested persons an opportunity to revitalise their interest in and give direction to and for our association. Day two highlighted the need for renewed mission and vision statements, providing AFCNA with a fresh approach and united board. Both mission and vision statements were finalised and will be circulated to members following the May 2011 Board meeting.

Following on from this is the revision of AFCNA core values and decision making processes, including the revision of the association's constitution

### **What are the issues that CoNNO members may be able to assist your organisation with?**

We continue to struggle with attracting new membership and retaining nurses/health professionals as AFCNA members and facilitators actively participating in the community. Any networking opportunities and platforms for sharing and promoting our unique form of health care would be welcomed.

### **Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?**

*Heather Banham*

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## **Australian Nurse Teachers' Society**

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

Finalising review of the Constitution to incorporate Branches.

Finalising Board Charter.

Launch of the Victorian Branch September 2010.

Planning to launch the Tasmanian Branch in 2011.

Planning of 2012 Conference in Perth 2012.

Transfer of documents from 1972 until 2011 from paper to digital archive.

Second year of partnership with Pearson Australia for Pearson/ANTS Nurse Educator of the Year Award.

Linked in with Alliance for Sharps Safety and Needlestick Prevention in Healthcare.

### **What are the issues that CoNNO members may be able to assist your organisation with?**

Challenges of initiating a peer reviewed journal.

### **Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?**

Not at this time.

*Sandra Campbell*

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## Australian Nurses for Continence (ANFC)

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

In conjunction with the Continence Foundation of Australia annual scientific meeting, many members were able to attend our AGM in Alice Springs on the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2010. This was followed by a wonderful dinner under the stars for members. Jan Paterson and Joan Ostaszkiwicz gave feedback from the International Continence Society Nurses forum and the night finished with a talk from an astronomer.

Funding was successfully sought to enable committee members to attend the conference which enabled face to face meetings pre and post AGM. Funding was also gained to enable the executive, state reps and other committee members including those on the professional issues committee to attend a 2 day strategic planning meeting in Melbourne on the 18-19<sup>th</sup> February 2011

The program included the first day of presentations, evening dinner followed by a day of workshops to develop a strategic plan for ANFC.

Topics and speakers included:

- 'Fostering meaningful relationships', a most informative and useful discussion from Sue Hunt, Senior Nurse Advisor, Office for Aged Care Quality & Compliance, DoHA
- An update of Continence workforce issues and continence programs covered by Mark Gaukroger, Director A/g, Continence Programs, DoHA.
- Kylie Ash, Nurse Educator, EdCaN Project QUT shared the cancer nurses research and spoke about 'EdCaN: a workforce development exemplar, developing a sustainable workforce'
- Julianne Bryce, ANF gave an up to date overview on 'Competencies and Credentialling'
- Belinda Caldwell, CEO, Australian Practice Nurses Association generously shared her expertise and spoke about 'Moving forward: development of a structured specialized nurse organization'

Considerable networking has been done to further develop relationships with government and industry

We appreciate the advice and support as a result of our membership of CoNNO as it has had significant impact on our confidence to advance as a specialist nursing group.

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

- Ongoing information and support regarding credentialing

### Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

*Leigh Pretty*

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## Report for CoNNO May 2011

**Name of organisation:**

Australian Nursing Federation

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

The ANF Federal professional team represents the interests of ANF members across a range of issues that impact the nursing and midwifery professions. The Federal professional team has continued work on national projects, developed and coordinated national submissions and been involved in national forums, committees, meetings, working groups, alliances and conferences this year. The team is responsible for overseeing and coordinating the development and review of ANF national policy, position statements and guidelines. Federal Professional Officers have developed and presented papers, as well as provided trade displays, at a number of national nursing and midwifery conferences. The ANF is the Secretariat for the Australian Peak Nursing and Midwifery Forum (APNMF), a coalition of the peak nursing and midwifery organisations in Australia, which exists to work collaboratively on issues of national importance to nursing and midwifery. Along with the ANF, the APNMF is comprised of the: the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council; the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses; the Royal College of Nursing *Australia*; the Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery; the Australian College of Midwives; and the Coalition of National Nursing Organisations. The Federal Professional Team continues to provide secretariat support to the work of the Coalition of National Nursing Organisations (CoNNO).

