

CoNNMO Meeting – Friday 6 October 2023 Member Reports

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Name of organisation: Audiometry Nurses Association of Australia Inc. (ANAA Inc.)

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

As a hearing health professional body we have representation at the monthly meetings of Hearing Health Alliance Sector Committee which is looking into identifying & eliminating racism in the Aboriginal hearing health sector & workforce.

We have also been invited to attend the ENT Clinical Advisory Group looking at the state-wide referral criteria with ENT's & the Ministry of Health.

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

Our audiometry annual conference will be held on 18th-20th October at Parramatta Park Royal Hotel. Hearing health presenters, workshops & trade displays over the 3 days. We will also be holding our AGM.

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Australasian Hepatology Association

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

- Ongoing member recruitment via AHA Webinar series.
- Constitutional review has completed and circulated for member feedback. Some minor changes recommended prior to AGM in November 2023.
- 21st Birthday and biennial conference in September 2023.
- Board planning day carried out.
- Development of the: MAFLD Working group.
- Involvement in GESA MAFLD Consensus Statement Committee. Pending publication in November 2023.
- 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.
- Online Advanced Liver Disease course delivered in July and planned again for November.

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
- Hepatitis C In Children: Australian Commentary On AASLD-IDSA Guidance. Invited to join the AU Commentary Paediatric Guidelines Committee.
- Invitation from ASHM for AHA member involvement in Hepatitis C for Nurses and Midwives redevelopment steering committee & Curing Hepatitis C in Primary Healthcare redevelopment steering committee
- Invitation to Maiden
- Potentially collaborating with GENCA for their conference.

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

AHA has recently celebrated our 21st birthday 8-9th September 2023 in Melbourne. Themed “The Road Well Travelled”

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.

Jaclyn Tate-Baker
AHA Board member
6.11.2023

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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?

- Strategic planning activities to develop the ARNA Strategic Plan 2024-28 in conjunction with members and stakeholders and formation of Taskforce groups to implement ARNA's five strategic priorities.
- Design and delivery of Chapter professional development activities (Study days/ workshops etc) alongside growing virtual activities (Webinars, journal club etc).
- Work to develop ARNA Communities of Practice and an ARNA Mentorship Program in response to member requests for assistance with career/ skills development and professional networking opportunities.
- Continued work of key ARNA Board Sub Committees to encourage member participation with activities focusing on research, education and finance.
- 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 32nd ARNA Annual Conference will take place in Canberra at the QT Hotel on Oct 19th - 20th 2023. The theme this year is "Rehabilitation in ACTion- action collaboration and tenacity with 200 rehabilitation nurses anticipated to join their colleagues from across Australasia. There are also two pre- conference workshops offered this year -a "Writing for publication" workshop (for Members only) and also a Clinical workshop in the afternoon (open to all) with practice experts sharing the latest in continence and wound management. More information is available on the ARNA website at arna.com.au.

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

Ongoing communication with the broader Nursing and Midwifery community regarding the importance of rehabilitation nursing and specialty practice of rehabilitation nursing issues in professional practice.

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?

The ARNA Board is happy to consider requests for information and assistance to enhance 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.

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Name of organisation: Australasian Sexual Health and HIV Nurses Assn Inc

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

- Sexual and Reproductive Health conference held in Manly 18-20th September 2023
- Membership
- Newsletter
- AGM
- Life member Nominations
- Website development
- 225 Members
- 2 Life Members
- Womens Health Week – Webinar to MS Australia on Womens Health Checks
- Promotional material

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

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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Joanne Perks
ASHHNA Inc

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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.

It will be held February 24-26 February 2024 in Adelaide.

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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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?

Launch of our Nurse Competency Standards and Recognition program

<https://www.anzsom.org.au/occ-health-nursing/ohn-competency-standards>

<https://www.anzsom.org.au/occ-health-nursing/ohn-recognition>

Continue with Nurse webinar series launched last year.

<https://www.anzsom.org.au/occ-health-nursing/ohn-professional-development>

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

22-25th October 2023 in Canberra

<https://www.anzsom.org.au/annual-scientific-meeting/asm-2023>

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

None identified.

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

Burnout for nurses in the healthcare sector particularly the staff health workforce.

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

None identified.

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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. An example of this was the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner SIG holding a S.T.A.B.L.E (expand acronym) course prior to the Annual Conference in Adelaide.
- ACNN continues to provide financial support to members including scholarships to undertake various activities, such as fees for relevant education programs and conference attendance. Applications are received three times per year, there has been a high rate of applications in 2023.
- The Australian College of Neonatal Nurses promotes Neonatal Nursing through awards. On August 15, the International day of Neonatal Nurses, the Executive presented the Neonatal Nurse Excellence Award to Dr Rose Boland for her contribution to improving neonatal outcomes through her contribution to research, clinical and educational skills. The college has also awarded a quiet achiever award to an inspiring neonatal nurse for their contribution to ACNN, neonatal nursing and neonatal care. This year, Maxine Ballinger from Rockhampton Hospital was the worthy recipient of this award. The college also runs a membership drive and Family Appreciation Award Annually.
- ACNN has a strong social media presence. This enables networking with neonatal nurses across Australia, promoting professional development opportunities, publications and guidelines that support evidence-based practice, as well as celebrating excellence in neonatal nursing practice.

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

Australian College of Neonatal Nurses held the 2023 annual conference in Adelaide from 6 – 8 September. Invited international speakers were Dr Deborah Harris (NNP from New Zealand), Dr Charissa Patricelli and Nicole Carter, (Perinatal Addictions & Families in Recovery (FIR) programme, BC Women's Hospital, Vancouver, Canada). These speakers provided outstanding content for the conference. Over 25 abstracts were included in the program with awards presented for Best Poster and Oral Presentation. Many of the presenters received funding from the Executive, Branches and SIGs to assist with the cost to attend. It was a very successful conference this year with over 200 nurses in attendance.

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

Establish networking and collaborative opportunities for Neonatal Nurses (research, leadership).

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

Strategic planning to support nursing workforce recruitment, skill development and retention.

How similar are CoNNMO members positioning themselves relating to sustainability and climate change.

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

Provide information on neonatal nursing professional matters as well as health and wellbeing in the neonatal population.

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Australian College of Nursing (ACN)

ACN has undertaken much work since the last meeting, including:

Policy and Advocacy:

ACN's Nurses and Violence taskforce produced three position statements noted in the last report. Two further reports from this taskforce are currently undergoing review prior to publication. They focus on (1) the need for healthcare workers to undergo regular training, including face-to-face training, to ensure they are equipped and prepared to investigate suspected incidents of Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) and (2) for those healthcare workers who are survivors of DFV what support the workplace can provide for them and how their experiences help them to identify and support patients who are victim/survivors of DFV.

Members of three ACN Faculties and Policy Fellows are currently working in collaboration with Policy & Advocacy on papers due before the year's end.

- Aged Care Faculty – Discussion Paper: Concerns and solutions to Aged Care reporting requirements.
- Advanced Practice Faculty – Issues Paper: Nurse prescribing challenges and benefits.
- Nursing in the Community Faculty – Discussion Paper: Working to Scope of Practice for all nurses. This work has coincided with the Cormack review, contributing to ACN's response.
- Also, we are looking at a discussion paper and a position statement on Generative AI.

ACN has welcomed a new faculty. The Mental Health Nursing Faculty aims to support nurses working in Mental Health Nursing. This Faculty brings Mental Health nurses together to provide strategic advice on policies and positions.

Friends of Parliament:

ACN held a Parliamentary Friends of Nursing session in Parliament House on 14 September. The topic for discussion was Occupational Violence Against Nurses. ACN called for action to address this issue through improvements in data collection and reporting, awareness, education and protection to address the incidence of violence affecting the profession. Amongst the recommendations was funding a national campaign (including a code of conduct and media campaign). The campaign should focus on zero tolerance to set expectations in relation to appropriate behaviours in the community and across workplace environments with a focus on healthcare interactions. Amongst the many attending were Dr Anne Webster MP, Shadow Assistant Minister for Regional Health and Member for Marlee; Dr Helen Haines MP, Member for Indi; and Senator Jess Walsh, Senator for Victoria.

Education:

ACN continues to develop timely education to meet the needs of nurses.

- The Preparation for Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) is a recent addition to the suite of courses offered. It prepares Internationally Qualified Registered Nurses (IQRN) to undertake the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) OSCE.
- A new unit, Principles of Intellectual and Developmental Disability Nursing, has recently been developed. It is designed for nurses who work with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities across their lifespan in various settings, from the home to the hospital. It is available as part of a Graduate Certificate degree or as a stand-alone module.

In professional development, the following courses have been added:

- Comprehensive Assessment of the Older Person aims to support nurses working with older people in developing their role and advancing their clinical skills, both as autonomous clinicians and as multidisciplinary team members.
- Principles of Primary Health Nursing will help nurses understand the principles and models that underpin primary healthcare in Australia.
- Clinical Issues in Aged Care 1 aims to support nurses working with older people, developing their role and advancing clinical skills. It focuses on three clinical issues: delirium, wound management, and continence management.
- Urinary Catheterisation. Urinary catheter insertion is a standard procedure when managing hospitalised and community-based patients. This course provides learners with evidence-based knowledge on risk prevention and reduction, management of problems associated with urinary catheterisation procedures and appropriate urinary catheter maintenance and care.
- Lymphoedema Management provides evidence-based research and current treatment guidelines to assist nurses in managing people with lymphoedema and Lipoedema. Lymphoedema is associated with many physical and psychological challenges affecting sufferers' quality of life and general well-being.

ACN's [new immunisation course](#) went live on 1 August. The National Immunisation Program for Healthcare Practitioners course is based on the [National Immunisation Education Framework for Health Professionals \(2017\)](#). It has been accredited by the ANMAC subsidiary [Health Education Services Australia \(HESA\)](#) to deliver this course.

Roadshows:

ACN Roadshows have begun again in earnest since the COVID lockdowns. Events have taken place in various cities:

- Melbourne: Thursday 13 July
- Hobart: Tuesday 22 August
- Perth: Tuesday 5 September
- Brisbane: Tuesday 3 October

National conference:

The National Nursing Forum took place in Adelaide on 9-11 August. There were many exciting and revealing sessions for the more than 800 nurses. A few examples include:

- A place for nurses to discover, learn and grow: Adj.Prof Kate Gillan FACN, Claire Sime, Scott Bulger
- We were the acceptable casualty of the pandemic - Recognising shared trauma: Tatiana Zecher MACN
- Nurse practitioner-led mobile paediatric assessment clinic for interprofessional education: Alicia Bell
- Inclusive Communication - Improving Health for people with Down syndrome: Natalie Graham, Naomi Lake

- Can nurse-led care effectively reduce HbA1c in patients with diabetes: Danielle Holloway
- Improve Ethnic Female Minority Representation in Healthcare Leadership: Aishwarya Gummadavelly MACN
- Navigating moral discomfort of paediatric ward nurses providing colorectal care: Jessica Taranto MACN, Suzie Jackson-Fleurus

Issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist ACN with:

Nil at present

Topics ACN would 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, including skilled migration and scope of practice review (presentation)
- Nurses and occupational violence (support and advocacy)
- Leadership and action in Climate and Health (presentation)

Issues that ACN may be able to assist other CoNNMO members with:

ACN welcomes opportunities to collaborate with other CoNNMO members in progressing issues of importance to nursing, particularly in relation to the workforce.

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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 attended a comprehensive governance training provided by Associations Forum.
- The Board has extensively reviewed their constitution and organisational structure. If the constitution is approved at the AGM, ACPAN will become a company limited by guarantee and its name will change into Australasian College of Perianaesthesia Nurses (abbreviation maintains the same).
- The Board has decided to contract an association management bureau to deal with the daily operational issues and is now preparing the transition. The main aim of this step is to free up time of Board members so they can focus on content and secondly, improve quality of communication and benefits for members.
- ACPAN has won the bid for the World Congress of Nurse Anaesthetists 3-6 May 2026 by IFNA in Brisbane. 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.
- ACPAN has prepared a formal training guide for sedation nurses at a AQF8 level. Together with GENCA, and maybe some other interested nursing colleges, will now initiate a national consultation round among its members.

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?

Any other nursing colleges that represent nurses that are impacted by the new ANZCA sedation guidelines are very welcome to participate in the consultation round regarding a formal training guide for sedation nurses.

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?

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?

A new ADNA President was elected Vivienne Spiers. Long Serving President Karen Dazkiw, who served ADNA as president for 5 years, steering the ship over the uncertainty of 2 years of COVID lockdowns and no face to face conferences, stepped down. ADNA owes her a debt of gratitude for her untiring work and the educational opportunities she has created that were 6 years ago, just a dream. The vacant roles on the committee were filled on the day of the conference which was very encouraging. In previous years we have struggled to attract members to take on these leadership roles.

The new committee have been busy over the months since the previous CoNNMO meeting.

There were further meetings with Australasian College of Dermatologists and the Skin Health Institute to continue work on unifying/consolidating and standardising nurses education and skills. First Draft of skills for enrolled nurses in dermatology has been circulated to committee for feedback. Then the draft will go out for wider member feedback.

Continued development of the education section and nurses' communication section of the ADNA members website. There are now various links to no-cost online educational opportunities relevant to nursing practice, knowledge translation and dermatological nursing. The new Nurses' Q & A section also has resource sharing and blogs in the protected site.

Annual ADNA Conference was held May 27th-29th 2023. Two day event was very well attended and a success. Popular were the practical, participatory workshops by specialist physicians and specialist nurses or nurse practitioners. Feedback from attendees that they did increase their knowledge and skills in the comprehensive care of patients in a range of dermatological conditions and wounds. CPR training was again booked out. Nurse Deryn Thompson also presented on patient education skills at the GP day held by ADNA on the Friday.

ADNA representatives (n= 4) attend the World Congress in Dermatology (WCD) "Dermatology Beyond in Singapore, July 4th -8th 2023. Important professional connections were made. Many ground-breaking presentations, including the future of Artificial intelligence in estimating the severity of a patient's disease by mobile phone photography. For example Scoring of Atopic Dermatitis. AI may potentially help patients be more pro-active with managing a range of chronic dermatological conditions. Members of the World Health Organisation and passion projects linked to dermatology were showcased. The translation and sharing of knowledge among many experts were awe-inspiring. The president has already shared with members who could not go some her learning. ADNA's contribution did Australia proud. 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 were very well received.

