

## CoNNO Meeting – Friday 19 August 2011 Member Reports

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## **Australasian Neuroscience Nurses Association**

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

Review of the Australasian Neuroscience Nurses Association standards.  
Organisation of Annual Scientific meeting from 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> October in Perth.

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

None at the moment

**Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?**

None at the moment

*Sharryn Byers*

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## **Australasian Rehabilitation Nurses Association**

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

CoNNO National Credentialing Framework circulated to Executive Committee for discussion – noted that rehabilitation nurses would not be seeking to be independently credentialed at this time. Further to this ARNA does not have the infrastructure to provide a credentialing process.

Annual Operational Budget for 2011 /12 completed.

Continued to participate in the development of the Rehabilitation Alliance (AFRM, APA, ARNA).

First issue of the newly designed Journal of Rehabilitation Nurses published through Cambridge Publishing.

Considering development of a Western Australian Chapter of ARNA.

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

Do any organisations provide position statements or guidelines for endorsement of Nurse Practitioners in their specialty area?

### **Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?**

Process for development of the next Strategic Plan (current one expires in 2012)

Suggest you add Leadership Victoria Board Orientation Series to your list of organisations that can provide training for members of Boards / Committees.

*Suzie Hooper*

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## **Australasian Sexual Health and HIV Nurses Association Inc. (ASHHNA)**

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

- Progress of the review of the ASHHNA competency standards for Advanced registered Nurses. First draft is current with stakeholders for feedback.
- Meeting with representatives from multidisciplinary associations representing sexual health to join a multidisciplinary Australasian Sexual Health Alliance
- Survey of members regarding the newsletter
- Representation on conference committee for the Australasian Sexual Health Conference to be held in Canberra in September 2011.
- Approval by the NSW Dept of Fair Trading of a new Constitution, including an increase of the executive from 12 to 14 members.
- Provision of a scholarship to members of \$3000.

*Jo Perks*

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## **Australian Association of Maternal Child and Family Health Nurses**

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

1. The fourth bi-annual conference of the AAMCFHN was held in May on the Gold Coast, Queensland. The conference was well attended, with approximately 750 registrations and delegates coming from every State and Territory of Australia and also from New Zealand. The keynote speaker was Professor Frances Glascoe from Vanderbilt University, USA. Professor Glascoe is well known for her work on the development and testing of paediatric screening tests, many of which are used in Australia. Delegates also heard presentations on topics such as autism, child care, fathers, the consumers' point of view and many more. The concurrent sessions were well attended and provided an opportunity to showcase the work of maternal, child and family health nurses. We look forward to the next conference, which will be held in Canberra in 2013. This is the year Canberra celebrates its establishment as the national capital, so we will be joining the centenary celebrations.
2. The AAMCFHN is committed to representing the views of our members in the current health care debate on primary health care. To strengthen the Association's advocacy role, we have recently become a member of the National Primary Health Care Partnership. This organisation provides a central point of contact for information about and input into the delivery of primary health care services in Australia, and we look forward to working with other member groups of the Partnership.

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

1. The AAMCFHN maintains a keen interest in the Australian Government's health care reforms and is interested in hearing reports from fellow CoNNO members of recent developments.
2. The AAMCFHN is reviewing the requirements for a credentialing process for our members and we welcome the assistance provided by CoNNO.

### **Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?**

No

*Carolyn Briggs*  
President  
AAMCFHN

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## Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nurses Inc

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

A very successful 38<sup>th</sup> National Conference of the Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nurses (AASTN) organised by the Victorian branch was held at the Cairns Convention Centre from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> July 2011. This conference was in conjunction with the Tripartite Colorectal meeting. There were 1050 delegates including colorectal surgeons from North America, Great Britain and Ireland, Australia and New Zealand and Stomal Therapy Nurses from Australia and New Zealand. The theme of our conference was "Leaders in Practice – Captured in Paradise" which was aimed at the advanced stomal therapy nurse and included scientific and clinical sessions, poster presentations, trade displays, social activities plus provided a wonderful opportunity for networking. This, the first ever combined meeting held between the AASTN and the Tripartite Colorectal Surgical Society promoted collaboration by having combined sessions and shared social activities. Sessions on both programs were open to all delegates.

