

**CoNNO Meeting – Friday 8 October 2010
Agenda Item 11 – Member Reports**

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National Enrolled Nurse Association of Australia
Nursing Informatics Australia
Otorhinolaryngology, Head & Neck Nurses Group Inc
Palliative Care Nurses Australia
Renal Society of Australasia
Royal College of Nursing, *Australia*

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Australasian Cardiovascular Nursing College (ACNC)

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

- We have been building links with relevant organisations such as National Heart Foundation and Australian Cardiac Rehabilitation Association and organised non-voting executive positions for both these organisations.
- We have endorsed an Interventional Cardiology Nursing Practice Guideline that was developed by the Centre for Cardiovascular and Chronic Care, Curtin University of Technology to explore what nurses think and believe about cardiac nursing practice in relation to caring for patients undergoing Percutaneous Coronary Intervention procedures.
- The executive committee held a planning day in late May and set some Key Performance Indicators (mainly around increasing membership and publicity) for the coming year. Also discussed succession planning with committee elections due to be held early 2011.
- We are in the process of organising our annual conference for March 2011 in Melbourne.

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

- Lobbying for the role of cardiovascular nursing and cardiovascular health
- Links and synergies with other groups

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Not at the moment.

Geraldine Lee

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Australasian Neuroscience Nurses' Association

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

- Updating of the Association Constitution
- Updating of the Association Members Handbook
- Planning for upcoming Annual Scientific meeting to be held on 20 – 22nd October 2010.
- Publication of the Associations Journal (AJON) with a totally revamped cover and design.

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

Nil

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Nil

Sharon Eriksson

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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?

Formal partnerships developed with Australasian HIV/AIDS Conference 2010
Nurses prize for best poster and paper at the Australasian Sexual Health Conference 2010 (October)
Review of competency standards
AGM – 20th October 2010

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

Updated information on National Registration

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Jo Perks

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Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nurses Inc.

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

At present we have 2 conferences in planning. A national conference organised by the Victorian Branch of the AASTN is to be held in conjunction with the Tripartite Colorectal Meeting in Cairns, Australia from July 3rd to 7th 2011. The website for further information is: www.tripartite2011.org or it can also be accessed via a link from the AASTN website www.stomaltherapy.com This event is aimed at the advanced stomal therapy nurse and will provide a rare opportunity to attend many surgical based lectures on current research and techniques and bowel cancer statistics.

The second conference is also hosted by the AASTN on behalf of the World Council of Enterostomal Therapists (WCET) which is the premier international nursing organisation for stomal therapy nursing. This will be held over 4 days at the Adelaide Convention Centre from April 19th to 23rd 2012 and will include many concurrent sessions with both international and Australian guest speakers and presenters. The presentations will cover wound, ostomy and continence related subjects. A unique day will be held on Saturday 21st April where many nursing specialty groups will be included in our formatting. This will include 4 concurrent streams featuring topics for the colorectal and GIT nurse, plastics, vascular, burns, aged care, community, dermatology and much more.

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

Dissemination of the conference promotional material.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

No thank you.

Fiona Bolton
AASTN Chairperson
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Australian College of Children and Young People's Nurses

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

Current membership is 590.

ACCYPN has become a member of RCNA Corporate Partnership Plus.

The use of list serv as a network for members is becoming more popular.

State chapters continue to provide Professional Development Days for members.

AGM is to be held at the end of October via a nationwide teleconference.

Face to face meeting for Board Directors planned for Nov will discuss strategic planning.

ACCYPN has endorsed a Nutrition Position Statement and been involved with a joining response to the Government Health Reform Initiative.

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

Support for lobbying Health Workforce Australia to consider more sub specialties within the Nursing Workforce data collection.

Promotion of ACCYPN 2011 Conference to be held in Sydney October 19-21
"Navigating New Directions in Childrens and Young Peoples Health Care"

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Sue Scott

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Australian College of Critical Care Nurses (ACCCN)

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

I am pleased to provide a report of the activities of the Australian College of Critical Care Nurses for the past 6 months.

It continues to astound us all as to the increasing level of activity, goodwill, and honorary contribution by so many individuals within the wide scope of the College and critical care nursing to achieve its purpose. We have seen membership grow to 2,200 which augurs well for the future and we have a strong Balance Sheet.

