



# College Communiqué

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## Chairperson's Letter

Dear Members,

Welcome to the August issue of *College Communiqué*.

I am sure many of you watched the opening of the London Olympic Games as I did. It was thrilling to see children's health care profiled in a tribute to the National Health Service.

Our turn to be in the world stage is between 24 – 27 August 2013 as ACCYPN hosts the 2013 ACCYPN Conference in association with the 4<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Paediatric Nursing. Be proud of your profession and the work you do, put the date in your diary and participate in any way you can. You can participate by promoting the Conference to your colleagues, submitting an abstract and attending. This is an opportunity for Children and Young People's Nurses to profile the excellent work that occurs.

The RCNA and The College of Nursing have unified and become one Organisation as of 1 July 2012. The new Organisation is the Australian College of Nursing (ACN). The benefit to ACCYPN members continues with the ACN. The individual membership fee for the ACN for ACCYPN members has reduced to \$200.00 per annum. To ensure you receive this new fee, RCNA members need to complete and return the form sent to them by RCNA to authorise their membership being moved to ACN.

RCNA members that authorise their move to ACN and

- pay monthly will automatically be charged the cheaper monthly rate as of July (\$20.67 down to \$16.67).
- pay annually will be credited any excess when their membership is due for renewal after the unification date.

ACCYPN looks forward to working with ACN to progress our partnership. If you are not a member of ACN, you can join at: <https://www.formstack.com/forms/?1159947-q7pH6aKCBJ>.

Regards, Jan Pratt - Chairperson, Board of Directors, ACCYPN

### Introducing ACCYPN Board Member – Leane Gough

My name is Leane Gough and I started my paediatric nursing career 36 years ago. Over the years I have worked as a lecturer in an Enrolled Nurse program, run my own business and even worked in an adult healthcare setting (albeit briefly). No matter what I have done, I have always seen myself as a paediatric nurse and have sought to find opportunities to interact with children and their families. I am currently part of the Safety, Quality and Performance team at the Child and Adolescent Health Service in Perth, WA in a role which sees me promoting and advocating for the unique needs of children and young people.

Outside of work, I have a husband and two adult children. I love to cook (but have never watched MasterChef!), am happy pottering in the garden, and derive great enjoyment from singing.

## Chapter Reports

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### Queensland Chapter

#### Networking evenings

Members continue to meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month – 6pm-8pm for networking. The venue is the Greek Club, Edmonston Street, South Brisbane. Hope to see you there.

#### Date Claimer – Friday 30 November 2012

The Queensland Chapter is holding a day-long Forum on “Prevention is everyone’s business” – put the date in your diary! The event will be available face to face and via webinar. All you need for a webinar is a computer with audio and internet access. More details coming soon.

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### Western Australia Chapter

#### CHAPTER EVENTS – Mid-year Dinner – Thursday 21 June

The WA Chapter conducted its annual mid-year Dinner on Thursday 21 June at the Lake Monger Recreation Club, Wembley. The topic for the evening was “Cyberspace and social media; the good, the bad and the ugly”. Cyberspace and social media is growing phenomenally, it is an amazing communication method which has many benefits, both personally and professionally due to the speed, quality and access to information. However cyberspace and social media are also fraught with danger. To discuss the good, the bad and the ugly aspects of cyberspace and social media we had three presentations, by four fabulous speakers who all approached the topic from different angles: Ms Rebecca Newton, Senior Nursing Officer, Nursing and Midwifery Office, Department of Health; followed by Ms Vicki Cope & Dr Joyce Hendricks Edith Cowan University and the Royal College of Nursing Australia; and finally Detective Senior Sergeant Lindsay Garratt, Officer in Charge Online Child Exploitation Squad, Sex Crime Division Western Australia Police.