Australia is preparing to host the World Council of Enterostomal Therapists (WCET) Congress from the 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2012. The venue is the Adelaide Convention Centre. With preparations well under way, the theme "Weaving Culture, Education and Technology into a Brilliant Blend" encompasses the vision of WCET of bringing the world together, sharing experiences, learning new techniques and celebrating our unique differences. Further information is available via the WCET website: [www.wcetn.org](http://www.wcetn.org). There will be something for everyone in the program from continence, wound care and stoma care to Vascular, urology and dermatology sessions.

The AASTN Education and Professional Development Sub-committee welcomed the opportunity to be actively involved with the development of CoNNO's Credentialing Framework by providing consultation feedback when requested. At our recent sub-committee meeting which preceded the conference, it was decided to change our period for Recredentialing from 5 to 3 years as recommended in the CoNNO Credentialing Standards.

The AASTN website has been updated.

The AASTN is about to undertake a review of the Standards of Stomal Therapy Nursing.

The AASTN have continued to disseminate the relevant information sent out by the CoNNO secretariat to the wider AASTN membership via the State Branch Representatives. In addition to this, a report following each CoNNO meeting is published in the Journal of Stomal Therapy Australia which all members receive.

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

The AASTN is in the process of collating a list of where our members can search for available scholarships for further / ongoing education or training. Can CoNNO assist here please in suggesting which websites may be useful?

*Lesley Everingham*

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## **Australian College of Children and Young People's Nurses**

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

Current membership is 634.

The Board of Directors continues to meet via teleconference monthly.

State chapters continue to provide professional development days and there has been increased attendance this year with CPD points being available.

The bi monthly newsletter continues with increasing content.

ACCYPN continues to be involved with the Starlight Foundation, AWCH (Association for the Wellbeing of Children in Health Care), and ARACY (Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth).

ACCYPN is frequently asked to provide feed back on documents.

We have contributed to the AWCH Charter of Rights of the Child and the Productivity Commissions Early Childhood Development and Workforce study.

ACCYPN sent a letter to the Minister for Immigration in relation to the rights of orphaned assylum seekers.

The inaugural ACCYPN Conference is in Sydney October 2011.

ACCYPN wishes to thank CoNNO for the opportunity to be able to contribute to the National Nursing Credentialing Framework.

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

As per last two meetings.

ACCYPN would appreciate any extra assistance to lobby Health Workforce Australia to consider more sub specialties with Nursing Workforce Data Collection in relation to paediatric and child health nursing.

*Sue Scott*  
ACCYPN Board of Directors.  
August 2011

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## Australian College of Critical Care Nurses (ACCCN)

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

Dr Marion Mitchell was appointed President in May, 2011 due to the resignation of the previous President Dr Amanda Rischbieth. Marion was the Vice-President and has been a Board member for the past six years. This current term completes in October this year.

ACCCN had a successful conference in Perth in May with 470 delegates. This conference is directed to improving the knowledge, skills and understanding of critical care clinicians and received very positive feedback. At this conference ACCCN launched its suite of Advanced Life Support programmes which incorporate the new Australian Resuscitation Council Guidelines introduced early this year.

ACCCN's peer review journal Australian Critical Care (ACC) has received notification that it has been selected for coverage in Thomson Reuters' products (including Journal Citation Reports). Consequently, ACC will attract an impact factor in 2012.

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

Nil at present.

### Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Nil at present.



National President



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## **Australian College of Neonatal Nurses Inc.**

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

Successful conference in Hobart on 8 April with 150 delegates. Launched the ACNN Neonatal Nurse Excellence Awards with a winner in the research category and an overall winner who received \$5,000 towards attendance at an international neonatal conference.

Commenced planning next conference in the Hunter Valley in September 2012.

Continuing to work towards moving from a federated model to one national college with state branches. Tasmanian and Western Australian associations have folded with members now joining the NSW association. Expected completion of this process is in September 2012.

Draft constitution and white paper being prepared for member consultation.

Formed an affiliation with the Miracle Babies Foundation which provides our business address and hosts a 1300 inquiry number.

