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IMPORTANT NOTES!

ACCYPN WEBSITE NEW FEATURE Password Retrieval

Your username =
"Surname" space "Firstname"
Please use this facility if you
have forgotten your password.

Still trouble logging in?

Possible solution - Your
computer is recording
passwords? You will need to
clear your internet passwords
and history (eg, Tools / Internet
Options / Delete Browsing
History / Delete Passwords)

EMAIL LISTING

To ensure that all emailed
ACCYPN correspondence
reaches you **please add**
info@accypn.org.au to your
address book and/or safe
senders list.

Dear Members

In 2009 two reports were released that if adopted will bring significant change to service delivery in the next few years. The National Health and Hospital Reform Commission Report¹ and Building a 21st Century Primary Health Care System: A Draft of Australia's First National Primary Health Care Strategy² were released in 2009. What does this proposed reform agenda mean for the ACCYPN?

In 2010 there will be opportunities at a state level and national level to influence the discussion and outcomes of the reform process. Some of the proposed changes may include the need for practice changes or expanded nursing roles. I think we need to embrace these opportunities as a College and work to advance practice in the area of Children and Young People's Health. We also need to advocate for children and young people's health care to positively influence the process or to speak out if we consider the reform process to be detrimental to children and young people's health care.

If you see an opportunity for the College to advocate during this reform process or on any other issue, please contact the Board via Secretariat (info@accypn.org.au). It is important that members are endorsed by the Board to represent the College on matters that relate to our mission and objects.

There have been some changes in the roles in the Board in the last couple of months. Judy Perrin has stepped down as Company Secretary. Judy has made a significant contribution in developing this role as the Inaugural Company Secretary. Marie Land has been Newsletter editor during 2009. Marie has now taken on the role of Company Secretary and Rosie MacLeavy will become the Newsletter editor. I sincerely thank Judy and Marie for their contribution in their respective roles.

I wish you and your families a happy and safe Christmas and New Year and look forward to working with you in the New Year.

Jan Pratt
Chairperson, ACCYPN

1. <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/nhhrc/publishing.nsf/Content/nhhrc-report>
2. <http://www.yourhealth.gov.au/internet/yourhealth/publishing.nsf/Content/nphc-draft-report-toc>

H1N1 Vaccination for Children Update

The Therapeutic Goods Administration has approved a vaccine for children between the ages of 6 months and 9 years. Children in this age group will require two doses of the vaccine at least 28 days apart. To learn more about this, check out website listed below:

http://www.health.gov.au/internet/healthemergency/publishing.nsf/Content/health-swine_influenza_index.htm

Chapter Reports

Western Australia Chapter Report



Dr Colleen Fisher

The final WA Chapter event for 2009 was a clinical supper and certificate presentation in November. Dr Colleen Fisher from the University of WA presented her research regarding the *"Nature and context of family and domestic violence in 5 African communities from a refugee background in Perth"*. The research was conducted using a Participatory Action research. The findings were sobering and thought provoking. The community has embraced the concept and there is great buy into move forward to address the issues.

During the evening, the Scholarship presentations were also made, congratulations must go to the worthy recipients of the awards. Two scholarships are supported by the Dorothy Clarke Fund managed by the WA Chapter; the Lady Court Scholarship which is co-funded by Princess Margaret Hospital for Children and the Professional Development Scholarship. Sadly, Lady Court passed away in May this year.

The 2009 Lady Court Scholarship was awarded to two recipients: **Sally Wilson** to assist with the cost of data retrieval for her PhD studies looking at Nurse sensitive indicators for paediatric care, and **Maryanne Pestell** to complete her Master of Leadership and Management studies, which she puts to good use in the development of Paediatric Ambulatory care services in WA.

The Professional Development Scholarship was awarded to three recipients: **Leonora MacTavish** to assist with registration for the 19th Annual Mental Health Conference conducted in Perth this year, **Georgia Henman** to assist with expenses to attend the Australian Association for Infant Mental Health and The Australian Marce Society Conference titled *"The Infant, the Family and the Modern World"* held in Melbourne last month, and **Katie Anderson** to contribute to course fees for the final unit for her PGDip Child and Adolescent Health, Curtin University.



