

CoNNO Meeting – Friday 21 May 2010 Agenda Item 9 – Member Reports

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Australasian Cardiovascular Nursing College

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

1. Our 4th annual conference took place in Brisbane in early March with 125 attendees.

The conference was arranged by the ACNC committee (with no formal conference organisers). The conference was a success with:

- i. with increased number of abstracts submitted for both oral and poster presentation, although we had less industry sponsorship than previous years;
 - ii. international (Prof Martha Hill) & national guest speakers
 - iii. links with National Heart Foundation & Australian Practice Nurses Association
 - iv. RCNA CNE endorsement for attendees
 - v. We had 80 people at our AGM and the primary objective for the coming year is to increase our membership.
2. We held some local study sessions for cardiac nurses in NSW & QLD.
 3. ACNC endorsed several documents including
 - a. AHHA & Heart Foundation - Parliamentary Roundtable: Closing the Gap on Hospital-based care for Indigenous Australians
 - b. Heart Foundation Warning Signs of Heart Attack initiative and in particular a new patient Warning Signs of Heart Attack action plan and
 - c. Percutaneous Coronary Intervention Nursing Practice Guidelines.
 4. We have adopted the Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing as our official journal

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

1. We would like to know are there any strategies or suggestions used by other specialty groups to improve membership and / or participation

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

No

Geraldine Lee

Australasian Hepatology Association

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

In the last 6 months our organisation has spent considerable time consolidating our governance policies and procedures. The final documents were presented at our AGM held last month to the organisation's members and signed off by the committee.

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.

Australasian Neuroscience Nurses' Association (ANNA)

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

- Development of ANNA Constitution document
- Revision of members handbook
- Working towards relaunching the Associations Journal (AJON) with the appointment of a new Journal Editor
- Working towards revision of the Associations Professional Standards
- Working towards Annual Scientific Meeting which will be held in Christchurch NZ October 2010

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?

- No

Australasian Rehabilitation Nurses' Association

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

- In collaboration with the Australasian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine, ARNA has developed a Coalition of Professional Bodies involved in Rehabilitation Services. The purpose of the Coalition is to develop a National Framework for Rehabilitation. Australia's Rehabilitation services are very fragmented, under-resourced, have differing models depending on which state you are in and are in low supply in rural and remote areas. Also the workforce planning strategies and policies of governments have not focused on the crucial development of rehabilitation expertise in undergraduate programs, nor does it support the establishment of post graduate programs to any extent. ARNA (and AFRM) have presented the framework at 2 meetings of the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing in Canberra, where it is beginning to receive good support in light of the National Hospital Reforms. This is a very important piece of work for Sub Acute Services across Australia, and is the first Coalition of Rehabilitation Professional Bodies.
- ARNA has conducted its Annual Planning Meeting – to develop key areas of focus for 2010. These include strategies to enhance membership, a review of JARNA (peer reviewed journal of ARNA) and the continued enhancement of our electronic interface with members.
- ARNA in 2009 had its highest membership level in its 20 year history (478 members)
- ARNA is planning its 20th (consecutive) Annual Conference. This year it will be held at Wollongong – birthplace of ARNA on October 14th and 15th

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

- Publication of these templates would be beneficial
- Examine opportunities for benchmarking between Associations
- Development of Governance / Leadership programs to support Executive staff with their roles and functions
- Establish an Annual CoNNO Presidents Forum

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

- Future funding of CoNNO and its relationship with RCNA

Anthony Black
President

Australasian Sexual Health and HIV Nurses Assn Inc**What have been the significant activities of your organisation in the last six months?**

Development of new newsletter format and its now emailed to members
Formal partnerships developed with Australasian HIV/AIDS Conference 2010
Scholarship applications
Nurses prize for best poster and paper at the Australasian Sexual Health Conference 2010
Review of competency standards

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

Updated information on National Registration

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Brad Whitton

Australian & New Zealand Society for Vascular Nursing (ANZSVN)

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

The ANZSVN has been focusing on various ways to strengthen and move the society forward. The committee aims to meet member's needs and openly calls for ideas for website development, education resources and local meeting group topics which are shared across states and the Tasman. Some local groups have held joint seminars with other allied organisations such as MINA and AWMA, which gives a different spin on topics. It also allowed other groups to know that we were out there with similar interests.