Formed the ACNN Neonatal Nurse Education SIG with proposals for a further two SIGs in development.

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

None at this point.

### **Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?**

No.

*Shelley Reid*

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## **Australian Faith Community Nurses Association**

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

Following on from a 2 day workshop and retreat weekend in March 2011, the Board have developed a Mission and Vision statement for the organisation appropriate for the current health climate. Minor constitutional changes have also occurred to enable the board to function effectively at a national level.

Region specific meetings have commenced in an attempt to support nurses at a state level.

The national mentor for the association has developed and maintains a Facebook page and e-newsletter.

August 13<sup>th</sup> AFCNA conducted their annual interactive workshop, focussing on Diversity in Care, looking outside the 'normal' scope of nursing practice, (as diverse as that is) to investigate and learn from allied health professionals, service organisations (other than those with a primary focus on health) and investigate collaborative strategies and funding pathways.

The AGM for the organisation was also held on August 13<sup>th</sup>

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

Our major concern continues to focus on member recruitment and workforce availability, which is consistent with many small not for profit organisations.

### **Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?**

Not at this time, thank you.

*Heather Banham*

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## Reporting Template for CoNNO Members

### Australian Infection Control Association - AICA

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

AICA is currently undergoing a critical review and consultative process with a plan to develop a new national corporate structure. Currently each State and Territory Association has inherent differences beyond the size of the membership and corresponding functions. These differences inhibit opportunities for research, development and investment in infection control. A National Consultative Steering Committee (NCSC) has been established to lead and coordinate activities related to a critical period of review and restructure. This project is progressing well and has completed several consultation rounds including the development of a draft proposal published for membership review and feedback. The NCSC is close to releasing a final proposal that will be put to the membership to vote on at the next AGM.

AICA continues to work on various position papers and participate in collaborative activities with other groups such as the alliance for needlestick prevention in healthcare, ASID and HICSIG.

AICA is participating in the working party undertaking the review of AS/NZS4187:2003 *"Cleaning, disinfecting and sterilizing reusable medical and surgical instruments equipment, and the maintenance of associated environments in health care facilities"*.

Ongoing education initiatives include:

- Journal: The **"Healthcare Infection"** journal specifically targets infection control activities within the Asia Pacific and South American regions and boasts an International Editorial Committee. An invitation is extended to the international and local community to submit articles that will be of interest to an extended readership and in a diverse range of infection control and healthcare settings. *Healthcare Infection* is currently working towards reapplying for medline indexation
- International Infection Prevention Week - 16 to 22 October 2011.
- 2012 National Infection Control conference. Planning for this event is well under way for this 3 day conference plus 1 day of workshops to be held at the Sydney Exhibition and Convention Center (Darling harbour) on 8-11<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

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

Nil

#### Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

AICA has for some time had an established rigorous credentialing process for members working in the Infection Prevention and Control industry. As we move forward we are looking to increase the scope of the credentialing process so that eligibility to apply and become credentialed is not limited to registered nurses.

#### For more information about information covered in this report please contact

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## **Australian Nurse Teachers' Society**

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

1. National AGM in Sydney April 2010. Sandra Campbell re-elected for 2<sup>nd</sup> term as President
2. Strategic Planning Forum facilitated by Trish Davidson
3. Conversion to online seminar event management system by Cvent
4. Branches continue to expand

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

Not at this time.

### **Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?**

Use of an online seminar event management system may benefit other members of CoNNO.

*Sandra Campbell*

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## Australian Nursing Federation

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

The ANF Federal professional team represents the interests of ANF members across a range of issues that impact the nursing and midwifery professions. The Federal professional team has continued work on national projects, developed and coordinated national submissions and been involved in national forums, committees, meetings, working groups, alliances and conferences this year. The team is responsible for overseeing and coordinating the development and review of ANF national policy, position statements and guidelines.

