



# CoNNMO

Coalition of National **Nursing & Midwifery** Organisations

## Chair and Secretariat Report

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### **CoNNMO Council Members**

Christopher Cliffe (CRANApplus), CoNNMO Chair  
Marian Linnane (Nursing Informatics Australia), CoNNMO Deputy Chair  
Julianne Bryce (Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation), CoNNMO Secretariat  
Shelley Reid (Australian College of Neonatal Nurses)  
Julianne Badenoch (Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association)  
Julian Grant (Maternal, Child and Family Health Nurses Association)  
Michelle Girdler (Australian Nurse Teachers Society Inc.)  
Tracey Nicholls (Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Nurses Group)  
Louise Dearman (National Enrolled Nurses Association)

The CoNNMO Council meets face to face twice a year (if required) and via teleconference twice a year, and as required.

### **Council elections**

Five Council members are due for re-election in 2018. Council elections will be held in May (Julian Grant and Michelle Girdler) and October (Christopher Cliffe, Julianne Badenoch and Shelley Reid). Julian Grant and Michelle Girdler will be eligible for re-election for their positions in May. Shelley Reid will be eligible for re-election for her position in October. Christopher Cliffe and Julianne Badenoch will complete their third term in October thereby requiring a 2 year break from Council before they're eligible to nominate for re-election.

The Secretariat will be calling for nominations from member representatives for two Council positions immediately following this member meeting and three Council positions immediately following the October member meeting.

### **CoNNMO Council Meetings**

A CoNNMO Council meeting was held face to face on Friday 23 February 2018. Council reviewed member body reports from the October 2017 meeting to identify areas of interest and plan for the May 2018 member meeting. Issues identified in member body reports included: aged care, governance, credentialing, the NDIS, My Aged Care, professional development, workforce, ethics, lobbying, standards, cultural safety, sustainability, social determinants of health and member engagement. Potential speakers for the May meeting were then discussed and agreed. The Secretariat is updating the photos on the CoNNMO website. It was agreed by Council that the Secretariat would email CoNNMO members to request photos for the CoNNMO website. The next meeting of CoNNMO Council is scheduled for Monday 16 July 2018 as a face to face meeting in Melbourne.

### **Action Items from October 2017**

There are no outstanding items from the October 2017 CoNNMO Member Meeting.

## Communications

The CoNNMO website is maintained by the Secretariat. Many and varied enquiries for information are received via the contact page and responses provided by the Secretariat. The CoNNMO Secretariat has continued to circulate a range of emails broadly relevant to CoNNMO member organisations. These emails relate to: conferences, media releases, meetings, newsletters, projects, submissions, consultations, research and surveys. Some require CoNNMO member involvement; some are for the purpose of information only; and others require further circulation to our member organisations' respective memberships. The CoNNMO website provides information about the on-going work of CoNNMO and our respective CoNNMO member organisations. For further information go to: [www.connmo.org.au](http://www.connmo.org.au).

## Funding

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) is the auspicing body and fund holder for CoNNMO. CoNNMO is funded as a program by the Australian Government Department of Health. The CoNNMO Secretariat submitted a funding proposal to the Australian Government Department of Health, Workforce Reform Division on 21 December 2016. A three year Deed of Variation to the Standard Funding Agreement Schedule for the operations of CoNNMO was signed by both parties on 19 June 2017. The operations of CoNNMO are funded until 1 July 2020.

## Secretariat Team Overview

The ANMF Federal Office is responsible for the CoNNMO Secretariat. The CoNNMO Secretariat team is based in the Federal Office in Melbourne. The team consists of: Julianne Bryce and Elizabeth Foley, ANMF Federal Professional Officers; Sotiria Stefanis and Dorothy Abicic, ANMF Federal Finance Officers; and Anastasia Shianis, Administrative Officer to the ANMF Federal Professional Team.

Anastasia Shianis organises the CoNNMO member and Council meetings including travel and accommodation, attends to agendas and minutes, maintains CoNNMO files, coordinates email traffic, provides information technology support, formats reports, submissions and surveys, maintains the CoNNMO website, and accommodates the requests of CoNNMO members and Council. Julianne Bryce and Elizabeth Foley coordinate member and Council meetings, field enquiries, draft documents and prepare reports and submissions to the Australian Government Department of Health. Sotiria Stefanis and Dorothy Abicic maintain accounts, financial records and prepare balance sheets for the Department and the external auditors. In addition to the CoNNMO Secretariat role, Julianne Bryce is a permanent member of the CoNNMO Council.

Use of the Secretariat's State Branch facilities to host the meetings continues to significantly reduce the cost associated with venue hire, allowing for the focus of expenditure to be on travel and accommodation for member representatives to attend meetings. CoNNMO is reliant on the ongoing support of the ANMF Branches in both Victoria and NSW in providing the venue and associated facilities for CoNNMO member meetings held in Melbourne and Sydney each year.

## Upcoming CoNNMO Meetings

The next CoNNMO member meeting will be held in Sydney on Friday 5 October 2018 at the New South Wales Nurses and Midwives Association (NSWNMA), 50 O'Dea Avenue Waterloo, NSW.