We are involved with a large Vascular Conference in October, which involves a great amount of support and ideas. The committee has been successful in assisting our Queensland members to promote Vascular 2010. The April Newsletter was a great success with 28 pages of relevant information, including nomination forms for the Vascular Nurse of the Year. Industry has come on board and is supporting a number of educational scholarships, which is encouraging.

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

Sharing of information regarding numbers of nurses working in speciality areas.

Making available lists identifying where a speciality is most extensively practiced – Organisations of speciality practice. e.g. The Alfred is known as the trauma centre whereas Epworth Healthcare in Richmond highly successful for robotic urology and cardiac surgery.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

National registration, impact on specialist interest groups, if any?

Videoconferencing: tips for success

Australian Association for Maternal, Child and Family Health Nurses Inc

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

1. Annual General Meeting held November 2009.
2. Publication of December issue of Journal of Maternal Child and Family Health Nursing.
3. New member has joined the Association – Australian Capital Territory Child and Family Health Nurses Association. This gives the Association membership in every State and Territory in Australia.
4. Progress towards planning of next national conference in 2011 on the Gold Coast, Queensland and expected attendance is 6—700 registrations.
5. Inaugural attendance at the National Council of Community Child Health in Canberra 29/30 April as a full member of the Council.
6. Annual face to face meeting of the Board of the Association held in Melbourne 1st May.

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?

1. National registration for nurses and midwives – clarification on the dual registration of nurses and midwives and requirements to meet recency of practice.
2. Commonwealth Government health reform agenda – the placement of community maternal child and family health services within the new scheme remains unclear and there is concern that children's health issues will be overwhelmed by the needs of the increased demands to meet chronic and aged care in the primary health care sector. A clear statement of support from CONNO would be welcome.

Members attending on behalf of the AAMCFHN
Toni Ormston (Vice President)
Cecelia Randle (Board member)

Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nurses Inc.

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

- Meetings continue at a national level twice a year of the AASTN Education and Professional Development Subcommittee (EPDS) and monthly of the national executive body.
- Our last AGM was held in March 2010 via telephone conference nationally and was a great success with all members having easy access to attend and have a say on key issues.
- Review of our website to make it user friendly and prevent duplication
- Our website www.stomaltherapy.com has recently opened a member's lounge so our members can access current journals on line.
- The AASTN EPDS has had a major focus on encouraging our members to participate in Continuing Professional Development through our committee. Reach 100 points annually and receive a certificate. This is becoming a larger issue with the national registration and expectations of associated continuing professional development. We have been developing strategies to assist members to achieve 100 points by including handy pointers in our national journal, Journal of Stomal Therapy Australia, as well as publishing a professional development question on our website for participants to answer for associated allocated points.
- Reviewing and developing further educational pamphlets for patients. Stomal therapy nurses (and general nurses) can access these on our website under publications to give to their patients.
- Number of successful Credentialed stomal therapy nurses for 2009 is 6 with a total of 35 having participated in the credentialing process since its inception. CPD 2009 is 87 participants
- Archiving of AASTN documents: Formal storage arrangements have been made with Kennards Storage in Adelaide as our national documents are increasing annually. Plans are in hand to catalogue and scan all documents to disc.

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

Promotion of the 19th World Council of Enterostomal Therapists (WCET) Congress in Adelaide in April 2012 amongst all nursing groups/members of CoNNO would be very much appreciated as the event becomes closer.

The Victorian Branch of the AASTN have accepted an invitation from the Tripartite Colorectal Specialist Group to run our next National Conference as a joint venture with their group. This will be held in Cairns 2011, 3-7th July. We would appreciate any offer of assistance including promotion of the event.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

No thank you.

