

CoNNMO Meeting – Friday 28 October 2022 Member Reports

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Name of organisation: Audiometry Nurses Association of Australia- ANAA Inc.

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

We have been holding our quarterly committee meetings via Teams.
We held our annual AGM at the ANAA conference this month where a new committee was voted in.
President is now Tracy Hawes after stepping into Vice President role last year.
We have several audiometry students enrolling in the course each semester at the Australian College of Nursing.

Our Clinical Practice Standards have been updated & circulated to all members.

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

We held a 2 day conference on 20th-21st October at The Pavillion function centre in Tamworth.
The conferences were put on hold through Covid so this was our first year back in 3 years. It was a great way to network & catch up with our members & other hearing health stakeholders.

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

Any tips on how to write a new or updated Constitution for our association would be helpful?

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?

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Name of organisation:

Australasian Neuroscience Nurses Association.

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

Successful attendance at webinars
Planning our first hybrid conference

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

November 10-11th 2022
Melbourne, Novotel on Collins

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

Business grants - where to apply

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

Nil

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Nil

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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?

- Monthly Board meetings with discussion / decision making informed by Chapter member's feedback.
- Collaboration with members in both New Zealand (NZ) and Western Australia (WA) for ongoing planning for formation of ARNA Chapters in both regions.
- Research and Education Scholarships: Key Sub Committees have been established within ARNA to encourage member participation with activities focusing on research, education, finance and strategic initiatives.
- ARNA virtual professional development program with webinars, mini webinars and journal clubs to provided members with networking and continuing professional development opportunities.
- Continued growth of ARNA specialist content on the ARNA Education Portal in collaboration with the World Continuing Education Alliance (WCEA)
- Planning and development for return of ARNA member face to face Chapter and National professional development activities.

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

The very successful 31st ARNA National Conference took place last week in Adelaide on Oct 20th / 21st 2022. With the theme: "*Rehab Nurses: Stronger Together*", the conference was as an opportunity for rehabilitation nurse members from Australia, New Zealand and other international locations to hear from eminent nurse leaders and meet face to face to network with colleagues to celebrate shared accomplishments after the last few very tough years.

Oct 19th / 20th 2023: Theme: TBA. Venue: Canberra. This is a general date claimer with more specific information to follow via our ARNA website, Newsletters and social media accounts.

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 assist in understanding of the specialist practice of rehabilitation nursing and the essential nature of rehabilitation in nursing as part of every nurse's practice regardless of practice context.

Alison New
ARNA National President
CoNNMO Representative

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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?

- AGM and change in Office Bearers
- Membership drive
- Scholarships
- Newsletter
- Representation on Committees – Conference, STI guidelines, HIV, S100
- Monkey Pox roll out of vaccines
- Social media

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

The conference is a multidisciplinary team approach and is a joint Sexual Health and HIV meeting. It was held in Brisbane in September 2022

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

No

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

Consider updates from each speciality group re membership and workplace settings

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

No

Jo Perks
ASHHNA representative

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Name of organisation: Australian New Zealand Orthopaedic Nurses Alliance (ANZONA)

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

Voluntary lodgement to WA Department of Mines for resolution of Association and name change to alliance. Unfortunate temporary disbandment of New Zealand Orthopaedic Nurse group due to personal and professional reasons of current committee. ANZONA continuing to support ongoing membership from New Zealand colleagues with offering to join Australian chapters. Continued ANZONA representation on International Council Orthopaedic Nurses group with the announcement that 2 ANZONA members will become joint Chairperson.

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

ANZONA 2022 conference was finally held (following 2 years of cancellation due to COVID) in September in Adelaide SA over 2 days. Theme was Resilience/Recovery/Restoration. Registration numbers were below par, but all attended enjoyed the ability to reconnect face to face. Keynote speakers included Dr Harry Harries (Thai cave rescue); David Stewart (ICN) Associate Director, Nursing & Health Policy; Louise Brent (ICON Chairperson); Jacqui Close – Consultant Geriatrician & Co-Chair Australian , New Zealand Hip Fracture Registry to name a few.

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 orthopaedic nursing and the speciality of 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?

None that I can think of but happy to assist if required.

Lesley Thomas
ANZONA Chairperson and CoNNMO Representative.

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Name of organisation: ANZSOM

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

The Nurse Strategy working group has continued to meet regularly and now has representation from all States and Territories. Our next Nurses Focus Webinar on 26th October features Hearing protection and fit testing and the role of the OHN.

The major activity of the group continues to be the review of the nurse competency document and development of an associated recognition program and is likely to be the main driver of nurse membership in the future. General Council has approved the budget to progress with this work which is a recognition of the importance of the OHN's within ANZSOM.

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

Our national conference was held in March 2022. Our next national conference will be held in Canberra in October 2023. Planning is underway.
<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?

No

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?

No

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Name of organisation:

Australian & New Zealand Society of Vascular Nursing (ANZSVN)

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

- Joint conference with ANZSVS October 2021 on Gold Coast and October 2022 in Hobart
- New website launched December 2021.
- Online membership renewals
- Securing scholarships to promote participation in vascular nursing professional events
- NSW SVN Inc closed and funds and members transferred to ANZSVN

When is your national conference?

Joint conference with ANZSVS.

21- 24 October 2022, Grand Chancellor Hotel, Hobart.

20 - 23 October 2023, Cairns Convention Centre, Cairns

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

- Ongoing networking with other national nursing organisations
- Keeping up to date with professional issues via meetings, email communication and CoNNMO Website
- Nationalisation – ANZSVN is a small society divided into smaller state-based groups – is Nationalisation something we should be considering? With the closure of Victoria is it better to pool resources on a national level and manage everything in a centralised structure?

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

Updates on any relevant digital information

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

We are a relatively new and small organisation and suspect the assistance we could offer is very limited.

