

## **CoNNMO Meeting – Friday 5 May 2023 Member Reports**

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Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand

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**Name of organisation: Audiometry Nurses Association of Australia Inc.**

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

As president of our professional body I have been invited on to the Hearing Health Sector Alliance Committee which is looking at identifying & eliminating racism in the hearing care system, particularly in the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander workforce.

The model of care will support & provide a pathway for aboriginal workers to move into professional areas of ear & hearing health.

This group is led by Luke Halvorsen & Catherine McMahon from Macquarie University. They are currently applying for a research grant to continue this work to co-design a structure, strategies, implementation plan, policies and procedures to eradicate racism with HHSA professional bodies & organisations.

We are currently updating our resource flyers & Constitution.

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

Our next annual conference will be held in Parramatta- Park Royal Parramatta on 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> October.

We have extended this back to a 3 day conference to include workshops & hearing health presenters which provides CPD for our members.

This conference is open to all who have an interest in hearing health.

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

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

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### Name of organisation:

Australasian Hepatology Association

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

- Ongoing member recruitment via AHA Webinar series.
- Change of board members/role at our November 2022 AGM
- Constitutional review has commenced and the members. To be presented with a new constitution to vote on by October 2023
- Planning for our 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday and biennial conference
- Development of the: Strategic Plan Implementation and Communications Working Group
- Secured industry funding to support nurses in presenting research/attending conference/continuing professional development in the Hepatitis C space and for the AHA to host a series of hepatology focussed educational webinars.
- Members survey completed November 2022
- Online ALD course delivered twice

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

- National Hepatitis B Clinical Standards and Accreditation Panel
- HIV Co-infection and Viral Hepatitis Elimination conference committee
- INHSU conference committee
- EC Australia reference group
- Hepatitis C Diagnostics Advocacy Steering Committee

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

AHA will be celebrating our 21<sup>st</sup> birthday during our 2023 Conference. Themed “The Road Well Travelled” and being held 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023 in Melbourne.

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

Sustainability strategies for member recruitment and retention in the post-COVID era/increased cost of living.

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

How associations can embed risk management strategies within their policies and activities would be of interest.

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

The AHA is always interested in collaborative projects with other associations – yep agree this is a good one to keep in.

Jaclyn Tate-Baker  
AHA Board member  
21.04.2023

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**Name of organisation:**

Australasian Neuroscience Nurses Association (ANNA)

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

- The annual conference was held in Melbourne in November 2022, with over 150 registrations attending on line and in person. The ANNA conferences are offered hybrid, due to overwhelming on line support during the Covid 19 epidemic.
- ANNA continues educational opportunities with 2<sup>nd</sup> monthly webinars with an array of neuroscience topics, with an average attendance of 30-40 registrants at each webinar.
- We have created two new committee positions.
  - Learning and Development Coordinator
  - Mentorship and Webinar Coordinator
- The mentorship program completed its first year. This was a very successful initiative and has been offered again in 2023.
- ANNA was required to register for GST this year. A meeting for all members was called to request members increase membership fees in order to absorb the cost of the GST to the association, this was passed unamanously. We have also introduced two new member categories for allied health/medical colleagues and a student category.
- Sydney Neuroscience Symposium was held in February.
- Scholarships offered
- Ongoing World Federation Neuroscience Nurses (WFNN) Quadrennial planning for June 2025
- State delegates attending executive meetings on a quarterly basis.
- Review of national standards published on website
- Australasian Journal of Neuroscience Nursing (AJON) peer reviewed journal published bi-annually
- Current membership – reminders sent to unfinancial members (current September 2022)
  - Total - 413
  - Un financial (outstanding) 114
  - Average new members per month - 10 - 14

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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?**

- Return of ARNA member face to face Chapter and National professional development activities.
- Board strategic planning to inform ARNA's strategic focus areas FY2024- FY28
- Recent development of the ARNA Rehabilitation Practice Guideline for Enrolled Nurses (2023)
- Review and update of the ARNA Rehabilitation Nursing Competency Standards for Registered Nurses (2023)
- Current development of the ARNA Mentorship Program
- Membership acquisition program
- Ongoing planning with members in both New Zealand (NZ) and Western Australia (WA) for ongoing planning for formation of ARNA Chapters in both regions.
- Member support via Research and Education Scholarships and Research Grants
- Continued ARNA professional development activities(webinars, mini webinars and journal clubs)
- Continued growth of ARNA specialist content on the ARNA Education Portal in collaboration with the World Continuing Education Alliance (WCEA)

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

The 32<sup>nd</sup> ARNA National Conference will take place in Canberra on Oct 18<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023. With the theme: *"Rehabilitation in ACTion, action, collaboration, tenacity"* the conference will be opportunity for rehabilitation nurses from Australia, New Zealand and other international locations to hear from eminent nurse leaders and network with colleagues to celebrate shared experience, knowledge and accomplishments.

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

Accessing business grants and enhancing grant applications to optimise success with securing these

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

Yes. We are interested in what other specialties have done in regard to political activism to promote/increase understanding of the value of their specialty?

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

The ARNA Board is happy to consider requests for information and assistance to assist in understanding of the specialist practice of rehabilitation nursing and the essential nature of rehabilitation in nursing as part of every nurse's practice regardless of practice context.

Alison New  
ARNA National President  
CoNNMO Representative

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

- The ANNA annual conference will be hybrid again this year, allowing members the choice of attending in person or on line. This concept worked extremely well in 2022, with over 150 registrants.
- The conference will be held at the Esplanade Hotel Fremantle Western Australia 9th and 10th November 2023.

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

- ANNA would appreciate any assistance in the recruitment of new members and retaining current members.
- Member engagement

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

With the increasing costs of running an association the committee are interested in 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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**Name of organisation:** Australasian Sexual Health and HIV Nurses Assn Inc (ASHHNA Inc)

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

Increasing membership

Membership drive

Survey development

ASHHNA is supporting the YES referendum

ASHHNA releasing reduced fee for student memberships

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

**18-20 September 2023. Australasian Sexual and Reproductive Health Conference**

<https://www.ashm.org.au/conferences/upcoming-events/asrhconference/>

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

Recruitment and retention is a big issue particularly in rural and remote areas. There are also problems in the metropolitan sexual health clinics.

Not all nurses are able to work at full scope of practice.

There are limitations on advanced practice at NP and CNS/ CNC level

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

The above topics re recruitment and retention and Scope of Practice

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

**Governance**

ASHHNA is wanting to support more nurses in nursing research

Joanne Perks  
CoNNMO representative  
26/4/23

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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?**

ANZUNS has recently transitioned to an Australian not-for-profit- public company limited by guarantee, under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and Corporations Act 2001 (Australia). All local or state-based urological nursing societies have now become Sections of ANZUNS Ltd, the unified peak association for urological nurses in Australia and New Zealand.

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

ANZUNS holds a national conference each year, usually in February or March, in conjunction with the Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand (USANZ) Annual Scientific Meeting.

In 2023 it was held in Melbourne from 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> February.