Australian College of Children and Young People's Nurses

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

- The electronic Journal for the Neonatal, Paediatric and Child Health Journal went live in November 2009. The second Issue was published in March 2010. All appears to be progressing well
- Membership continues to grow from nurses working with Children and Young People across a range of settings Current membership is currently 630 members
- The use of list serv as virtual networks for speciality areas is gradually gaining more use from the membership.
- The review of position statements is ongoing and is published in the public space on the website
- The annual report for 2008-2009 has been published in the public space on the website.

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

To influence the workforce data collection to reflect sub specialities within children and young people's health care. This data would assist in workforce planning for sub specialities. This was first raised in the May 2009 report.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Jan Pratt
ACCYPN

Australian College of Nurse Practitioners (ACNP)

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

We have been working with the government to finalise the PBS/MBS for NP. The secondary legislation at the moment is being developed.

In October 2009 we had our 5th national conference in Sydney, which was another successful event for ACNP.

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

Education on role of nurses. The consumers of health often are unaware of the type of classification of nurse who is treating them. The public need to be educated and made aware of the different types of health care providers.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

- With national authorisation will accreditation now become and issue. Should the process be standardised for all nursing groups.
- Education of the health consumers on the different nursing roles. There still is great confusion between a practice nurse and a nurse practitioner.

Helen Gosby
National President

Australian Diabetes Educators Association

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

- Negotiations with Medibank Private concluded and Credentialed Diabetes Educators (CDE) recognized as providers. Developing a campaign to target other large insurers for more consistent recognition, and reimbursement of diabetes education services for health insurance members with appropriate level of insurance (usually cover for allied health).
- Governance and finance training held for Board and Finance committee members. Training being offered for the first time this year to state and territory branch executives as part of the national conference program.
- Redevelopment of the ADEA web site and launch completed. Find a CDE facility on entry page. Work continuing on improving content including forums for members, and board / committee protected access to minutes etc online.
- State and territory branch conferences underway, and planning for national conference program completed. Abstracts close 21st May.

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

Interested in learning about the structures and roles for leadership and governance in nursing organizations, for example with a growing organization should the board president be paid an honorarium, or be in a paid role? What is the experience of others around transferring 'management' activities and roles to employed positions as the organization grows?

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

No

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Australian Faith Community Nurses Association Inc

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

We had a successful conference at the Campion centre in Kew from Wednesday April 7 to Friday April 9th, 2010. We developed two key streams: the first for those wanting to commence faith community nursing / development of health ministry within their faith community. The second stream focused on promotion of mental health, in the community covering issues such as depression, substance misuse, child abuse and family violence, pregnancy choices and a variety of ways FCNs can complement and supplement existing programs and support clients and carers of people with mental illness. A comprehensive range of excellent speakers included academics, researchers, theologians, several mental health nurses, counsellors and each day we had a practical session of a form of yoga to help the FCNs learn to self care.

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

We need more assistance in how to market our programs and events (on a minimal budget). How can we get information about our association 'out there' to existing health services and faith communities so we can grow our membership and develop this primary health care service for the benefit of all. We are finding this more difficult as time goes on. There are more and more gate keepers in organisations who do not pass information on to their employees or members. We would also like advice on the best ways to apply for DGR status

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

We continue to be concerned about the move by the nurse registration authority/ authorities to stymie or stop self-accrediting higher education providers from providing university standard accredited courses in undergraduate nursing. We are aware of a couple of programs in development that are seeking to meet a niche market to supply graduates and a future workforce for faith based employers (of which there are many in Australia and overseas). These graduates will also be suitably prepared for the broader health sector. AFCNA supports university standard of education for registered nurses and believes there is ample scope to allow other providers to offer accredited degree courses.