The ANF is the Secretariat for the Australian Peak Nursing and Midwifery Forum (APNMF), a coalition of the peak nursing and midwifery organisations in Australia, which exists to work collaboratively on issues of national importance to nursing and midwifery. Along with the ANF, the APNMF is comprised of the: the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council; the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses; the Royal College of Nursing Australia; the Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery; the Australian College of Midwives; and the Coalition of National Nursing Organisations. The Federal Professional Team continues to provide secretariat support to the work of the Coalition of National Nursing Organisations (CoNNO).

The Federal Professional Officers also coordinate the Professional Advisory Committee, which consists of federal and state/territory ANF Branch professional officers. Federal Office has worked closely with our colleagues in the ANF Branches in the provision of advice and submissions to governments and health related bodies on a variety of issues, the most recent being the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia draft proposed Re-entry to practice registration standard.

### Aged Care Campaign - 'Because We Care'

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

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

The final Productivity Commission (PC) report was released on Monday 8 August 2011. The ANF is extremely disappointed with the findings of the final PC report into aged care as it fails to address quality care for elderly Australians. The report doesn't offer any real solutions to fixing Australia's under-resourced aged care sector. Whilst the report acknowledges that there are workforce issues in aged care it contains no tangible mechanisms on how to close the wages gap for the aged care workforce so residents receive the quality care they deserve. After months of public hearings and submissions from nursing staff from the various states and territories, the report fails to address the \$500 million required to close the wages gap for nurses and assistants in nursing working in the sector. The PC report recommends the timeframe of three to five years for a new statutory body to examine wages, but this is far too long. The ANF is calling on the Gillard Government to step in now and act by making next year's Budget the aged care Budget. The sector urgently needs more than 20,000 extra nursing staff to cope with Australia's ageing population.

The ANF is calling on all nurses, assistants in nursing and community supporters from all around Australia to email and send postcards to Prime Minister Julia Gillard, calling on her to fix the crisis in aged care. Please visit the ANF 'Because We Care' website at [www.becausewecare.org.au](http://www.becausewecare.org.au) for more information, to support your nursing colleagues and the campaign.

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### **Climate Change**

In 2010 the ANF became a founding member of the Climate and Health Alliance (CAHA), a newly formed alliance of health sector organisations. The agenda of this group is to participate in the debate about climate change from the point of view of human health; publish accurate, evidence-based information on the effects of climate change on human health; and facilitate collaboration in the health arena to reduce the sector's carbon emissions and create a sustainable health system for the future. A national climate change position statement and fact sheet are currently being developed. The ANF is also a member of the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) Climate Action Group.

### **Workforce professional issues**

The ANF Professional Team has participated in a range of consultative forums hosted by Health Workforce Australia including: Clinical Supervisor Support Program; Workforce Innovation and Reform Strategic Framework for Action; National Training Plan for nurses and midwives -the Professional Team is represented on the Governance Committee for this project; short-term management of employment demand arising from increasing medical and nursing graduate numbers; and, National Training Plan for residential and community aged care; as well as work emanating from the Rural Health Workforce Australia on specific workforce issues pertaining to nurses and midwives in rural and remote areas.

### **Submissions**

The ANF Professional Team has analysed policy documents and discussion papers from a range of external sources, prepared and coordinated 13 national submissions since April 2011. A full listing of ANF submissions can be viewed in detail on the ANF Federal Office website: <http://www.anf.org.au>.

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

Continued participation in the 'Because We Care' campaign to support nursing colleagues in the aged care sector.

### **Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?**

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

Further information on ANF professional and industrial activities can be found under National News on our website: <http://www.anf.org.au>

*Julianne Bryce*  
*Australian Nursing Federation*  
*Senior Federal Professional Officer*

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## Australian Ophthalmic Nurses Association (Inc)

This organisation, along with similar groups in Queensland, Victoria and Western Australia, represents the interests of Australian Ophthalmic Nurses. Our objectives are around providing a forum for nurses working in ophthalmic practice, facilitating education, defining and promoting a standard for practice, creating networking opportunities and promoting research in this area of practice.