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

Nil at present

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

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

Winding up state-based societies to come under a national body (with state based sections). This has been a massive undertaking for a volunteer organisation, and we would be happy to share our experiences and learnings if other organisations are looking to do the same.



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### Australia New Zealand Orthopaedic Nurses Alliance (ANZONA)

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

ANZONA Adelaide national conference in September, 2022, was twice rescheduled due to COVID – ran at a financial loss but it was great to reconnect again!

#### **Conference Summary**

*Initial planning for ANZONA Adelaide 2022 commenced in 2018 when NZONA declared they were not in a position to host the 2020 ANZONA Conference in Christchurch due to a lack of finances and committee structure. SAON agreed to “swap” conferences ... However due to COVID Pandemic and NZONA committee being in abeyance, swapping the conference events no longer became a viable option. SAON found itself in a position of “rescheduling” the Adelaide ANZONA Conference on two separate occasions to 2022.*

*With the assistance of \$5000 ANZONA Seeding money, SAON was quick to secure the services of SEED Events in April 2018: a local, small business that was front-of-mind for SAON in “keeping it local”. Janine & Lejla stayed the course along-side SAON, maintaining a high level of professionalism throughout the extended conference planning period. There were challenges in renegotiating terms with the hosting hotel including catering & accommodation costs. Ultimately SEED facilitated a decrease in agreed registration numbers from 250 to 180 registrants with the hotel. The conference was nowhere near achieving this; the run-on effect for catering was not absorbed and wastage ensued.*

*Much of the conference planning took place virtually via meetings on Zoom and communications with speakers via email. There were opportunities to meet with sponsors face-to-face in between ‘lockdowns’ and SAON did surprisingly well in the climate to secure \$46,852.00 in sponsorship dollars. Furthermore the SA Branch of AOA offered \$3000 in Grants for registration & attendance. This was a consistent approach taken by other state AOA branches. Recipients were asked to provide a conference report (incl).*

*The SAON committee was committed to holding a ‘quality’ event with significant dollars being spent on keynote speakers, an interstate invited speaker and a local, high profile comedian. Generally speaking the quality of these speakers was high but there were a few missteps. Overall the conference report was favourable however going forward orthopaedic nursing content is a must (incl).*

**Conference Themes:** Resilience, Recovery, Restoration. *Conference highlights included:*

- *Inspiring talk by Dr Richard ‘Harry’ Harris on Thai Cave rescue – it really set the tone for the conference.*
- *International perspective on Orthopaedic nursing provided by Louise Brent, ICON chairperson.*
- *Dr Jacqui Close updated the meeting about current outcomes in Hip Fracture Care in Australia & NZ including the Sip Til Send project (we hope to talk more about this in the future).*

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- *David Stewart from ICN talked about the Urgency of Joy – Investing in Nursing to Secure Global health.*
- *And there were many other thought-provoking presentations. The greatest benefit was meeting face to face with other orthopaedic nurses from around Australia and reconnecting again.*
- *Conference Dinner theme “Back to the Future”*

ANZONA F2F meeting 24/3/23 brought a group of motivated orthopaedic nurses from most states & territories and representatives from ANZONA chapters together to discuss:

- Developing orthopaedic nurses competencies/capabilities further;
- Discussing next National conference,
- Redeveloping Website & social media strategies
- Promoting local, national & international meetings of interests
- Discuss other relevant issues of interest
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ANZONA has contributed to Hip Fracture standard & Knee standard reviews

Anita Taylor & Wendy Duperouzel as Co-chairs International Collaboration of Orthopaedic Nurses (ICON)

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

Next ANZONA F2F in Adelaide in March 2024

Next ANZONA National Conference in October 31<sup>st</sup> 2024 in Brisbane Queensland: themes of Collaboration/Capabilities/Compassion

and after that in 2026 in Melbourne Victoria

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

Capability/Competency work  
Support orthopaedic nursing as a distinct nursing specialty

**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?**

We're here if you need!

Anita Taylor on behalf of Lesley Thomas, ANZONA President



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## ANZSOM CoNNMO Member Meeting Report – May 2023

### Name of organisation:

ANZSOM – Australian and New Zealand Society of Occupational Medicine

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

- **ANZSOM - Competency Standards and Recognition Program for Occupational Health Nurses launched.**
- **Nurse Strategy Working Group continues to guide education and professional engagement for nurse members.**
- **Delivery of CPD specifically for nurses through an OHN Webinar program**

The Australian New Zealand Society of Occupational Medicine (ANZSOM) is committed to supporting Occupational Health Nurses (OHNs) in their chosen career path and to helping them maintain their practice, knowledge and competence.

With this goal in mind, ANZSOM launched its Competency Standards and Recognition Program for OHNs in March this year. This is the culmination of several years of consultation and development by the nursing membership of ANZSOM. A further initiative is ANZSOM's delivery of continuing education for OHNs, which is designed to ensure OHNs can source the professional development necessary to maintain their competencies.

Ours is a nursing specialty dedicated to caring for the health and wellbeing of people at work and we have strong connections to public health. The combination of nursing and occupational health expertise means that OHNs bring a valuable set of skills to workplaces including highly developed communication and problem-solving skills and the ability to work effectively in a team to optimise outcomes for workers and employers. OHNs fulfill a wide range of roles ranging from clinical care to leadership roles in OHS. Occupational health nurses often work as part of a multidisciplinary team including generalist OHS practitioners, medical practitioners, return to work coordinators and human resources advisors/managers.

While it is a highly regarded role, Occupational Health Nursing it is not recognised as a nursing specialty under the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and there is no specific qualification required (over and above a nursing qualification) to work in this field. As such, the ANZSOM OHN Competency Standards and Recognition Program are key initiatives for promoting awareness and recognition of OHNs.

In defining the knowledge and skills requirements for OHNs, the ANZSOM Competency Standards provide a basis for our advocacy for specific training for OHNs. We continue to engage with higher education providers regarding this opportunity. The Recognition Program enables experienced and skilled OHNs to be recognised as such (ANZSOM Recognised OHN) and will enable employers to secure the level of expertise they require.

The Nurse Strategy Working Group represents OHNs nationally, meeting monthly to oversee these activities. Our Nurse Liaison Officer also sits on the ANZSOM Executive, thus ensuring a strong nursing voice in the governance and management of the organisation.

The separate Recognition Program Governance Committee, oversees the awarding of recognition under the program.

We are very excited to see this program up and running and look forward to updating CONNMO in the next 6 months on progress.



More information is available on our website <https://www.anzsom.org.au/occ-health-nursing/supporting-occupational-health-nursing>

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

**Sunday 22 October to Wednesday 25 October** at the Hotel Realm, Canberra

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

Guidance on how best to promote and raise awareness of the OHN's role.

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

Support and Promote the ANZSOM Recognition and Competency Program.

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

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**Name of organisation:** Australian & New Zealand Society of Vascular Nursing (ANZSVN)

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

- Joint conference with ANZSVS 21 – 24 October 2022 in Hobart

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

Joint conference with ANZSVS.  
20 - 23 October 2023, Cairns Convention Centre, Cairns

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

Update to our members on issues of interest via CoNNMO website.