Some comments from those that attended:

*“Very interesting and eye opening talks. I learnt heaps – great to have an awareness of what’s out there both in hospitals/community and uni’s”*

*“Most interesting, well researched presentations”*

*“Really great night. All presentations were excellent – really great content”*

*“Really interesting night – well done and thanks. Shame there didn’t seem to be anyone younger than 30; should be using Facebook to advertise / encourage Gen Y to join ACCYPN and attend such events”*

*“Most enjoyable evening and very informative”*

*“Excellent night, great food, fabulous topics and presenters – well done”*

*“Great venue, great parking, dinner excellent, speakers and topics valuable and topical +++.”*

The catering was by Golden Roast, who provided a nice roast dinner, just right for a mid-winter night. We were also fortunate to have four sponsors for the evening, Bayer, ENT Technology, Pfizer and Hesta; all of whom had a trade display at the venue.

#### Upcoming events – Clinical Supper – Tuesday 4 September 2012

##### “Spring is in the air”

Val Noble, CNS Allergy PMH will provide an update on the prevalence of allergies and anaphylaxis. How this increase has affected waitlists to services. What services are available, how to refer and what to do in the community regarding parent education, care and management.

Commencing 5.00pm in the Megazone, Level 7, PMH

Pizza and refreshments will be served

ACCYPN Members free, Non-members \$5.00

Register online at [www.accypn.org.au/chapters/chapters/western-australia/](http://www.accypn.org.au/chapters/chapters/western-australia/)

## **Western Australia Chapter continued:**

### **SCHOLARSHIPS & PRIZES**

#### **Report: Dorothy Clarke Scholarship recipient 2011 – Simon Green**

I was fortunate enough to receive the Dorothy Clarke Scholarship in 2011. The funding I received was put towards travel and accommodation for the internship component of Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner).

I undertook a five week clinical placement at two different Emergency Departments. My first placement was in a mixed (Adults/Paediatrics) Emergency Department at Albany Regional Hospital (regional WA). The Dorothy Clarke Scholarship provided me with an opportunity to see the Nurse Practitioner role in the rural setting.

I then travelled to NSW for a clinical placement at Westmead Children's Hospital. I gained firsthand experience by working with three Nurse Practitioners in the Emergency Department. The opportunity to travel to NSW and work in a tertiary Paediatric Emergency Department was highly valuable. It provided me with learning opportunities and insight into the extended role of the Nurse Practitioner.

While under supervision from Nurse Practitioners and Emergency Consultants, I was able to assess and treat children presenting to the Emergency Department with a variety of conditions including; minor injuries (fractures, dislocations, lacerations, eye injuries, head and scalp injuries) and minor illness (asthma/wheeze, croup, ear pain, diarrhoea/vomiting).

The experience I gained from travelling to regional WA and interstate for my NP internship was very beneficial and worthwhile. I am happy to say that I completed my Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) at the end of 2011. I have recently become an endorsed Nurse Practitioner and have undertaken a Nurse Practitioner role in the Emergency Department of Princess Margaret Hospital for Children.

I would like to express my appreciation to ACCYPN and thank everyone involved in the Dorothy Clarke Scholarship for providing me with this opportunity.

#### **Dorothy Clarke Scholarship 2012 Applications open**

The Dorothy Clarke Scholarship commemorates the significant contribution made by Dorothy Clarke to paediatric nursing education. The purpose of this Scholarship is to assist nurses working with children and young people to access funding for Professional Development activities that enhance their role in children's health. This Scholarship will be awarded to applicants for the following: Conference attendance, study tours, tuition fees associated with formal study or research where applicant is a Principal Investigator. Available funds - \$3,000. Eligibility is limited to nurses employed in WA who are financial members of the ACCYPN.

Application Form and Guidelines available at <http://www.accypn.org.au/pd/scholarship-opportunities/professional-development-funding/wa-scholarship/>

Further Information – please contact the ACCYPN Secretariat: [info@accypn.org.au](mailto:info@accypn.org.au) or 07 3348 7380

Applications close **Friday 31 August 2012**.

## **CoNNO Report**

Submitted by ACCYPN Board Member, Jacqui Burton

The most recent CoNNO meeting was held on 1 May 2012 at ANF House in Melbourne. This was the first time that I had attended this meeting. I would like to thank Sue Scott for her assistance and information about what to expect at the meeting and I would like to thank Sue and Jan Pratt for their assistance with the report that was submitted on behalf of the ACCYPN. This was an extremely interesting and insightful meeting to attend with approximately 30 representatives from various National Nursing Organisations in attendance.

Topics presented included:

- Nursing and Midwifery Health Program, presented by Glenn Taylor
  - A Victorian based Organisation that works with nurses who either, but not exclusively with, substance abuse or mental health issues. Initially developed with the ANF Vic Branch and the Victorian Nurses Board in 2004 and continued following the Nurses' Health Working Group in 2006.
  - The aims of the service are to act as an initial point of contact, referral and case management support to promote individual's health and wellbeing, reduce risks to those who use nursing and midwifery services, and provide support for employers managing those with health issues.
  - Referrals are confidential and can be made by APHRA, by the nurse or midwife themselves or by employers.

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- There have been several enquiries from other states and territories in developing a similar service.
- [www.nnhp.org.au](http://www.nnhp.org.au)
- Bush Support Services, presented by Colleen Niedermeyer from CRANAplus
  - They offer an Australia-wide confidential telephone debriefing and psychological support service, 24 hours a day.
  - The service is free to employers and employees.
  - Calls are answered by a psychologist with remote and rural cross cultural experience, offering a broad range of support, from debriefing after emergencies to practical coping strategies and survival tips to prevent burnout.
  - [www.bss.crana.org.au](http://www.bss.crana.org.au)
- Interprofessional Education(IPE) in Australia: Curriculum Development and Capacity Building, presented by Marie Manidis from the University of Technology Sydney, Mollie Burley and Jane Taylor from Monash University
  - The project has three components; a national audit of IPE, the development of a national curriculum framework and an IPE curriculum implementation guide – Curriculum renewal and interpersonal health education, and a state based IPE Consultation and development activity in WA.
  - The projects focus is to address the urgent need for curriculum renewal in health professional's education, in particular, the need to develop a national and systematic approach to IPE as a core element of the curriculum across all health professions.
  - <http://www.universitiesaustralia.edu.au>
- Health Professions Prescribing Project, presented by Health Workforce Australia
  - Health Workforce Australia was originally set up by Council of Australian Governments in 2008 to be the lead health workforce agency. Their four streams of key work are: information, analysis and planning, clinical education and training, workforce innovation and reform, and international health professional recruitment.
  - The projects objective is to develop a nationally consistent approach to prescribing by health professionals other than medical practitioners that supports safe practice, quality use of medicines and effectiveness of health care services.
  - The projects desired outcomes are to have a national approach to prescribing that covers important concepts such as prescribing models, competency attainment, registration/endorsement, safety, quality and practice issues.
  - [www.hwa.org.au](http://www.hwa.org.au)
- Other business:
  - Australian College of Nursing update
    - Debra Cerasa from The Royal College of Nursing, Australia and Tracey Osmond from the College of Nursing discussed that they were in the final stages of amalgamating to become the Australian College of Nursing, as of 1 July 2012.
    - They both felt that this amalgamation would be beneficial to members of both Organisations and to nursing nationally.
  - Secretariat Report was presented by Julianne Bryce
    - Re-election of CoNNO Council positions will be held in July 2012.
    - The CoNNO's strategic plan was currently being revised and there would be a survey to members to report on Secretariat services being sent out in July. I completed this survey in early August on behalf of the ACCYPN.
    - The 25<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial Congress for the International Council of Nurses will be held in Melbourne – 18-23 May 2013. The theme is: *Equity and Access to Health Care*. Registration opens in September. Abstracts for this Conference close on 14 September 2012. [www.icn2013.ch/en/](http://www.icn2013.ch/en/)