Leonora MacTavish and Pam O'Nions

Di Juliff has decided to step down as an ACCYPN Director due to work and family commitments as of February 2010. A big thanks to Di who has worked tirelessly for the organisation. She has been on the state executive and WA representative for ACPCHN for many years prior to taking on the role of Director on the Board of ACCYPN. Please put on your thinking caps, we will call for nominations for the Casual Director position in the near future. The nomination forms will be sent to the WA membership via the Secretariat. Also, we are seeking new members for the WA Chapter Working Group; again a call for nominations will be circulated in the next few weeks via the ACCYPN Secretariat. The job is not onerous, however does require commitment, the primary activities being the education events, scholarship management and the financial management of the Dorothy Clarke Fund.

Pam O'Nions, Coordinator, WA Chapter

Tasmania Chapter Report

Tasmanian membership numbers have declined slightly with the transition from ACPCHN to ACCYPN; however there are still many committed members who are enthusiastic in being actively involved in the organisation. Launceston was the location for a clinical supper in September where we had an excellent time of networking while gaining valuable knowledge through an education session on paediatric sedation. Dr Nadine Sharples (paediatric Registrar for the Children's Ward and Emergency department) was our speaker and she gave us some excellent strategies and new information to think about regarding this topic. On Saturday 31 October, we held a very successful study day in Hobart. The invited speakers discussed a variety of topics of particular current relevance to paediatrics and child and family health. As state coordinator it has been a pleasure to work with a dedicated team of members who are always willing to put forward ideas and contribute to organising Chapter Events.

I have recently taken up a position as a Director on the Board of ACCYPN and look forward to having some closer input and more hands on involvement with the organisation.

Rosie MacLeavy, Coordinator, Tasmania Chapter

Governor General Reception

In May 2009 the Australian Governor-General Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC accepted the ACCYPN Board's invitation to become the patron of our College. Due to her patronage the College was invited to attend a reception in honour of the organisations that both the Governor General and her husband, Mr Michael Bryce are the patron of. The afternoon reception was held on Friday the 2nd of

October at Government House in Canberra. The ACCYPN Board felt that this was an excellent opportunity to meet the Governor General and thank her for her patronage of the College. Board Director Jacquie Burton attended on behalf of the College. She had the opportunity to meet with the Governor General and thank her for her patronage.

The Governor General and Mr Bryce

are patrons to over 270 different organisations. Approximately 100 of these organisations were represented at this reception. The organisations varied considerably and included medical and children's charities as well as music, arts, sporting and military organisations. There was an eclectic mix of people leading to very interesting conversations in the room during the reception.

Safeguarding Children – Core Curriculum for Nursing and Midwifery Students

The Centre for Midwifery, Child and Family Health, Faculty of Nursing, Midwifery and Health at UTS is currently undertaking a consultancy for the Australian Centre for Child Protection. The *Nurturing and Protecting Children: Nursing and Midwifery Curriculum Standards Project* has been undertaken by a national taskforce to help develop and promote recommended curriculum standards for Australian pre-registration and postgraduate programs in nursing and midwifery in relation to child abuse and neglect. ACCYHN was invited to make representation on this taskforce and one of its members, Dr Jennifer Fraser represented ACCYPN in this project.

A comprehensive review undertaken by the project team found that: child protection is increasingly being conceived of, both in Australia and internationally, as something including but greater than protection from harm and encompassing the aim of promoting the fulfilment of the child's potential. This approach depends greatly on the ability of all health professionals but particularly those involved in primary health care (community nurses, midwives and other health professionals in community settings such as general practitioners and dentists) having

an understanding, willingness and ability to identify child abuse, to recognise vulnerable families and individuals and to intervene as and when appropriate.

Nurses and midwives working in either acute or primary care settings need to be prepared for recognising and responding to child abuse and neglect. Nurses working in acute areas like Accident and Emergency and Paediatrics, where they may be the first point of contact for children and families, together with nurses and midwives in community care settings or settings where they provide continuity of care, are more likely to be in situations where they need to recognise the signs or risk factors of child abuse and neglect and be able to intervene appropriately. For nurses, these continuity of care roles may include: child and family health nurses; school nurses; nurses involved in caring for families with mental health issues; nurses involved in caring for families with drug and alcohol issues.

The following benchmarks for inclusion of content in curricula are being considered by the project team¹.