State Education days for 2023 'Together we can'

Victoria October 7th

SA October 28th, '24

NSW November 4th

NT November 18th Inaugural session!!

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

May 10-12th 2024 Perth Convention Centre. Planning gets underway next committee meeting.

FRIDAY pre conference PROGRAM will be planned again



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

Issues are all going well currently.

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

We are following with interest the workforce forum that are to be held around the country. We are promoting heavily, and will strongly encourage regional nurses to attend wherever possible.

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

Contributing our views to those upcoming workforce surveys and forums.

We look forward to hearing updates on the work being done to enable nurse generalists to work to their full scope of practice.

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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?

- We offer the chance to meet with nurses from around our region to encourage, support and learn from one another via regular meetings of the [Community of Practice](#)
- We commenced [Web Workshops](#) which we limit to 12 people who participate in an interactive presentation and discussion on topics that are relevant to Faith Community Nursing. The next one on supporting people with chronic conditions is on Tuesday 14th November 2023
- We offer 'Explore' sessions via Zoom for nurses interested in knowing more about the FCN role and practice
- We updated and transferred the 'Introducing Faith Community Nursing' to a [new online school](#) and we are preparing new short courses for Continuing Professional Development for members
- Currently the [Foundations of Faith Community Nursing](#) is offered online with video teaching and regular Zoom classes. We are looking to create a hybrid model with face to face teaching in 2024.

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

- We have a [Calendar of Events](#) on the homepage of our websites. Anyone is welcome to register and bring colleagues as guests. On registration you will receive the Zoom link.

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

- There are a number of registered nurses who would like to return to paid and volunteer nursing roles but find it difficult to get into affordable and flexible 'refresher' programmes. It would be good to be able to do some of this learning online and in ways that improved access.

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

- Perhaps consider commencing a register of online continuing professional development available to registered nurses across Australia via various professional nursing organisations.
- AFCNA is a small charitable association registered with ACNC. AFCNA offers fee-paying education nationally. We therefore applied for an ABR number as well as an ABN number. AFCNA reports to ACNC annually to meet its charitable obligations. However, now board members must apply for Directors Identification Number and additional reporting requirements for ASIC. This process seems to be regulatory duplication and over-reach in order for a small organisations with small financial earnings to legally trade nationally. This process and the duplication of effort needs to be reconsidered please.

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 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 enquiries to afcna@outlook.com or phone M: (61) 0412 134 348

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Name of organisation:

Australian Hartford Consortium of Gerontological Nursing Excellence (Aus-HCGNE)
<https://research.qut.edu.au/hartfordnursing/about/>

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

- Three Schools of Nursing joined Aus-HCGNE in the past six months. The total number of members and affiliate members of Aus-HCGNE are ~35,000 nurses, nursing academics, nursing researchers and nursing students from 12 Schools of Nursing across Australia
- Six webinars including a keynote webinar from Adjunct Professor Debra Thoms (Patron of Aus-HCGNE), discussing challenges and opportunities for gerontological nursing today and in the future.

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

Aus-HCGNE currently does not host a national conference.

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

Not at this point.

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

We would like to come back to you on this point.

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

Aus-HCGNE is happy to assist other CoNNMO members concerning gerontological nursing and aged care related issues (education, research and policy) as an expert group.



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Name of organisation:

ANZONA – Australian New Zealand Orthopaedic Nurses Alliance

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

Planning for (Inter)national meeting, Brisbane, October 2024
 Contributed ACSQHC Hip Fracture CCS Review
 Drafting ANZONA response to ACSQHC OA Knee CCS Review
 Representation on ANZHFR. Promoted HipFest to chapters

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

ANZONA 2024: Collaboration Capabilities Compassion

Date: 31st Oct – 1st Nov 2024
 Conference: The Stamford Plaza Brisbane.
 Conference Dinner: The Warehouse

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

Networking
 Updates from NMBA & ANMAC & ANMF always helpful

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?

Happy to assist as needed.

Anita T (ANZONA rep to ICON as Co-chair)

Working Monday, Thursday & Friday @ RAH; Tuesday & Wednesday @ Flinders University as Clinical Teaching Specialist in MNP program

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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?

- Promotional article in Australian Nursing & Midwifery Journal in September to coincide with Women's health Week.
- AWHNA partnership with SPHERE and AusCAPPS research, our expert representative attends monthly meetings and is on the panel network working group. Reflection held with SPHERE on the results and recommendations by the Senate into: Addressing barriers to sexual, maternity and reproductive healthcare in Australia.
- Recent review by ACI of HMB standard: The Association responded to the Review of the Heavy Menstrual Bleeding Clinical Care Standard
- Increased uptake in the number of women and people with a cervix choosing self-collection for Cervical Screening option.
- Focus on increasing cervical screening numbers in Priority Populations (ATSI, CALD, DV, Carers, Rural/Remote, Mental Health, Disability, LGBTQI, lower SES) as we head towards elimination of Cervical Cancer.
- 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.
- New AWHNA brochure has been developed for distribution – available on our website
- Next AGM Feb 2024

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

Planning underway to return the Annual Professional Update to end of year 2024.