Since the College became a company limited by guarantee some years ago, the pressure to comply with company director obligations and regulatory governance frameworks has increased each year in its complexity. During 2009/2010 this was reflected in the changes in annual report director reporting requirements under changes mandated by ASIC, and new financial reporting structures and commentary requirements introduced within accounting standard amendments.

Although finance and governance are not the traditional remit of most critical care nurses, I am proud to report that all board members have stepped up to the challenge and actively taken interest in their own development in understanding and improving our governance, particularly financial reporting and also transparency in communication and oversight for all our activities and events. We continue to have a strong focus on cost control whilst at the same time delivering more events and education offerings across all states and retaining important member discounts. None of this would be possible without the strong core of hard working and loyal staff who work in our national office and others who work across different states. Education and research grants were increased this year both at a state and national level and are set to increase further in 2010/2011. Almost \$120,000 in total was awarded in grants.

The 11th ICE meeting in Sydney was a great success thanks to the Organising Committee, the Co-Convenors, our many industry partners, ACCCN National office staff and of course all speakers, course leaders and delegates. There were around 450 attendees and a record number exhibitors.

In 2010 the board facilitated a Strategic Planning Day to debate and set the strategy and direction of the College. All ACCCN staff were invited as were the Advisory Panel chairs and all board members.

Before long our national Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) will be upon us October 14-17 2010 in Melbourne and we anticipate almost 1000 delegates.

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

- Advocacy
- Promotion of our events and courses as CoNNO sees fit

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

No issues currently but please record a thank you from Dr Amanda Rischbieth, National President, for the opportunity for ACCCN to be represented on CoNNO Council for 2 years. We wish the new CoNNO Council members well for their upcoming term.

Amanda Rischbieth

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Australian College of Neonatal Nurses Inc.

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

- Successful annual conference in Canberra in May, now planning for next annual conference in Hobart on 8 April 2011.
- Launched Neonatal Palliative Care Guidelines in August.
- Continuing to update policies, guidelines.
- Working towards amalgamating state associations into the one national organisation.
- Establishing a partnership with the Miracle Babies Foundation, a NFP organisation with closely allied objectives.
- Successfully awarded scholarship to two applicants, to further their research projects. This scholarship is funded annually by Parker Health Care and administered by ACNN, with the aim of supporting early career neonatal nurses to study or undertake research projects.
- Launched new website with upgraded features including member database and online payment facility.

Shelly Reid

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Australian College of Nurse Practitioners

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

The International NP conference was held in Brisbane. This was held by the RCNA

We have been working with the government to have the policies ready for the 1st November when the access to MBS/PBS is available for NP's.

On the 1st November ACNP will be holding an education day in Canberra for NP's. The college is looking to putting the lectures from the day as pod cast on the ACNP website.

All states and territories now have NP's with Tasmania having the first 2 authorised nurses in September.

ACNP is working with the Health Care Consumer Association which is carrying out research on 'health consumer understanding and perception of the role of nurse practitioner in the delivery of primary health care in Australia'. This research will be finished in February 2011.

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

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Helen Gosby

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Australian College of Operating Room Nurses

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

Release of 2010 Standards – These standards are released every two years after review from clinical experts and signed off by our solicitor. Always sought after by our members to base their current practice on.

Bi Annual Conference – This was held in Perth May 2010 and was a resounding success with over 700 delegates attending. Work has now commenced on the 2012 Conference which will be held in May at the Darwin Convention Centre Northern Territory.

ACORN Board – The new ACORN Board takes effect in November 2010 for a two year term. Executive Committee are:

Vicky Warwick (nee Jackson) President

Rob McCann Honorary Treasurer

Tracy Kerle Honorary Secretary

All current state representatives move into the director's position and new representatives begin.

The 2008 – 2010 board will retire knowing they have carried out the work that has been requested of the members and requirements internally.

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

Governance issues – We are currently have some governance issues in relation to proportional representation which ACORN would like advice on how other organisations manage this when they have many states included in their body.

HLTEN612A – This standard was developed for Certificate 4 without ACORN being involved in its development or content. It is aimed at Enrolled Nurses in the Operating Theatre and there are some genuine concerns re its content and how it is reviewed. We would like to know if any other organisations have been approached in helping review this standard.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Not at this time

Vicky Jackson

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Australian Diabetes Educators Association

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

- National conference (jointly convened with the Australian Diabetes Society) was held in Sydney early September with an attendance of over 1500. This is the largest national conference to date.
- The ADEA web site has commenced a trial of online member forums for different branches and interest groups (for example nurse practitioner)
- Governance training is now being offered to branch executives as well as the Board
- ADEA is considering the introduction of research grants
- National Office has moved to larger premises in Canberra. **ADEA National Office**, PO Box 163, WODEN ACT 2606
- Employment of a national Professional Officer role following the review of funding streams to support an ongoing role

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

Policy or position statements on culturally inclusive services and / or health literacy

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

None at present

Tracy Ayles

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Australian Faith Community Nurses Association Inc

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

AFCNA recently conducted a one day conference, coinciding with the AGM.