1. Nationally-consistent core values, learning outcomes, and principles for learning and teaching content on nurturing and protecting children are adopted for curricula

accreditation standards¹

2. Content on nurturing and protecting children is explicitly linked, across curricula, to content on health and wellbeing across the lifespan
3. Nursing and midwifery graduates demonstrate knowledge of and skills in child protection suitable for their level of practice
4. Support structures are available and accessible for the use of nursing and midwifery students, nurses, and midwives who have experienced abuse and neglect, or have been affected by issues of child abuse and neglect encountered in the course of their learning or their practice
5. Interdisciplinary approaches to teaching and learning content on nurturing and protecting children are adopted for curricula
6. Regular evaluation of content on nurturing and protecting children takes place and involves academic staff with experience in child protection and family health, and representatives from child protection agencies.

Reference

¹ Taken from draft *Nurturing and Protecting Children: Nursing and Midwifery Curriculum Standards Project document*

More on the Web about Safeguarding Children

The Australian Institute of Family Studies recent publications can be accessed free on-line. Several recent publications are useful references regarding child protection. Visit the websites listed for informative, contemporary papers.

Children's Commissioners – Roles and Responsibilities

<http://www.aifs.gov.au/nch/pubs/sheets/rs15/rs15.html>

Child Protection Legislation in Australian Jurisdictions

<http://www.aifs.gov.au/nch/pubs/sheets/rs14/rs14.html>

Infant Abuse and Neglect

<http://www.aifs.gov.au/nch/pubs/issues/issues30/issues30.html>

There have been two new laws introduced in Queensland recently to further safeguard children. From 11 March 2010, it is law for all children up to seven years of age to be correctly restrained according to their size and age.

http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/Home/Safety/Road/Motor_vehicle/Child_restraints/

Deputy Premier and Minister for Health, Paul Lucas released a media statement outlining his Government's anti-smoking reforms and this latest addition to those reforms expected to start in January 2010,

<http://www.cabinet.qld.gov.au/MMS/StatementDisplaySingle.aspx?id=67155>

Children and Young People in South Australia

The Council for the Care of Children in South Australia has published a framework for improving the lives of young South Australians. It addresses five dimensions of children's lives: health; safety; achievement and enjoyment of life; relationships with family, peers, community, culture and society; and preparedness for adulthood. Following is a link to the publication:

<http://www.childrensa.sa.gov.au/Documents/lookout-ygsa-framework.pdf>

A Snapshot of Early Childhood Development in Australia – AEDI National Report 2009 will be available from December 2009. The report provides the first national snapshot of early childhood development in Australia.

http://www.rch.org.au/australianedi/index.cfm?doc_id=6210

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http://www.chw.edu.au/parents/journal_articles/view.php?id=11086 - Evaluating hospital school services' collaborative model of service delivery

http://www.chw.edu.au/parents/journal_articles/view.php?id=11087 - The management of preoperative anxiety in children: an update

http://www.chw.edu.au/parents/journal_articles/view.php?id=11088 - Survey of pediatric hospitals' preparation programs: evidence of the impact of health psychology research

http://www.chw.edu.au/parents/journal_articles/view.php?id=11089 - Parental presence on pediatric intensive care unit rounds

http://www.chw.edu.au/parents/journal_articles/view.php?id=11090 - What's new is old: maximizing the benefits of parental presence at bedside rounds through 100 years of insights from the literature

http://www.chw.edu.au/parents/journal_articles/view.php?id=11091 - Making choices: why parents present to the emergency department for non-urgent care

http://www.chw.edu.au/parents/journal_articles/view.php?id=11092 - Qualitative methodology and the child life researcher: making connections to support evidence-based practice

http://www.chw.edu.au/parents/journal_articles/view.php?id=11093 - Transitioning patients with cystic fibrosis from pediatric to adult care: a lifelong process

http://www.chw.edu.au/parents/journal_articles/view.php?id=11094 - Examining child life support for infants undergoing retinopathy of prematurity eye exams: a pilot study

http://www.chw.edu.au/parents/journal_articles/view.php?id=11095 - Developmentally-supportive care: child life in the NICU

http://www.chw.edu.au/parents/journal_articles/view.php?id=11096 - Article review: reflective journaling for self-assessment and writing initiatives