It will be held as a hybrid event 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.

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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?

In the last six months we have:

- Released our 2022 Cancer Nursing Workforce Summary Report
- Launched our new Nursing Excellence in Cancer Care podcast
- Held over 15 webinars and 10 F2F events, with two of these hybrid events streamed into satellite sites in regional areas
- Held a successful Annual Congress in Adelaide
- Developed and implemented new Communities of Practice to increase networking opportunities
- Established a Next Generation working group to drive engagement with Early Career Cancer Nurses
- Commenced a digital transformation strategy to ensure internal and external technology has capacity to drive productivity and support growth plans
- Undertaken a membership engagement survey (20% response rate) to evaluate key benefits and membership needs
- Hired two new staff members focused on Policy and Marketing (both part time)

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

19 – 21 June, 2024 in Brisbane – theme is Innovative Quality Care in a Digital Era
(www.cnsacongress.com.au)

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

Upskilling early career nurses rapidly to meet skill gap expected over the next five years as experienced specialist nurses retire / leave the workforce.

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

Ways that we can work together more closely at an organisation level – members are invited to contact our CEO Jemma Still at jemma@cnsa.org.au to discuss potential collaboration across education and key policy areas

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

Happy to have conversations with any CoNNMO members interested in the activities we have undertaken over the past 6 months.

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Name of organisation:

Climate Action Nurses

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

- Redesign and further development of website and external communications [Climate Action Nurses](#)
- Development and dissemination of key policy documents including Planetary Health Position Statement; Statement of Intersectionality; Trauma Informed Care in the Anthropocene Position Statement, Sustainable vs Regenerative Healthcare Factsheet; Student Empowerment Position Statement. [Resources | Climate Action Nurses](#)
- Development and dissemination of quarterly zine [Climate Action Nurses \(beehiiv.com\)](#)
- Development of Climate Action Portal (resources for professional and personal climate action for nurses in the workplace, in education and in the community).

When is your national conference?

TBA

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

Dissemination of key position statements and engagement with Climate Action Portal (to be released in October)

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

- Proportional to nursing workforce representation in the National Health, Sustainability and Climate Unit
- Education on planetary health to all members to help build knowledge and literacy in all nursing specialties

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

- We're open to collaborating and providing expertise on matters related to climate policy or professional solutions.

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Name of organisation: Council of Deans, Nursing and Midwifery Aust & NZ

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

- Preceptorship program development
- The Future of the Midwifery Workforce paper was released by MAG
- Research Advisory Group has been formed
- First Nations academic workforce survey launched
- International Nurses day and International Day of the Midwife podcasts created
- Dataset project initiated
- NPEC: 36 out of 37 universities and 100 industry partners are now registered. Forecast reaching 10000 evaluations before end of 2023. Industry partners are actively looking at info.
- CDNM are celebrating 30 year anniversary
- Partnership with CATSINaM: Working towards a Partnership Investment Agreement with CATSINaM to collaborate effectively, fostering inclusivity and diversity.
- Program Enhancements: partnering for Mental Health First Aid initiative alongside ANZ MDA and CDHS
- Leadership Development: The ongoing CDNM Aspiring Deans Programme that provides leadership to academics in higher education institutions offering programmes leading to registration as a nurse or midwife.

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

CDNM, Australia and NZ- Creating the Future – Influence, Engage and Innovate 17-19 July 2024 at the Darwin Convention Centre
Call for Abstracts- 11th October 2023

Please see [symposium website](#)

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

- Preceptorship program development (perhaps CoNNMO could present it at one of the meetings?)
- Dataset project initiated (CoNNMO might be a good source of information for this project)

CoNNMO Member Meeting Report – October 2023

Name of organisation: Gastroenterological Nurses 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. This is currently underway as a dual process for education at face to face workshops and as online modules – The online modules have a greater reach for remote areas and provides education for nurses working in small facilities with multiple roles within these health care facilities
- Education – The IBD subcommittee continue to deliver face to face advance IBD nursing education. The online learning for IBD nursing continues as a foundation school and an advanced school model.
- GENCA partnered with GESA with three nurses to attend a rural and remote training week in Alice Springs – 15th to 17th May. From this we have continued the relationship for rural support seeing the local site go on to employ a nurse at a CNC level to deliver across 3 key areas of gastroenterology health – IBD, Nutrition and Endoscopy
- 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

WE have had one Webinar looking at the practical aspects of recycling in the endoscopy rooms – 3 kg of recyclable waste are sent to landfill per endoscopy session. We have encourage suppliers to provide details of how their company is looking to reduce packaging and improve the direct carbon costs associated with single use products We have also completed the next cycle of strategic planning.