### **ANF Federal Leadership**

In December 2010 Lee Thomas, Federal Secretary, Yvonne Chaperon, Assistant Federal Secretary, Coral Levett, Federal President and Paul Nieuwenhoven, Federal Vice President were elected unopposed for a 4 year term until December 2015. Lee Thomas commenced in the role of ANF Federal Secretary in July 2010 following a 2 year term as the Assistant Federal Secretary. Yvonne Chaperon took on the role of the Assistant Federal Secretary at this time. Lee and Yvonne have both held union leadership roles at State level. Coral Levett Federal President and Paul Nieuwenhoven Federal Vice President have held these roles for the past 7 and 2 years respectively. The Federal ANF Office coordinates the eight state and territory branches when issues require a national response. There are now in excess of 200,000 ANF members across Australia. These Federal Office Bearers are well prepared for the national nursing and midwifery challenges ahead.

### **ANF National CPE Online**

The ANF's national Continuing Professional Education (CPE) online was launched in March 2008 to assist nurses and midwives to access best practice learning on health issues that can be applied to nursing and midwifery practice. Under the new national registration and accreditation scheme there are new registration standards relating to continuing professional development (CPD). Nurse and midwives are required to participate in at least 20 hours of CPD per year. The ANF's online CPE program is designed to assist nurses and midwives to maintain competence to practice by providing quality CPE along with a professional portfolio to record evidence of CPE/CPD activities. ANF CPE tutorials are available to both members (at the reduced rate of \$7.70 per topic) and non-members (at a cost of \$22 per topic).

Current topics include:

- Advanced life support update
- Asthma management
- Basic life support update
- Chest pain assessment and management
- Diabetes
- Drug calculation and administration
- ECGs
- Emergency drugs
- Fire and emergency training

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- Rally outside PC – NSWNA•
- Press conference – outside Victorian PC hearing•
- Strategic contact with local and national media•
- Meetings with Minister Butler, Minister Roxon, and other key Members of Parliament•
- E newsletter to federal Labor MP's regarding the PC draft report•
- E newsletters to BWC campaign subscribers•

The ANF has started to get all federal MP's, state health ministers and community groups to sign our pledge for quality aged care. The main focus of the campaign activities will be to have all key federal MP's sign the pledge in the coming months.

### **Climate and Health Alliance**

ANF has joined an alliance of health care groups and individuals in a newly established organisation called the Climate and Health Alliance (CAHA). The inaugural meeting was held in August 2010 and CAHA has this month received confirmation of its legal status as an incorporated association.

CAHA's members are organisations and individuals from the health sector with an interest in debating the issues and taking action on climate change. The focus of CAHA is the health effects of climate change. The impetus for its establishment came from an article published in a 2009 issue of *The Lancet*, which declared that climate change poses the single biggest threat to human health and called on the health care community to be active in the debate and frame climate change as a health issue. Some of the environmental impacts of climate change with implications for human health include changing weather patterns and rainfall, extreme weather, changes in the food and water supplies and rising seas.

CAHA's organisational members include the Australian Hospitals and Healthcare Association, the Public Health Association of Australia, Doctors for the Environment, CRANA *plus* and the Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS). CAHA also has an expert advisory group made up of individuals with academic and scientific backgrounds to assist with research and to ensure that CAHA takes a robust, evidence-based approach in its public statements and activities.

In November last year CAHA participated in a lobbying day in Canberra, along with representatives from The Climate Project, Youth Climate Coalition, Union Climate Connectors, to speak with MPs about climate change. The day was organised by the Australian Conservation Council (ACF), who provided small group training on how to tailor a message and speak confidently with politicians. The focus of the lobbying day was the importance of putting a price on carbon pollution in the form of a carbon tax. This issue is now firmly on the agenda.

CAHA has also responded to Senate inquiries into sustainable population and wind farms, and will be presenting to the Senate committee in March. More information about CAHA can be seen at <http://www.caha.org.au>

### **National Conferences**

ANF Federal Office has been represented at the following organisations' national conferences since October last year: the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses (CATSIN); CRANA*plus*; the National Enrolled Nurses Association (NENA); the Australian College of Nurse Practitioners; the National Rural Health Alliance; and the Australian Council of Social Services.

### **Submissions**

The ANF Professional and Industrial Teams have analysed policy documents from a range of external sources, prepared and coordinated 14 national submissions in the past 6 months. A full listing of ANF submissions can be viewed in detail on the ANF Federal Office website: <http://www.anf.org.au>.

### **What are the issues that CoNNO members may be able to assist your organisation with?**

Continued participation in the 'Because We Care' campaign to support nursing colleagues in the aged care sector, in particular, involvement in the Productivity Commission Public Hearings. Consider involvement as a peer reviewer for ANF CPE online tutorials.