Prior to this a discussion paper was circulated to members and interested parties to consider the future of AFCNA in view of declining members and active participation in the running of the organisation.

Respondents unanimously reinforced the value of the organisation and want to see it continue.

Suggestions re the way forward included: opening the organisational structure up to other health professionals with the same vision and intent; changing the group name to reflect broader health service scope; development of a Cert IV in Faith Community Nursing; and developing web based training modules.

It was decided that further discussion needed to take place at board level, identifying areas requiring immediate action and the setting of KPI's. Further discussion and a decision would be made at the next AGM.

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

The major issues for AFCNA continue to be membership, promotion and awareness of the service. Additionally there is a desire to be accepted in the faith communities as health professionals; a setting considered by many as a non-health care environment

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Susanna Warner

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Australian Nurses for Continence (ANFC)

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

- Lobbying government in relation to the new Continence Aids Payment Scheme (CAPS) on behalf of members and clients.
- Seeking information and guidance from CoNNO members and others in regard to governance of website, educational, management committee activities and sponsorship
- Sourced sponsorship to enable committee meetings beyond the usual monthly teleconferences
- Planning for the AGM and members dinner in Alice Springs at the end of October

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

Issues that were addressed in the recent monkey survey inc governance, sponsorship, govt lobbying

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Consider having a parliamentary lobbyist and/or member of federal parliament address the members at a meeting to help us identify efficient and effective ways to communicate with government departments.

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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

ANF has a new federal leadership team. Following Ged Kearney's election as ACTU President, Lee Thomas commenced in the role of ANF Federal Secretary in July this year. Lee had worked alongside Ged as the Assistant Federal Secretary for two years. Yvonne Chaperon took on the role of the Assistant Federal Secretary in July. Experienced nurses, Lee and Yvonne have both held union leadership roles and are well prepared for the national nursing and midwifery challenges ahead. The Federal ANF Office coordinates the eight state and territory branches when issues require a national response. With in excess of 190,000 members across Australia, ANF is the second largest and fastest growing union in the country.

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). Work is continuing on the development of new tutorial topics.

Aged Care Campaign - 'Because We Care'

The ANF's national aged care campaign 'Because We Care', launched in 2009, is designed to address a range of aged care workforce issues. The campaign has four main aims, namely:

- *The right balance of skills and nursing hours so that nursing and care staff can provide quality care for every resident*
- *Fair pay for aged care nurses and care staff who are paid up to \$300 per week less than nurses in other sectors*
- *Recognition of the professional skills of Assistants in Nursing and care staff through a national licensing system, and*
- *A guarantee that taxpayer funding is used for nursing and personal care for each resident.*

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The ANF considers that the achievement of these aims would see an improvement in the quality of care for older Australians and is using every opportunity to spread the message of the campaign to ensure success on behalf of our frail, elderly citizens. This includes lobbying politicians, bureaucrats, the health and aged care sector, and the community at large. The success of this campaign has been evident in some of the measures provided for in the Federal Budget 2010/11 including: funding to explore regulation of personal care workers and assistants in nursing in aged care; and funding to conduct a research study on staffing levels, skills mix and resident care needs in residential aged care facilities. The campaign continues as there remain important issues to be resolved, most particularly the wage disparity between nurses and other aged care workers and their counterparts in acute health facilities.