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Name of organisation:

Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nurses

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

Organising our national conference for 2023
Looking at our Governance and developing clear pathways/policies
Tightening our financial responsibilities

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

“New Horizons: Advancing Wound, Ostomy and Continence Practice”
April 13th to 16th 2023 Fremantle Western Australia.
Partnering with the Asia Pacific Enterostomal Therapy Nurses Association (APETNA)

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Happy to help everywhere we can with advice.

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Name of organisation:

Australian College of Critical Care Nurses (ACCCN)

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

- ACCCN provides ongoing input into the National COVID 19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce. This group meets fortnightly and continues to provide evidence-based recommendations for clinicians at the bedside.
- ACCCN is a core member of the Critical Care Advisory Group (CCAG). The purpose of the CCAG is to provide expert advice to the Office of the Chief Medical Officer on emerging issues identified in the critical care environment, provide recommendations where appropriate, and represent the interests of critical care clinicians involved in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ACCCN hosts the Critical Care Nursing Workforce Advisory Group. This group advises the Chief Nursing and Midwifery Office (CNMO) of Australia on matters relating to the critical care nursing workforce. The advisory group is a collective of nursing representatives on the CCAG group, state presidents and nursing clinical leaders/experts nominated by the State Presidents.
- ACCCN continues to provide important critical care nursing representation and input in the ANZICS COVID-19 Guidelines. Version 5 has been completed. The National President sits on the Editorial Board. This position continues to strengthen the relationship between ANZICS and ACCCN, as well as the respect and a greater understanding of nursing involvement on all these projects. The updated guidelines have an increased focus on staff wellbeing, sustainable workforces and rural and remote. There is a new section exploring the impact of long COVID on the ICU, in particular outreach teams.
- ACCCN is working to revise The Intensive Care Workforce Minimum Guidelines
- ACCCN is supporting our nursing colleagues in less developed nations during this challenging time through regular online meetings. A group of nurses from PNG recently attended our Annual Education Meeting and conducted site meetings at Gold Coast University Hospital and Griffith University School of Nursing
- In recent months there have been multiple requests for ACCCN to be involved in the media. ACCCN members and National Board members have provided expert commentary highlighting the importance of quality critical care nursing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Social media is being utilised to distribute messages of support to the nursing staff and distribute information about opportunities to return to ICU if possible.
- Work on the Minimum Staffing Framework- Collaboration continues with CICM, ANZICS, NZCCCN. ACCCN members are currently undertaking a literature review and are in the process of defining nursing roles within ICU.
- The ANZICS and ACCCN Joint Executive conducted its first face-to-face meeting for the Annual Scientific Meeting in April 2022 after two postponements due to COVID. This was a great success and opportunity for the critical care community to get together next year.
- As part of its COVID-19 response the Chief Nurse of NSW reached out to ACCCN to request some eLearning content relating to the nursing management of COVID-19 patients in COVID wards and COVID Respiratory High Dependency Units. The request was to include content relating to topics such as awake proning,

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physiology of COVID-19, principles of respiratory nursing, etc. These short talks are freely available on the ACCCN to assist during these trying times.

- ACCCN is working to improve real time capture of data relating to the ICU nursing workforce.
- ACCCN is working with NSW members to apply the ACCCN Nursing Workforce standards in NSW ICUS
- ACCCN has been facilitating ICU community of practice meetings for Victorian Nurse Managers.

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

- Annual Education Meeting, October 2022
- Annual Scientific Meeting March 2023

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

Lobbying the NMRB to include speciality practice qualifications (eg ICU post graduate qualifications) on their annual survey.

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?

The Australian College of Critical Care nurses is available to provide advice and assistance on all matters relating to Critical Care Nursing.

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Name of organisation: The Australian College of Nursing (ACN)

What have been the significant activities of your organisation since the last meeting?

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

- Developing and releasing a range of landmark policy documents including our **Nursing and Violence Taskforce's** [Occupational Violence Against Nurses](#) position statement; ACN's [Surge Workforces](#) Position Statement and [Restrictive Practices](#) position statement; and our Workforce Sustainability Policy Chapter's [Minimum Education Qualifications for Nursing Staff in Residential Aged Care Settings](#) position statement.
- Continuing our climate advocacy through our Emissions Reduction Policy Chapter releasing an [Ethical Leadership in Emissions Reduction](#) Position Statement and [Nursing Leadership in Emissions Reduction Guiding Principles](#).
- **Faculties:** In February 2022 ACN established Faculties. Faculties are designed to focus on specific issues or specialties impacting the nursing profession and are unpinned by the six strategic pillars of ACN's 2022-2026 strategic directions: advocacy, community, education, leadership, policy, and social impact. The faculty framework incorporates members as the foundation, facilitating nurses in achieving ACN's Strategic Direction: Shaping Health, Advancing Nursing. Faculties provide members with a national profile at all levels of nursing, from novice to expert, with a range of opportunities to engage and grow professionally. More experienced, or expert members lead activities such as policy development, and education sessions on contemporary issues relevant to the faculty specialty. Mid-career, early and novice nurses will benefit through mentorship, networking, and exposure to highly skilled and experienced nurses.
Faculty members collaborate with ACN to develop strategic priorities and facilitate CPD sessions and networking opportunities for members. Online discussion forums such as NEO, webinars and events assist members to connect to other like-minded nurses and those interested in similar specialties. ACN regions, states, and territories (regions) collaborate with the faculties to advise, support, or guide in areas that may have an impact on that region.
- **Institute of Leadership:** ACN's Institute of Leadership supports nurses at all career stages to extend their leadership skills and confidence. ACN is introducing two new programs for 2023 these being the Nursing Unit Manager Leadership Program and the Emerging Nurse Researcher Leadership Program. [Download](#) the Institute of Leadership flyer for a snapshot of all opportunities.
 - Leadership Series
 - Executive Leadership Program
 - Mid-Career program
 - Emerging Nurse Leaders program
 - Policy Fellows Program
- **Policy Summit:** The next Policy Summit will be in March 2023 in Canberra