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Australian Nurse Teachers Society (ANTS)

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

Publishing revised ANTS Nurse Teachers Competencies on website www.ants.org.au
As National Executive has been introduced, a new NSW Branch established
Establishment of new Branch in Queensland
Major review of ANTS Constitution especially in relation to Branch Development
Change of Bulletin Format from Paper to e-Bulletin for members
Development of ANTS website- redesign; use of discussion board; use of web surveys for research and quality assurance
Partnership with Pearson Publications for an award of Nurse Educator of the year- Prize \$3000 and a plaque. First presentation April to an academic from QUT- details on the website
Affiliation with Elsevier International Nursing Education Conference in Sydney in April, replaced our ANTS National Conference for 2010
Conferences: ANEC New Zealand Conference 12-14 October 2011 "Innovations in Nurse Education in Practice" see www.nursed.ac.nz
ANTS National Conference Perth, 2012

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

- 1) Plan is to work with Elsevier Publishers to launch an Australasian Electronic Journal of Clinical Education in 2011. We would like feedback from organisations who have developed journals re their experiences.
- 2) Management of Finances: use of credit card facilities

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Thank you for information you disseminate through the site and email

Run teleconferences on political issues

Continue surveys on organisations, information generated is helpful

Continue governance support for organisations

Jacqui Guy (ANTS)

Australian Nurses for Continence

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

Change of executive: President – Leigh Pretty, Secretary – Ann Robinson, Treasurer- Julie Westaway

Banking: change from cheque account to electronic banking

Federal funding scheme – Continence Aids Assistance Scheme (CAAS) is about to be replaced by Continence Aids Payment Scheme (CAPS). This has created significant confusion and anxiety for people requiring continence products and has impacted on the workload for members. Information sessions and responses to concerns voiced to the Dept of Health & Ageing have been quite inadequate.

Website: This remains difficult to access and inadequate for member needs. We are keen to find an alternative to current one and would like support to help this process.

Profile: We have engaged with mentors for advice regarding our profile. Through this we hope to improve our relationship with government bodies and funding agencies to help member education needs and increase positions for continence nurse advisors.

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

Advice re website. How to improve our site, be more user friendly, financially supported

Information re appropriate pathways for credentialing through new national registration body.

Membership: We currently have Registered nurses, including RNs working in industry. How do we expand our membership to include all nurses and PCAs or at least improve the relationship between the various levels.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Membership of Australian Nurses for Continence – how do we appropriately involve various levels of nurses? How do we manage conflicts with RNs who are employed by industry?



Australian Ophthalmic Nurses Association (Inc) **Report to the National Coalition of Nursing Organisations** **May 2010**

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

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

- Continued access to information via the internet, websites are maintained by the NSW, Qld and Vic Associations
- Publication and distribution to members of a national newsletter, with contributions from all state groups
- 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 *Competency Framework for Ophthalmic Nurses in Australia* is ongoing
- Support of other meetings within the area of practice, for example the Australian Cataract and Refractive Surgery meeting, Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmology meeting, and other meetings of nurses has been provided

Our organisation would be interested to share the experiences of other groups with the following issues currently being considered:

- We would like to progress our national newsletter to a more professional looking publication. Do other organisations have suggestions on the management of this process?
- Our group is an Incorporated Association, as are those in the other states. How could we develop a more formal national committee structure, without damaging the integrity of the state based organisations?
- We are working on a draft competency framework for our area of practice and request that interested CoNNO members review the document and provide feedback
- Other groups in our area of practice have approached us to affiliate with them as Associate members. Do others have experience of this?
- There is discussion of nurse practitioner prescribing formularies within ophthalmic nursing, what are others experiences with this?

In particular we ask members of CoNNO to provide feedback on our draft *Competency Framework for Ophthalmic Nursing in Australia* that is attached to this report. Thank you for the opportunity to join this forum.

Australian Practice Nurses Association

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

Change of constitution meaning members have changed from 'nurses in general practice' to 'nurses in primary health care'. Rationale is twofold – firstly to move identification of practice nurses to being primary health care nurses as a move to more professional role and secondly to allow nurses from other primary health care settings who want to join to do so. Strategically, where there are already existing professional associations we are committed to collaborate with them rather than encourage those nurses to join us. We are in very early stages of a slow cautious implementation!

Just had second national conference which Nicola Roxon attended and was extremely well-evaluated.

Funded by Vic DIRRD to do a project to develop a collaborative web portal for developing clinical policies and procedures. Partnering with ANF and NIA.