Productivity Commission Inquiry – Caring for Older Australians

The ANF has submitted a paper to the Productivity Commission Inquiry - Caring for Older Australians. Our submission can be found on our website www.anf.org.au. In our submission the ANF builds on the success of the 'Because We Care' Campaign and the May Budget announcement of \$132 million dollars into aged care by addressing the following: minimum staffing levels; workload management tool; regulation of the appropriate skill mix; use of nurse practitioners; wage disparity; licensing of unregulated health care workers; transparency and accountability of funding; and separation of care and accommodation costs. The ANF Federal Office met with Commissioner Mike Woods, Sue Macri (Associate Commissioner) and Rosalie McLachlan (Inquiry Research Manager) in July and Assistant Commissioner Paul Lindwall and Commissioner Robert Fitzgerald in August. Both meetings were very productive. The Commission have said they had an open agenda and they were clear they wanted solutions not just identification of the problems in aged care. They want models of clinical care and scope of practice discussed inclusive of nurse practitioners in that model. The Commission identified that community will be the predominant form of care in the future and that residential care will be more end of life care, and palliative care. They also want to know how nurses will deliver best care as people transit through a nursing home from admission to end of life. The Productivity Commission timelines remaining are: release of a draft report December 2010; draft report submissions February 2011; Productivity Commission hearings Australia wide February and March 2011; and the final report to Government April 2011. The ANF plan to attend the Productivity Commission hearings during February and March 2011 Australia wide and will table our ideas and concerns to ensure we influence what they recommend to the federal government in their draft report. Nurses and midwives from all sectors can participate in this important activity - it is not only aged care nurses and health care workers who can take part. We will also be holding protest meetings outside each Commission hearing. We would encourage you to talk to your local Federal member and attend events that we are planning to hold on the days of the Productivity Commission hearings.

Access to the MBS and PBS for Nurse Practitioners and Eligible Midwives

The ANF has participated in the advisory groups convened to provide advice to the Australian Government on the implementation of the Federal budget measure to enable access to the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) and the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) by nurse practitioners and eligible midwives. Discussions with the Department of Health and Ageing and the Office of the Federal Minister for Health, the Honorable Nicola Roxon have continued over recent months in relation to the Determination for Collaborative Arrangements and other associated implementation matters. Nurse practitioners and eligible midwives access to MBS and PBS will commence from 1 November 2010.

Climate and Health Alliance

The ANF participated in a meeting in August 2010 to discuss the establishment of an alliance of interested parties who wish to see the issue of health implications of climate change and the environmental impact of the health care sector addressed through prompt policy action. The meeting was attended by over 40 representatives from health sector organisations including nursing, medical, allied health, consumer, education and research bodies. There was unanimous agreement about the usefulness of establishing a united voice for the health sector to communicate, collaborate and act within the sector and to advocate to government and the broader community to bring about action on climate change. The meeting participants agreed on the name: Climate and Health Alliance (CAHA). The focus on CAHA will be the health effects of climate change. A constitution and statements of purpose, aim and objectives were broadly supported and will shortly be finalised.

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The draft Aim reads as:

The Climate and Health Alliance accepts that global warming poses grave risks to human health and biodiversity and left unchecked, threatens the future of human civilisation. The Alliance aims to encourage and empower individuals and organisations in the health care sector and the wider community to take action to advocate for effective political, sectoral and community responses to climate change.

An interim executive was established comprising 10 of the represented organisations, including the ANF.

National Conferences

ANF Federal Office has been represented at the following national conferences since May this year: the Australian Practice Nurses Association Conference; the RCNA Summit; the National Prescribing Service (NPS) National Medicines Symposium; the Nursing History Conference; the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses Conference; the National Rural Health Alliance Councilfest; the International Council of Nurses (ICN) International Nurse Practitioner/Advanced Practice Nurse Network Conference; and the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses Conference.

Submissions

The ANF Professional and Industrial Teams have analysed policy documents from a range of external sources, prepared and coordinated 9 national submissions in the past 5 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. Consider involvement as a peer reviewer for ANF CPE online tutorials.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Continued feedback to and collaboration with the ANF on nursing and midwifery professional and industrial issues.

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Australian Ophthalmic Nurses Association (Inc)

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
- 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 Framework for Ophthalmic Nurses in Australia* has been distributed through CoNNO for comment and feedback
- Development of a nursing program for the Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology Congress in Sydney, 2011
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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?
- We are working on a draft professional practice framework for our area of practice and request that interested CoNNO members review the document and provide feedback
- Other groups in our area of practice have approached us to affiliate with them as Associate members. Do others have experience of this?

In particular we ask members of CoNNO to provide feedback on our draft *Professional Practice Framework for Ophthalmic Nursing in Australia* that is attached to this report.

Thank you for the opportunity to join this forum.

Amanda Wylie

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Australian Practice Nurses Association

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

Significant surge in membership – almost 2400 (from 1500 in December)

New President Julianne Badenoch

Launched CPD online portal for members.