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

Our national conference for 2023 was Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre, 19-21 May 2023.

Our next national Conference is in Brisbane 17th to 19th May 2024, - Ignite the Flame – empowering nurses for the future; WE have 2 international speakers

<https://www.genca.org/education/2024-national-conference/program-outline/>

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

This was in our last report – it continues to be a key area we need to pursue and have support from the CoNNMO members.

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.

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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.

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Name of organisation: Gerontological Alliance of Nurses Australia

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

1. GANA Event – 24 August 2023 – Focus on Assistants in Nursing in Aged Care
 - 11 videos onto Youtube Playlist
 - <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLiLy0g5NTTBk31vTPucZkQeEOkYNbryGJ>
 - A day in the life of a RACF Care Worker and Home Care Support Worker
 - Certificate 3 qualification update, from both a TAFE and Private Vocational Education providers perspective
 - Career Pathways in Aged Care
 - Q&A panel discussion
 - 88 registrations
2. GANA Event - May 2023 – Career Pathways in Aged Care
 - 6 videos uploaded to Youtube Channell
 - <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLiLy0g5NTTBk77L9buommaJt1BwYxYvSc>
 - The Lived Journey
 - The new graduates (Gerontological Nursing Competencies Transition to Practice Program)
 - Liam Caswell – Career planning
 - Q&A Panel discussion
 - Communities of Practice Working Groups
 - 97 registrations
3. Website revamp, also supporting legacy website of Psychogeriatric Nurses Australia (PGNA)
4. Invited leadership role at Australian Association of Gerontology (AAG)
5. Invited leadership role at CATSINaM Congress

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

- N/A

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

- Raising awareness of gerontological nursing as a specialty
- Templates of letters to Ministers (eg how to address them formally, suggested format and phrasing)
- Information pack about setting up and administrating organisations and associations, including online payments for membership, state and territory laws and acts (inc website links)

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

- Policy changes related to the aged care workforce
- Care and support economy taskforce update
- Impact of the 24/7 RNs in aged care
- Role of new graduate nurse programs, and support for transitions post-new grad program
- How to better support nurses 1-5 years – early career transitioning to mid career
- Update on the Aged Care Act and representation of Registered Nurses
- Website representations of Registered Nurses
- Catheter care and stoma nurse access in residential care
- NDIS clients transitioning to RACH

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

- Access to new graduate support programs specific to gerontological nursing
- Access to resources to support gerontological nurses
- Networks and funded programs related to clinical placements with older people

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Name of organisation: Maternal Child and Family Health Nurses Australia

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

- Development of MCaFHNA strategic plan 2023-2026 available at <https://www.mcafhna.org.au/about-us/governance/>
- Invited attendee - Early Years Strategy Roundtable focusing on issues affecting children with developmental concerns, disabilities, and autism. Canberra - June 2023
- Invited attended - Stakeholder workshop Early Childhood Targeted Action Plan (TAP) - June 2023
- Invited attendee - MAIF review focus group – an acknowledgement of the challenges faced in producing an agreement that will hold companies to account over the advertising of infant formula when there is no obligation for companies to comply with regulations.
- Online Roundtable on critical issues facing the Child and Family Health Nurse workforce in NSW

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



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

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

- Update on reviewing Workforce strategies in community and child and family health nursing

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:

PANDDA (Professional Association of Nurses in Developmental Disability Nursing Australia Pty Ltd)

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

National Health Workforce Data Collection (AHPRA)

“Disability Nursing” was added to the AHPRA annual health workforce survey after some targeted advocacy by PANDDA. An overview of this data was presented at our annual conference and a journal manuscript is being prepared for submission to an appropriate journal. This will be important and it will summarise this workforce for the first time since AHPRA was initiated.

Australian College of Nursing (ACN)

In 2021 PANDDA began working with the Australian College of Nursing to develop a specialist study subject in Intellectual and Developmental Disability Nursing.

In 2023 a single unit of study titled “Principles of Intellectual and Developmental Disability Nursing” was finalised and is now available as an elective subject within The Graduate Certificate in Aged Care Nursing and The Graduate Certificate in Community and Primary Health Care Nursing at the Australian College of Nursing.

This unit of study is designed for nurses who work with people with intellectual and development disability across their lifespan in a variety of settings from the home to hospital. The content covers the integral role of the nurse in building therapeutic relationships with the person and their support network. Students learn about the aetiology and epidemiology of various intellectual and development disabilities and how to support people living with them from diagnosis and as they transition to adulthood and older age.

The unit was written by specialist nurses, including some PANDDA members, for nurses. Students will be supported by a team of clinical experts, working within the specialty.

Council of Nursing and Midwifery Organisations (CONMO)

Ongoing membership of CONMO is important for PANDDA as we sit alongside most of the Australian specialty nursing colleges/associations.

CPD Webinars

PANDDA members are continuing to be offered access to free CPD opportunities, non members can attend for a small fee, in addition to the annual conferences. 20 webinars have been provided to date with 2 further planned before the end of the year.