With this in mind **significant activities of the organisation in the last six months** include:

- Continued access to information via the internet, websites are maintained by the NSW, Qld and Vic Associations. The organisation in Western Australia has just established a website.
- Publication and distribution to members of a national newsletter, with contributions from all state groups and distribution to nurses in the Pacific region
- Meetings for members held in each state several times per year; included in which is an education component and opportunity to exchange ideas
- Support of post-graduate study for members and other ophthalmic nurses, through provision of scholarships and through support of existing post-graduate programs and courses
- The project to develop a *Professional Practice Standard for Ophthalmic Nurses in Australia* has been distributed to health care organisations for comment.
- Successful delivery of a nursing program for the Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology Congress in Sydney, attended by over 140 ophthalmic nurses from the Asia-Pacific region.
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**Our organisation would be interested to share the experiences of other groups with the following issues currently being considered:**

- Our group is an Incorporated Association, as are those in the other states. How could we develop a more formal national committee structure, without damaging the integrity of the state based organisations?
- Other groups in our area of practice have approached us to affiliate with them as Associate members. Do others have experience of this?
- Whilst AONA as an organisation has not developed to a point where we would consider undertaking credentialing of members, we are keen to keep abreast of the project for future reference.

Thank you for the opportunity to join this forum.

Amanda Wylie

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

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

Ongoing distribution of our Advanced Practice Standards (APS) in NSW, Interstate & OS  
Preparation for our Annual WHN Update at Noah's on the Beach, Newcastle in August 2011  
Invitation from Rural Health for a WHN to participate in a live Video Streaming Education session on Menopause with O & G, GP and a Pharmacist in September  
Currently updating our Website  
Contribution by WHN Content Review Group to Women's Health elective in Graduate Certificate in Clinical Practice, College of Nursing completion July 2011

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

Ongoing support/marketing to increase our membership

### **Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?**

Not currently

*Linda Oliver*

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## **Australian Wound Management Association (AWMA)**

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

We now have every state and territory agreeing to become one entity-AWMA-Vic, AWMA-Qld etc –NSW are to vote very shortly on this.

The Pan Pacific guideline launch of pressure ulcer guidelines and Venous ulcer guidelines is proceeding well-with NHMRC approval of the venous ulcer guidelines. The conference is in Oct in Canberra and we request all senior advisors and policy makers to attend as these two documents should form a basis for appropriate decision making on these two wounds types –sadly commonly seen in our health facilities

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

Promotion of this Pan Pacific conference and the two NHMRC guidelines --Thankyou

### **Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?**

Lobbying government for wound product subsidy –Please –[www.elephantintheroom.com.au](http://www.elephantintheroom.com.au)

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## Cancer Nurse Society of Australia (CNSA)

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

The CNSA 14th *Winter Congress* was held at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour, from the 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> July. The meeting was another very successful meeting for the CNSA with over 350 attendees. We were fortunate to have Dr Helen Zorbas, CEO of Cancer Australia, open the meeting. Dr Zorbas set the scene for the two days with a comprehensive overview of the challenges and opportunities ahead for cancer care providers across Australia. The Congress program included an excellent range of papers led by our International keynote speaker Dr. Marilyn Hass, Nurse Practitioner, from Carolina USA. The program theme "Navigating the Complexities of Cancer Care" provided participants with an opportunity to learn from multidisciplinary experts engaged in research, practice development and care innovations from point of diagnosis, through to end of life care. A full report on the Congress will be available in the August edition of the CNSA Newsletter at: [www.cnsa.org.au/CNSA\\_Winter\\_conference.htm](http://www.cnsa.org.au/CNSA_Winter_conference.htm)

The *Australian Journal of Cancer Nursing* continues to go from strength to strength. In December 2010, an edition focusing on the need of children, adolescents and young adults was published. This was followed by a recent edition (May 2011) on radiation oncology nursing. Future editions planned include a focus on palliative care, care coordination, complex wound and skin management and nurse-led services. The *Specialist Interest Groups* of CNSA (Breast and Radiation Oncology) have been busy establishing new projects and building membership numbers. At Winter Congress the new CNSA Gynae SIG was launched under the dynamic leadership of Pauline Tanner and Judy Eddy. The aims of the new Gynae SIG are to provide a forum for professional networking and collaboration; provide opportunities for educational and research activities; act as a point of reference for nursing practice issues; develop guidelines for specialty areas of cancer nursing practice and, establish processes for peer review of evidenced-based practice. If you would like to know more about the CNSA please visit the CNSA website: <http://www.cnsa.org.au/> The CNSA NEC is very pleased to announce that an MoU has been signed between the CNSA and the Cancer Nurses Section of the New Zealand Nurses' Organisation Inc. The CNSA looks forward to a long and productive collaboration between the organisations.