Launched e-news subscriber option – non-members can subscribe to our fortnightly newsletter. Seems to be translating into memberships as it refers readers to member only sections of website. Started in July 2010 and have 600 subscribers to date.

About to launch product ordering facility in partnership with MedShop – run by them but on our website and we get to set the prices after wholesale goes to them. We will also be selling our products on it e.g. APNA shirts, General Practice Nursing textbook.

Moving online learning providers to much more affordable option.

CPD endorsement process going well with around 4-6 CPD events being endorsed each month and approx 1 division per month as an endorsed education provider.

Have been given place at the table of the DoHA Diabetes Incentive Committee and the PN Incentive committee which will be very important for nursing in general practice. Actively advocating re the Medicare locals and hope to have input into that.

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

CPD strategy for us as specialty – what to include or not

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Nursing voice in current political environment and how to engage with independents or not.

Belinda Caldwell

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Australian Women's Health Nurse Association Inc (AWHNA Inc)

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

1. Completion of the AWHNA Inc Advanced Practice Standards and the Women's Health Clinical Education and Assessment Modules, Endorsed by the RCNA and subsequent Launch of Modules at the APS Training day
2. Completed review of Professional Portfolio
3. Successful AWHNA Inc Annual WHN Inservice at Orange (approximately 40 Women's Health Nurses attending on both days)
4. Attendance at the 6th National Women's Health Conference in Hobart by 6 Women's Health Nurses who presented papers and posters. AWHNA Inc also provided sponsorship at this Conference with Lip Balms with our logo and a message which read 'Women's Health in Women's Hands'
5. Revamped our website

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

Marketing of the Womens Health Nurse role generally

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Re NSW Health Reform-support for the continuing model of Primary Health Care to support Women's Health Nurses

Linda Oliver

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Australian Wound Management Association

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

The organisation has a new president—Dr Bill McGuiness—of LaTrobe University. The organisation is to host a two day forum in Canberra in Sept 2011 to launch the publication of guidelines for the prevention and management of pressure injuries and also the Venous leg ulcer guidelines. It is envisaged that these two important documents will assist and guide practice in the care –preferably prevention –of these two wound types that impact on quality of life for the elderly and aged.

The organisation is currently proceeding through a process of review and discussion with membership with a view to heading to a national structure. This process will take some time as all members are being invited to comment on the pros and cons of such a structure.

The education committee has linked with RCNA to provide templates for accrediting wound related programs. These templates are also available on-line for viewing in order to standardise program content.

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

CoNNO members could raise awareness of the upcoming two day forum in Canberra—this is a Pan Pacific Launch. Scheduled for Sunday, 16 October & Monday, 17 October 2011.

We also encourage other smaller nursing organisations with wound related issues e.g Diabetes Nurse educators group to consider becoming members of AWMA and we establish sub branches—this way the larger organisation can help with the admin side of things etc. The smaller organisation still maintains its central focus but there is always overlap with wound related topics etc. For more discussion on this please speak to Jan Rice on j.rice@latrobe.edu.au.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

The current removal of nurse provider numbers in General Practice has a high probability of reducing the practice nurse numbers and placing wound care back into the last century.

Jan Rice

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Cancer Nurses Society of Australia (CNSA)

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

The CNSA annual Winter Congress. The Congress, held in Perth was a very successful meeting with 360 delegates from all over Australia and New Zealand in attendance. Our invited speakers were informative and entertaining and left us in no doubt of the task ahead of us, as we consider the challenge of caring for people affected by cancer in the years ahead. Dr Julia Downing's presentations on the magnitude of unmet need for cancer and palliative care in Africa left us humbled and in awe of what she and her nursing colleagues in Uganda have and continue to achieve. The strength of feeling amongst the CNSA members present at Congress was such that at the end of the Congress meeting, it was agreed that a letter would be sent on behalf of CNSA to the Minister of Health in Uganda, lending our support to the work that Dr Downing and her team are leading. Other highlights from the Congress include:

Launching revised Chemotherapy Position Statements on the Minimum Education Requirements for Nurses involved in the Administration of Anti-Cancer Drugs within the Oncology and Non-Oncology Setting" and the "Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Position Statement on the Minimum Safety Requirements for Nurses involved in the Administration of Anti-Cancer Drugs within the Oncology and Non-Oncology Setting".
http://www.cnsa.org.au/publications_policies_pub.htm.

