

## **CoNNMO Member Meeting – Friday 4 October 2024 Member Reports**

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Australian College of Perianaesthesia Nurses  
Australian College of Perioperative Nurses  
Australian Faith Community Nurses Association  
Australian Hartford Consortium if Gerontological Nursing Excellence  
Australian Women's Health Nurses of Australia  
Cancer Nurses Society of Australia  
Climate Action Nurses  
Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia  
Maternal Child and Family Health Nurses Australia  
Nursing Midwifery in Digital Health  
Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Nurses Group  
Professional Association of Nurses in Developmental Disability Australia  
Renal Society of Australasia  
The Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand

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**Name of organisation:**

Australasian Cardiovascular Nursing College **ACNC**

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

ACNC Nursing Symposium held 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> of April, 2024, Kirribilli Club, North Sydney:

Content:

- Focus group to update the **Cardiovascular Nursing Standards** – ongoing work to eventually get national endorsement through the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand (CSANZ)
- Pre-symposium workshop: Cardio-thoracic surgery
- Coronary Artery Spasm
- Congenital Heart Disease
- Advanced Heart Failure
- Pericardiocentesis
- SCAD
- Workshops: ECG's and ICD's

Webinar: July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Cardiac patients with chronic diseases – Renal and Respiratory disease: 1 hr.

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

16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May 2025: The Sydney Masonic Centre

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

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

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**Name of organisation: Australasian Hepatology Association**

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

AHA Board Planning Day.

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

Bi-Annual Conference next planned for late Oct 2025 in Sydney. Specific date TBA

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

Circulating of our upcoming education events:

- Advanced Liver Disease 12/11 & 19/11 at 1700-1915hr AEDT  
<https://www.hepatologyassociation.com.au/education/Introduction%20to%20Advanced%20Liver%20Disease%20course/>
- Integrative Approaches to Fatty Liver- Guidelines and practical strategies that bridge cardiac, diabetes and renal risk factors Webinar 14<sup>th</sup> November 1700hr AEDT.

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

Recruitment and retention of membership, improve collaboration with NZ colleagues.

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

Nil

Jaclyn Tate-Baker  
AHA Board of Directors  
27/09/2024

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**Name of organisation:**

*Australasian Neuroscience Nurses Association*

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

*50th anniversary dinner  
50th annual conference in Canberra  
updated website  
webinars*

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

*11-13<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
Rydges Canberra*

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

*recruiting members.*

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

*advanced practice nursing pathways*

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

*- online conference -*

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**Name of organisation: Australasian Rehabilitation Nurses' Association (ARNA)**

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

- ARNA representation to inform the National Nursing Workforce Strategy
- Development / embedding of ARNA member Communities of Practice (CoP)
- Ongoing development of the ARNA Mentorship Program
- Membership acquisition program
- Ongoing planning with members in both New Zealand (NZ) and Western Australia (WA) for ongoing planning for formation of ARNA Chapters in both regions.

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

The 33rd ARNA Annual Conference will take place on the Gold Coast on Oct 17<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024. With the theme: "*Rehabilitation nurses: evolving with the community*" the conference will be an opportunity for rehabilitation nurses from Australia, New Zealand and other international locations to hear from eminent nurse leaders and network with colleagues to celebrate their shared knowledge experience and accomplishments.

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

Accessing business grants and enhancing grant applications to optimise success with securing these.  
Identifying, leveraging and sustaining corporate sponsor relationships

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

Regulation of disability workers and competency standards etc to inform their scope of practice / educational preparation and skill set

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

The ARNA Board is happy to consider requests for information and assistance to enhance understanding and promotion of the specialist practice of rehabilitation nursing and rehabilitation in nursing as part of every nurse's practice.

Alison New  
ARNA President  
CoNNMO Representative

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

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

**Research opportunities, Membership drive, Endorsements for courses**

**Sexual and Reproductive Health representative to Government**

**Submission to NSW Government re access to MS2Step**

**Current membership stable at over 200**

**Members have represented ASHHNA in research and academia**

**Upgrade of software portal**

**AGM is scheduled for October**

**More focus on Linked in than other social media platforms**

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

IUSTI Congress Sydney September 17 to 20 2024

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

No

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

No

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

Happy to take enquiries

Joanne Perks  
Executive Member ASHHNA Inc

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**Name of organisation:**

Australia and New Zealand Urological Nurses Society (ANZUNS)

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

In the reporting period ANZUNS held a range of education events in the SA/NT Section, NSW-ACT Section, QLD Section, and VIC/TAS section plus ANZUNS webinars on Prostate Cancer, Complex Catheter Management; and International Peer Review through the International Journal of Urological Nursing.

A new special interest group for Urological Nurse Practitioners has been established and ANZUNS continues its close collaboration with similar international urological nursing organisations including the British Association of Urological Nurses (BAUNS) and the European Association of Urology Nurses (EAUN), and ANZUNS members now have access to International Journal of Urological Nursing included in their membership. Sixteen ANZUNS members attended EAUN International Congress in Paris in April 2024.

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

The 2024 ANZUNS Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) will be held in conjunction with the Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand (USANZ) ASM on 1-4 March 2025 in Perth with the theme of 'Coming together in understanding'.

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

Nil at present

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

Winding up state-based societies to come under a national body (with state based sections). This has been a massive undertaking for a volunteer organisation, and we would be happy to share our experiences and learnings if other organisations are looking to do the same.