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

The National Nursing Forum (NNF) is ACN's signature annual leadership and educational event bringing together nurses, students, and other health professionals from around the country and across the globe. The National Nursing Forum for 2022 was held in Darwin from 17 to 19 August with the theme 'Nursing Leadership Unmasked.' The 2023 NNF will be held **from 9-11 August in Adelaide.**

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

Consistent with our recent priorities, ACN would welcome support from other CoNNMO members to further advance our advocacy to:

- Improve utilisation of and sustainability of the nursing workforce through working to the top of scope, recognising the advanced practice of nurses, especially in rural and remote areas
- Support and promote safe work environments while improving policies to eradicate occupational violence against nurses
- Ensure the primary objective of the new Aged Care Act is to provide high-quality and safe care for every older person in Australia
- Enable nurses to lead emissions reduction and climate action at the individual, workplace, community, and government levels.

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

ACN is celebrating 10 years of the unification of TCON and RCNA and is progressing with the Vivian Bullwinkle Project

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

Not specifically, though ACN would be happy to assist or collaborate with other organisations where requested.

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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?

- Attendance World Congress of Nurse Anesthetists in Croatia (IFNA congress). This was the second time that ACPAN participated at the world stage of nurses working in anaesthesia. One of the Board members was however already 12 years the chair of the IFNA Practice Committee. ACPAN has endorsed and based its own Standards and CPD guideline on the IFNA Standards and CPD guideline.
- 2-day ACPAN national conference in Adelaide. This was the first time ACPAN organised their conference in South Australia. With only 10 ACPAN members in SA it was a gamble that luckily paid off well. The membership in SA has grown to 55. The conference was F2F as well as live streamed. The AGM was also held during the conference and Board members were (re)-elected for a 3-year term.
- ACPAN Board Strategic meeting. At the January 2021 strategic meeting the direction was set for the next 5 years. The past 2 years ACPAN has focused on their internal organisation and processes. With this now almost in place, the actions for the next 3 years are focused on collaboration with stakeholders and marketing of ACPAN to the leaders (NUMs, Ns, CNCs, Directors) within the hospitals.

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

- This was held 21 and 22 October at Adelaide Oval. The first day consisted of workshops and a visit to the simulation laboratory of Adelaide University.
- 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.

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

- Discussions with members clearly demonstrate issues regarding scope of practice in recovery. Often nurses are required to perform activities that are not within their scope of practice as insufficient training was provided. This mainly involves the use of inotropes or vasoactive medication in PACU and extubation of ETTs. These issues are becoming more frequent and widespread due to bed capacity issues. ACPAN is of the opinion that a NP recovery would be a suitable role to fulfill these tasks and solve this issue.
- Establishment of a recognised education curriculum for anaesthesia and recovery nurses and formal recognition of this specialised nursing role.
- Establishment of national training curriculum for sedation nurses and formal recognition of this specialised nursing role.

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

I would like CoNNMO to present their views regarding formal recognition of specialised nurses like anaesthesia and recovery nurses, but also ICU, ED, Etc. This is worldwide well established and protects nurses and the general public from dangerous and malpractice. It would also benefit Australia as it would become a more attractive employer for these highly specialised nurses.

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 (ADNA)*

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

Continued professional development through educational activities

- Victorian State Education Day Saturday 6th August 900-1600, at Citadines Melbourne. 45 attendees.
- NSW State Education Day 15th October. 845-1700 + breakfast (sponsored). Novatel paramatta 80 attendees
- National Australian Dermatology Nurses Association conference, held concurrently with the Australian College of Dermatology meeting. May 2022. 85 attendees. Again, CPR training update was offered to attendees who enrolled in the session held on the afternoon prior to the National Conference. The ADNA program included lecture format plus a series of interactive workshops enabling nurses to increase their knowledge and skills in specific areas of dermatology nursing (e.g., eczema, suturing).

ADNA nurses are encouraged to attend the NZ Dermatology conference for networking and learning with trans-Tasman colleagues. One member went this year, as a scholarship is awarded to one applicant annually.

Five online e-learning educational modules are provided to members. Once completed details are recorded in each member's portal link.

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

Friday May 26- Sunday May 28th, 2023, at the Sydney Convention Centre. The National Conference is already advertised on the ADNA website. A committee meeting is planned next month for further planning, speaker invites and timelines.

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

For any CoNNMO members to consider sharing their strategies/ideas on how to encourage members to volunteer for committee positions. Collegiality between members is seen at the annual ADNA meetings and respective state education days, but no members extend their enthusiasm to consider taking steps to nominate for ADNA committee positions. This has always been somewhat difficult since about 2015. Furthermore, since COVID, people seem to not want to volunteer at all, possibly many nurses are exhausted. At the 2022 AGM a new treasurer volunteered, but withdrew from the role 2 weeks later.

In the past 5 years we tried various things:

- a key-note speaker on volunteering and impact on career and health and well-being;
- short videos explaining the roles;
- reassurance that new members will be mentored and supported in their roles;
- personally contacting people who show potential for committee roles, highlighting how we value their skills;
- engaging an organisation to take on the administrative activities thus lessening workload of committee members. At committee meetings, the idea of financial remuneration for the role (such as the British Dermatology Nurses Association) has been raised but not pursued.

ADNA would value input from other CoNNMO members who may have experiences similar difficulties in past years in their professional organisations or from members who can suggest strategies for ADNA to consider.

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Not at this October meeting. It is my first meeting as ADNA CoNNMO representative, so I will be 'finding my feet'.

Screening for child, vulnerable people, disability etc? It would be useful at a future meeting to clarify whether nurses working in private practices are required to have these screens. In State run healthcare settings nurses are advised which screening they need. Is there a document covering/explaining the responsibilities of private practice nurses in screening?

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

Not at this meeting, as it is my first meeting as ADNA representative as stated above.