Celebrating new affiliations: At Congress the newly established affiliation between the CNSA and The Lung Cancer Nurses Forum, c/o The Australian Lung Foundation Inc. was announced

New members: Winter Congress attracted 32 new members to CNSA.

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

The CNSA is eager to develop new affiliations with other nursing bodies with a view to developing opportunities for joint clinical update, advancing nursing practice roles and research opportunities. CNSA is particularly interested in working to enhance its contribution to support nurses who care for cancer patients in diverse settings, particularly in primary care settings.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

What is the capacity of CoNNO to engage with nurses in low and middle-income countries to make a contribution to halting the growth of non-communicable diseases such as cancer, diabetes, heart & respiratory diseases?

Mei Krishnasamy

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Name of organisation: Community Nurse Audiometrists' Association Inc. (CNAA Inc.)

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

In collaboration with The College of Nursing, CNAA Inc. developed an exciting new Audiometry Nursing course for Registered and Enrolled Nurses. The College of Nursing offers two subjects, 'Audiometry Nursing' and 'Clinical Issues in Audiometry Nursing' to meet the needs of nurses working in audiometry in a variety of settings and caring for clients of all ages. The first subject is only available on-line; the second subject contains an on-line theoretical component and a clinical practice component of 60 hours. Each subject is over one semester (150 hours). There were four intakes in 2010 and both subjects are offered again in 2011.

CNAA Inc. 28th Annual Conference and AGM to be held 20th, 21st, 22nd October 2010 in Tamworth, NSW.

The conference will cover Aboriginal ear disease, clinical practice workshops, case presentations, acoustic neuroma, ENT and speech management of children with a cleft palate, noise injury and young farmers, sudden sensori-neural hearing loss, auditory neuropathy and cochlear implantation, auditory processing disorder and hearing protection.

Attendance at the conference attracts 19.5 CNE points from the Royal College of Nursing.

CNAA Inc. professional newsletter 'Ear 'Tis is now available on-line, two-thirds of members receive their copy electronically.

CNAA Inc Clinical Guidelines reviewed and revised and are available on the CNAA Inc website:

www.cnaa.org.au

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

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Increase Nation-wide awareness of Audiometry Nursing and the qualifying course available in NSW.

Thank you

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CRANApplus

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

CRANApplus continues its role of support for health professionals in remote Australia with our educational, support and advocacy roles.

Having opened our membership to all remote health workers CRANApplus has welcomed its 1000th member, a nurse undertaking her Grad Cert in Paediatric Nursing. While membership now includes remote health workers other than Nurses e.g. Aboriginal Health Workers, Doctors, Social Workers, and paramedics the bulk of our membership will always comprise Remote Area Nurses as they form the majority of those providing health care in Remote areas of Australia.

Launching of our new eRemote program in June was a major step forward for CRANApplus and remote health professionals. This program aims to empower health professionals in remote areas by delivering learning outcomes relevant to their areas of practice.

CRANApplus' other education programs continue to be well supported and all courses for the rest of the year and early 2011 are fully booked with waiting lists in many cases.

CRANApplus' new Advance Life Support program is also being well supported with all courses receiving strong positive feedback from participants.

CRANApplus continues to advocate on behalf of remote Australia and is an advocacy for health reform particularly as it impacts on remote Australia.

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

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Not at this point

Lyn Hinspeter

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Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia (Inc)

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

- Representation Nursing Advisory Council NSW
- Representation College of Nursing Curriculum Planning and Development meeting for A&D subjects
- Annual DANA Conference for members and potential members
Held in July 2010 on the Gold Coast with a total of 230 delegates in attendance
- Planning for the 2011 DANA Conference to be held in Melbourne
The 2011 conference theme is: "Exploring the Frontiers of Drug and Alcohol Nursing"
- The development of the DANA Standards Expert Reference Group. This is a major DANA project to influence the development of National Standards for Alcohol and Drug Nurses. We are working collaboratively across Australian states (at national levels engaging local and national working groups), and in collaboration with work being completed in New Zealand. We are presently surveying A&D nurses across Australia and inviting A&D Nursing feedback for inclusions in this standards document.
- We are seeking to develop affiliations and partnerships with other nursing organisations with the aim of offering reciprocal benefits to our professional development calendar

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

- The development of National Alcohol and Drug Nursing Standards. Suggestions of interested participants to assist us in the process.
- Identify relevant members to participate in our working group who may have had experience in the development of similar documents for other specialty areas in Nursing (e.g. Mental Health and Critical Care)

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

- DANA (Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia) is unique in that it is entirely administered by volunteers across Australia and New Zealand. This can impact on the speed of communication at times.