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

TBA

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

Clinical advice relating to specialist areas – vascular surgery and wound prevention and management.

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**Name of organisation:**

Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nurses

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

National Conference  
Upgrade of Website and membership portal  
Engaged company to overview governance of association

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

National Conference is biennial with last conference in Fremantle 13-16<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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

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**Name of organisation:** Australian College of Neonatal Nurses (ACNN)

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

ACNN and branches and Special Interest Groups (SIG) continue to provide online professional development sessions. In the last 6 months there have been several sessions with diverse topics. These include autism spectrum disorder in children born extremely preterm, the perils of peri-viability, how to support feeding and communication development in neonatal settings, and the results of a randomised clinical trial on the use of humidity for neonatal care.

ACNN continues to provide financial support members for scholarships to undertake various activities, such as fees for relevant education programs and conference attendance. Applications are received three times per year, with good uptake by members. The following have been awarded in the March 2023 round:

Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (NNP) SIG:

- Jo Scott: Attend and present at neonatal nursing conference
- Vicky Liashenko: Support Masters of Nurse Practitioner in Neonatology

Neonatal Skin SIG:

- Janene Douglas: Conduct research focused on pain management during newborn heel lancing

Education SIG:

- Gill Noreiks: Attend and present at national ACNN conference

**When is your national conference?**

ACNN was successful in receiving a grant from the South Australian Government to hold the 2023 annual conference in Adelaide. This will be held 6-8<sup>th</sup> September. Planning is well underway. Abstract submissions are currently open. Invited international speakers are Dr Deborah Harris, NNP from New Zealand and Dr Charissa Patricelli and Nicole Carter, Perinatal Addictions & Families in Recovery programmes, BC Women's Hospital, Vancouver, Canada.

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

Promotion of studies undertaken by ACNN members.

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

Neonatal nursing workforce recruitment, development and retention

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

Connecting with neonatal nurses.

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### **Australian College of Nurse Practitioners**

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

Working on the NP Strategic Plan, and on the WA Innovation in Primary Care Pilot.

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

October 12-14 2023, Melbourne – Crown Conference Centre  
Pre-conference workshops 11 October.  
Theme: Leading, Shaping, Strengthening Healthcare

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

Support for reform to enable NPs to work to full scope.

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

Leadership, change (policy and reform).

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

We are happy to work with other organisations to push widespread reform for nursing and midwifery. ACNP supports a collaborative approach between organisations.

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### Australian College of Nursing (ACN)

ACN has undertaken several activities since the last meeting, including:

#### Policy:

- Released six Position Statements and a White Paper as outcomes of Policy Chapters and Taskforces work:
  - o [The role of nurses in a public health response to child abuse and neglect](#)
  - o [Impact of COVID-19 on the nursing profession: managing repercussions, enabling opportunities](#)
  - o [Nurse-led innovations in response to COVID-19 for adults living with chronic disease and multimorbidity](#)
  - o [Second responder for callouts in rural, remote and isolated workplace settings](#)
  - o [Nurses and violence](#)
  - o [Nursing leadership in managing multimorbidity and COVID-19](#)
  - o [The nursing response to the climate emergency](#)

#### Education:

- Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is central to lifelong learning and is a vital aspect of keeping healthcare professionals' knowledge and skills up-to-date. At ACN we are dedicated to helping meet nurses' CPD requirements and ongoing education needs.  
That's why we have made the process of earning CPD hours even easier with our **new and improved** CPD Centre. There are a variety of study modes including:

**Online courses** – complete your CPD anytime, anywhere on any device

**Face-to-face courses** - **upskill under the guidance of specialist nurse educators**

**Webinars** – **access a library of recorded discussions and presentations**

#### Faculties:

- Faculties are designed to focus on specific issues or specialties impacting the nursing profession and are unpinned by the six strategic pillars of ACN's 2022-2026 strategic directions: advocacy, community, education, leadership, policy, and social impact.
- The faculty framework incorporates members as the foundation, facilitating nurses in achieving ACN's Strategic Direction: Shaping Health, Advancing Nursing. Faculties provide members with a national profile at all levels of nursing, from novice to expert, with a range of opportunities to engage and grow professionally. Faculty members collaborate with ACN to develop strategic priorities and facilitate CPD sessions and networking opportunities for members.

#### Policy Summit:

- 2023 Theme: Power, Persistence, and Influence
- Every year ACN hosts a Policy Summit in Canberra. At the Summit, Policy Fellows, Chapter Chairs, and Distinguished Guests engage in high-level discussions regarding ACN's policy strategy and wider issues affecting nursing and healthcare. This year ACN ran a hybrid model again with just over 200 attending the event.
- The agreed policy priorities for 2023 are:
  - o Aged Care
  - o Skilled Migration
  - o Advanced Practice Nursing
  - o Scope of Practice
  - o Registered Nurse Prescribing

## National Conference

- 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 2023 NNF will be held from 9-11 August in Adelaide with the theme 'Reflect, Replenish, Renew'.

ACN invites CoNNMO members to actively participate in collaborative opportunities with ACN to advocate for the nursing profession and positive healthcare outcomes for all Australian consumers.

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

ACN encourages CoNNMO to consider the following topics to present at member meetings:

- Workforce strategy update (presentation)
- Nurses and occupational violence (support and advocacy)
- Leadership in Climate and Health (presentation)
- Raise the Age campaign – nationalise a safe and agreed-upon age for juvenile incarceration (support and advocacy)

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

ACN continues to work on advocating for the nursing profession, social impact, and educating the workforce and the community. ACN will always hold conversations and assist other CoNNMO members with these areas where strategically appropriate.



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### Name of organisation:

Australian College of PeriAnaesthesia Nurses (ACPAN)

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

- The Board has initiated three new initiatives to increase membership engagement:
  - Quarterly newsletter
  - Q&A by the National president
  - Community of Practice: clinical discussion forum
- The Board has placed a bid for the World Congress of Nurse Anaesthetists 2026 by IFNA in Brisbane. The bid was progressed to the second round together with Kyoto. The IFNA Board has performed a site inspection and the ACPAN Board will have to perform a final pitch in Iceland 11 and 12 May 2023. The bid is supported by the Queensland Office of the Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer (OCNMO), Brisbane Convention and entertainment centre (BCEC) and the Brisbane city economic forum..
- The Board is exploring the feasibility of paid managers to support the Board and a review of the constitution and legal company into company limited by guarantee.
- After providing 2 sedation courses, together with GENCA, the ACPAN Board is lobbying for a recognised formal training for sedation nurses at a AQF8 level.
- We have reached an agreement with the Australian Pain Society to develop a guideline for NP in acute pain.
- The Board has published an online perianaesthesia crisis management course.

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

Next national conference is 13 and 14 October in Newcastle. The first day will offer workshops in the morning and 1.5 day of lectures. <https://acpan.edu.au/acpan-national-conference-2023-home-page/>

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

The Board would like to be more involved in the development or review of national guidelines/policies related to the perianaesthesia domain.

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

Could it be possible to include a question related to working area/specialty when applying or renewing the AHPRA registration? This would give a better insight into the workforce.