Every Nurses’ Business - NDIS mainstream health system capacity building project

PANDDA remains a leading strategic partner on the “Every Nurses Business” project, which was extended through to July 2024. Led by Professor Andrew Cashin (Southern Cross Uni) and myself (Western Sydney Uni), this partnership also includes the Australian College of Critical Care Nurses, the College of Emergency Nurses, the Association of Primary Nurses, and the ANMF. PANDDA committee members have been supporting the online synchronous learning sessions and this continues to earn PANDDA some much-needed money.

National Roadmap on the Health of People with Intellectual Disability

PANDDA is represented on the Roadmap Implementation Governance Group (RIGG) and the Education Advisory Group..

The National Centre of Excellence has been awarded to a consortium led by UNSW, and PANDDA looks forward to working with the Centre into the future.

PANDDA Position Statements

The Committee acknowledges that the current position statements are potentially dated and need to be reviewed, but that there would be other areas that need to be explored as topics that may require their own position statement. Next steps will be consultation with PANDDA members and identification of writers. Below is the summary list that the Committee has drafted:

1. Research in NURSING in IDD care and Support
2. Credentialing Nurse in IDD
3. Reasonable Adjustments)
4. Role of the Nurse in IDD
5. Person Centred Practise (being the foundation of what we do)
6. End of life care
7. Emergency departments
8. Decision-making and informed consent for PWIDD
9. Nurse education
- 10 Restrictive Practices
- 11 Delegation

Funded Research: Oral History Project

This is an important PANDDA funded project led by Dr Peter Lewis from WSU. Future funding of research projects will likely rely on grants and/or future income sources but should remain a core goal of PANDDA.

PANDDA BN Honours Scholarship

Re-advertised ready for a 2024 commencement – currently no applicants.

Newsletters

Quarterly newsletters continue to be produced. PANDDA has now moved the newsletters to e-news

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

The 34th Annual PANDDA conference was held on 25 and 26 September 2023 at Novotel Parramatta
The 35th Annual PANDDA conference will be held on 14 and 15th October 2024 at Novotel Parramatta

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

Ongoing promotion of membership.

PANDDA changed its Associate membership category at the AGM on 26th September 2023 . Associate Membership is now available as follows;_

Associate membership is available to individuals who do not currently meet the criteria for Full membership. This includes Assistants in Nursing, Disability Support Workers, Allied Health Professionals. Students, Educators, Researchers and Academics, Social Workers, Disability Liaison officers, and other professionals who have an interest in matters pertaining to the health of people with intellectual and developmental disability and a supportive interest in the aims and objectives of PANDDA.

Associate members are entitled to most of the benefits of full PANDDA membership, although they do not have voting rights at the Annual General Meeting.

Associate membership can be available to practitioners who hold current recognised membership of relevant associations outside of Australia.

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

Not currently

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

None currently

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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?

We successfully held our face to face conference in Sydney (29th of May to 31st of May 2023)

The RSA continues to provide members and non-members with education opportunities in between conferences.

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

The RSA 2024 Conference will be held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre from 12-15 June 2024.

Further details to follow.

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

Sharing initiatives other members are utilising to address workforce challenges.

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

Workforce.

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 TSANZ position statement: Respiratory Nurses. This statement 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. This working party is now seeking broader input from the Respiratory Nursing community to participate. In 2023, we launched a Delphi survey - Consensus on priorities for progression respiratory nursing as a specialised discipline. We are currently undertaking round two in the consensus process to validate the priorities of highest importance to the progression of Respiratory Nursing. We intended to publish the results of this Delphi survey.

ADVOCACY:

The TSANZ has expanded our presence in both New Zealand and Australia this year, and has now drafted a total of 31 advocacy pieces across both countries, nearing our 2022 end-of-year record of 37 pieces. This is a 40% increase in submissions over the last two years. A full list of these pieces and more can be viewed from the TSANZ website [here](#).

Thoracic Society in the News:

Dust Diseases

Thoracic Society members **Dr. Ryan Hoy** and **Prof. Hubertus Jersmann** represented the Society in interviews with WIN News about the National Occupational Respiratory Disease Bill. We are pleased to see the expertise of the Society increasingly being sought after in the public arena to educate New Zealanders and Australians on issues impacting lung health. The Bill is a big step in the right direction and welcomed by the Society. To watch this interview, please click [here](#).

Gas Free Victoria

The Victorian Government has [announced](#) that new homes and new public buildings, including hospitals, will be gas-free from next year onwards! This was one of TSANZ's main asks as a part of a [joint letter](#) the Thoracic Society did with Healthy Futures in May of this year.