Margo Hickman

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Flight Nurses Australia Incorporated

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

Joint conference held in Christchurch 8-11 September 2010. This conference, usually every third year, was held in conjunction with the New Zealand Flight Nurses Association and International Society of Aeromedical Services.

Three scholarships awarded in 2010

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

None at present

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

None at present

Margaret Tabone

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NENA (National Enrolled Nurse Association of Australia)

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

During the last six months we have been very busy with the preparations for our 9th Biennial NENA Conference: 18 & 19th October in Hobart. This was the setting for the 1995 Inaugural Enrolled Nurse Conference where NENA was conceived. For some attendees this conference will reaffirm relationships forged at that Inaugural meeting and have been maintained and strengthened through collegiality of our section of the profession in the years since.

We have continued our support of New Zealand Enrolled Nurses and were honoured to be at their annual conference where they received a spontaneous apology from Ms Carolyn Reed, Nursing Council of New Zealand CEO/Registrar who made a heartfelt and sincere apology to all New Zealand enrolled nurses for the past harm and anguish perpetrated on them by the Nursing Council of New Zealand. She made a public commitment to working collaboratively with them in the future.

In his opening speech at the conference the Minister of Health, Hon Tony Ryall, stated that enrolled Nursing is 'here to stay'. He reaffirmed the Government's assurance that enrolled nursing is to remain an important and vital part of New Zealand's healthcare team and will follow the development of the new national course and scope of practice with interest.

NOTE: This ended a ten year battle and the NZNO Enrolled Nurse Section Chairperson and the National Executive members deserve all the accolades that were served on them. Their dedication to their profession is amazing.

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

It concerns NENA that at the last meeting of CoNNO we listened to the report presented by the Health Workforce Australia (HWA) representatives and noted with grave concern that enrolled nursing has not been factored into the funding equation.

It is a known fact that Australia wide Enrolled Nurses in the acute sector alone make up 15% of the health workforce and those numbers are significantly higher in the aged care sector across the nation, and NENA believes that Enrolled Nurses deserve an equitable share of funding to sustain and retain this vital <qualified and regulated health professional.

When we look at the issue of retention of the nursing workforce that percentage needs to be considered for equitable funding as we work cohesively alongside our registered nurse colleagues. However at this stage there is no plan for clinical education funding for the VET sector.

In that (HWA) report assurance was given that this will be on the longer term agenda. NENA is concerned with the lack of a defined timeframe for this to be initiated, considering that currently the enrolled nurse population have many of the recruitment and retention issues facing registered nurses. NENA believes that funding for all facets of enrolled nursing education needs to be included in the immediate plan.

NENA has concerns about funding issues for Interprofessional education given that we are now all equally responsible for attaining Continuing Professional Education equal to 20hours per annum.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

NENA requests CoNNO and its member organisations collectively and individually support our endeavours to have this matter resolved expeditiously.

Dates for meetings in 2011.

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Name of organisation: NURSING INFORMATICS AUSTRALIA (NIA)

Joanne Foster October 2010

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 3 meetings
 - A lot of work being undertaken in this space
 - ACT-UG is open to all health professionals if interested
 - i. Contact Michelle Laing if interested; michelle.laing@nehta.gov.au
2. Australian Health Informatics Education Council
 - Governance and three (3) projects being undertaken
 - Literature Review of health informatics education
 - Ontology development of health informatics discipline
 - Competencies for Health Informatics
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 23rd
 - Updating of “A Framework for Nursing Informatics in Australia: A Strategic Paper” (2004).
 - AGM – Elected new Chair –Lis Herbert, Secretary – Joanne Foster, Deputy Chair – Paul Donaldson and 2 new members: Sharon Downman and Marianne Linnane
6. New NIA IMIA - NI representative elected at the AGM August 23rd for 2010-2012
 - International Medical Informatics Association (IMIA) – Nursing Informatics (NI)
 - Joanne Foster elected
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

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@qut.edu.au

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

- E-health and informatics for nursing – curricular and strategic plans for up skilling current clinical staff and faculty of higher education sector

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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 has been a very active six months for the group we have held our National meeting in Sydney in April. This was a great success with almost 100 members attending this three day meeting. 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.