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**Australian Ophthalmic Nurses Association (Inc)**  
**Report to the National Coalition of Nursing Organisations**  
**April 2011**

This organisation, along with similar groups in Queensland, Victoria and Western Australia, represents the interests of Australian Ophthalmic Nurses. Our objectives are around providing a forum for nurses working in ophthalmic practice, facilitating education, defining and promoting a standard for practice, creating networking opportunities and promoting research in this area of practice.

With this in mind **significant activities of the organisation in the last six months** include:

- Continued access to information via the internet, websites are maintained by the NSW, Qld and Vic Associations. The organisation in Western Australia has just established a website.
- Publication and distribution to members of a national newsletter, with contributions from all state groups and distribution to nurses in the Pacific region
- Meetings for members held in each state several times per year; included in which is an education component and opportunity to exchange ideas
- Support of post-graduate study for members and other ophthalmic nurses, through provision of scholarships and through support of existing post-graduate programs and courses
- The project to develop a *Professional Practice Standard for Ophthalmic Nurses in Australia* has been distributed to health care organisations for comment.
- Successful delivery of a nursing program for the Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology Congress in Sydney, attended by over 140 ophthalmic nurses from the Asia-Pacific region.
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**Our organisation would be interested to share the experiences of other groups with the following issues currently being considered:**

- Our group is an Incorporated Association, as are those in the other states. How could we develop a more formal national committee structure, without damaging the integrity of the state based organisations?
- Other groups in our area of practice have approached us to affiliate with them as Associate members. Do others have experience of this?
- Whilst AONA as an organisation has not developed to a point where we would consider undertaking credentialing of members, we are keen to keep abreast of the project for future reference.

Thank you for the opportunity to join this forum.

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## **Australian Women's Health Nurse Association Inc**

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

Completed and currently distributing our Advanced Practice Standards endorsed by the RCNA to NSW Nursing and University locations  
Investigating credentialing/accreditation our Women's Health Nurse Clinical Education & Assessment Module  
Invited to the NZ Nursing Organisation, Women's Health Section Annual Conference-only (and first) International speaker, Presentation-*Womens Health Nursing Downunder: Weathering the Storm/s*(March 2011)

### **What are the issues that CoNNO members may be able to assist your organisation with?**

Keeping Women's Health on the Agenda

### **Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?**

*Linda Oliver*

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## Australian Wound Management Association

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

AWMA has been progressing slowly towards a national body—all states and territories are in the process of voting towards Logo change and appointing a National Secretariat—this will be complete by July 2011. 2011 sees us have a Wound Awareness Campaign (WAC) the opening of this was Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March –in all states and territories balloons were released to raise awareness. Each balloon represented 500 people with chronic non healing lower leg ulcers—currently 270,000 people. To read more of the campaign for teh remainder of the year visit [www.elephantintheroom.com.au](http://www.elephantintheroom.com.au)

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

There are member organisations who may have wound issues and so we are continually thinking there may be opportunities to join forces with smaller special interest groups—currently our membership is over 3000 members so we may be able to support smaller other interest groups who have wounds are part of their focus needs.

We launch our Pressure Ulcer Guidelines and Venous Leg Ulcer Guidelines in Oct 2011—further information may be found on the AWMA website [www.awma.com.au](http://www.awma.com.au)

### Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Our educational committee continues to work on credentialing so is carefully watching the developments of CoNNO.

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## College of Emergency Nursing Australasia

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

CENA has been busy with a number of significant activities in the last 6 months, a number of which are not complete and we continue to work on.

**Office move** – CENA has moved its national office from Sydney to Melbourne and contracted an Association management company to provide administrative assistance to the College. This has required a great deal of work but has been a very successful move for CENA

**Website** – CENA have recently completed the design phase for a new website and will begin populating this site before it goes live in the next month or two. This will provide a number of technological advantages to members such as renewing online.

**Trauma Nursing Program** – CENA and ACCCN have negotiated an arrangement between the two Colleges that sees CENA (independently) responsible for the management and conduct of the 3 of the 4 modules of the Trauma Nursing Program where this was previously a joint venture. The course is a 2 day program in trauma care, developed in Australia, with the emergency and ward modules particularly well received.

**Representation** – CENA representation has been sought on an increasing number of government committees addressing issues concerning emergency care.