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ACPAN is open for collaboration with any CoNNMO member to provide an added value for its members.

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**Name of organisation:**

***Australian Dermatology Nurses Association***

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

The committee have been busy over the months since the previous CoNNMO meeting. Meeting with Australian College of Nursing re the Graduate Certificate in Dermatology Nursing. Discussions focused around checking the course was still meeting industry needs and if any legislative changes occurred that needed to be integrated into the course content. There was also discussion on possible additional module subjects ENs and RNs could undertake, other than the existing accredited modules, to increase their knowledge and skills in quality courses.

Meeting with Australasian College of Dermatologists and the Skin Health Institute were undertaken to gain a better understand of their accredited modules for dermatology skills development, and ways of unifying/consolidating and standardising nurses education and skills. These meetings will be continuing on the Sunday of the national ADNA conference.

The education section of the ADNA members website was updated regularly with links to no-cost online educational opportunities relevant to nursing practice, knowledge translation and dermatological nursing.

Annual ADNA Conference May 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> 2023, The Program includes practical, participatory workshops. Workshops delivery are by a range of specialist physicians and specialist nurses or nurse practitioners. Objectives of the workshop aim for attendees to increase attendees' knowledge and skills in the comprehensive care of patients in a range of dermatological conditions. A pre-conference training session, by an accredited provider, will be provided free CPR training to registrants who elect to attend.

ADNA representatives (n= 4) will attend the World Congress in Dermatology (WCD) "Dermatology Beyond in Singapore, July 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> 2023. The WCD is organised under the auspices of the International League of Dermatological Societies every four years. The congress attracts international delegates, with the program covering all clinical dermatology areas, ways to enhance patient and community engagement, and promote the understanding of basic, translational and implementation science.

ADNA's contribution will be to showcase Australian Dermatology Nurse-led clinics, models of person-centred care and dermatology research projects involving nurses. Three conference presentations—1) Melanoma research and melanography; 2) Eczema management and initiatives and insights into skin of colour; 3) Evidence-based professional development: the Australian College of Nursing (ACN) Graduate Certificate of Dermatology Nursing. This course is open to International students.

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

Pre-conference workshop May 26<sup>th</sup>; Main Conference, May 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Sydney International Exhibition & Convention Centre.

### **21<sup>st</sup> ADNA National Conference Program: Sponsored by ABBVIE**

#### **FRIDAY pre conference PROGRAM 26/5/23**

Venue: International Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour,  
14 Darling Dr, Sydney, NSW 2000  
CPR training (free)/ max 18 : Time:11-2pm at ICC: Room TBC  
ADNA Welcome Drinks 5pm – 7pm Venue: TBC

**SATURDAY PROGRAM 27/5/23**

7.30-8.30am : Registration- coffee/tea supplied

9.00AM- 9.15am: Opening Welcome

9.30-10.30am: Workshops: 30-40 people only in each session. 60min

- 1) Melanography: lesion recognition: Marlene Wijaya/Dermatology Research Fellow
- 2) Home-based Phototherapy: Experience/perspective by Glenda Newham RN
- 3) Course part 1: Disinfection and Sterilisation for small Practices + Clinics by Mayfield Education

**10.30-11.00am: Morning tea**

11.00-12.30pm: Workshops continued. 90mins

- 4) Wounds management: Taliesin Ellis SA
- 5) Psychodermatology: Dr Randall Long/Senior Consultant Psychiatrist/Flinders Uni
- 6) Course part 2: Disinfection + Sterilisation by Mayfield Education, Vic

**12.30-13.30pm: LUNCH**

**1.30-3.00pm:** Workshops 90mins

- 7) Setup for surgical procedures in theatre: prepping patients etc./TBA
- 8) Paediatric Eczema by Jemma Weidinger/Eczema Nurse Practitioner/WA (*with Dr Deryn Thompson; Eczema Nurse, Allergy Nurse & lecturer University of South Australia*)
- 9) Leadership forum: Vivienne Speirs/RN

**3.00-3.30pm : Afternoon tea**

3.30-4.00pm: AGM members only

4.00-4.30pm:: Award presentations (EGO/Sunpharma/Galderma/ADNA x 4)

**EGO GALA DINNER: 6.30pm+ onwards at Doltone House/The Loft/Jones Bay Wharf, with a band for lots of dancing and fun!**

**SUNDAY PROGRAM 28/5/23**

Chair Deryn Thompson

9.00-9.30am: WA Eczema Project by Jemma Weidinger (Eczema Nurse Practitioner)

9.30-10.00 am: Xeroderma Pigmentosum: Tanya Henshaw, UK (Dermatology Clinical Nurse Specialist)

**10.00-10.30am: Morning tea**

Chair Vivienne Spiers

10.30-11.00am: Melanoma Research update: Prof Pedro Fernandez Penas/ NSW

11.00-11.30am: Rheumatology/Dermatology: A/Prof Peter Wong (Head of Dept Rheumatology, Westmead Hospital)

11.30am-12pm: Skin cancer pathologies: Dr Jennifer Kim, (NSW Health Pathology)

**12.00-1.00pm: LUNCH**

Chair Deryn Thompson

1.00-1.30pm: ADNA's current and future nurse education opportunities, (President & executive committee)

1.30-2.00pm : CTCL: Dr Jillian Wells & Odette Beulens RN (Westmead Hospital; Peter MacCallum Institute)

2.00-2.30pm: Vulval Dermatology: Dr Gayle Fischer (Royal North Shore Hospital)

2.30-3.15pm: Immunology/Rituximab in bullous disease: Dr Ming-Wei Lin (Westmead Hospital)

CLOSE

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

Ways of encouraging members to volunteer for committee positions (especially in a workplace climate where nurses are exhausted and burnt out after 3 years of COVID affecting practice.

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

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Name of organisation:



**AUSTRALIAN FAITH COMMUNITY NURSES ASSOCIATION INC.**

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

- **AFCNA is expanding Faith Community Care** to deal with growing social isolation, mental health, ageing in place, disability support, increase in chronic condition self-management, family/domestic violence, addiction, and homelessness. We are providing CPD in these areas in 2023.
- **Baptist Care SA's (West Care site) is piloting a paid Pastoral Care Nurse role** who works with volunteer Health Navigators to support people at risk of homelessness to navigate health and community care. The funded pilot project will end in September 2023.
- AFCNA is supporting Ukrainian Faith Community Nurses to facilitate a new government nursing initiative called **'Mercy Nurses'**
- **Web Workshops are a new initiative in 2023** register for ['What do we mean by whole person health?'](#) on Tuesday 23rd May here
- We are starting free web sessions called [Explore Faith Community Care](#) starting Thursday 18th May
- **We have a new membership system website** by 'Wild Apricot' that manages members, event registration, donations and sells our courses from one site. You can see it here [Landing page](#)
- **We have a new phone number:** 0412 134 348 and our email is [afcna@outlook.com](mailto:afcna@outlook.com)

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

- We will hold our internationally recognised [Foundations of Faith Community Nursing course](#) starting on the 3rd September 2023. There are 16 modules with 2 modules released every 3 weeks over one semester with one Zoom networking session every 3 weeks.
- We participated in the Westberg International conference for Faith Community Nurses in April 2023 and information is available here. [www.community.westberginstitute.org](http://www.community.westberginstitute.org)

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

- Consideration for nurses who have left clinical roles to affordably upskill and have re-entry pathways facilitated
- As a small charitable association registered with ACNC, AFCNA offers fee-paying education nationally. We therefore had to apply for an ABR number as well as an ABN number. AFCNA is a low earning organisation and already reports to ACNC annually to meet its charitable obligations. However, now each board member must also apply for a Directors Identification Number. This process is not simple and seems to be regulatory over-reach for small organisations that earn so little. Can this process and the duplication of effort be reconsidered?