EVENT:

TSANZ Webinar Series - Landscape Fire Smoke and Asthma

TSANZ will be holding a webinar on Landscape Fire Smoke and Asthma on from 12-2pm AEDT on 20 October. In this webinar we will address the impact of landscape fire smoke on people with asthma and highlight vulnerable groups. We will also address the patient experience of living through these events. A summary of the latest TSANZ position paper on Landscape Fire Smoke and Asthma will also be presented with an overview of the recommendations for clinicians and patients.

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Registrations are free for TSANZ Members and \$50 for Non – Members.

[Find out more](#)

TSANZ Event - Asthma Management & Practical Solutions - Ventolin 2.5mg Nebule Outage

TSANZ will be holding an event on Asthma Management & Practical Solutions - Ventolin 2.5mg Nebule Outage **on 14 December 2023**. This Face-to-face, live streamed & on-demand education event will include information about who is currently using this medication; practical advice about which patients can be transferred to puffer and spacer and who may still need nebulised therapy; how nurses/pharmacists/GPs can discuss a transition away from nebulised therapy with patients/families; and a demonstration of techniques with puffer and spacer. The event is endorsed by ACN according to our Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Endorsed Course Standards. It has been allocated 2 CPD hours according to the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia – Continuing Professional Development Standard.

Registrations are free for a member of a society such as TSANZ, ACN, ACNP, ACRRM, APNA, PSA, RACGP (but not limited to) or an employee of Federal, State, or Territory Health Departments. This event is not available for people primarily employed by pharmaceutical/med-tech/med-devices companies.

[Find out more](#)

Active Nurse Members representation and engagement activities within TSANZ – selected only

- Nurse Special Interest Group - Australian Convenor and Co Convenor
 - Subcommittee – Respiratory Nurse Position Statement
- Tobacco Special Interest Group- Deputy Convenor
- Palliative Care and Symptom Management Special Interest-Group -Convenor
- Professional Standards Sub Committee Member
- Research Sub Committee Member
- Education Sub Committee Member
- Conference Steering committee members
- Board Executive Member
- State Branches – All
 - Executive Member, Secretary and Treasury positions held
- Working Parties – Oxygen Guidelines, Acute and Chronic, Asthma Management, Bronchiectasis Hypersensitivity Pneumonitis, Sputum Induction Guidelines, CF Nutrition guidelines

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

The 2024 Annual Scientific Meeting is scheduled for 22-26 March 2024 at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre. The theme is A new era in health care (Innovation). We are thrilled to unveil the first of our exceptional international speakers, Dr Stephen K Klasko (Jefferson University & Jefferson Health USA) and Dr Jennifer Taylor-Cousar (National Jewish Health USA).

The call for abstracts is open, we encourage nurses to submit abstracts to this international meeting. All abstracts are published in Respirology the official journal of Asian Pacific Society of Respiriology (Impact factor 6.175)

Ensure you submit before the call for abstracts closes, on **Thursday 19 October 2023**.

[Click here for more information on abstract submission](#)

The TSANZ Indigenous Respiratory Nurses Development Award aims to raise the profile of indigenous health within respiratory nursing and the work of respiratory nurses of an indigenous background. The Award will support the professional development of one nurse who: • Is either of an indigenous background and working in respiratory health OR working as a nurse in indigenous respiratory health • Has demonstrated their interest and commitment to making impact in nursing and indigenous health. *The award consists of AU \$5000 to be used for professional development or research support as outlined in their application.* Applications are now open – link below for the application details

[2024 TSANZ-Award Indigenous-Nursing.pdf \(thoracic.org.au\)](#)

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- 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
- 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

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Name of organisation: Wounds Australia

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

Wounds Australia has been the leading advocate to the federal government for the establishment of a national wound consumable scheme. In May 2023, following extensive lobbying by Wounds Australia and collaborations with other leading peak health bodies, the Government announced the allocation of \$47.8mil to the creation of the scheme – a monumental achievement for Wounds Australia and a portion of the 450,000 living with hard to heal wounds. In September, Wounds Australia delivered yet another incredibly successful Wound Awareness Week culminating in a Wound Forum and Breakfast at Parliament House. The Hon, Mark Butler, Minister for Health and Aged Care noted at the forum that the Wound Consumable Scheme was the brainchild of Wounds Australia and noted that Wounds Australia needed to be congratulated on its relentless pursuit of this program. He noted the work of Wounds Australia's leaders is a 'wonderful case study of outlining a really simply, important proposition for the Government to take up.'

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

The Wounds Australia 2024 Conference – 14 – 16 October 2024, Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre

www.woundsconference.org

Theme: Champions of Change

Abstract submissions open October 2023

This conference will be a celebration of 30 years of Wounds Australia's existence.

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

1. Wound specific education and professional development – lobbying for additional funds to enable nurses to undertake wound specific evidence based, quality training
2. Awareness and prevention – promoting Wound Awareness Week and other Wounds Australia prevention activities and educating the broader public in relation to the importance of skin integrity, wound prevention and proper management and healing

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

Wounds as a top health priority – a national wound awareness, prevention and management framework

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

Wounds specific professional learning