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

CENA are currently reviewing their existing governance documents and identifying those that are yet to be drafted. It would be useful to have access to other organisations documents to use as a guide or a template as we draft these documents.

### Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Media training, techniques for political lobbying etc are issues that have been raised before. However, CENA consider these areas of relative weakness and consider CoNNO well placed to provide training/advice etc.

With the implementation of the Australian Health Practitioners Registering Authority (AHPRA) a number of Emergency Nurse Practitioner Candidates are experiencing extended delays gaining endorsement. It has also become apparent that there are still inconsistencies in approach from one State to another and communication from the NNMB to NP candidates has been suboptimal. Are other CoNNO members affected by these delays and is there a role for CoNNO to address these issues.

*Di Crellin*

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## **Community Nurse Audiometrists Association Inc**

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

Provision of a 3 day National conference for Audiometry Nurses including clinical workshops, case presentations, key note address, and papers by Audiometry Nurses and others on a range of topics and trade displays

Revision of Clinical Practice Guidelines for Audiometry Nurses

### **What are the issues that CoNNO members may be able to assist your organisation with?**

Understanding credentialing

Ensuring other states are aware of the course for Audiometry Nurses through the College of Nursing

### **Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?**

National standards and qualifications for speciality nursing practice.

*Karen Johnson*

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## **Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia Inc (DANA)**

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

- Ongoing development of national Alcohol and Drug Nursing Standards and Competencies. We have surveyed AOD nurses across Australia and have been fortunate in securing a grant to compile the data. This work is being done in collaboration with work completed in New Zealand
- Representation on the National Pharmaceutical Drug Misuse Strategy Consultation Group
- Individual states are developing affiliations with other nursing organisation with aim to be involved with their professional development calendar. eg Victoria presented at workshop for Practice Nurses
- Planning for the 2011 DANA Conference to be held in Melbourne in June 2011
- Annual AGM to be held in June

### **What are the issues that CoNNO members may be able to assist your organisation with?**

- DANA is known as the peak body of Drug and Alcohol Nurses in Australasia and would seek to be recognised as a NNO (National Nursing Organisation) with links to credentialing.
- Assistance from other speciality areas of nursing with the ongoing development of Standards and Competencies

### **Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?**

- DANA (Drug and Alcohol Nurses Of Australasia) is entirely administered by the volunteer members from various states in Australia and New Zealand and sometimes communications take some time.
- Although a national organisation, the numbers of nurses working in the specialist area of drug and alcohol nursing is small and the ability to contribute funds to champion nursing causes is minimal.

*Ros Burnett*  
March 2011

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## Flight Nurses Australia

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

Revising website  
Investigating eLearning tools

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

Experience other organisation have with online education programs

**Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?**

No

*Margaret Tabone*

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## **Gastroenterological Nurses College of Australia (GENCA)**

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

GENCA held our national conference in Melbourne in March. We had 150 registrants, and as this was the first time we had run an independent national conference (traditionally we have our conferences in conjunction with the Gastroenterologists), we were very happy with the result. The feedback was very positive from the registrants, so we plan to run this every 2 years.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of Infection Control and Endoscopy was released in October at AGW.

We continue to send nurses to Fiji in conjunction with GESA FITT to assist and teach staff at the local hospitals.

### **What are the issues that CoNNO members may be able to assist your organisation with?**

Developing and supporting Nurse Practitioner Roles within specialties.

### **Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?**

No

*Beth Wardle*

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**NURSING INFORMATICS AUSTRALIA (NIA)**