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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 are expanding the concept of **Faith Community Care** to deal with growing social isolation, mental health, ageing in place, disability support, increase in chronic condition self-management, family/domestic violence, addiction, and homelessness. we will be providing more CPD in these areas over coming year
- Baptist Care SA's (Westcare site) is piloting a Pastoral Care Nurse role to support people at risk of homelessness to navigate health and community care via a funded pilot project.
- Supporting the World Forum of Faith Community Nurses who are helping Ukrainian nurses working in newly considered government initiated nursing roles as 'Mercy Nurses'

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

- International Faith Community Nurses Conference 17-19 April 2023 *Theme "Together Again: Inter-professional Relationships, and Communication in Spiritual Care"*. will be held in tandem with interdisciplinary 'Caring for the Human Spirit®' Conference
- We participate in Westberg International Knowledge Sharing Platform for FCNs community.westberginstitute.org

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

- Consideration for nurses who have left clinical roles to upskill affordably and have facilitated re-entry pathways

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

- The issues of moral distress due to provision of ethical care in the midst of growing health misinformation and mistrust in government across the globe particularly post pandemic in multicultural communities

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

- Happy to discuss the benefits and opportunities of Faith Community Nursing at any forum
- We are increasing our education platform with free and affordable professional development that related to whole person care www.afcna.org.au that is available to anyone (not just members, but they receive discounted rates)
- We have quality educators who can help organisations equip care staff and nurses re whole person care Please direct any requests to afcna@outlook.com

CoNNMO rep: Dr. Antonia van Loon RN PhD

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Name of organisation:

Australian Nurse Teachers' Society (ANTS)

Website: <https://www.ants.org.au/ants/>

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

Monthly national meetings

- Building up organisational member strength
- Building up committee strength and activity
- Reviewing the Nurse Educator standards

Conference Preparation for NNEC 7-9 June 2023

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

National Nurse Education Conference 7-9 June 2023 at SeaWorld Gold Coast

Abstracts open

Conference website: <https://dcconferences.eventsair.com/nnec-2023/>

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

nil

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

Impact of the third year of pandemic on education has been significant with loss of experienced/senior educators in both industry and academia with a subsequent increase in workload.

Concern raised over:

- the exhaustion of educators along with the continued mantra of 'do more with less',
- acceptance that it is okay to continue to divert educators to other roles projecting the understanding that education is not important
- a lack of available educators to provide education as the usual supports for students and graduates disappear - NE, CNC/CNS, CFs – who are brought back to provide patient care.
- Concern for new grad and student education quality

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

nil

Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation

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

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

Submissions:

- Submission to the Productivity Commission – indirect employment in aged care – 6 May 2022
- Response to the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia – Fact Sheet – Scope of practice and capabilities of nurses and midwives consultation draft – 25 May 2022
- Submission to the Senate Standing Committee on the Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Lifting the Income Limit for the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card) Bill 2022 – 12 August 2022
- Submission to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee consultation: Aged Care Amendments (Implementing Care Reform) Bill 2002 – August 2022
- Response to the NMBA preliminary consultation on the revised draft Safety and quality guidelines for privately practising midwives – 12 August 2022
- Response to the Ahpra and National Boards public consultation on revised English language skills registration standards – due 7 September 2022
- Response to the fair Work Amendment (Equal Pay for Equal Work) Bill 2022 – September 2022
- Submission to the Productivity Commission – Unpaid carer's Leave – 9 September 2022
- Submission to the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care Public Consultation on the Aged Care on-site pharmacist measure - 16 September 2022
- Response to Commonwealth Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer Independent Review of Collaborative Arrangements - 16 September 2022
- Submission to the Senate Select Committee on Work and Care – 22 September 2022
- ANMF October Pre-Budget Submission – 26 September 2022
- Response to the Australian Government Consultation paper: Help improve aged care data – 30 September 2022
- Submission to the Aged Care Data Strategy Consultation Information Guide – 3 October 2022
- Submission to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee into the Anti-Discrimination and Human Rights Legislation Amendment (Respect at Work) Bill 2022 – October 2022
- Submission to the Independent health and Aged Care Pricing Authority (IHACPA) consultation: Towards an Aged Care Pricing Framework Consultation Paper – October 2022
- Submission to the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission Amendment (Code of Conduct and Banning Orders) Rules 2022 Exposure Draft – October 2022
- Submission to the Department of Health and Aged Care Consultation Paper No.1 – A New Model for Regulating Aged Care -20 October 2022

COVID-19 response information and resources for nurses and midwives:

- ANMF Evidence Briefs, Guidelines, Fact Sheets, Online Training and Education, FAQ's, media releases and links to regulatory and government resources: <https://www.anmf.org.au/resources/covid-19>

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Committees/forums:

- ACSQHC Health Services Medication Expert Advisory Group
- ACSQHC National Quality Use of Medicines publications Project Advisory Group
- ACSQHC Neural Connector Device Working Group
- ACSQHC Aged Care Clinical Standards Advisory Committee
- ACTU Climate Action Group Meeting
- Ahpra Professions Reference Group
- ANMAC Strategic Accreditation Advisory Committee
- ANMF Professional Advisory Committee
- ANMF Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group
- ANMF Research Advisory and Strategy Committee
- ANMF Aged Care Reform Group
- ANMAC Review of Accreditation Standards for Programs leading to Endorsement for Scheduled Medicines for Midwives Expert Reference Group
- Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists Industry Reference Group
- Australian Digital Health Agency Aged Care Advisory Group
- Australian Government Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities (CALD) COVID-19 Vaccine Roundtable with Health Practitioners
- Australian Government Nursing and Midwifery Stakeholder reference Group
- Climate and Health Alliance
- Commonwealth Department of Health Vaccine Briefings
- Department of Veterans Affairs Health Providers Partnership Forum
- Early Career Nurse and Midwife Working Group
- Evaluation of the Stronger Rural Health Strategy Stakeholder Reference Group
- National Aged Care Alliance
- National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) ILC Project Steering Group
- National Rural Health Alliance
- NMBA/ANMAC Nurse Practitioner Regulatory Advisory Group
- Nurse Practitioner 10 Year Plan Steering Committee
- ACRRM Rural and Remote Digital Innovation Group
- Thrive By Five Campaign by the Minderoo Foundation

2. CoNNMO Secretariat and Operations

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

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

Continue to support the ANMF ratio's campaigns in NSW and WA and the national aged care campaign 'It's Time to Fix Aged Care'. Visit: <https://www.anmf.org.au/media-campaigns/aged-care> and share the campaign links and resources.