In July 2011, the CNSA appointed its first Executive Officer (EO). The EO role will enable to the NEC to drive forward key directions outlined in our Strategic Plan for 2011-2013. The CNSA EO, Julie Calvert, can be contacted at: [juliec.cnsa@bigpond.com](mailto:juliec.cnsa@bigpond.com)

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

The CNSA is very keen to continue to establish new and strengthen existing links with other nursing member based organisations, in particular to strengthen the CNSA's capacity to inform cancer survivorship initiatives and our links with Primary Care.

### Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

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## **CRANApplus**

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

Launching of the on line e-remote health course which complements our other training packages. E-remote has from small beginnings gone on to become a highly regarded resource for Remote Health Professionals

FLEC courses continue to grow and go from strength to strength with demand outstripping our ability to supply despite the dedicated work of our education staff and our voluntary facilitators.

Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine has accredited the FLEC Maternity Emergency Course (MEC) for non-midwives and Midwifery up Skilling course (MIDUS)

Appointment of Geri Malone as National Professional Officer based in Canberra allowing CRANApplus a strong voice at National level on professional developments.

Now have over 1000 members across all health professionals that work in Remote

Updating of web site

Program/speakers for our Perth conference 11 – 14 October is now on the web site and registrations are being received

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

Not at this stage

### **Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?**

Not at this point

*Lyn Hinspeter*

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## **DANA – Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia**

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

- DANA is pleased to announce that there is currently a representative on the Management Committee from all states and territories. This is a first for many years.
- State Representatives have continued to hold meetings and forums for their members during the year to enhance practice development
- DANA held their annual conference in Melbourne this year. The theme for the 2011 Conference was “Exploring the frontiers of AOD Nursing” and the presentations reflected how AOD nurses work in a variety of healthcare settings and the knowledge and skill base is incredibly diverse to manage clients who have a vast range of co-occurring conditions. The 2012 conference will again be held in Melbourne with the theme of “The age of Complexity” . DANA acknowledges the assistance of RCNA as the conference organisers
- DANA continues to develop the National Standards for AOD nursing with documented standards for foundation nurses as well as specialist and advanced specialist nurses
- DANA nurses have also been representatives on various state and national reference groups with written submissions especially in regard to Pharmaceutical misuse

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

DANA would welcome any advice from other NNO's who have successfully developed their specialist standards and information how this can be recognised across the health system and built into curricula at teaching institutions

### **Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?**

DANA has relatively small membership and has minimal opportunities to contribute financially to any CoNNO activities

*Rosalyn Burnett*

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## **Gastroenterological Nurses College of Australia**

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

We held our inaugural national conference in March. This was well attended and we plan to make this a biannual event.

We have changed our office arrangements and our executive officer is now employed by an organisation called PAMS.

We have developed more competencies and released a DVD on the insertion and care of PEGs.

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

Marketing of our organisation and products.

Ways to get members involved in the organisation or contributing to the journal.

### **Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?**

No.

*Beth Wardle*

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## **NURSING INFORMATICS AUSTRALIA (NIA)**

Joanne Foster August 2011

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

1. NeHTA - Clinical Terminology & Information Reference Group (CTIRG) & Australian Clinical Terminologies – user Group (ACT-UG)
  - A lot of work being undertaken in this space
    - i. Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record (PCEHR)
    - ii. Clinical Knowledge Manager (CKM)
    - iii. Detailed Clinical Models (DCM)
2. Working with APNA as a representative on the “Practice Nurse Collaborative Policy & Procedures Project Steering Committee”.
3. Held successful 2011 National NIA Conference on August 1<sup>st</sup> in conjunction with HIC2011 (the national Health Informatics Conference)

