



# CoNNMO

Coalition of National **Nursing & Midwifery** Organisations

## Chair and Secretariat Report

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### **CoNNMO Council Members**

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

### **Outgoing Council member**

Julian Grant (Maternal, Child and Family Health Nurses Australia) – February 2016 to May 2018

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

### **Council elections**

Council elections were held in May for Julian Grant and Michelle Girdler's positions. Julian and Michelle were both eligible for re-election. Julian elected not to re-nominate and Michelle was re-elected unopposed. Colleen Blum, the CoNNMO representative for Drug and Alcohol Nurses Australasia, nominated and was also elected unopposed. In October Christopher Cliffe, Julianne Badenoch and Shelley Reid complete their current two year term on Council. Shelley will be eligible for re-election for one further term. Christopher and Julianne will complete their third term in October thereby requiring a two year break from Council before they're eligible to nominate for re-election.

Christopher Cliffe has been the CRANaplus representative and Julianne Badenoch the APNA representative on CoNNMO since 2011. They both were elected to Council in 2012. Julianne had the additional responsibility in her first two year term on Council of being the Chair and Christopher took over the mantle for the last four years. It has been of huge value to have both Christopher's and Julianne's input on matters of national importance to the nursing and midwifery professions. They have been highly engaged participants at all CoNNMO and Council meetings. It has been an absolute pleasure for all of us on Council, over this time, to work with both Christopher and Julianne. Our sincere thanks to both of them for their time and effort contributing to the work of CoNNMO and Council. We hope they consider standing again for Council in the future.

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

## **CoNNMO Council Meetings**

A CoNNMO Council meeting was held face to face on Monday 16 July 2018. Council reviewed member body reports from the May 2018 member meetings to identify areas of interest and plan for the next member meeting. Issues identified in member body reports included: aged care, governance, the NDIS, My Aged Care, professional development, workforce, ethics, lobbying, standards, cultural safety, sustainability, social determinants of health and member engagement. Potential speakers for the meetings were then discussed and agreed. The Secretariat is updating the photos on the CoNNMO website. It was agreed by Council that the Secretariat would email CoNNMO members to request photos for the CoNNMO website. The next CoNNMO Council meeting will be held by teleconference on Tuesday 13 November 2018.

## **Action Items from October 2017**

There are no outstanding items from the May 2018 CoNNMO Member Meeting.

## **Communications**

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

## **Funding**

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation (ANMF) is the au spicing body and fund holder for CoNNMO. Since 2007, the ANMF Federal Office has been funded by the Australian Government Department of Health to undertake the Secretariat operations of CoNNMO. In June 2017, the Australian Government Department of Health funded the ANMF Federal Office to conduct the operations of CoNNMO for a further three years, until 30 June 2020. A three year Deed of Variation to the Standard Funding Agreement Schedule for the operations of CoNNMO was signed by both parties on 19 June 2017. The operations of CoNNMO are funded until 1 July 2020.

## **Secretariat Team Overview**

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

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

and the external auditors. In addition to the CoNNMO Secretariat role, Julianne Bryce is a permanent member of the CoNNMO Council.

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

### **Upcoming CoNNMO Meetings**

The next CoNNMO member meeting will be held in Melbourne on Friday 3 May 2019 at the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation Victorian Branch, 535 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne.