

CoNNO Meeting – Friday 28 September 2012

Agenda item 11 - Member Reports

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Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control
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Nursing Informatics Australia
Otorhinolaryngology, Head & Neck Nurses Group Inc
Palliative Care Nurses Australia
Renal Society of Australasia

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Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control inc. (ACIPC) (formerly Australian Infection Control Association - AICA)

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

ACIPC is nearing establishment of its four internal committees: Credentialing and Professional Standards Committee (nearly established), Education and Research Committee (established), Policy and Publication Committee (established) and the Special Interest Group Advisory Committee (established).

Each committee is progressively developing terms of references and establishing meeting agendas, which also includes developing Key Performance Indicators and a strategic work plan.

The Executive Council held its first face-to face meeting in Melbourne from the 9-10th August. The meeting provided the council with an opportunity to develop the college's vision and mission statement. The council also began to develop a core strategic plan and preliminary key performance indicators for the council members.

Ongoing Education initiatives:

- Since the dissolution of the state/territory based associations the national bi-annual conference is now being replaced with an annual national conference. In Sydney between the 8th to the 11th of October will be the first national conference for the new college. The college will be launching the new logo (see below), our vision and mission statement (new DL brochures), banner and new website.
 - Preliminary planning has commenced for the 2013 conference.
- The college is holding an on line survey available until October 31st 2012. Members have been invited to complete a short on line survey in regards to their educational needs and priorities as well as areas that require a review of existing policy or writing of a new policy to cover situations that are emerging in the field of infection prevention and control.
- Launch of International Developing Nations Scholarship for the 2012 conference. ACIPC recognizes that international counterparts from resource poor countries are frequently unable to attend scientific conferences due to a lack of educational opportunities and restrictions in funding. ACIPC has established an International Scholarship to enable infection control professionals working in developing countries throughout Australasia to attend the annual ACIPC conference.
- International Infection Prevention Week – 15th – 19th October 2012 (International collaborative with Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology [APIC])

The first Annual General Meeting for the college is being held on the 9th October at the ACIPC National Conference.

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

We would appreciate your communication of our peer reviewed journal which publishes articles on all issues related to healthcare infection. Access to journal articles can be achieved through CINAHL or via the website above.

An interim college website is now available www.acipc.org.au with the official new website to be launched later this year.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Currently the Credentialing and Professional Standards Committee (CPSC) are in the process of recruiting both an infectious diseases physician and an international Australasian member, with an interest in the professional scope of infection prevention and control. This is to also to support the committees' contribution to shaping the future of infectious diseases physicians working in this field

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Australasian Hepatology Association (AHA)

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

The AHA has developed Consensus Based Nursing Guidelines for the Care of Patients with hepatitis B, hepatitis C, advanced liver disease and hepatocellular carcinoma (The Nursing Guidelines). These Nursing Guidelines were produced to be used in conjunction with The AHA Nursing Competency Standards, produced in 2008 and reviewed in 2012. The Nursing Guidelines were proudly launched in September at The Australasian Viral Hepatitis Conference in Auckland, New Zealand.

The AHA Nursing Guidelines are a world first hepatology nursing document that will enhance the ability of Australian Hepatology nurses to deliver the highest standard of nursing care to patients affected by liver disease. The guidelines are the result of the skills and professionalism of the project managers Dr Jacqui Richmond, and Ms Emily Wheeler, the collective knowledge of the AHA membership and the significant contribution of expert hepatology nursing writing groups and also the insight of an expert review panel. The guidelines utilized the Delphi technique to establish consensus on the content - six rounds of consultation and the information from all levels of inquiry was distilled to produce the final document.

Dr Jacqui Richmond, on behalf of the AHA, will be presenting a report on "The Development of the Australasian Hepatology Association (AHA) Consensus-based Guidelines for the Nursing Care of Patients with Liver Disease" at AASLD on Sunday 11th November in Boston, USA.

The AHA also launched its "new look" website in June 2012 at the AHA Summit in Sydney.

The Website Working Party, made up of AHA members, was engaged to explore, identify and review new services and technology's to improve the old website - visual / functionality / online electronic payment M/ship and renewals etc that reflected the growing needs of the current membership. The outcome was a total redevelopment of the site with a new website developer.

Deb D'Arcy, our attending representative, will provide CoNNO with a copy of the AHA Consensus Based Nursing Guidelines for the Care of Patients with Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, Advanced Liver Disease and Hepatocellular Carcinoma and The AHA Nursing Competency Standards at the meeting.

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

The AHA views the AHA Nursing Guidelines and Competency Standards as important tools for improving the standard of nursing care to patients affected by Liver Disease and as such would like to see the document widely distributed and well used. We would like CoNNO members to be aware of the documents and to recommend them to nurses working in the fields of Gastroenterology, Hepatology, Infectious Diseases, Oncology, Chronic Disease Nursing and any other related areas.

The guidelines are available to download from the AHA website or hard copies can be purchased for a nominal cost also through the website –
<http://hepatologyassociation.com.au>

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

No

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Australasian Sexual Health and HIV Nurses Assn Inc

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

1. Planning for the IUSTI (International Union against Sexually Transmitted Infections) conference to be held in Melbourne from 15th to 19th October 2012 – Nurses breakfast with nursing guest speaker and presentation and poster prizes for nursing primary authors.
2. Planning for redesign of the ASHHNA web site to include online payment, member forum and improve access to specialist nursing information
3. Endorsement of a fact sheet on HIV and aged care
<http://www.ashhna.org.au/documents/HIVAgedCareNSW2012.pdf>
4. Development of a resource in partnership with the National Heart Foundation - HIV and Cardiovascular Wellness
<http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/Cardiovascular-wellness-for%20people-living-with-HIV.pdf>
5. Donna Tilley, President of ASHHNA presented a paper at the New Zealand Sexual Health Society 34th Annual Conference in August highlighting advanced practice sexual health nursing roles and the ASHHNA Competency Standards for sexual and reproductive health and HIV nurses
6. Strengthening ties with our New Zealand colleagues
7. Nursing representatives from the executive committee and general members on the Australasian HIV conference and the IUSTI sexual health conference
8. Membership continues to be stable in number

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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?

- Working with lawyers to progress key constitutional changes including name change and change in membership criteria.
- Positioning representatives to:
 - attend Queensland Chief nurse consultation on specialisations
 - represent the profession on the BFHI
 - represent the profession on the Murdoch Children's Research Institute Parent Engagement resource Study
- partnering with Flinders University to submit a grant application to the Office of Teaching and Learning (OLT) to develop a aNational curriculum for minimum education standards
- developing position statements on conference and journal advertising consistent with WHO guidelines
- developing a position statement on national minimum recommendations for practice in child and family health nursing
- Contributed to the National Community Child health Council meeting in Wellington New Zealand 28th -29th
- Attended the launch of the Australian Medicare Local Alliance launch and contributed to Julian attended NPHCP, held Canberra 16th August – report in agenda papers.

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

How to go about employing a project officer to complete a body of work for us?

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

What legal issues we need to consider to be able to employ someone?

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President

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Australian College of Children and Young People's Nurses (ACCYPN)

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

Currently we have 492 financial members.

We are just under 12 months away from our next Conference which will be held in Melbourne in August 2013, the 4th International Congress on Paediatric Nursing. It will coincide with the 27th Congress of the International Pediatric Association and the ACCYPN will be the nursing co chairs for this meeting. The abstracts submissions have recently opened and will close in January 2013. Further details can you obtained from our website - <http://www.accypnconf.com.au/index.php> and the theme of the Nursing congress is *Connecting in Children and Young People's Health Care*. The Congress website is www2.kenes.com/IPA/Pages/home.aspx and the theme of this congress is *Bridging the Gaps in Child and Adolescent Health*.

We have recently renewed our agreement with Cambridge Publishing for our Official Journal – Neonatal, Paediatric and Child Health Nursing Journal, which includes a new member organisation, the Nurses for Children and Young People Aotearoa. They join us along with the Australian College of Neonatal Nurses and the Neonatal Nurses College of Aotearoa.

This year our AGM will be held on 25th of October at 7pm EST.

We had 3 representatives attend the Paediatric Indicator Working Party Meeting for the Australian Council of Healthcare Standards held in Sydney earlier this year. The objectives for the meeting included:

- reviewing current paediatric indicators and consider new indicators for general paediatrics, PICU, day surgery and surgery
- discuss inclusion criteria relating to age limits of children
- discuss stratification necessary for benchmarking
- brainstorming how to promote use of indicators across paediatric settings

We have established several pod casts from our conference last October which are available from our website from various speakers during the conference and have been looking webcasting some of our other educational sessions to benefit those members not in the state where the education takes place.

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

To look into the workforce report generated by the APHRA National Registration system and how the demographic information can better reflect the nurses that work in the areas of Paediatrics and Child Health.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Jacquie Burton

On behalf of the ACCYPN Board of Directors

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Australian College of Critical Care Nurses

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

- In response to the need for high quality Advanced Life Support (ALS) education programs ACCCN has licensed a number of organisations with its ALS program.
- The College had a successful conference in Melbourne in June with 450 delegates. This conference is directed to clinicians and its venue is rotated around the states.
- ACCCN has updated its Position Statements on Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation: the roles of critical care nurses and the critical care units and the provision of critical care education. This was in consultation with the Organ and Tissue Authority.
- ACCCN is represented on the Organ and Tissue Authority Family Conversation Steering Group and FDC Practical Planning Group by Marion Mitchell
- The Intensive Care Nursing Staffing Position Statement is under review.
- The organisation has committed funds to updating its 2002 Competency Standards.
- The ACCCN peer review journal *Australian Critical Care* published by Elsevier received its first Impact Factor rating of 0.97 in 2012.

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

ACCCN Board is interested if other organisations are trying to progress specialty nurse practice preparation, accreditation and regulatory status to ensure the public are cared for by suitably educated specialist nurses?

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Nil at present.



 ACCCN

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Australian College of Neonatal Nurses Inc.

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

- Main change for ACNN was to transform from a federated model to a unified college that accepts direct membership, with the capacity for branches to be formed. This is a work in progress as previous member associations wind down to join the college directly or amalgamate with the college (NSW). The first branch has not yet formed but plans are underway for branches in NSW, Queensland and South Australia. These three state associations had the strongest profiles prior to the model change.
- Highly successful annual conference was held on 6 – 8 September 2012, in the Hunter Valley. Anniversaries celebrated at the conference were 25 years since the first neonatal nurses association was formed, 20 years since the national association was formed, and 15 years since the journal was launched. The conference was opened by the inaugural president of the first neonatal nurses association that formed 25 years ago in NSW and which has led the development since then.
- *Australian Standards for Neonatal Nurses* (third edition) was launched at the September conference.
- The three special interest groups for neonatal nurse educators, neonatal nurse practitioners and for neonatal research all held pre-conference meetings.

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

None.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

No.

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Australian College of Nurse Practitioners

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

The last 12 months has continued to see ACNP Board work focus to ensure that we have a voice and that nurse practitioner models of care are included in consideration of the systems development and policy decisions that are part of the current health reform agenda. This agenda continues to be extremely busy. Both the political environment and departmental contacts have changed and we are also less than 18 months out from an election. It is not uncommon to receive calls for submissions and requests for ACNP input often with very short turn-around times. The following is a summary of some of the key activities that ACNP board has been/ continues to be involved with at the National level:

Submissions and Reports

- Health Workforce Funding Submission October 2011
- National Skills Migration Submission November 2011
- Health Workforce Australia Health Professionals Prescribing Pathway Submission May 2012