Around the country

Queensland has held an education evening with Dr Chris Que Hee a Brisbane otologist with 60 nurses attending this evening. Professor Coman's annual Head and Neck Cadaver Dissection course was held at the University of Queensland, and the nursing program that is included in the two day session had 22 nurses attend. A study day was also held in Rockhampton and this attracted 105 delegates from near and far. This was a great day and we hope to offer more regional access to education.

NSW held an education day and this was also a very successful day with over 80 delegates attending the day.

Victoria has held two full days in the past six months and these have also been well attended. The next will be in October with work already under way for the 2011 national conference in April.

South Australia has also been busy with four education sessions, which have been extremely well attended with 30-40 delegates each time. Our speakers have been Dr Marc Tewfik, our Rhinology fellow from Canada discussing the "extended endonasal approaches to skull base surgery". The second evening was Dr Sam Boase. Sam shared with us an enlighten talk on "Viruses & Syndromes in ENT". Our third Associate Professor Suren Krishnan talking on "Robots & Balloons" This evening covered the new transoral surgery using the Da Vinci robot and the new Balloon sinuplasty. Our fourth evening was on Otology from "Grommets to Acoustics" with Dr Michael Schultz. Professor Wormald ran his second Endoscopic Skull Base Course. This was a huge success with visiting world famous skull base surgeons Ricardo Carrau & Amin Kassam. We also ran a "world first". This was a microvascular injury course. It was a big day and all of the nurses and surgeons who participated in the day learnt a lot and had a great experience.

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

Membership has also increase in the last six months.

This has also been a very exciting six months as the president of the group has received her Nurse Practitioner endorsement.

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

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Palliative Care Nurses Australia

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

Two day national conference held in August 2010 in Brisbane with approximately 300 attendees. Invited speakers were Professor Deborah Sherman, USA and Professor Patsy Yates.

Working parties to consider mentorship program and specialist competency implementation were initiated. New committee elected – Chair remains Dr John Rosenberg, University of Queensland

Information sharing:

- There is a new postgraduate certificate program on Adolescents and Young Adults cancer care/oncology being offered by the University of Melbourne in 2011, developed by the Centre for Adolescent Health (Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne) and the onTrac@PeterMac Victorian AYA Cancer Service as a result of national project funding received through the federal government's Youth Cancer Networks Program.
- New Zealand conference: 19th Hospice NZ Palliative Care Conference 9-11 November 2010 Te Papa, Wellington, New Zealand

The group conducted a web based survey earlier this year. The survey was completed by 59 members (31% return rate) The majority (96%) prefer email communication to postal, and information wanted includes: palliative care conferences; public/ political issues about palliative care; consultation and participation opportunities in palliative care nursing. Respondents indicated they were concerned about future direction of the palliative care sector, including directions for nursing; Palliative care in non-cancer populations; Service development; Education; Workforce; Staff burnout and staff retention; Funding; Research; Supervision and mentorship; Ability to apply evidence based practice; Community support for palliative care nursing.

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

- To continue to be a national voice particularly with the changes ahead with national registration

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

- To consider the impact of credentialing and whether we need to have a national approach to the recognition of specialist given the national registration system

Cathie Pigott

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Renal Society of Australasia

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

Members communiqué is now online.

Workgroup within the Society has been established to examine workforce issues.

Successful Annual Conference in Cairns, QLD.

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

Nothing at this time.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Not at this time.

Sandra Campbell

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Royal College of Nursing, Australia (RCNA)

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

The **2010 RCNA Nursing Summit** was a great success providing a timely opportunity for Australia's nursing profession to convene and share ideas and energy relating to the long-term challenges confronting our nursing and health workforces. The presence and contribution of many members impacted significantly on the positive outcome of this important event. RCNA looks forward to advancing the key outcome of the Summit, the Nursing Accord 2010. A copy of the Nursing Accord 2010 can be found at www.rcna.org.au

6th International Nurse Practitioner/Advanced Practice Nursing Network Conference The conference was held in Brisbane, Australia from 8 – 11 September 2010 and was hosted by RCNA.

RCNA's key election priorities in 2010 are presented below under the following themes:

1. Health Care Workforce
2. Community and Primary Health Care
3. Health and Wellbeing in Ageing
4. Mental Health
5. Professional Development and Research
6. National Health Systems Reform

A copy of this document can be found at www.rcna.org.au

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

Members to support RCNA by promoting the RCNA Community & Primary Health Nursing Conference in Alice Springs, Northern Territory from 24 -26 October 2010.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

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