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### Name of organisation:

Australia & New Zealand Orthopaedic Nurses Alliance (ANZONA)

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

- Pre-planning for Bi-annual ANZONA meeting
- Revised ACSQHC Hip Fracture care CCS
- Revised ACSQHC OA of the knee Knee CCS
- Active member of (Australian New Zealand Hip Fracture Registry (ANZHFR)) with release of 2024 Annual Report.
- ANZONA is a member of the International Collaboration of Orthopaedic Nurses (ICON) and Co-Chairs this group: projects in-progress at ICON include (1)The Advanced Practice Project where ICON has developed an Interim Summary of International Approaches to Describing Advanced Orthopaedic Nursing Practice and (2) A DISCUSSION Paper: Working towards a Position Statement on Nurse-Initiated Delirium Identification & Risk Management

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

31/10/24 – 1/11/24



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

Share information

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

ANZONA is developing a Competency Framework at specialist & advanced practice level

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

Happy to assist

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**Name of organisation: ANZSOM**

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

The Occupational Health Nurses are an important group within ANZSOM, and we endeavour to involve more nurses and support them in their careers. Our membership is continuing to grow, and we are always looking at new initiatives to ensure that we meet the needs of nurses for connectivity and for their professional development.

We continue to promote our new Occupational Health Nursing Competency standards and encourage Occupational Health Nurses to apply for the ANZSOM Recognition Program. Currently we have had 2 successful ANZSOM OHN's to receive our Recognition Program, with several more applications, and some in the final stages. We continue with our education program with Webinars relating to OHN practical experiences.

Our Nurse Strategy Working Group meets every two months, aiming to progress the representation of Occupational Health Nurse (OHN) interests in ANZSOM. The group focuses on growing nurse membership, and securing education, support, and recognition for occupational health nurses.

Planning has already commenced for our 2025 ANZSOM Annual Scientific Meeting in Melbourne next year.

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

Our ANZSOM Scientific Meeting is on the 19<sup>th</sup> – 22 October 2024 in Perth.



Our ANZSOM, annual scientific meeting (ASM) conference will have engaging presentations from industry leaders and experts sharing their latest insights into Occupational medicine.

There are many exciting worksite visits planned, gaining practical insights through field experiences, and allowing the OHN's to visit and meet other OHN's in their specialist field.

Our ANZSOM ASM, allows for dynamic networking, and engaging in thought-provoking discussions on current and future trends within the world of occupational medicine.

This enriching educational conference also offers practical strategies for Occupational Medicine, and the OHN. ANZSOM welcomes everyone attending the ASM in Perth as we "**Innovate, Integrate and Inspire**", to shape the evolving future of occupational health medicine.

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

No

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

NO

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

Assisting other CONNMO members with their competency's standards.

Sandra Code  
ANZSOM Representative



## CoNNMO Member Meeting Report – October 2024

**Name of organisation:**

Australian & New Zealand Society of Vascular Nursing (ANZSVN)

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

[Website](#) updates and communiques to members.

Input into The Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care Nursing Taskforce draft National Nursing Workforce Strategy.

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

Joint conference with ANZSVS  
17 - 20 October 2024, Crowne Casino, Melbourne

2 - 5 October 2025, Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide

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

Regular updates.

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

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

Specialty advice.

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**Name of organisation:** Australian College of Neonatal Nurses

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

- ACNN has continued its strong representation across various national and regional bodies. Our involvement includes the Australian College of Nurses, the Coalition of National Nursing and Midwifery Organisations, the Perinatal Society of Australia, and the Australian and New Zealand Neonatal Network. These partnerships ensure that the voice of neonatal nursing remains at the forefront of healthcare discussions.
- We are proud of our ACNN UTAS Partnership which has seen 9 new students commencing postgraduate studies in 2024, while 14 students continue their studies. This opportunity provides ACNN members access to further education and professional development at a reduced cost.
- Scholarship Recipients (July 2023 – June 2024): Over the past year, 15 scholarships (\$17,000) were awarded to members, enabling them to complete postgraduate studies, attend conferences, and undertake research.
- The Australian College of Neonatal Nurses promotes excellence in neonatal nursing through awarding a Neonatal Nurse Excellence Award. The award is aligned Neonatal Nurses Day on August 15<sup>th</sup>. In 2024 Neonatal Nurse Excellence Award was awarded to two outstanding nurses: Bryony Malloy and Kate McFarlane.
- ACNN and Branches and Special Interest Groups (SIG) continue to provide online professional development sessions. In the last six months there have been several sessions with diverse topics. An example of this is Caring for infants with drug and alcohol exposures Education session hosted by the newly formed Victoria ACNN Branch.
- ACNN has a strong social media presence. This enables networking with neonatal nurses across Australia, promoting publications and guidelines that support evidence-based practice, as well as promoting excellence in neonatal nursing practice.

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

- The 2024 ACNN National Conference was recently held in Melbourne, Victoria from Wednesday, September 4th to Friday, September 6th, 2024. The conference was attended by 230 nurses with outstanding presentations from international and national invited speakers.
- [In 2025 the ACNN executive will support their subcommittees to host workshops across Australia.](#)
- Currently the ACNN Executive are collaborating with the College of International Neonatal Nurses to hold COINN 2026 in Darwin.

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

- Establish networking and collaborative opportunities for Neonatal Nurses (research, leadership).
- Advertise events through their website or members websites to reach more neonatal nurses

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

Representing the national interests of nurses and midwives in all sectors of the health profession

The Coalition of National Nursing & Midwifery Organisations acknowledges the traditional owners and Elders past and present of the land on which we meet across Australia

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- Strategic planning to support nursing workforce recruitment, skill development and retention.
- How are similar CoNNMO members positioning themselves relating to sustainability and climate change?
- I think it is important to add ATSI and acknowledgement to country I think Justine mentioned something here too.

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

- We can provide information on neonatal nursing professional matters as well as health and wellbeing in the neonatal population to other CoNNMO members.

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**Name of organisation:**

Australian College of Nurse Practitioners

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

ACNP was successful in their tender application to administer the Australian Government Primary Care Nursing and Midwifery Scholarship Program (PCNMS)

We have seen significant progress on the Nurse Practitioner Workforce Plan

We have been heavily involved in the Scope of Practice Review and the National Nursing Workforce Strategy, and a few Inquiries.

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

6-8 November in Cairns, at the Convention Centre.

Our theme is ‘Beyond Today – Sustaining Australian Healthcare’.

There are still a few delegate tickets available, and virtual registrations have just opened.

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

Continuing to monitor and feedback on progress and outcomes, particularly the Scope of Practice Review, as we expect the final recommendations towards the end of October. We would ask CoNNMO members to comment on whether they feel nursing and midwifery is still integral to this review, and whether the final recommendations support our professions into the future. ACNP wants to collate your feedback. Following the final report, we must keep up pressure for implementation.

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

Possibly more on advocacy, and how we can collectively work together on certain issues. Using our experience over the last 5 years, we know that we can constructively align organisations at different times and it is highly effective. We do not always have to agree on everything, but that does not stop us working together where we do.

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

We would like to work more with other CoNNMO organisations on advocacy. Please also let your members know about the PCNMS, it is a great opportunity to have your fees for university based post graduate education if you are a nurse or midwife working in primary care, or intending to work in primary care.

More details on the PCNMS Program are at [www.acnp.org.au/psnmsp](http://www.acnp.org.au/psnmsp), including FAQs and Guidelines. Applications are OPEN.

To get in touch about things we can work on together, you can email us at [campaign@acnp.org.au](mailto:campaign@acnp.org.au), or set up a meeting with our team.

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### The Australian College of Nursing (ACN)

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

Significant activities at ACN include:

- Announcement of new ACN CEO - Dr Kathryn Zeitz FACN will commence at ACN in late September 2024.
- The National Nursing Forum 2024 (NNF) was held in Cairns (14-16 August). It had over 700 in-person attendees and over 150 online. The Hon. Mark Butler MP announced this year's Trailblazer - Professor Lorna Moxham FACN.
- ACN has published three Position Statements:
  - **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** - ACN advocates for the patient-centred, ethical, and safe use of AI to support and enhance nursing practice, education, and administration. This position statement outlines the core principles of using AI in healthcare. [ACN Position Statement: Artificial Intelligence](#)
  - **The Standardised Nursing Terminology Position Statement** - Making nursing visible requires adopting and using standardised nursing terminology (SNT) to enable themes, trends, and gaps to be identified. [Standardised nursing terminology: Enabling comprehensive nursing data and analysis – Australian College of Nursing \(acn.edu.au\)](#)
  - **Working with Children Above a Healthy Weight: Nurse-led Interventions** – ACN recommends that every school-aged child in Australia have access to a suitably qualified registered nurse to provide care and guidance to maintain a healthy weight as part of a holistic program. Nurse-led interventions are adaptable, cost-effective, and practical in various settings. [ACN position statement 'Working with Children Above a Healthy Weight: Nurse-led interventions.](#)

#### 2. When is your national conference?

The 2025 Nursing National Forum will be held in Canberra (23-25 July 2025).

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

ACN would appreciate the promotion of our upcoming events and activities:

- **ACN Institute of Leadership Programs:**
  - [Nurse Director Leadership Program](#): 14-18 October 2024 in Melbourne  
A career consolidator for driven nurses who want to supplement their professional experience with a challenging leadership intensive to advance their careers. [Apply now](#)
  - [Nurse Executive Leadership Program](#): 14-18 October 2024 in Melbourne  
A career accelerator for ambitious nurses who want to strengthen their influence and command respect and recognition. [Apply now](#)

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- **The ACN Foundation** is opening the second round of scholarships for **2024 in September**. These scholarships will include:
  - The Bullwinkel Scholars Program
  - The Emerging Policy Leaders Program
  - The Emerging Research Leaders Program

Please visit The ACN Foundation website for further information [ACN Foundation, Strengthening Australian health care](#)

- **ACN higher Education** has new areas of study on offer:
  - [Principles of Intellectual and Developmental Disability](#)
  - [Rural and Remote Nursing](#)
  - [Respiratory Nursing](#)
  - [New National Immunisation Program for Health Practitioners](#)
  - [Audiometry Nursing in Practice](#)

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

The Standardised Nursing Terminology (See Appendix A)

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

ACN is open to assisting other organisations where possible. Please contact: [officeoftheceo@acn.edu.au](mailto:officeoftheceo@acn.edu.au)



## APPENDIX A

### Standardised Nursing Terminology

#### Issue

ACN's Nurse Informatics & Digital Health Faculty support the implementation of standardised nursing terminology (SNT) systems in Australia to enable nursing's contribution to health care greater visibility and generate new insights, ultimately leading to best practice and an increase in the body of nursing knowledge.

#### Background

Making nursing visible requires adopting and using an SNT to enable themes, trends, and gaps to be identified. With the advances in digital platforms Australia is now well-placed to adopt SNT as a national nursing digital standard. SNTs enable nursing data across settings, countries, and languages to be shared and compared. The data from nursing documentation can support clinical decision-making, evaluate nursing care and patient outcomes, assist with policy development and resource management, and generate nursing knowledge. An SNT facilitates the comparison of nursing practices and outcomes across different healthcare facilities, enabling benchmarking for quality improvement initiatives, nursing research and development, and expanding nursing knowledge. The position statement advocates for the adoption and use of SNT.

**The Standardised Nursing Terminology Position Statement.** Making nursing visible requires adopting and using an SNT to enable themes, trends, and gaps to be identified. With the advances in digital platforms, Australia is now well-placed to adopt SNT as a national digital standard for nursing. Link: [The Standardised Nursing Terminology Position Statement](#).

#### ACN advocates for the adoption of SNT consistently across the healthcare environment and:

- Promotes nurses as vital stakeholders in the planning, implementation, and frame working of SNT across relevant government bodies and associations and embeds SNT in the Australian nursing curriculum.
- Supports the ethical collection and use of nursing analytics from SNT to identify themes, trends, and gaps for innovation and economic evaluation to improve professional and patient outcomes and to evaluate nursing interventions.
- Advocates for the development of standard data value sets that best reflect nursing's contribution to health and are suitable for every nursing specialty to support the national measurement of the value of nursing's contribution to the delivery of healthcare.
- Supports the research work undertaken by the centre International Classification of Nursing Practice (ICNP) research and development established at the Australian Catholic University with support from Monash Health.

To promote and perform research on SNT in Australia the international council of Nurses has accredited a collaboration between the Australian College of Nursing, the Australian Catholic University and Monash Health as the Australian research and development centre for the international Classification of Nursing Practice (ICNP) an international SNT. Launch of this centre occurred in June this year, with the aim of attracting nursing research, identify gaps in ICNP in the Australian context for applying ICNP in the nursing and midwifery care plans and ultimately nursing curriculum.

Please contact Janette Gogler, for further information. [janette.gogler@monashhealth.org](mailto:janette.gogler@monashhealth.org)

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**1. Name of organisation:**

Australasian College of PeriAnaesthesia Nurses (ACPAN)

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

- ACPAN had a successful annual conference in October 2023 in Newcastle.
- Together with GENCA, ACPAN has published its training guideline for sedation nurses. The training will be a collaboration between universities and the Colleges and will hopefully become available soon as an online micro-credential AQF level 8 course
- ACPAN has initiated a series of 6 webinars about environmental sustainability covering different topics in each webinar.
- ACPAN initiated a financial partnership option and managed so far to get two companies on board. The aim of the financial partnership is to make us less dependent from membership fees as main income sources.

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

Because of the more inclusiveness ACPAN has an annual conference and not a national conference. This year's conference will be held 25-26 October 2024 Rydges Hotel in Melbourne. The Friday session with workshops is fully booked.

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

As discussed during the previous meeting, like all other colleges we want formal recognition and registration of the specialised PACU and Anaesthesia nurse.

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

None

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

Others are welcome to attend our sustainability webinars.

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**Name of organisation:** Australian College of Perioperative Nurses (ACORN)

Thank you for the opportunity for the Australian College of Perioperative Nurses (ACORN) to report to CoNNMO.

This last three-month period has been significant in the life of ACORN as we reestablish connection and engagement with our community in person, continue work to ensure we remain an enduring and sustainable organisation and pursue avenues for advocacy for perioperative practice nationally.

Activity at ACORN since your last meeting has continued in earnest, with International conference preparation forming a significant body of work for our small but very capable operations team. This worthwhile work is now only eight weeks away from being realised. A face-to-face opportunity to engage with our community has been sorely missed and with exceptional sponsorship engagement, presentations, and networking opportunities this conference is set to be a great event for connection and intraprofessional learning for perioperative nurses, professionals, and researchers from across Australia, the Asia-Pacific region, and as far abroad as Europe.

Opportunities for interprofessional engagement and collaboration with organisations within the perioperative, anaesthetic and surgical domains on the development of positions and endorsed papers have also increased in recent months. With the Board keen to form strategic collaborations with likeminded organisations on key issues of mutual interest. ACORN is glad to be in a position where this work can occur, supported by our clinical team, active committees, and broader network of committed ACORN Fellows.

Consultation with other external organisations on matters related to perioperative practices and environment have also improved in the past months. This is an exciting arena where ACORN can increasingly realise it's role as advocate on perioperative issues, ensuring that where perioperative practice intersects with the larger healthcare landscape, ACORN provides clear and effective advocacy, impacting positively on the care of patients.

Additionally, I am pleased to announce that in response to feedback from the perioperative nursing community, ACORN's Clinical Excellence Coordinator has completed the corrections-based amendments of the current edition of the ACORN Standards. The recommended changes have been implemented and communicated to the broader perioperative nursing community. This noteworthy project has been carried out with support from our Standards Working Party, a team dedicated to ensuring the ACORN Standards remain a high-quality set of documents relied upon by Perioperative teams to deliver safe, quality perioperative care. Work is also underway for the next iteration of the ACORN Standards due for an anticipated 2026 release.

Lastly, ACORN is now also preparing for 2025, seeing the end of our current Strategic Plan and commencing a period of reflection and vision casting for our next strategic horizon. As always, our strategic plan will be motivated by our mission, to advocate for safe, quality perioperative care for every patient on every occasion. **When our work is done**, we will have delivered safe, quality perioperative care that protects the health and wellbeing of every patient and nurse.

I thank you once again for the opportunity to present a report at CoNNMO and look forward to continued collaboration between Nursing and Midwifery Organisations across Australia.

Warm Regards,

Caroline Johnson – ACORN Chair

## CoNNMO Member Meeting Report – November 2024

### **Name of organisation:**

Australian Faith Community Nurses Association Inc

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

AFCNA has developed new audio-visual material and a new website [www.afcna.org.au](http://www.afcna.org.au) which will be launched within the next month we now have an education hub for members and we developing more online courses with next year's focus being mental health.

- This year our focus has been on developing compassionate and supportive care for vulnerable people.
- We have hosted monthly web-workshops on a variety of community health topics
- We host a Community of Practice bimonthly and this always raises different issues which nurses can discuss to locate ethical and professional solutions to challenging situations

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

We had a well-attended workshop on 'Compassionate Care for One Another' in June in Blackwood, South Australia with our limit of 30 people reached easily so we will host more of these as many people in the community want to know how to care effectively for family and friends

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

1. The issue of 'employed = salaried' and/or 'employed = volunteer contract' is presenting a challenge for some of our nurses because they cannot easily obtain fair and reasonably priced professional indemnity insurance on a volunteer contract. Is anyone else finding this an issue? The definitions are malleable and often unclear, but we don't want the definitions to exclude nurses working in a voluntary capacity in various philanthropic organisations.
2. There is also some confusion about what clinical supervision requirements are in autonomous community settings. AFCNA would like to know what other associations are doing. We are looking to train some of our members who are interested in professional supervision but wonder what recommendations other groups may have and how they do their clinical supervision for independent practising nurses

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

Fair access to affordable professional indemnity insurance. It would be interesting to know just what sorts of claims are being received by insurers against PI and public liability policies. Is there any reporting on this because they are collecting vast amounts of money from nurses?

Can we have some clarity around what constitutes 'clinical supervision' and are there any regulatory requirements stipulated in this area? We understand the needs for 'supervised practice' for specific regulatory issues, but we seek clarity on:

- What are the personal and association obligations re clinical supervision of autonomous practitioners
- What sort of educational requirements supervisors need.

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

We can provide continuing education in Faith Community Nursing, Holistic care of the whole person, and Spiritual Care to members of the nursing profession across Australia via online webinar etc. See our website [www.afcna.org.au](http://www.afcna.org.au) or Contact us on [afcna@outlook.com](mailto:afcna@outlook.com) or via our mobile 0412 134 348

## CoNNMO Member Meeting Report – October 2024

**Name of organisation:**

Australian Hartford Consortium for Gerontological Excellence

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

Ongoing program of national webinars; increasing membership; strategic planning to optimise sustainability.

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

We currently have limited resources and rather than host our own conference, we are looking to leverage our links to the high profile 2025 Australian Association of Gerontology Conference (date TBC) through an Aus-Hartford symposium.

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

Not at present.

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

The quantity and skill mix of the aged care nursing workforce remains an issue, and we continue to advocate to build capability and capacity of, preferably locally sources, nurses.

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

Not currently.

## CoNNMO Member Meeting Report – October 2024

**Name of organisation:** Australian Women's Health Nurse Association

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

- Our Association provided a response to Ministry of Health NSW regarding the Review of the Abortion Law Reform Act 2019. Awaiting response.
- The Association & its members have been highlighted in the National Cervical Screening Program promotional campaign and by the NSW Cancer Institute, which commenced in September; the first campaign for 20 years.
- Featured article on our Golden Speculum (award for excellence in Women's Health) recipient, Annette Heather in the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Journal and on social media.
- We continue to provide representation on the Australian Contraception and Abortion in Primary Care Practitioner Support (AusCAPPS) Network, SPHERE, National Cervical Screening Program and the National Women's Health Advisory Council.

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

The Annual Professional Update to be held 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2024, as a hybrid event at NSW Nurses & Midwives Association premises at, 50 O'Dea Ave, Waterloo NSW 2017.

All conference information will be made available through our social media links on Facebook & Instagram.

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

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

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

Not at this time

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

We offer membership for Women's Health Nurses, and RNs working in Women's Health Specialised areas, in both public & private health settings, across Australia. Affiliate Membership is also open to student nurses and Aboriginal Health Workers.

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

Compiled by

*Roslyn Hollis*

President - Australian Women's Health Nurse Association Inc.

## CoNNMO Member Meeting Report – Oct 2024

### Name of organisation:

Cancer Nurses Society of Australia

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

- **June 2024 – CNSA Annual Congress** – CNSA's 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress took place in Brisbane from 19-21 June, 2024. The theme was Innovative Quality Care in A Digital Era and close to 600 delegates attended. The program featured sessions that took a deep dive into education innovations, advancements in cancer nursing and treatment, and the integration of digital health technologies, addressing the challenges and opportunities of the digital age.
- **August 2024 – Innaugural Cancer Nurses Day** – CNSA's inaugural Cancer Nurses Day took place on Thursday 15 August, and was our chance to shed light on the incredible work being done by the 7,500 cancer nurses nationwide and champion their remarkable contributions to improve patient outcomes in Australia. Over 230 events took place across the country celebrating the role that cancer nurses play in the Australian healthcare system to improve patient outcomes, from regional sites and major metropolitan hospitals, to NGO's and consumers who shared their stories. Cancer Nurse Day was also recognised in a video message of support from Assistant Health Minister the Hon Ged Kearney. Cancer Nurses Day will take place annually on the third Thursday in August.
- **Ongoing – CNSA Website Digital Transformation** – CNSA is currently undergoing a digital transformation, with a new website with improved functionality launching in December 2024.

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

CNSA's 2025 Annual Congress is a collaborative event between the Cancer Nurses Society of Australia (CNSA) and the International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care (ISNCC) focussed on the theme of **Global Voices, Local Actions: From Inspiration to Implementation**.

CNSA is privileged to partner with ISNCC for this landmark event and eagerly anticipate the opportunity to host cancer nurses from around the world here in Australia. Following a successful event in 2024 centred on **Innovative Quality Care in a Digital Era**, we will be returning to the Adelaide Convention Centre for this combined international Congress.

In this era of global connectivity, we see the Congress as a way of showcasing the important role of cancer nurses across the world – and providing a forum to share the nurse-led innovations and interventions that can be implemented in local healthcare settings.

## CoNNMO Member Meeting Report – October 2024

### Name of organisation:

Climate Action Nurses

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

- Official Launch of Climate Impact Portal - [Climate Impact Portal — Climate Action Nurses](#)
- Presentation delivered at the Australian Primary Health Nurses Association
- Over 500 learning events and impacts logged in the portal since August
- Finalisation of International Partnership with Colombia University and other Planetary Health Nursing Organisations [Nursing on the Frontlines of the Climate Crisis: Education for Action | Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health](#)
- Keynote address given at the *Leading Tomorrow Today*, Tasmanian nurses leadership program.
- Presentation delivered at the University of Tasmania
- International Collaboration with Health Care without Harm European Nurses Climate Challenge
- Representation with the CDNM and co-development of planetary health position statement
- Consultation to the Nursing and Midwifery Planetary Health Collaborative including co-authoring a declaration on planetary health
- Consultation and collaboration with the Australian College of Nursing Climate Health Faculty including representing CAN at webinars
- Members involved in the publication of the following research:

[Nursing in 2050: Navigating dual realities of climate change in healthcare - Ward - Nursing Inquiry - Wiley Online Library](#)

[Reconceptualizing nursing curricula for planetary health: A web-based desktop audit - ScienceDirect](#)

[Enhancing primary healthcare nurses' preparedness for climate-induced extreme weather events - Nursing Outlook](#)

[Dear earth: cultivating planetary empathy for the health of all - ScienceDirect](#)

[Full article: Celebrating Australian nurses who are pioneering the response to climate change: a compilation of case studies \(tandfonline.com\)](#)

[Embedding planetary health in nursing education: exploring the barriers and enablers to implementing changes in undergraduate Bachelor of Nursing curriculum - ScienceDirect](#)

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

- Virtual All Member Assembly Held 12 September

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

Dissemination of the Climate Impact Portal to member organisations  
Advertising the Nursing on the Frontlines course to begin in October

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

Each member organisation developing a position on planetary health and climate change  
Each member organisation developing a sustainability report to identify how they will contribute towards the transition of the health system

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

Developing sustainability reports, planetary health position statements and transition frameworks

Representing the national interests of nurses and midwives in all sectors of the health profession

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## CoNNMO Member Meeting Report – October 2024

### DRUG AND ALCOHOL NURSES OF AUSTRALASIA (DANA)

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

- Dr Adam Searby stepped down after four years in the DANA President role. Jennifer Harland was elected as the new DANA President and commenced in the role in August 2024.
- DANA held its annual conference in Adelaide (7-9 August 2024). The event featured specialised streams for Nurse Practitioners and Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) essentials. Attendees were inspired by daily keynote speakers, participated in six workshops, and engaged with over 30 abstract presentations. The conference was attended by 240 delegates.
- DANA is currently delivering another Triple C Program (Connecting, Coaching, and Changing Lives). This program is designed to support the professional development of drug and alcohol nursing professionals. The program aims to build confidence and competency in drug and alcohol treatment modalities. Initially aimed at nurse practitioners and candidates, it now also includes clinical nurse consultants and specialists interested in transitioning to the nurse practitioner role or enhancing their skills in managing alcohol and other drug use. The program focuses on evidence-based service provision, including Hepatitis C virus (HCV) education and management, and supports participants through mentoring, peer collaboration, and professional development opportunities.
- DANA is thrilled to announce the *Lead From Where You Are - Leadership Program for Drug and Alcohol Nurses*, a joint initiative by the Australian College of Nursing (ACN) and DANA. This program, set to commence in 2025, aims to support drug and alcohol nurses at every stage of their leadership journey.

#### 2. When is your national conference?

- DANA's 42nd Annual Conference will be held at The Langham, Gold Coast, 6-8 August 2025.

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

Not at this time

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

No

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

DANA can assist with any questions on how to best manage and support people impacted by substance use. Please contact: [admin@danaonline.org](mailto:admin@danaonline.org)

## CoNNMO Member Meeting Report – October 2024

**Name of organisation: Maternal Child and Family Health Nurses Australia (MCAFHNA)**

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

- Maternal Child and Family Health Nurses Australia (MCAFHNA) submission to the NSW Legislative Assembly Committee on Community Services inquiry into improving access to early childhood health and development checks.
- Ongoing stakeholder consultations with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) regarding the NMBA factsheet: Maternal, child and family health nurses and midwives in Australia. A regulatory perspective. MCAFHNA will continue to engage with NMBA now that the fact sheet has been rescinded to work towards solutions that affect Australia's child and family health nursing workforce.
- Developed webinars for MCAFHNA members
- Planning and conducting National Conference

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

The MCAFHNA conference in Brisbane was successful from 29-31 August, with over 380 attendees over the 3 days.

The four workshops were Health Dads, Health Kids; Infant and Perinatal Mental Health; Rainbow Families- Inclusive Practice for LGBTQ+ and Engaging Young Parents through Autonomy Supportive Practice.

The keynote speakers were **Alison Morton** – Chief Executive and a Fellow of the Institute of Health Visiting (UK); **Professor Lisa Gold** -Deakin Health Economics, Deakin University; **Helen Truby** - Professorial Research Fellow at University of Queensland; **Andrew Whitehouse** - Professor of Autism Research at the Telethon Kids Institute and The University of Western Australia; **Dr Divna Haslam** - Clinical Psychologist/Senior Research Fellow, Queensland University of Technology and **Danielle Broster** - Senior Prevention Officer, Australian Federal Police.

**Anne Hollonds**, Australia's National Children's Commissioner facilitated a panel discussion with **Jodie Griffiths-Cook**, ACT Public Advocate and Children and Young People Commissioner, **Jacqueline McGowan**, Commissioner for Children and Young People WA and **Liana Buchanan**, Victoria's Principal Commissioner for Children and Young People to explore the role of children's commissioner and how child and family health nurses can be involved in advocacy for children and families.

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

There is an ongoing difference in requirements for qualifications within the child and family health nursing workforce, and there is a need for standards for regulation of postgraduate courses to ensure children and parents are being provided with quality and competent care.

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

National adoption of the standards for practice for Maternal Child and family Health Nurses in Australia

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

Happy to take enquires

Dr Louise Wightman  
Chair Maternal Child and Family Health Nurses Australi

## CoNNMO Member Meeting Report – October 2024

This reporting template has been developed to assist sharing of information between CoNNMO members and to identify particular issues of importance to nursing and midwifery organisations.

Please provide a written report of approximately 500 words outlining relevant activities for reporting at the CoNNMO member meeting.

**Name of organisation: NMiDH – Nursing Midwifery in Digital Health**

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

Monthly 60-minute meetings

Published a blog editorial: [Transforming nursing and midwifery education with generative artificial intelligence](#)

Annual conference Saturday 3 August 2024 Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre – 53 delegates

Awarding of the Moya Conrick Award for best submitted abstract and presentation at the NMiDH conference

Two committee members attended the international Nursing Informatics Congress held in Manchester, UK July 2024

Represented the Australasian Institute of Digital Health [AIDH] on national and international networks:

- International Medical Informatics Association Nursing Informatics [IMIA-NI]
- Standards Australia Committee MB-027 Ageing Societies
- NHS England Phillip Ives Nursing & Midwifery Review

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

Likely to be 16 August 2025 Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

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

Promotion of conference on CoNNMO Conference Calendar when date confirmed

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

The impact of artificial intelligence on nursing and midwifery education  
The new healthcare service model: virtual care

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

Career pathways for those nurses and midwives interested in digital health

## CoNNMO Member Meeting Report – Sept 2024

**Name of organisation: OHNNG Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Nurses Group**

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

After convening our annual national conference in Perth in March this year it was planned to hold a roadshow of educational days around the country. These were Melbourne June 22<sup>nd</sup> @ Peter Mac Hospital. What an amazing venue. We had 124 nurses attend this day. We were very pleased with not only the attendance but the range and quality of the speakers. The day was truly a success. Delegates attended from as far as Sydney and also rural Victoria.

Next was in Sydney on July 27<sup>th</sup> @ Westmead Hospital. Originally, we had plan to host this meeting as it was to recognise World Head & Neck Cancer Day and the most fitting venue would have been Chris O'Brien Life House but unfortunately they could not accommodate us at the last minute and so we headed out to Westmead Hospital. Fortunately, Westmead was a great place for a meeting. We had just over 50 ENT nurses attend this day and a great day enjoyed by all in attendance.

The next meeting was in Adelaide on August 10<sup>th</sup>. This too was originally booked @ Tennyson Centre Kurralt Park but we had to change venue at the last minute due to new renovations that were taking place and fortunately Cancer Council SA allowed us to use their new venue in Eastwood. We had over 50 nurses attend and a packed program of 13 speakers. The day was a huge success and many reporting that the range and diversity of the program was the best they had attended in a long time.

Then down to Hobart on September 14<sup>th</sup> held at the Royal Hobart Hospital. There were 32 nurses that attended this day from all over Tasmania.

We have one remaining session to go and that will be in Brisbane on the 25<sup>th</sup> October. There are already 35 people booked to attend this. This will be held at the Princess Alexandra Hospital.

### **When is your national conference?**

**Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Nurses Group Inc. National Conference 28 - 30 March 2025 ICC Sydney, Sydney, NSW held concurrently with the  
THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY HEAD & NECK SURGERY (ASOHS)  
ASOHS ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING 2025 : Celebrating 75 years of Excellence and Expertise**

**Are there any issues that CoNNMO members may be able to assist your organisation with?** No not currently

**Are there any particular topics you wish CoNNMO to consider or present at member meetings?**(same as last report)

I have always enjoyed the variety and diversity of the format ... very happy to continue as it has been  
One topic I think I would like an is an update on VAD (voluntary assist dying) around the country where it is at currently.

**Are there any issues that you or your organisation may be able to assist other CoNNMO members with?**(same as last report) Possibly but a few words of encouragement to the smaller groups who are represented in CoNNMO

As we reflect on our journey, spanning an impressive 28 years, we are compelled to acknowledge the invaluable dedication of a select few within our organisation. It is through their unwavering commitment and steadfast leadership that we continue with resilience and purpose.

It is a testament to the profound impact that visionary leadership, coupled with genuine compassion can exert upon the longevity of smaller organisations such as ours. In recognising this, we honour not only the individuals who have tirelessly championed our cause but also their guidance and efforts upon which our organisation continues to exist.

We need to be reminded of the profound dedication in our mission: to the provision of education, resources and support. It is humbling to acknowledge that the fulfillment of our mandate requires nothing more than the investment of time and energy. By our shared values and fortified by our collective resolve, we shall persevere in our endeavour to empower and educate, ensuring the enduring legacy of our organisation for generations to come.

## CoNNMO Member Meeting Report – October 2024

**Name of organisation:** Professional Association of Nurses in Developmental Disability Australia Inc (PANDDA)

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

### **Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of People with Disability (DRC)**

The majority of PANDDAs work over the last 6 months relates to the recommendation from Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of People with Disability (DRC)

PANDDA is currently reviewing the Governments response to the recommendations released recently.

### **Roadmap implementation Governance Group**

The Roadmap Implementation Governance Group (RIGG) oversees implementation of the [National Roadmap for Improving the Health of People with Intellectual Disability](#) (roadmap).

PANDDA is a RIGG member continues to attend each meeting and advises on issues relevant to nursing and supports the rollout of agreed actions inline with the roadmap key objectives..

### **National Health Workforce**

PANDDA participated in the public consultation and entered a submission addressing the key concerns for nurses working in the disability space.

### **McGrath Foundation**

After a presentation at the last CoNMO meeting, The McGrath Foundation has reached out to consult with PANDDA to provide guidance on reasonable adjustments that need to be included into their nurse education material and for care plans for people with Intellectual and developmental disability .PANDDA attended the National meeting online and raised the issues for inclusion within the strategic plan.