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

- Happy to present on the benefits and opportunities of Faith Community Nursing at any health forum
- We are increasing our education platform with professional development that relates to holistic or whole-person care [www.afcna.org.au](http://www.afcna.org.au) This CPD is free and/or affordable and open to all nurses and midwives.
- We have quality experienced educators who can help organisations equip their care staff and nurses re whole-person care, Please direct your inquiries to [afcna@outlook.com](mailto:afcna@outlook.com)

**AFCNA CoNNMO rep:  
Dr. Antonia van Loon RN,BN,MN(research),PhD**

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

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

#### Submissions:

- Response to the Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs for the Inquiry into the provisions of the Inspector-General of Aged Care Bill 2023 and the Inspector-General of Aged Care (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2023 – 31 March 2023
- Response to Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care on the Exposure Draft and Explanatory Statement – Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Registered Nurse) Principles 2023 – 20 March 2023
- Response to the Independent review of regulatory settings relating to registration and qualification recognition for overseas health practitioners – 9 March 2023
- Response to Ahpra and the National Boards for the review of accreditation arrangements for the National Scheme to prepare for 2024-2029 cycle – 2 March 2023
- Response to Ahpra and the National Boards for the targeted consultation on how Ahpra and the National Boards propose to use the new power to issue public statements – 1 March 2023
- Response to the ACSQHC on the draft National Safety and Quality Primary and Community Healthcare Standards - 28 February 2023
- Response to the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care on increasing access to health and aged care: a strategic plan for the nurse practitioner workforce (the Plan) – 10 February 2023
- Submission to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) public consultation on the draft Data Strategy – 31 January 2023
- Submission to the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC) consultation on the draft Sustainable Healthcare Module – 31 January 2023
- Submission to the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC) consultation draft on the National Consensus Statement: Essential elements for safe and high-quality end-of-life care – 13 January 2023
- Submission to the NMBA public consultation on the draft revised Safety and quality guidelines for privately practising midwives – 20 December 2022
- Submission to the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care public consultation on the expansion of Newborn Bloodspot Screening – 12 December 2022
- Submission to the Senate Standing Committees on Community Affairs Inquiry into Universal Access to Reproductive Healthcare – 15 December 2022
- Submission to the Department of Health and Aged Care consultation - Review of the Aged Care Quality Standards – 25 November 2022
- Submission to the Department of Health and Aged Care Consultation Paper No.1 – A New Model for Regulating Aged Care – 20 October 2022
- Submission to the Aged Care Data Strategy Consultation Information Guide – 3 October 2022

#### Committees/forums:

- ACSQHC Cosmetic Surgery Project Advisory Committee
- ACSQHC Health Services Medication Expert Advisory Group
- ACSQHC Focus Group for the Review of Implementation Resources for the eNRM
- ACSQHC Aged Care Clinical Standards Advisory Committee
- ACRRM Rural and Remote Digital Innovation Group
- ACTU Climate Action Group Meeting
- ADHD Aged Care Digital Advisory Group
- ADHA/ANMF Digital Aged Care Project
- Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission – Independent Capability Review
- Ahpra Professions Reference Group

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- ANMAC Strategic Accreditation Advisory Committee
- ANMF Aged Care Group
- ANMF Aged Care Reform Group
- ANMAC Review of Accreditation Standards for Programs leading to Endorsement for Scheduled Medicines for Midwives Expert Reference Group
- ANMAC/APC Interprofessional Colloquium
- Australian Digital Health Agency Aged Care Advisory Group
- Australian Government Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities (CALD) COVID-19 Vaccine Roundtable with Health Practitioners
- Australian Government Residential Aged Care Funding Reform Working Group
- Climate and Health Alliance
- Code of Conduct for Aged Care Draft Guidance Materials Consultation
- Greening the Health Care Sector Forum
- Commonwealth Roundtables – Building and Supporting the Personal Care Workforce and Rural and Remote Aged Care Roundtable
- Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities (CALD) COVID-19 Health Advisory Group
- Department of Health and Aged Care – Aged Care On-Site Pharmacist Measure, On-Line Stakeholder Forum
- Department of Health and Aged Care – Aged Care COVID-19 Weekly Update Webinar
- Department of Veterans Affairs Health Providers Partnership Forum
- Early Career Nurse and Midwife Working Group
- Health Providers Partnership Forum (HPPF)
- National Aged Care Alliance
- National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) ILC Project Steering Group
- National Rural Health Alliance Forum and Council Meeting
- Newborn Bloodspot Screening Programs Consultation
- NMBA/ANMAC Nurse Practitioner Regulatory Advisory Group
- NMBA's Nurses and Cosmetic Procedures Position Statement Review Meeting
- Nurse Practitioner 10 Year Plan Steering Committee
- Nursing and Midwifery Support – Enhanced Services Advisory Group Meeting

2. CoNNMO Secretariat and Operations

3. National Digital Health project funded by the Australian Digital Health Agency

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

In partnership with the Digital Health Agency, the ANMF has developed a series of free webinars on topics related to digital health for nurses and midwives. The webinars can be accessed at: <https://www.anmf.org.au/professional/digital-health/anmf-digital-health-webinars>

The ANMF is supporting the Indigenous Voice to Parliament and asks that organisations consider adding their support. ANMF Federal Office is planning two 30-minute webinars for members, one for the end of May and the other for September. These will be recorded so they can also be viewed at a later date and are intended to educate members about the referendum process and engage them in advocating for a Yes vote.

### **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?**

- Professional and industrial issues impacting nurses and midwives and students of nursing and midwifery;
- COVID-19 response information and resources.

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**Name of organisation:** Australian Women's Health Nurse Association

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

- Held our successful annual professional development update Feb 2023 at NSWNMA as a hybrid event: "Challenges, Changes and Choices: reconnecting, sharing information and supporting women's health"
- AGM Feb 2023 with all positions filled for Office Bearers - Executive
- AWHNA partnership with SPHERE and AusCAPPS research, our expert representative attends monthly meetings and is on the panel network working group.
- Ongoing role out of the introduction of 'Universal self-collection for Cervical Screening' from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 providing more choice for women and people with a cervix to access screening.
- The Association presented a submission to parliament in December, 2022, on "Universal access to Reproductive Healthcare". Awaiting report re same on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2023, from the Senate Community Affairs References Committee
- Our email membership network remains active, sharing relevant Women's Health Nurse information, professional development upskilling opportunities, and support to members. Sharing advertised vacant positions to ensure WHN specialities remain filled and active.
- Expanding our network into the community through social media, with a Facebook profile developed for the Association to promote & support women on a broader platform.