Launched APNA CPD endorsement program which has been very well-received so far.

Launched new CRM and website early this year which will have a CPD portal on it (commencing July) for all any primary health care nurses –not just members.

Moved offices to new premises in Carlton.

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

Credentialing- looking to launch in 2011.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Credentialling.

Getting nursing voice out there more loudly.

Australian Womens Health Nurse Association Inc (AWHNA Inc)

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

1. Advanced Practice Standards (APS) document has had some unforeseen stalling re our time-line for completion but we are back now back on track. The documents include APS, Pre-Learning package with and without answers, Clinical Log Book, and the Professional Portfolio which are currently with our Graphics designer. Once graphics are completed, these documents will be forwarded to the RCNA for Endorsement, followed by printing and will be launched at the APS training day on the 4th August, prior to the Annual Womens Health Nurse(WHN) Inservice at Orange. The APS training day to complete the APS package is open to all Womens Health Nurses.
2. Invited by College of Nursing to participate in the development and involvement of a Graduate Certificate in Primary Health (Womens Health speciality subjects) for possible commencement in 2011.
3. Attendance at the 6th National Womens Health Conference where, 4 WHN's are presenting papers and 4 WHN's are presenting Posters. AWHNA Inc have provided sponsorship of 600 Lip Balms to Conference participants as well as 600 flyers depicting the AWHNA Inc presence and role of the WHN
4. Sub Branch membership now includes, South Australia, Queensland, Australian Capital Territory and Western Australia
5. AWHNA Inc had to withdraw from the NSWNA Short Film Festival due to family illness of the Director, but intends to re-look at scripting a short film about WHN's later in the year

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

Transparent support of Womens Health Nurses

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Future funding strategies /advice re new WHNs in light of the Graduate Certificate in PH(WH)

Linda Oliver

Australian Wound Management Association (AWMA)

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

National conference in Perth March 2010-focus on pressure injuries and the scientific advances in wound healing physiology. Union between AWMA and Asian wound care societies on pressure related discussions-planned meeting in Canberra 2011 to launch the Pan Asian Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Prediction and Prevention of Pressure Injury
The APUAP(American) and EPUAP(European) pressure ulcer groups will most likely be joining us for this most important event. We expect Government officials to participate in the launch.

New President-Mr William(Bill) McGuinness, Chair of LaTrobe University, Clinical School, Alfred Hospital.

Continuing to campaign and lobby government re patients accessing wound care products and devices—www.elephantintheroom.com.au

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

1. Members could assist with promoting wound care as a speciality and thus failure to heal wounds do require review by a wound specialist.
2. Promoting the wound awareness campaign website –www.elephantintheroom.com.au

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

AWMA Education & Professional Development Committee are planning to set up a Credentialing process for wound nurse consultants and Practitioners and this is new to us so any help would be appreciated

Jan Rice

Flight Nurses Australia Incorporated

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

2010 Conference is being held in Christchurch, New Zealand. This is a tri conference venture with New Zealand Flight Nurses and the International Society of Aeromedical Services (Australasia). The Conference committee are in full action.

Corporate governance in final drafts for ratification at AGM September 2010

Quarterly eJournals published

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

Suggestions with arranging Clinical Placements to maintain midwifery clinical practice endorsement

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Margaret Tabone

National Enrolled Nurse Association of Australia (NENA)

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

Responded to various consultation documents:

New Zealand Nursing Council Consultation Document

- Nursing Council of New Zealand consultation document re; Consulting on the Enrolled Nurse and Nurse Assistant Scope of Practice under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act (2003).
- Input to proposed New Zealand Enrolled Nurse national course – Level 5

ANMC Re-entry Project

- Develop Standards & Criteria for the Accreditation of Nursing & Midwifery
- Re-entry to the Register Standards Draft 3 - Enrolled Nurses

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA)

- Consultation Paper on Codes and Guidelines
- Response to AHMAC document to (NMBA)

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

Uniformity with Medication administration within the Enrolled Nurse Course

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Promote upcoming 9th National Enrolled Nurse Association of Australia Conference:

**Moving Mountains
Enrolled Nurses Effect Change
18 & 19 October 2010
Hobart Tasmania**

Further information and to register www.nena.org.au/conference

Nursing Informatics Australia (NIA)

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

1. NeHTA - Clinical Terminology & Information Reference Group (CTIRG)
 - Referred the following CoNNO organisations for representatives to appropriate Clinical Terminology groups
 - ACNP
 - Australian Medicines Terminology Editorial Committee (AMTEC)
 - APNA
 - GP Reference Set – Primary Care Support Group
 - CENA
 - Emergency Department Term Set
2. Australian Health Informatics Education Council
 - Governance and two (2) projects being undertaken
 - Literature Review of health informatics education
 - Ontology development of health informatics discipline
3. Australian Nursing Informatics Competencies Project
 - Draft currently going out to Project Advisory Committee and then for review by nurses with final competencies then being published
 - Final Report will then be submitted
4. Working with APNA as a representative on the "Practice Nurse Collaborative Policy & Procedures Project Steering Committee".
5. Planning and Call for Papers for the National NIA Conference in August 2010.
 - Updating of "A Framework for Nursing Informatics in Australia: A Strategic Paper" (2004).
 - Conference
 - Monday August 23, Crown Conference Centre, Melbourne, VIC
 - TITLE: "E-Health: Marrying Governance with Nursing Practice"
 - International Guest Speaker – Sue Newbold, Nurse Informatician, USA.
6. Call for new NIA IMIA - NI representative 2001-2013
 - International Medical Informatics Association (IMIA) – Nursing Informatics (NI)

NIA information available on [NIA website](#)

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

- NI Competencies
 - Use and dissemination when published
- NIA Conference - publish details and spread to all networks

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Joanne Foster – May 2010

Palliative Care Nurses Australia

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

Significant activities include:

- Organising of the bi-annual Palliative Care Nurses Australia conference to be held in Brisbane 27th – 28th August. Key speakers include Professor Deborah Sherman, USA, Professor Patsy Yates, Qld, Molly Carlile, Vic.
- A web-based membership survey undertaken in April – results being collated
- Representation at the Palliative Care Curriculum for Undergraduates (PCC4U) Project, an initiative of the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, through its National Palliative Care Program. The PCC4U project aims to:
 - Promote the inclusion in all health care training of the role of palliative care and its principles and practice in the care of dying people; and,
 - Support the inclusion of palliative care education as an integral part of all medical, nursing, and allied health undergraduate training, and ongoing professional development.

An interim report and Phase 3 audit report were presented. The project implementation status indicates 33% of courses contacted are implementing the resources and a further 26% are reviewing or will use them in the future. Of the undergraduate nursing courses, 67% of courses are implementing the resources and a further 22% are reviewing them. This uptake is positive for the building of capacity of palliative care nursing for the future.

- Representation in the review of the National Palliative Care Strategy a Commonwealth initiative, this is an ongoing review.
- Representation in the Management Advisory Group for the Rural Palliative Care Project, managed via the Australian General Practice Network (AGPN). Thirty-six projects nationally are underway, all focused on linkage of services within Palliative Care
- Representation at the National Pain Summit – need to highlight pain as a health priority
- In 2009, as part of a new program, the team of Clinical Nurse Educators, including PCNA members, visited seven rural areas in WA (Broome, Albany, Northam, Geraldton, Karratha, Kalgoorlie and South Hedland) to promote palliative care and build on the skills and knowledge of the staff in these areas. In 2010, the team are continuing to provide rural education both in person and by videoconference.

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

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

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

- Impact of national registration, compulsory CPD, fees etc.

Renal Society of Australasia (RSA)

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

Annual Conference in Cairns June 2010

Development of the RSA Confidentiality and Privacy Responsibilities Policy

Incorporation of two new specialty subgroups - Nephrology Educators Network and Nurse Practitioners Interest Group into the RSA.

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

The RSA is happy to remain a member of CoNNO and to have representation on this important peak nursing forum.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

No.