ACNP represents NPs in many forums/committees/meetings

In addition to a number of one-off events and meetings ACNP also participates in:

- Review (former) ANMC Nurse Practitioner Competency Standards (AHPRA)
- Health Workforce Australia (HWA) Advisory Group – Health Professional Prescribing Pathway
- HWA Prescribing models consultation workshops
- E-Health (National E-Health Transition Authority)
- General Practice Round Table (Consultation Committee)
- National Telehealth Project Partnership (AHPRA)
- Australian Nursing & Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC)-Policy, Standards and Research Committee; Accreditation and Assessment Committee including individual assessment teams)
- ANMAC- Review Registered Nurse Accreditation Standards (tertiary programs)
- Australian Medicare Local Alliance – NP in Primary Practice Resource
- AHPRA-NMBA Nurse Practitioner endorsement process
- Coalition of National Nursing Organisations (CoNNO)
- Ministerial Taskforce - Dementia
- Australian Healthcare Reform Alliance
- Australian Government: Professional Services Review Panel (Medicare)
- Therapeutic Guidelines – Revision of guidelines
- Royal College of Nursing Australia Scholarships
- National Prescribing Service (NPS) including prescribing competencies framework

Negotiation and advocacy for MBS/PBS access

- Department of Health & Ageing and Department of Human Services meetings and discussions
- Department of Human Services (formerly Medicare) discussions re education resources
- Representations to Minister for Health and to Minister for Ageing and Mental Health
- Ongoing meetings re collaborative arrangements – meetings with AMA/RACGP and industry stakeholder groups (Medical insurance groups, Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Radiologists, Royal College of Pathologists Australasia, Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia) including discussions re results management

Research

ACNP National Survey 2011 & 2012 (2012 results currently being collated)

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Web enhancements *also see Education & Professional Development

- Further development E-news/alerts,
- Enhancements to E-Newsletter
- E-membership facility improved
- Stream-lining management of member information requests and questions with support from secretariat
- Sponsorship arrangements with TGA and MIMS
- Synchronisation of all systems

Education & Professional Development

- Annual ACNP conference
- NursePrac ED
- Web podcasts
- Web-based forum for specialty interest groups
- Nurse Practitioner Information Brochure national distribution
- State Chapter convened education/professional development

Media & Industry

- Respond to requests for interviews, printed & electronic media, and contribution to publications including recruitment of NPs for freelance TV promo feature films
- Press releases
- Respond to requests from industry stakeholders (eg. Pharmaceutical & marketing companies)

Administration

In addition to day to day business operations and meeting ACNP constitutional and legislative requirements the organisation is being further developed and enhanced through:

- Continued development of ACNP by-laws,
- Establishing and retaining secretariat support
- Streamlining accounting and reporting systems to meet Public Company accounting requirements
- Some data collection

*In addition State Chapters work on a broad range of jurisdictional specific activities.

Stuart Smith

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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 – change of President.
2. Launch of the ANTS Tasmania Branch in July 2012.
3. Continue to transition over to online business:
 - Annual membership renewals fully online.
 - Registration to educational seminars to be fully online by the end of the year.
 - Review of ANTS Constitution and Board Charter to accommodate online financial management.

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?

None at this time.

*Lisa Gatzonis
President*

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Australian Ophthalmic Nurses Association (Inc) **Report to the National Coalition of Nursing Organisations** **September 2012**

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, WA and Vic Associations.
- 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 in draft form to members.

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?

Thank you for the opportunity to join this forum.

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Australian Practice Nurses Association

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

- Following a successful submission to DOHA. APNA is lead organisation in a consortia of 5 professional Nurse and Midwife organisations consisting of APNA, CRANaplus, ANF, ACNP & ACM. The funding is to deliver telehealth training and support to nurses and midwives nationally. APNA is responsible for coordination of the project and to provide support through engagement of telehealth support officers to assist in the uptake of the initiative by nurses and midwives.
- Undertook annual member satisfaction survey with an overall satisfaction of 4.02 / 5, with our Primary Times magazine, APNA online learning portal and access to current industry news as very highly valued.
- In May we held our successful national conference in Melbourne. With over 350 delegates and a "Time to Shine" theme it was another very successful APNA conference.
- August moved to new location, much bigger premises to accommodate our ever-growing staff. New Address: L2, 159 Dorcas St, Sth Melbourne, VIC 3205
- Sept 24th New APNA CEO commencing, Kathy Bell Kathy.bell@apna.asn.au

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

APNA is always keen to strengthen links & relationships with other nursing, midwifery and primary health care organisations. Therefore we would always welcome opportunities to discuss ways that we may work together to support all of our members, in the current health reform environment in which we work.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Nothing currently

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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?

- AWHNA Inc have liaised with Jodie Davis Federal Education Officer for best practice on-line continuing professional development and have developed our first Online Women's Health Module- more topics are being written that include Post Natal Depression and Heart Health
- WHN Training: Graduate Certificate in Nursing Practice (WHN Module 1 Women Health & Society completed) Australian College of Nursing now taking enrolments. WHN Module 2 Clinical Issues is in the pipeline. Formal training for WHN has been absent in NSW until this year.
- Annual WHN Update in Canberra "Frolic in Cool Climate Country" in August this year was a resounding success and we were entertained by SisterACT at the Update Dinner
- 7th National Women's Health Conference 7-10 May 2013-the AWHNA Inc are supplying Sponsorship of Emery Boards and many WHN are planning to present and /or attend

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

Ongoing Governance and marketing issues

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

Not currently

Linda Oliver

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Australian Wound Management Association

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

This has been an extremely busy period as an Association. The 4th World Union Wound Healing Society Congress in Japan was an enormous success and AWMA was one of the supporting organisations. 10 members from Australia were faculty and 2 were Nurse Practitioners in wound management and many more participated and presented. AWMA were unsuccessful in their bid to host the 2016 WUWHS but it did raise the awareness of the Australian Wound Management Association at an international level and their recent Pan-Pacific publications regarding NHMRC guidelines on Pressure Injury and Venous Leg Ulcers.

AWMA has funded a health economics project that will be completed this year. As part of the project and to determine the impact of Venous leg ulcers a survey was completed. The report will become the foundation to lobby federal government to fund a scheme to provide effective and equitable treatment for patients with venous leg ulcers.

Collaboration with other organisations continues to provide opportunities and mutual benefit. We have or are going to participate in conferences regarding vascular, lymphoedema, plastics and burns. Our education team are collaborating with international societies regarding Pressure Injury and radiation injury.

The conference committee for the AWMA 2014 conference on the Gold Coast has had several meetings already. The International Wound Infection Institute will be holding their AGM during this conference and providing free membership.

The last AWMA meeting was held in June and after reading all the ANTT and the NHMRC 2010 Infection control guidelines and discussing terminology and interpretations it was decided not to pursue the matter further.

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

We are always seeking ways to improve the patient experience regarding wound management and are willing to discuss collaborating with other organisations with similar goals. We are also seeking to improve our lobbying efforts at the federal and state level if other organisations are willing to share their experiences.

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

The following conferences may be of interest to the CoNNO members:

Plastic Surgery Congress 2013: 24-26 April Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre

- The two day forum will provide clinicians who regularly manage wounds in the emergency department, general hospital, community, GP or Private Practice a comprehensive update in contemporary wound management, drawing on the expertise from professional peak bodies in Australasia

AWMA Victoria Biannual Conference March 2013: Bendigo

Johanna Briggs and Curtin University Evidence Summaries on Wound Management provides excellent information.

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Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia Inc. (DANA)

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

- DANA Members' (and Former Members') Satisfaction Survey
- Implementation of DANA Strategic Plan 2012-2015
- Finalisation of Standards and Competencies for Drug and Alcohol Nurses
- National Nursing Consortium of New Zealand endorses DANA Standards and Competencies for Drug and Alcohol Nurses
- Annual Conference held in Melbourne, June 2012 ("In the Age of Complexity")
- Planning underway for 1st off-shore DANA conference in conjunction with Te Ao Maramatanga, the NZ College of Mental Health Nurses. The theme is "Close to Home". To be held in Auckland in June 2013;
- Credentialing project launched at the NSW Drug and Alcohol Nurses Forum
- Participation in the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Queensland meeting held on 24.8.12
- DANA response to Foetal Alcohol Syndrome submission.

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

- Endorsement of standards and competencies

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

- A standardised approach to standards and competencies

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GENCA – Gastroenterology Nurses College of Australia

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

- Development National Guideline – Care & Maintenance Percutaneous Gastrostomy and Jejunal Feeding tubes.
- On-Line Education Module – Care & Maintenance Percutaneous Gastrostomy and Jejunal Feeding tubes.
- On-line Modules – Beginner and Advanced Endoscopic skills
- Fundamentals in Endoscopic Reprocessing workshops
- Cleaning and Reprocessing of Flexible Endoscopes & Accessories Assessments
- Credentialling Examination October 2012
- Offer to Re-Credential by submission of 3 year Portfolio – displaying evidence of 30 Gastroenterology Continuous Development Points per year
- Development of three day Education Program during Australian Gastro Week October 2012

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

Development of remuneration framework for Credentialled Gastroenterology Nurses

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

As above

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NURSING INFORMATICS AUSTRALIA (NIA)

Joanne Foster September 2012

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

1. NeHTA
 - Clinical Terminology & Information Reference Group (CTIRG)
 - Joanne Foster is Co Chair of this group
 1. A lot of work being undertaken in this space
 - a. Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record (PCEHR) – released July 1st, 2012
 - b. Clinical Knowledge Manager (CKM) -On going
 - c. Detailed Clinical Models (DCM) – On going
 2. Since July/August 2012 and go live of PCEHR things have slowed down in this space. NeHTA is currently reviewing the role of Reference Groups and an outcome is not available at this time
 3. Another NIA Rep is a Clinical Lead and again little involvement lately and waiting on outcomes from NeHTA
2. HISA – Joanne Foster involved in development of Certification for Health Informatics. This is due for launch later in the year
3. Continue with a representative (NIA Chair) on the HISA Board
4. NIA Annual Conference held in conjunction with HIC 2012 in Sydney on July 31st.
 - Excellent attendance - up from 2011
 - Very good evaluations and feedback
5. Jo Foster attended the International Congress of Nursing Informatics held in Montreal, Canada in June 2012
 - A great deal of interest for Nursing Informatics Competencies worldwide at the conference
 - Currently undertaking collaborative research with Canada on Nursing Informatics Competencies
6. A number of NIA Executive attended HIC12 in Sydney. This is the major National health Informatics Conference and attended by ~ 1000 people.

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

1. Spreading the word about eHealth and Nursing/health Informatics
2. Invite NI experts to your meetings/workshops/conferences to speak about how these areas are impacting or will impact on your specialty area

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

1. Any involvement in Health/Nursing Informatics and EHealth to keep nursing at the forefront of these national developments. NI experts to be asked to be involved in these aspects.

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Otorhinolaryngology Head & Neck Nurses Group...O.H.N.N.G.

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

This past six months has been extremely busy for the **SA** state team as we planned and delivered our 16th National conference in ADELAIDE. This meeting was a huge success and we managed to hold one of the most diverse and I think innovative programs to date. With 18 international and 20 national speakers it was a program with something for everyone.

We have held two evening education sessions and a full study day in August. This was very well attended and we were fortunate to have Professor PJ Wormald world leader in sinus and skull base surgery present as well as amazing never seen before 3D skull base anatomy slides. We have two more sessions scheduled for the rest of the year.

In JUNE this year our treasurer along with a dedicated surgical team visited Cancar. This successful trip attended to about 150 patient consultations, 35 general anaesthetic procedures. The **O.S.S.A.A. E.N.T.** Overseas Specialist Surgical Association Of Australia have been able to deliver vital ENT, Head and Neck services to a people denied many of the services we take for granted in our privileged communities. This year it was our privilege to donate a substantial amount of money to assist in the purchase of vital equipment and supplies to make this all possible.

Also in August I was invited to attend and present in Christchurch New Zealand for the New Zealand ENT nurses association. This was a great day and very well attended. It was great to see our sister group doing so well and delivery high quality education to its members.

QLD Has been very busy providing several courses this year. We held "Secrets of the Skull Base" educational session just before the national meeting. This lecture attracted 90 delegates In July we held a "Global Postlaryngectomy Rehabilitation" Cadaver demonstration course & also a Head and Neck Cadaver Dissection Course, with lectures by international, and local surgeons and speech therapists. Both courses were very well attended. To finish the year we have a full day Sunshine Coast ENT Update in Maroochydore planned for Oct and to finish the year with Sleep Disordered Breathing in Nov. Membership in Queensland continues to grow.

NSW has had a successful year, with steady membership growth in NSW.

Our education sessions held in Newcastle have been very well supported with attendees from Sydney, Central Coast, Taree & Tamworth. It is also great to see support for our education evenings from such diverse areas of nursing, from both private & public sectors. Topics covered have included 'tongue resection, reconstruction & adjuvant post-operative therapy', 'Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Ear Health' & 'Parotidectomy & neck dissection'. Our last event for the year will be a 'Laryngectomy Study Day', to be held on Friday 9th November.

WA . Perth is well under way with the planning of our next national meeting. This will be at the convention and exhibition centre on the 17-19th March 2013. They Continue to hold their 3 monthly educational sessions held at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, which are always Well attended.

Victoria have an education day planned for early November

Each year I believe we are offering more and more to our members. We have also been able to fill the position of education officer and we have been able to return to the publication of our newsletter once again.

Our great website continues to get better and better. It is becoming the best way for the group to communicate.

Currently are membership is at 417

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

We are currently looking at setting up learning packages is there any other group that has done this and how have they had them accredited or certified

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Palliative Care Nurses Australia (PCNA)

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

Report provided to a Senate Inquiry on Palliative Care. The role of the specialist palliative care nurse was articulated along with education requirements.

PCNA has finalised a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Palliative Care Nurses New Zealand. PCNA conference is to be held in Melbourne December 10th and 11th. Keynote speakers are Dr Sharon Andrews, Dr Mick Adams, Professor Kathy Eagar and Professor Margaret O'Connor.

Ongoing work regarding national specialist nurse competencies in palliative care, application for funding for implementation.

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

N/A

Are there any particular issues you wish CoNNO to consider?

N/A

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Renal Society of Australasia (RSA)

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

Current membership:- NZ 83, Aust approx 1200 nationally

RSA conference was held in June in Melbourne celebrating the RSA's 40th anniversary. Plans are now under way for 2013 to be held in Hobart on 5-8th June at the Grand Chancellor. 37th Annual New Zealand Branch Conference, November 9 - 10, 2012

There has been an increase in submissions for publications- RSA journal and Comunique this last year and the submission process will be going to be fully electronic later this year.

Research Grants - we are thank full to our sponsors for the number of research grants awarded to members this year

A video has been put together of photos to celebrate 40 years of the organisation
<http://www.renalsociety.org/conferences/presentations.php>

Our e-learning interactive education site is under discussion to be a user pay system in order to ensure its future

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

The cost of advertising on the RSA website is being has been reduced to encourage advertising – do other organisations with websites have problems attracting advertising?

In 2011 the slated conference venue in Darwin was changed to Adelaide due to fear that trade sponsorship would be affected by the distance and time required. (Many companies do not have reps based in the NT) Discussion is now happening about the 2014 conference that is slated for Perth. Do other organisations have the same problems when trying to hold their conferences on a rotational basis within all states/territories?

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