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

Planning underway to return the Annual Professional Update to end of calendar year. Update was combined with AGM in February in 2022 due to COVID changes and restrictions, and again in February 2023, but members would like to separate the AGM & update again.

When dates are approved, it will be held again at NSW Nurses & Midwives Association premises at, 50 O'Dea Ave, Waterloo NSW 2017

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

Share & promoting AWHNA professional development events, on your website will be kindly appreciated.

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

None at present

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

We offer membership for Women's Health Nurses, and RNs working in Women's Health Specialised areas, in both public & private health settings, across Australia.

We can assist members by providing support when women's health is seen as a significant requirement for improvement in nursing practice, by offering; CPD in regular Peer Review, Professional updates, mentorship, and linkage with specialist nurses practising in Women's Health, expert knowledge and skill sharing.

Compiled by

*Roslyn Hollis*

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**Name of organisation:** **Cancer Nurses Society of Australia**

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

- Facilitation and creation of new five-year Strategic Plan with measurable outputs and success metrics
- Undertaking membership renewals (sitting at 77% retention)
- First workforce report available
- Running 10 + webinars
- Planning for Annual Congress
- Opening of board nominations, with a national election required for the first time

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

Our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress will be held in Adelaide from 14 – 16 June – more information can be found at [www.cnsacongress.com.au](http://www.cnsacongress.com.au)

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

- Addressing workforce shortages
- Managing volunteer capacity
- Developing successful mentoring programs
- Engaging with the next generation to convert to membership

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

- Any strategies to address workforce shortages and retention of new nurses
- Any successful advocacy to address nurses working to the top of their scope

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

- Running an online election
- Coordinating a workforce report
- Membership renewal strategies

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**Name of organisation: College of Emergency Nursing Australasia (CENA)**

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

Engagement with the Australian Commission for Safety and Quality in Healthcare Emergency Triage Education Kit Project Advisory Group. This Group is reviewing the 2009 educational resources used nationally to prepare emergency nurses for triage. We are very excited about this initiative, which CENA have been advocating for, for the last five years.

Continued engagement with the National Clinical Evidence Taskforce:

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

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

The 20<sup>th</sup> International Conference for Emergency Nurses will be held in Perth from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

### **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?**

Recovering from COVID-19, workforce support and workforce planning.

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**Name of organisation:**

Continence Nurse's Society of Australia Ltd.

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

CoNSA state/territory branches have been deregistered and we have completed unification as a national company limited by guarantee under ASIC regulations.

CoNSA has established a Board of Directors and subcommittees to support the work of the Board.

The [CoNSA website](#) is continually developing including a member only area, ability to renew membership via a web portal, an e-newsletter capability and membership database. We are receiving many enquiries via the website contact page.

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

CoNSA is an annual contributor to the National Continence on Incontinence (Continence Foundation of Australia) and we will conduct a workshop for the 2023 conference. The joint [31st National Conference on Incontinence \(NCOI\) and 4th Functional Urology Symposium](#) will be held in Adelaide 14th-17th June 2023. The half day workshop is titled Comprehensive Continence Assessment, Advanced Practice Principles, and the Responsibility of the Nurse Continence Specialist. Many members will be presenting scientific papers or posters.

CoNSA is also co-hosting the annual [Meeting of the Waters](#) seminar day with ANZUNS. The seminar will be held in Melbourne on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

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

Not at present

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

Strategies to increase membership – marketing.

Developing a strategic plan.

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

Development of practice standards for specialist nursing practice.

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**Name of organisation:** Council of Deans, Nursing and Midwifery (Australia and New Zealand).

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

- **Aspiring Dean's Program**
  - Commenced February 2023 for 12 months
  - Participants supported through mentoring, leadership profiling and professional development activities.
- **Preceptorship Program**
  - Developing education program for Clinical Facilitators and Preceptors
- **Midwifery Workforce Review**
  - Future of the midwifery workforce position paper prepared by Midwifery Advisory Group.
- **Australian University Accord**
  - Response submitted

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

- **CDNM 30-year Anniversary** – Sydney (NSW) 11 October 2023
- **CDNM 2024 Symposium** – Darwin (NT) 17-19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

We are happy to collaborate as the need arises.

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Name of organisation: **Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia (DANA)**

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

- Launch of:
  - DANA's new website and integrated membership database
  - Intuto online learning management system.
- Connecting, Coaching and Changing Lives (Triple C) program is running again this year. This is a series of educational webinars, clinical support sessions and mentoring groups for newly endorsed nurse practitioners and those studying towards their Nurse Practitioner Masters to assist the transition from expert registered nurse to novice NP.
- DANA's New Zealand Forum held in Auckland on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.
- DANA's Geelong Forum held Waurun Ponds on April 28th, 2023.
- Publication: *"Barriers and facilitators to becoming an alcohol and other drug nurse practitioner in Australia: A mixed methods study"* Adam Searby, Dianna Burr, Colleen Blums, Jason Harrison, Darren Smyth

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/inm.13125>

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

August 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Sofitel Wentworth Hotel in Sydney (40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary conference) featuring a one day Nurse practitioner Symposium plus an all day educational event for nurses new to the AOD sector; the ABC of AOD.

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

n/a

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

n/a

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

n/a

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**Name of organisation:**

**Gastroenterological Nurse College of Australasia (GENCA)**

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

- The Fundamentals on Endoscopy Reprocessing committee have reviewed the content and updated the information in line with the Infection prevention in endoscopy guideline co developed with GESA and GENCA. This will further develop into the online learning modules.
- Education – The IBD subcommittee have developed and delivered online learning for IBD nursing in a foundation school and an advanced school model.
- GENCA has partnered with GESA to have a team of nurses attend a rural and remote training week in Alice Springs – this will be delivered from the 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May by the nurses.
- GENCA has partnered with GESA in forming the Green gastroenterology network delivering online webinars. GENCA has committed to the greening in health care agenda though having a voice on this green network plus committing to a focus on greening health care at each and every event I.E. the GENCA national conference and State symposiums

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

Our national conference is in Perth at the Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre, 19-21 May 2023.

We have two international speakers

[www.genca.org/education/2023-national-conference/](http://www.genca.org/education/2023-national-conference/)

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

We have approximately 20 nurse endoscopist in Australia with two models of care – Advanced practice nurses and Nurse practitioner nurses. We are keen to develop a certifying/credentialing process for nurses as the GESA, RACS and RACP Conjoint Committee for the Recognition of Training in Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (CCRTGE) and the Recertification in Colonoscopy Conjoint Committee (RCCC) do not accept nurses to apply for recognition of training in endoscopy or recertification.

Nurses currently do this within their employing health facility submitting the same required data matching the KPIs required to obtain recognition firstly upon completion of training the recertification data every 3 years.

GENCA as a nursing professional group are willing to develop a recognition and recertification group to a nationally accepted status to create a pathway for nurses to obtain this recognition.