### **Review of Disability Support Pension (DSP)**

PANDDA has been invited to consult on a review of DSP eligibility and is currently preparing feedback

### **Vax4Health**

PANDDA has been participating in a research project (Vax4Health) to co-design immunisation services with students with disability

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

PANDDA's 35<sup>th</sup>. annual conference will be held on Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 October 2024, at the Novotel Hotel in Sydney, Parramatta. The Conference Theme is "THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS – Wisdom, Reflection, Experience... 10 years on"

Reflecting on the theme of our 2014 conference, "Through the Looking Glass," this year's event offers a unique opportunity to examine the progress and challenges encountered over the past decade. We encourage you to participate actively in discussions, debates, and presentations that will enhance our collective understanding and expertise in intellectual developmental disability nursing.

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

None at this time

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

None at this time

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

PANDDA offers members and non-members regular CPD webinars on a range of topics. The webinars are free for members and \$40 for non-members. The webinars relate to intellectual developmental disability issues such as models of care, research, clinical issues, eliminating restricted practises.

PANDDA is also a partner in Every Nurses Business which is a free CPD programme to build the capacity of Registered Nurses to care for people with intellectual developmental disabilities

## CoNNMO Member Meeting Report – October 2022

**Name of organisation:** Renal Society of Australasia

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

We successfully held our face to face conference in Brisbane, Thursday, 13 June - Saturday, 15 June 2024.

Attendance was good-**450 delegates**

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

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

We are now planning on our next conference, which will be held in Melbourne, at the Melbourne Pullman Albert Park, 11-13th June 2025. Further details are [here](#)

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

None at the moment.

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

Workforce continues to be a major issue especially in remote communities. The RSA in collaboration with other peak bodies such as the Australian and New Zealand Society of Nephrology continue to advocate for workforce.

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

Not currently

**Dr Edward Zimbudzi**

**RSA Board Director**

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**Name of organisation:** The Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand

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

**Advocacy:**

The TSANZ has expanded our presence in both New Zealand and Australia this year, and has now drafted a total of 31 advocacy pieces across both countries, 2023 end-of-year record of 53 pieces and already in 2024 44 pieces. A full list of these pieces and more can be viewed from the TSANZ website [here](#)

Highlights:

- Keep Big Tobacco and Big Opioids Out of the Health Sector 3 Sept 2024
- [Media Release:](#) Health Sector Condemns Big Tobacco's Stealth Takeover of Medicines 2 Sept 2024
- A Breath of Fresh Air Inspires Female Academic 13 Aug 2024
- Media Release: TSANZ backs inhaler boycott over big tobacco 10 July 2024
- Mundi faces HCP tobacco boycott 10.7.24 am 8 July 2024
- [Media Release:](#) Lung Specialists Urge Immediate Passage of E-Cigarette Reforms Following Senate Debates 26 June 2024

**Respiratory Nursing as a Specialised Discipline – Consensus Statement**

The respiratory nurses specialised discipline working party has performed a Delphi survey build consensus as to those priorities of highest importance in progressing respiratory nursing as a specialised and leading profession within Australia and New Zealand healthcare. We have submitted our report and manuscript to TSANZ board and are awaiting ratification, prior to submitting for a journal for peer review.

**Australia's National Nursing Workforce Strategy – TSANZ Respiratory Nurses Response**

We have called for an EOI of our respiratory nurses SIG members to contribute to the TSANZ response to the public consultation.

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

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

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

Our national ASM will be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre, March 21-25 2025. Planning of a varied and exciting program around the theme 'Sustainable advances in lung health in a changing climate' is well underway. Preliminary information is available at [TSANZSRS ASM 2025 - Program Overview](#)

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[Save the date:](#) TSANZSRS Adelaide Convention Centre South Australia 21-25 March 2025

### Upcoming Events:

TSANZ NZ Branch ASM Millennium Hotel Queenstown 25-27 September 2024

[TSANZ/ ANZSRS \(nzrespiratoryasm.co.nz\)](https://nzrespiratoryasm.co.nz)

TSANZ education Hub, Melbourne 10-12 October 2024

Our carefully curated program showcases leading experts, covering a spectrum of topics from ground-breaking research in respiratory medicine to innovative educational strategies for promoting lung health

[Ed Hub 2024 | Home \(tsanzeducationhub.com.au\)](https://tsanzeducationhub.com.au)

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

- To support and promote respiratory nursing as a speciality area of professional nursing practice and support the development of future generations of respiratory nurse.  
*“Respiratory nurses are essential to the success of national strategies as a professional workforce, irrespective of clinical settings, as we are at the forefront of the delivery of world-class evidence-based respiratory care. The scope and diversity of acute and chronic respiratory care delivered encompasses numerous settings from primary care and occupational screening services to diagnostic services and inpatient and outpatient (acute and chronic) hospital services that are the focus of secondary and tertiary level care” (Smith et al 2022).*
- To improve the utilisation and role of the respiratory nurses in the healthcare workforce to work to the top of scope, advocating and recognising all advanced practice nursing and promoting nurse practitioners in all geographic areas and clinical practice settings to ensure we met the lung health needs of Australians
- To lobby the NMBA to include respiratory practice on the annual survey.

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

- Increasing the utilisation of Chronic Disease management plans for COPD and Asthma
- Supporting nurses with respiratory specialisation to work to the full scope of practice and to be included in the specialist that are eligible for referral within the team care arrangements

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

The TSANZ Nursing SIG as leaders in lung health are available to provide advice and assistance on all matters that relate to respiratory practice; including but not limited to, clinical care & treatment, research, education, health promotion and advocacy and more broadly lung health.

Catherine Buchan  
Australian Convenor  
TSANZ Respiratory Nursing SIG