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

- Could all CoNNO groups please see if they have any interested members in developing nursing terminology for Australia for inclusion into health information systems. If so could they please Email Joanne Foster on [j.foster@qut.edu.au](mailto:j.foster@qut.edu.au)

### **Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?**

- Involvement in developments of CKM archetypes and DCM's
- Involvement in development of PCEHR

## **CHECK OUT**

### **Health Beyond Road Show**

#### **The Interactive eHealth experience**

<http://www.healthbeyond.org.au/roadshow.html>

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## Otorhinolaryngology, Head & Neck Nurses Group Inc

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

Our 15<sup>th</sup> National conference was held in Melbourne in April. We had around 110 delegates from all over Australia and New Zealand. As always it was held in conjunction with the surgical scientific meeting ASOHNS (Australian Society of Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgeons) and we had access to their lectures and presentation from international key note speakers and of course the huge medical trade expo. **This year we offered 5 scholarships of free registration to our colleagues' in earthquake stricken Christchurch and one to own of our member from the ravaged flood plain of Queensland. We also offered one to an existing member in Canberra.**

The meeting was a huge success and enjoyed by all. One of the highlights was the conference dinner. We hired two buses to take us to the Dandenongs to experience a great night of food, dancing, and views.

Around the country

#### Queensland:

Queensland chapter remains very busy. The second education session for the year was held on 21<sup>st</sup> May. The theme for the day was "ENT Nurses Update" in which Professor William Coman (Otolaryngologist) and myself (Tracey Nicholls President OHNNG) presented on FESS & Rhinology. This was attended by 80 delegates.

The third and fourth education sessions were cadaveric dissection courses and held on the 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> June (Basic FESS and Classic Rhinoplasty) 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> July (Head and Neck) Cadaver Dissection Course respectively.

Events were attended by nurses across Brisbane from both the public and private sector. CNE points were awarded for all events and evaluation reports have been submitted to the RCNA.

#### NSW:

The state coordinator position was filled at our AGM held in Melbourne in April and plans are under way for education sessions to begin. First one is planned for September.

#### Western Australia:

Chapter remains active with several meeting held throughout the year. There are 4 Educational sessions planned for 2011.

#### Victoria:

A new Chapter coordinator was elected at the AGM in Melbourne and plans are under way for education sessions to begin.

#### South Australia:

At the time of this report we have had two of our planned six education sessions. The first was on Airways & Aural Health, as previously reported. The second on Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery and Skull base surgery. Dr Pant also gave us a guided tour of her fellowship placement in Philadelphia... working with some of the worlds top specialist in skull base surgery

We also ran our third micro vascular injury course. This was attended by 16 of the worlds top Rhinologist. I was able to have 10 nurses assisting at this meeting. These courses are both instructional and theory based and all of the nurses and surgeons who participated in the day learnt a lot and had a great experience. Preparations are under way for the 2012 Annual Conference here in Adelaide and I am sure it will shape up to be another great year and we hope to see you all in Adelaide.

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**OHNG has continued as an APEC member.**

This has been a great advantage to be able to endorse our own educational events and activities.

I was contacted by Kylie Ash from EdCaN. EdCaN would like to work with our group to build awareness of the EdCaN Framework and resources, and look at possible strategies to highlight EdCaN resources for supporting the professional development needs of our members.

EdCaN – the National Cancer Nursing Education Project, is a Cancer Australia funded workforce development project. EdCaN has developed a Framework and a set of capabilities expected of nurses working in cancer control. It also supported the development of teaching and learning resources to help nurses acquire these capabilities. The Framework and suite of EdCaN resources are relevant to our speciality group of nurses due to their work with people affected by cancer.

Plans have been made to hold our first mid year executive / committee meeting in Adelaide in November.

**Membership has continued to increase.**

Our **website** continues to grow and be a great tool and resource for our members across the country.

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

Nil at present

**Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?**

Not at this time.

*Tracey Nicholls*

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## Renal Society of Australasia

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

- Very successful annual conference was held in Adelaide, SA
- RSA Educators network launched their interactive education website  
<http://www.nen.org.au>

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

Nil at this time

**Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?**

Nil at this time

*Beth Amega*

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