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

Advanced practice nursing – ongoing promotion of this role in gastroenterology and recognition of the benefits of upskilling the nursing workforce

Medicare benefits Schedule – Current constraints of MBS items plus legislation continue to fracture health care for often marginalised groups adding to the cost of health care with duplication of health care visits for the same health care complaint. Expanding and improving access to MBS- subsidised NP services will enable delivery of timely and cost-effective care to all Australians.

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

GENCA are committed to develop connections that promote health and educate nurses.

Open to suggestions on how GENCA can further this for Australian nurses to deliver quality health care for our communities





# CONNMO Report May 2024

## Membership

A total of 294 members since September 2022 launch

- Location of members
  - Representation across Australia and internationally (see attachment)
- Roles of members
  - RNs: 278
  - ENs: 10
  - Students: 2

## Events

- December 2022: End-of-year Event: Nurse Practitioners in Gerontological Nursing
- May 2023: Future Gerontological Nursing Leaders: Ripples of impact in everyday practice and Launch of Communities of Practice
- September 2023: Annual General Meeting and AINs in Gerontological Nursing: Future contributions
- December 2023: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Gerontological Nursing Opportunities

## Communities of Practice

- Focus areas and leaders identified from a December 2022 GANA Members Survey
- Launching in May 2023 via a virtual GANA meeting
- Focus Areas
  - Cognitive impairment
  - Advocacy and Leadership
  - Research
  - Palliative Care
  - Career pathways
  - Education and development
  - Community care
  - Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, rural and remote nursing

## Alliance partners

GANA has a vision for actively collaborating with like-minded organisations to ensure our impact on the lives of older people, their family carers and the staff who work with them is as effective as possible.

Alliances partnerships established

- Australian Association of Gerontology (AAG)
- Psychogeriatric Nurses Australia (PGNA): CONNMO member
- Warrigal
- Opal Healthcare

## Communication mechanisms

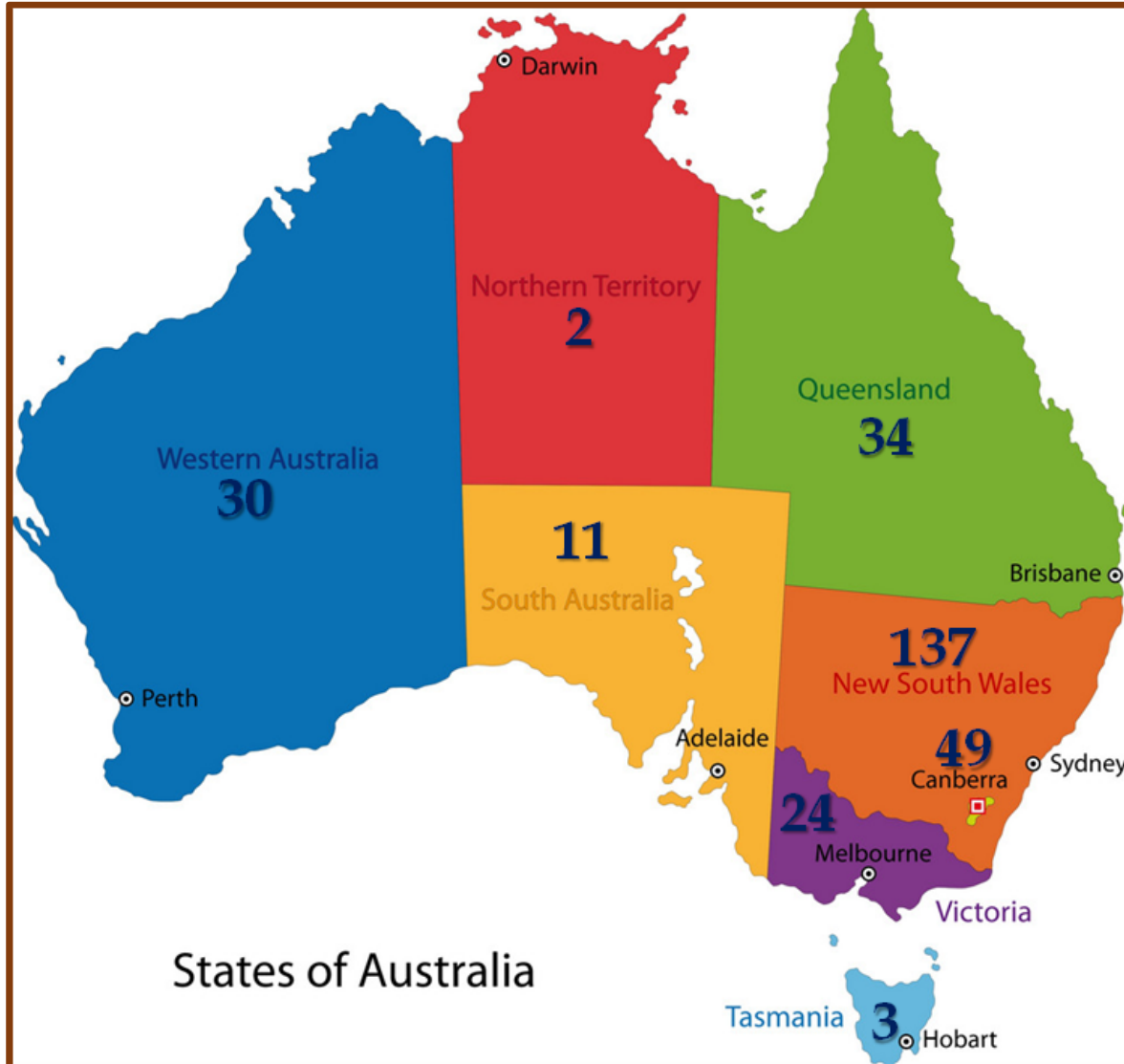
- LinkedIn Group:  
<https://www.linkedin.com/company/gerontologicalallianceofnursesaustralia/?viewAsMember=true>
- Website (currently under development): <https://adhere.org.au/gana/>
- Mailchimp mailing list via [gnc-enquiries@uow.edu.au](mailto:gnc-enquiries@uow.edu.au)



## Membership Summary

Total Membership: 295

Other location	N
All states and territories	2
Ethiopia	1
Hong Kong	2



## CoNNMO Member Meeting Report – May 2023

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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: Maternal Child and Family Health Nurses Australia**

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

- We have held monthly Director's meetings via Zoom.
- We held a strategic planning day for the MCaFHNA Board of Directors in March 2023 to develop a 3-year strategic plan to be published in June 2023.
- Webinars – Let's Talk about Clinical Supervision available to members of MCaFHNA.
- Representative - NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in Translating Early Prevention of Obesity in Childhood (EPOCH-Translate) Advisory Group
- Representative - Delphi Project Research Team 2022 Update of the Oral Health Messages for the Australian Public
- Representative - Expert Working Group - revision of National Perinatal Mental Health Guideline
- Appeared - WA Parliamentary Select Committee inquiry into Child Development Services
- Invited attendee – ARACY Online forum focused on antenatal and maternal health.
- Invited attendee - Early Years Summit, Canberra
- Completed a submission to the Early Years Strategy
- Position statement - Qualifications required for the role of Maternal Child and Family Health Nurse (MCFHN)  
[https://www.mcafhna.org.au/public/138/files/230329-POSITION%20STATEMENT-Qualifications%20for%20role%20of%20MCHN%20V\\_06%20Final.pdf](https://www.mcafhna.org.au/public/138/files/230329-POSITION%20STATEMENT-Qualifications%20for%20role%20of%20MCHN%20V_06%20Final.pdf)