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

The ANMF asks CoNNMO members to consider contributing to the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Journal (ANMJ) and the ANMJ website.

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

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

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Name of organisation: Australian Women's Health Nurse Association

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

- Held annual virtual professional development update Feb 2022: **"Choice & Change for Women...we're all in this Together"**
- AGM Feb 2022 with all positions filled for Office Bearers - Executive
- Change in meeting format from Teleconference to Zoom for our bi monthly meetings for enhanced engagement, communication, connection, support, peer review, and ongoing shared information contributing to improving Women's Health Nurse safe clinical and quality practice.
- AWHNA partnership with SPHERE and AusCAPPs research, our expert representative attends monthly meetings and is on the panel network working group.
- Role out of the introduction of 'Universal self-collection for Cervical Screening' from July 1st, 2022 providing more choice for women and people with a cervix to access screening.
- Our email membership network remains active, sharing relevant Women's Health Nurse information, professional development upskilling opportunities, and support to members. Sharing advertised vacant positions to ensure WHN specialities remain filled and active.
- Expanding our network into the community through social media, with a Facebook profile developed for the Association to promote & support women on a broader platform.

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

Planning for 2023 underway for Professional Update & AGM 2nd & 3rd February, 2023 at:
NSW Nurses & Midwives Association premises at, 50 O'Dea Ave, Waterloo NSW 2017

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

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

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

None at present

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

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

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

Compiled by

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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?

- Face to Face National Annual Congress
- Ongoing webinars – Tune in Tuesdays
- Face to Face State Group education meetings where possible
- Workforce survey results released
- Board of Directors Strategic Planning - 2 day event face to face

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

14 to 16 June 2023 – Adelaide Convention Centre

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

Nil

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

Nil

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

CNSA is open to assist as needed

Meeting CoNNMO Council

Chair: Marian Linnane

Meeting: CoNNMO Meeting **28 October 2022**

Sponsor: Professor Roianne West, CEO, Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINaM)

Topic: 'gettin em n keepin em n growin em': Strategies for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nursing and midwifery education reform (GENKE II), August 2022

Recommendations: That CoNNMO:

1. Note all GENKE II recommendations and provide endorsement.
2. Consider CoNNMO's future engagement to support the strategic implementation of GENKE II recommendations.

Purpose of Paper

Tabling of CATSINaM's 'gettin em n keepin em n grown em' (GENKE II) report for presentation, discussion, endorsement, and engagement.

Background

- For 25 years, CATSINaM has acted as the national peak professional organisation representing the collective voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nurses and midwives.
- In 2002, Dr Sally Goold, Maria Miller, Dr Sue Turale and Professor Kim Usher developed the - ['gettin em n keepin em': Report of the Indigenous Nursing Education Working Group to the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health September 2002](#) (GENKE I). The GENKE I report proposed a strategic framework that aimed to increase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nursing recruitment, retention, and completion, ensure the development and delivery of a stand-alone Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and health subject in all Australian universities, improve health practise delivered to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and ensure ongoing monitoring and revision of associated strategies.
- In 2021, CATSINaM commissioned an independent review of the 2002 GENKE I report to evaluate its implementation by the professions (note: GENKE I did not specifically examine midwifery, however, many of its recommendations were equally relevant to the profession), and their preparedness to address the ongoing under-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nurses and midwives in Australian health services. Professor Kim Usher and Dr Joanne Durkin undertook the review that led to the development of the GENKE II report. Their review highlighted inconsistency in the implementation of the GENKE I report, which was a result of a significant lack of monitoring and accountability of nursing and midwifery agencies to implementing GENKE I. GENKE II builds upon the learnings from the GENKE I review.
- The GENKE II report was released by CATSINaM on 18 August 2022 at the CATSINaM 25th Anniversary National Conference.
- The GENKE II report promotes national and systems level strategic reform recommendations for nursing and midwifery education incorporating a new structure for formalised engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nurses and midwives in the form of partnership agreements to co-design, co-produce and co-

accredit nursing and midwifery education as it relates to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. Its purpose is:

- To address inequities in the nursing and midwifery workforce.
- To address inequities in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.
- The GENKE II report was developed by CATSiNaM in 2021-22 in collaboration with nursing and midwifery leaders of education, policy, and discipline regulation. Key collaborators included the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA), the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC), the Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery (CDNM), the National Enrolled Nursing Advisory Council (NENAC), the Commonwealth Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer (CCNMO), and the National Association of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Practitioners (NAATSIHWP).

Discussion

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nurses and midwives hold and have access to knowledges of Country and culture, however, their value has yet to be fully realised by their professions and broader Australian health services. They are also well-informed about the historic and contemporary operations of race and racism within their disciplines and Australian health services that maintain the poor health outcomes and lower life expectancy of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- The cultural knowledges and skills of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nurses and midwives are pivotal to clinically and Culturally Safe education, employment, and health care and to the dismantling of oppressive practices and frameworks of racism in health care systems.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make up 3.2% of Australia's total population, but only 1.4% of Australia's nursing and midwifery workforce¹. Achieving parity will improve the Cultural Safety of health services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- GENKE II includes recommendations for formal partnership agreements with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to establish transparency and accountability for future work. CATSiNaM understands, after decades of work in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nursing and midwifery workforce development, that partnerships across nursing and midwifery will be pivotal to achieving parity in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' representation in Australia's nursing and midwifery workforce.
- The GENKE II report presents three key strategic recommendations for national and systems level strategic education reform to establish monitoring and accountability for future work that aims to support improvements in the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through increasing the numbers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nurses and midwives and promoting the Culturally Safe nursing and midwifery practice.
 - **Key strategic recommendation 1** – Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC) develop a formalised partnership agreement for CATSiNaM to co-design, co-produce and co-accredit nursing and midwifery education as it relates to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.

¹ Australian Government Department of Health and Age Care, 'Factsheet selector dashboard, registered nurses 2021, Australian-born Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander', *Nursing and midwifery dashboards*, viewed 12 July 2022, <https://hwd.health.gov.au/nrmw-dashboards/index.html>

- **Key strategic recommendation 2** – Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) develop a formalised partnership agreement for CATSINaM to co-design, co-produce and co-accredit nursing and midwifery education as it relates to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health to enable education reform.
- **Key strategic recommendation 3** – The Australian Government develop a formalised partnership agreement with CATSINaM on national-level strategic reform in nursing and midwifery education as it relates to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.
- The three GENKE II Key Strategic Recommendations are supported by eight supplementary prioritised areas for actions to:
 - Improve nursing and midwifery education accreditation functions as related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.
 - Provide improved nationally coordinated approaches to preparing the nursing and midwifery workforce for working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and for supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nursing and midwifery students.
 - Drive education sector initiatives to promote Culturally Safety in the non-Indigenous nursing and midwifery workforce practice and, effectively, promote clinical safety and challenge institutional racism for the benefit of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- GENKE II promotes a partnership approach that increases accountability and transparency on behalf of Australia’s nursing and midwifery leadership, and genuine leadership offered to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples regarding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nursing and midwifery workforce development. The approach seeks to build on the working partnerships CATSINaM has established with ANMAC, NMBA, the Australian Government, CDMN, NENAC and NAATSIHWP.

Summary of issues for discussion

- Formal endorsement of GENKE II and consideration of opportunities to support the strategic implementation of its recommendations.
- Any feedback or comment via the ceo@catsinam.org.au email address or in the meeting.

Attachments: [‘gettin em n keepin em n growin em’: Strategies for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nursing and midwifery education reform \(GENKE II\), August 2022](#)

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

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

We celebrated Emergency Nurses Day on 12th October, and members shared what it is they love about the work they do. Follow [this link](#) to hear what they had to say.

We came together for the 19th International Conference for Emergency Nurses on the Gold Coast from 28th - 30th September. An excellent scientific program, with international speakers and delegates, and a chance for old friends to catch up after a 2-year hiatus.

CENA have secured funding for a new scholarship. The Oceanic Emergency Nursing Scholarship will support 2 emergency nurses from the Oceanic to attend ICEN each year, and includes conference registration, return flights, five nights of accommodation and meals. The inaugural recipients, from Vanuatu, joined us at ICEN2022.

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

Continued engagement with the National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce:

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

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

We have just held ICEN 2022 in September 2022.

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

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

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

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

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

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Name of organisation:

Continence Nurses Society Australia (CONSA)

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

The new CONSA Board + reporting structure is fully operational, with Board meetings being held monthly via zoom. Transition to a national body is now complete. ASIC has approved our application and we are now officially - Continence Nurses Society Australia Ltd. The six sub-committees are operational + report regularly to the Board on their activities.

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

*The next National Conference on Incontinence will be held in Perth in early 2023.
Our next AGM and education session is coming up in November.*

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

N/A

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

N/A

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Name of organisation:

Council of Deans, Nursing and Midwifery (Australia & New Zealand)

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

- **Strategic Plan**
The four pillar groups have continued to work on strategic plan projects
- **Communications**
Communications officer appointed
- **CATSINaM Conference**
The CATSINaM 25 years celebration conference was held on 19 August on Gadigal Country. Professor Karen Strickland, Chair CDNM delivered an Apology on behalf of the Council for the harm caused to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nurses and midwives and their communities.
- **Australian Pharmacy Council and ANMAC Interprofessional colloquium**
The colloquium held on 8 September highlighted the integral link between health professional education and workforce and the importance of collaboration amongst all involved in developing this workforce. IPC outcome joint statement signed by CDNMANZ, CPSANZ, APC & ANMAC

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

- March 2022, Sunshine Coast
- October 2023, CDNM 30 year celebration

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

Happy to collaborate with other members as need arises

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Name of organisation: FLIGHT NURSES AUSTRALIA

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

After nearly 3 years we held our annual international Aeromedical Conference. A joint venture with the Aeromedical Society of Australasia. Over 300 delegates from all sorts of aeromedical backgrounds attended a 3-day event at the Brisbane Convention Centre.

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

2023 Aeromed ASA+FNA conference will be in Adelaide September 4th -6th.

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

Promotion, recommended affiliations for exhibitors/sponsors for our conferences. For increased exposure and knowledge of our organization. Thus, increasing interest amongst nurses who would like to become Flight Nurses/Midwives and helping with staffing shortages for all our associated aeromedical organizations.

Encouragement of Nurses to become dual Nurse/Midwives or vice versa as the industry is struggling to find those willing to complete both degrees, with lack of incentives, to continue to uphold the Flight Nursing standards of dual registration.

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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?

- We have held monthly Director's meeting via Zoom.
- As we have moved to a National Organisation with direct members, we held online elections for four vacant Director positions in May 2022.
- We held an online AGM for members on 29 June 2022 and ratified newly elected directors.
- We supported the production and publication of the Child and Family Health Nursing Professional Practice Framework which is hosted on the MCaFHNA website
<https://www.mcafhna.org.au/public/138/files/Resources/CFHN%20Professional%20Practice%20Framework%20-%20Edited.pdf>
- The Professional Development and Practice subcommittee conducted four online webinars for members which were recorded and placed on MCaFHNA website for members to access.
- The Media and website subcommittee have been busy creating an online presence for MCaFHNA
- We provided ten professional development scholarships to members to attend MCaFHNA national conference in Canberra.
- We held a hybrid strategic planning day for the MCaFHNA Board of Directors in September 2022 to set goals moving into 2022-2023 which included establishing three new subcommittees that involve MCaFHNA members.

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

- We held a successful hybrid MCaFHNA National Conference from 1-3 September 2022 both face to face and online. Recording from the conference are available to attendees. The recordings will be available in the future on the MCaFHNA website for members
- Our next Biennial National Conference will be in Brisbane in 2024

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

- Finding access to business grants and other funding to support work on reviewing of standards of practice
- Sharing the National Standards of Practice for Maternal Child and Family Health Nurses in Australia
[https://www.mcafhna.org.au/public/138/files/National%20Standards%20of%20Practice%20for%20MCaFHNA%20\(1\).pdf](https://www.mcafhna.org.au/public/138/files/National%20Standards%20of%20Practice%20for%20MCaFHNA%20(1).pdf)

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

- Ethical sponsorship of nursing organisations

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

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

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Nursing and Midwifery Digital Health Network (formerly AIDH Nursing.Midwifery Community of Practice)

<https://digitalhealth.org.au/communities-of-practice/nursing-and-midwifery/>

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

Monthly blogs authored and published online

<https://digitalhealth.org.au/communities-of-practice/nursing-and-midwifery/>

2022 Topics

- May - Long COVID: opportunities for nurses and midwives to research, innovate and collaborate
- Jun - Impact of artificial intelligence and machine learning on nursing and midwifery
- Jul - Documentation within electronic records
- Aug - Residential aged care and My Health Record: Linkage is mission critical
- Sep - Student placement and the use of digital systems
- Oct - The changing role of leaders in digital health: positioning CNMIO's for success

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

MedInfo 2023 will be held in Sydney from 8 July 2023 – 12 July 2023.

The theme of this conference is *The Future is Accessible*

The Nursing Conference will be held on Sunday 9 July 2023 Sydney.

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 Nursing Informatics and eHealth/Digital Health in professional practice.

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

Increasing awareness and importance of Nursing Informatics/Digital Health issues through conference presentations and participation.

For further information please contact:

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Name of organisation:

Palliative Care Nurses Australia

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

- Annual General Meeting held on September 14 with a newly elected President and Secretary within the Executive team in addition to new members onto the general committee. Full details of all newly appointed members is available on the website: <https://www.pcna.org.au/about/committee>
- Our biennial PCNA Conference, May 2022 was a success (held online). The Conference was attended by 358 delegates, with 188 of those being supported to attend via Department of Health (DoH) scholarships. We also inducted inaugural fellows into PCNA - Margaret O'Connor, Karen Glaetzer, John Rosenberg, John Haberecht and Jane Phillips
- We have managed to maintain and grow our membership base. As of September 2022 we have 481 current financial members spanning all States and Territories of Australia
- Webinars have been run and well attended:
 - Advance Care Planning Australia – Resources (October 2022)
 - ELLC – Law relevant to palliative care (May 2022)
 - Ensuring the quality of palliative care in Australia's prisons – (August 2022)
- We have 2 more events planned within 2022:
 - Another webinar led by Advance Care Planning Australia, Nov 26
 - A 4 hour online workshop focused on optimising communication for people with palliative care needs. This is being supported by the Pam McLean Centre with interactive skill development led by actors, expert clinicians and founded in case based learning.
- PCNA has contributed to the following submissions:
 - Primary Health Care 10 Year Plan
 - Palliative Care Nurse Data in Federal Election Roadmap
 - NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 Update No.17/2021
 - Access and Equitable Palliative Care in NSW
 - Australian Cancer Plan 2023 – 2033
 - Mandatory Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) Training
- PCNA has continued to represent nursing on numerous working groups / committees including:
 - Palliative Care Australia (PCA) Board Meeting
 - National Covid-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce Guidelines Leadership Group
 - Palliative Care Australia Parliamentary Friends
 - Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation
 - Palliative Care Australia Planning for Emergencies Working Group
 - Palliative Care Australia Standards for Primary Care
 - Caresearch Advisory Group
 - ELLC Advisory Committee
 - Coalition of National Nursing & Midwifery Organisations [CoNNMO]
 - Australian Institute of Health and Welfare - Palliative Care and End-of-life Care Data Development Working Group
 - Palliative Care Training Collaborative [PCC4U & PEPA]
 - Oceanic PCA Conference Planning Committee
 - Palliative Care Australia Grief and Bereavement Resource Development working group
 - caring@home for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People Advisory Committee
 - Quality and Workforce Strategic Advisory Committee - Palliative Care Queensland (PCQ)
 - Paediatric Palliative Care Discussion Paper Consultations

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

This will be held in 2024 – early stages of planning are underway.

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

Ensuring ongoing sharing and collaboration of key information that is of relevance for our membership. We can include this within our monthly newsletter. In addition, thinking about palliative care nursing representation as appropriate – we are always happy to consider these opportunities and try to find representation from within the management committee or broader membership.

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

Just continued advocacy about the vital role of nurses across all sectors of the health care system when assessing and providing care for people with complex and serious illnesses, and their families. A careful focus on enabling all nurses, and in particular Nurse Practitioners to work to their full scope of practice is important.

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

We have an engaged membership who are happy to provide input as required. We also have a clear communication plan with regular newsletter and intermittent email blasts. We also have a good infrastructure to support webinars if this is helpful.

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Name of organisation: PANDDA

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

- PANDDA provided witness statements to Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability - Health care for people with cognitive disability and appeared at the commission to give expert evidence. The outcome of the Royal Commission is due for public release in the near future. PANDDA expects that the health needs of people with intellectual and developmental disability will be at the forefront of some recommendations and that the role that nurses do, and can play, will also be among the recommendations.
- PANDDA is holding the 33rd annual conference at Parramatta Novotel on 24 and 25 November 2022. Registrations are open for both face to face and online attendance. Speakers include Professor Melissa Desroches, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, Hon Ged Kearney MP, Professor Allison McMillan, Rae Samual, Professor Christine Duffield, Dr Mary-Anne O'Donovan, Dr Kaitlyn Parratt , Natalie Graham , Mandy Donnelly
- PANDDA and ACN in partnership are developing a Post Grad unit of study relating to Intellectual and Developmental Disability due for release in April 2023.
- PANDDA is continuing to provide regular CPD webinars at a small cost to non-members.
- PANDDA has attended National Roundtable on the Health of People with Intellectual Disability since August 2019 where they have officially started the review of capabilities in intellectual disability health as one part of the Roadmap announced by the Hon Greg Hunt some time ago. PANDDA will be making a formal submission about nurse education along the same themes that PANDDA has been advocating for.
- PANDDA is performing well against its strategic plan in the areas of
 - Increase, expand and strengthening PANDDA membership.
 - Disseminating and promoting current and relevant information about nursing and intellectual and developmental disability.
 - Convening an annual conference.
 - Raising PANDDA's professional profile and the role of nurses who work with people with Intellectual and developmental disabilities through political presence and leadership.
 - Promoting research in nursing and people with intellectual and developmental disability.
 - Ensuring sound governance.

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

24 and 25 November 2022 at Novotel Parramatta. Conference registration is open now . More information at www.pandda.net .

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Promote membership.

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

None 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:

Psychogeriatric Nurses Association Australia Inc (PGNA). Current Member numbers: as of 21st October 2022

Total- 78 Members – (7 Life Members; - 62 Full (subscribed voting) Members - 9 Associate Members (allied Health - 0 Student Members) 9 of these members are from states outside NSW.

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

- Finalising 6th Strategic Plan 2022-2025
- PGNA is a founding member of the Gerontological Alliance Nurses Australia (GANA) through definitive collaboration with University of Wollongong and the University of Canberra, instituted in October 2022 – A voice for nurses working within and for older Australians health and well being
- Provision of Specialty Education Webinars 2022 **Feb-** Anxiety Disorders, **May-** Career Pathways in Psychogeriatric Advocacy -Panel, **Sept-** Depression in old age and dementia, **Nov-** Aliens and Psychoanalysis plus AGM
- Provision of Specialty Education Webinars 2021 **July-** Role of Antipsychotics in Managing BPSD Part 1, **Sept-** BPSD & Psychotropic Medications Part 2 – Exploring the Evidence, **Nov-** BPSD & Psychotropic Medications Part 3 – Legislation & Guardianship
- PGNA Members Survey May 2022
- Building relationships with educational and research stakeholders on the areas of older person mental health and well being through continuous engagement and collaboration
- Redefining our Mission and Vision as a collaborative organisation
- Update and competent navigation of our web page and web design
- Production of Industry Newsletters for information to the sector and guided research
- Offering scholarship programs for nurses undertaken research, attendance at various conferences or producing practical skills based workplace seminars; to advance the education and research of older persons mental health and well being

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

- 2023 one day Conference- PGNA will collaborate with NSW section Faculty of Psychiatry of Old Age – Yet to be organised.
- Plus planned 3 Specialty Education Webinars through the year – March, June, September, November plus AGM.

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

- Advertising our events and conference to other CoNNMO members.
- PGNA is pleased to be supportive to Nurses working in Older Person's Mental Health (OPMH) where we can. Our difficulty is, identifying and connecting with OPMH Services in the other states and Territories across Australia.
- Question; How or can CoNNMO help with lobbying State and Territory Governments to set up and provide a list of these services contacts on their state websites for OPMH services.
- ? How does the CoNNMO assist in building bridges and offering collaboration between like minded organisations? One such example is the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses, who reject to collaborate on issues relating to the mental health and well-being of older Australians. Further review of silo mentality and opening a process of offering a 'metaspeciality'. A speciality that provides in-reach to all aspects of many siloed specialities. For example, the PGNA could collaborate with Palliative Care Nurses Associations, Aged Care Nurses Associations, Primary Health Care Nurses Associations, Mental Health Nurses Associations, Community Care Nurses Associations, Emergency Department Nurses Associations and Critical Care Nurses Associations. All these associations have in common older Australians living with mental health conditions who need specialised skills to assess, review, understand and educate nursing



staff on the nuances caring for older Australians; yet here the PGNA provide SoPs and education workshop to all organisations involved in CoNNMO

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

- Introduction of 'Aged Care' as a Specialist Nurse Group- recognising Gerontological Nursing plus - GANA and Hartford PGNA

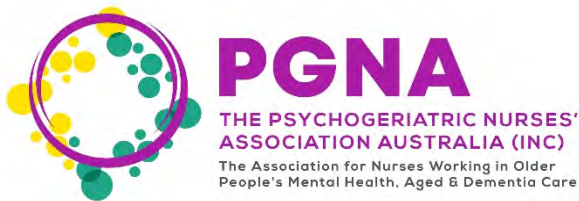
Are there any issues that you or your organisation may be able to assist other CoNNMO members with?

- With the recognition of Aged Care as a Specialist area of Nursing and Education required.

Report by:

Marianne Cummins, President PGNA, on behalf of the PGNA Executive Committee. 25/10/2021

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





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Name of organisation: Renal Society of Australasia

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

We successfully held our face-to-face conference in Darwin (16 June 2022 to 18 June 2022)

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

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

The RSA 2023 Conference will be held at the Sydney Masonic Centre from Monday 29 to Wednesday 31 May 2023. Further details are [here](#)

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

None at the moment.

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

Workforce recovery strategies post the COVID pandemic.

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

Not currently

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RSA Board Director

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