Joanne Foster April 2011

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

1. NeHTA - Clinical Terminology & Information Reference Group (CTIRG) & Australian Clinical Terminologies – user Group (ACT-UG)
  - Attended 2 CTIRG meetings and 1 ACT-UG meeting
  - A lot of work being undertaken in this space
    - i. Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record (PCEHR)
    - ii. Clinical Knowledge Manager (CKM)
    - iii. Detailed Clinical Models (DCM)
  - ACT-UG is open to all health professionals if interested
    - i. Contact Michelle Laing if interested; [michelle.laing@nehta.gov.au](mailto:michelle.laing@nehta.gov.au)
  - Attended Reference Group Summit 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> November 2010
  - Attended National E-Health Conference invitation only by DOHA on 30<sup>th</sup> Nov & 1<sup>st</sup> December 2010
  - Attended 2 Nursing Roundtables for the PCEHR with DOHA & NEHTA
2. Australian Health Informatics Education Council
  - Attended 2 Meetings
    - Scope and Competencies for Health Informatics has been worked on at these meetings
3. Australian Nursing Informatics Competencies Project
  - Final Report to be submitted
  - Competencies to then be published
4. Working with APNA as a representative on the “Practice Nurse Collaborative Policy & Procedures Project Steering Committee”.
5. Held successful 2010 National NIA Conference on August 23<sup>rd</sup>
  1. Updating of “A Framework for Nursing Informatics in Australia: A Strategic Paper” (2004).
  2. AGM – Elected new Chair –Lis Herbert, Secretary – Joanne Foster, Deputy Chair – Paul Donaldson and 2 new members: Sharon Downman and Marianne Linnane
  3. New NIA IMIA - NI representative elected at the AGM August 23<sup>rd</sup> for 2010-2012 (International Medical Informatics Association (IMIA) – Nursing Informatics (NI))
    - Joanne Foster elected
6. NIA Presentation at HISA QLD half day Conference November 16<sup>th</sup> 2010
7. HIC 2010 attended by a number of NIA executive and members
8. Small number of members attended MedInfo2010 in Cape Town, South Africa in September
  - Members looking for support from CoNNO in getting health/nursing informatics a higher profile nationally
  - Joanne Foster attended the IMIA NI Meeting in Cape Town, South Africa as the Australian Representative
9. Attending QLD Health Workforce and E-health Meeting 30/3/11

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

- NI Competencies
  - Use and dissemination when published
- Could all CoNNO groups please see if they have any interested members in developing nursing terminology for Australia for inclusion into health information systems. If so could they please Email Joanne Foster on [j.foster@gut.edu.au](mailto:j.foster@gut.edu.au)

**Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?**

- Involvement in developments of CKM archetypes and DCM's
- Involvement in development of PCEHR

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## Otorhinolaryngology, Head & Neck Nurses Group Inc

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

This continues to be a very active and exciting time for the group as we plan for our 15<sup>th</sup> National conference in Melbourne in April. There has been an amazing response from delegates with currently 105 delegates from all over Australia and New Zealand pre registered. As always it is held in conjunction with the surgical scientific meeting ASOHNS (Australian Society of Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgeons) and we have access to their lectures presentation from international key note speakers and of course the huge medical trade expo. **This year we have offer 5 scholarships of free registration to our colleagues' in earthquake stricken Christchurch and one to own of our members from the ravaged flood plain of Queensland.**

**Queensland.** OHNNG is growing support slowly but surely in Queensland. We have done some great things in the last 12 months and all our events have been fantastically supported by nurses from a wide variety of hospitals across the state The next event which is entitled "All things oral". Dr Scott Coman and speech pathologist Bena Cartmill will present this evening.

**NSW :** The state coordinator position has been vacant for the past six months and we are hoping for someone to take this position up at our up and coming AGM in April.

**Western Australia** Chapter remains active with several meeting held throughout the year. There are Educational 4 sessions planned for the coming year.

**Victoria:** in October OHNNG in conjunction with Johnson & Johnson put on an ENT Nurses Education Day. This was also very well attended. I was one of three speakers for the day. I spoke on FESS surgery with Mr Chris Brown on Balloon technology in ENT surgery and Mr Nick Martins on the advances of Transphenoidal surgery. The rest of the year has been preparing for the 2011 national conference in April.

**South Australia** has also been busy with six education sessions planned for the year. We have already had our first on Airways & Aural Health. This was shared session between our SA state coordinator and ENT registrar Dr Trish Macfarlane. The night covered paediatric airway and complications, to aboriginal ear health. Trish told us about the findings and mission of the travelling medical team which set off six monthly to address aboriginal ear health and care on the missions in far north South Australia. This session was extremely well attended with 32 delegates.

We also ran our second micro vascular injury course and 13<sup>th</sup> Advanced Endoscopic Sinus Course. These courses are both instructional and theory based and all of the nurses and surgeons who participated in the day learnt a lot and had a great experience. Preparations are under way for the 2012 Annual Conference here in Adelaide and I am sure it will shape up to be another great year and we hope to see you all in Adelaide

**OHNNG has continued as an APEC member.** This has been a great advantage to be able to endorse our own educational events and activities.

**Membership has continued to increase in the last six months and this year has almost seen membership increase by one third .**

Our **website** continues to grow and be a great tool and resource for our members across the country.

### **What are the issues that CoNNO members may be able to assist your organisation with?**

Nil at present

### **Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?**

Not at this time. Very interested in the work and development of the credentialing framework.

*Tracey Nicholls*

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