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

- Our next Biennial National Conference will be in Brisbane in 2024

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

- Finding access to business grants and other funding to support work on reviewing standards of practice
- Sharing the National Standards of Practice for Maternal Child and Family Health Nurses in Australia  
[https://www.mcafhna.org.au/public/138/files/National%20Standards%20of%20Practice%20for%20MCaFHNA%20\(1\).pdf](https://www.mcafhna.org.au/public/138/files/National%20Standards%20of%20Practice%20for%20MCaFHNA%20(1).pdf)
- Sharing the Child and Family Health Nursing Professional Practice Framework, which is hosted on the MCaFHNA website  
<https://www.mcafhna.org.au/public/138/files/Resources/CFHN%20Professional%20Practice%20Framework%20-%20Edited.pdf>

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

- Ethical sponsorship of nursing organisations

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

- The Maternal Child and Family Health Nurses Australia is available to provide advice and assistance on all matters relating to Child and Family Health Nursing

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### Name of organisation:

***Psychogeriatric Nurses Association Australia Inc (PGNA).***

Current Member numbers: as of 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**Total-** 96. Members – (7 Life Members; -75 Full (subscribed voting) Members – 10 Associate Members (allied Health) - 1 Student Member -9 of these members are from states outside NSW.

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

- Provision of Specialist Education Webinars 2023 Feb- Can specials deliver therapeutic biopsychosocial care to cognitively impaired inpatients,
- Continued production of PGNA Newsletters for specific interest in Nursing, working in Older Person's Mental Health, Aged and Dementia Care
- PGNA Nurse Member Scholarship was awarded to CNC Anne Hoolahan. The full \$800 is to assist her to attend the International Psychogeriatric Association (IPA) 22<sup>nd</sup> International Congress in Lisbon, Portugal from 29/6/23-2/7/23. Anne will be presenting a Poster at the Conference and will present her paper on her return for PGNA Members and an article in our Newsletter.

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

- **June** – 1 Day face to face conference collaborating with the Faculty of Psychiatry of old age – Medical Update for Old Age Psychiatry Clinicians.
- PGNA has 4 planned Specialist Education Webinars through the year – March, June, September, November at our AGM.

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

- Advertising our events and conference on your website.
- PGNA supports Nurses working in Older Person's Mental Health (OPMH).
- Our difficulty remains- how to identify and connect with OPMH Services in other states and Territories across Australia. There is no one place to be able to get this information to Connect with each other.
- Question; Can CoNNMO help with lobbying State and Territory Governments to firstly set up and provide lists of OPMH services and contacts on their state websites.

### 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?

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### Report by:

Marianne Cummins, President PGNA, on behalf of the PGNA Executive Committee. 30 April 2023

"The Association for Nurses Working in Older People's Mental Health, Aged (Gerontology) and Dementia Care"

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**Name of organisation: Renal Society of Australasia**

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

Conference planning- We have an upcoming conference from 29-31 May 2023.

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

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

Dates are as per above

<https://www.renalsociety.org/education/2023-annual-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 issues especially in remote areas. Gain insight into what others are doing.

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

Not currently

**Dr Edward Zimbudzi**

**RSA Board Director**

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### **Name of organisation:**

The Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand

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

The Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand – Nursing SIG meets monthly. We have 2 elected Australian SIG Convenors

We held our Respiratory Nurses AGM at the TSANZSRS conference where we discussed our strategic plan, including the progression of the respiratory nursing specialisation area of professional practice and we had an opportunity for networking and research collaborations.

The TSANZ position statement: Respiratory Nurses. This statement by the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand's (TSANZ) Position Statement recognizes the pivotal role respiratory nurses play in the lung health of Australians and New Zealanders.

[Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand Position Statement: Respiratory nursing - Smith - 2022 - Respirology - Wiley Online Library](#)

In October 2022, we formed an interim working party of respiratory nurses' members to instigate the Respiratory Nursing Position Statement and to progress advocacy for respiratory nursing as a speciality area of professional practice. We have been meeting fortnightly/monthly with the working party members. We are currently undertaking a Delphi survey process to confirm the key priorities for advancing respiratory nursing.

This update to the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand (TSANZ) guidance on acute oxygen therapy is a brief and practical resource for all healthcare workers involved with administering oxygen therapy to adults in the acute medical setting. Several nurses are authors on this paper.

[Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand Position Statement on Acute Oxygen Use in Adults: 'Swimming between the flags' - Barnett - 2022 - Respirology - Wiley Online Library](#)

TSANZ has been working hard (in conjunction with our partners) advocating for improved efforts to prevent and manage silicosis. TSANZ has also made submissions to government on vaping and lung cancer screening.

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

The TSANZSRS Annual Scientific Meeting took place in Christchurch, New Zealand 22-28 March 2023, delivering our first face-to-face ASM in 3 years since COVID-19. The theme of the ASM was "Disparities in Health" and of the keynote speakers Professor Maureen George – Columbia University -Professor of Nursing. We had a successful Respiratory Nurse Oral session that was well received. Nurse abstracts were received for oral and poster presentations in a variety of TSANZ SIG sessions. Nurses are represented on the conference organising committee, and session chairs to name a few roles at the conference.

The 2024 Annual Scientific Meeting is scheduled for 22-26 March 2024 at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre. The theme is "Innovation in Respiratory Medicine".



We encourage nurses to submit abstracts to this international meeting. All abstracts are published in *respirology* the official journal of Asian Pacific Society of Respirology (Impact factor 6.175)

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

- To support and promote respiratory nursing as a speciality area of professional nursing practice and support the development of future generations of respiratory nurse.  
*“Respiratory nurses are essential to the success of national strategies as a professional workforce, irrespective of clinical settings, as we are at the forefront of the delivery of world-class evidence-based respiratory care. The scope and diversity of acute and chronic respiratory care delivered encompasses numerous settings from primary care and occupational screening services to diagnostic services and inpatient and outpatient (acute and chronic) hospital services that are the focus of secondary and tertiary level care” (Smith et al 2022).*
- To improve the utilisation and role of the respiratory nursing workforce to work to the top of scope, advocating and recognising all advanced practice nursing and promoting nurse practitioners in all geographic areas and clinical practice settings.
- To lobby the NMRB to include respiratory nursing on the annual survey.

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

Increasing the utilisation of Chronic Disease management plans for COPD and Asthma and supporting nurses with a respiratory specialisation to work to the full scope of practice and to be included in the specialist that are eligible for referral within the team care arrangements.

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

The TSANZ Nursing SIG is available to provide advice and assistance on all matters that relate to respiratory nursing and more broadly lung health.

Catherine Buchan  
Australian Co Convenor  
TSANZ Respiratory Nursing SIG