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Chairperson's Letter

Dear Members,

Welcome to the October issue of *College Communiqué*.

It is just a couple of weeks until the inaugural ACCYPN Conference. The scientific program is an excellent program and if you are able to attend the networking opportunities will also be excellent.

You are still able to register - go to:

<http://www.accypn2011.eventplanners.com.au/Registration.aspx>

You may remember we called for persons interested in being on a committee to plan the 2013 Conference in Melbourne. I am happy to say we had a number of volunteers and we have had one meeting. You will hear more of the work of this group after the 2011 Conference.

I would also like to encourage you to go to the online section of the website, <http://www.accypn.org.au/pd/online-learning/>. There are now two programs available. Given the feedback we have received I think this area will grow, so watch this space!

I hope I can meet many of you at the Conference.

Regards,

Jan Pratt - Chairperson, Board of Directors, ACCYPN



INAUGURAL CONFERENCE
Sydney 19-21 October 2011

Navigating New Directions
In children and young people's health care

It is only days away until we conduct our inaugural Conference as the ACCYPN and this Conference builds on 20 years of Conferences as the ACPCHN.

Soon we will be gazing at Botany Bay from the Novotel Hotel in Brighton Beach awaiting the opening of the Conference. We are very excited and are confident that the event will be an outstanding success.

The Keynote and MC Prof Philip Darbyshire will lead the event. Our keynote speakers Dame Elizabeth Fradd, Molly Carlisle and Margaret Sims will be tremendous and the concurrent papers and posters showcasing the work that you and your colleagues have done will be fabulous. Not to mention the networking opportunities and social activities – See you there!

Chapter Reports

Queensland Chapter

On 6 September 2011, the Queensland Chapter held a Clinical Forum – *Don't Be Caught Out! Health Professionals in the Courtroom*. The presenter was Dr Catherine Skellern, Forensic Paediatrician, Child Advocacy Service, Royal Children's Hospital, Brisbane.

The event was very successful with 102 delegates registered. There were 29 delegates at the Face to Face session and 73 delegates via video Conference from across Queensland and interstate.

The demand was so high for the session we have created a webcast of the session. For more information go to www.accypn.org.au/pd/online-learning/health-professionals-in-the-courtroom to register and pay for the session.

Western Australia Chapter

Clinical Supper "Family Friendly Initiative"

A clinical supper was conducted in the Megazone at PMH on Tuesday 23 August 2011. Our guest speaker was Dani Barnes, Clinical Nurse Manager of the Mental Health Unit at Joondalup Hospital. Dani and her team were awarded the 2010 APHA/Baxter Award for Quality and Excellence - for their innovative Family Friendly Initiative in the mental health unit. Dani gave a fabulous presentation outlining how staff from the mental health unit have taken a leading role in ensuring the unit is set up to support and enable parents to continue their parenting role while receiving treatment as an inpatient. The Family Friendly Initiative has enabled the patients at the Joondalup Health Campus to better understand the importance of continuing their parenting role despite their mental illness. Children of parents with a mental illness are two to three times more likely to experience significant social, emotional, behavioural and mental health disorders during childhood, adolescence and adulthood. This is often related to the psychosocial consequences of mental illness, such as stigma, social isolation and relationship breakdown, rather than the symptoms of the illness itself. The Joondalup Health Campus program gives children clear, age-appropriate information that explains mental illness and provides activities and family friendly areas that are non-clinical so that families can spend time together while the parent is an inpatient. "This innovative program at Joondalup Health Campus is leading the way in helping patients meet the challenges of parenting with mental illness."

Mid Year Dinner

The WA Chapter hosted a dinner on Tuesday 21 June 2011. The event was held in the Allen Park Pavilion, Swanbourne and was catered by Golden Roast with the generous sponsorship from Bayer, Pfizer and ENT Technologies. Twenty-seven people attended this very successful event which focussed drugs and alcohol. Our speakers were wonderful - Sadie Geraghty, Clinical Midwifery Consultant Women and Newborn Drug and Alcohol Service (WANDAS) gave a very insightful presentation about WANDAS – what they do and who they care for. Sadie was awarded Midwife of the Year in the Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards 2010 for her work. Dr Colleen O'Leary PhD NHMRC, Post-Doctoral Research Fellow National Drug Research Institute, talked about Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), looking at clinical practice issues in community and hospital settings. She is a very passionate advocate for both the families and nurses in the management of FASD and has recently completed her PhD in this area.

Upcoming events

The final event for 2011 will be a Clinical Supper, Tuesday 15 November 2011 and flyers will go out shortly.

ACCYPN Student Excellence Award

The ACCYPN (WA Chapter) give special recognition to the outstanding achievement of a student through the Award of the Student Excellence Award. The recipient of this Award for the group that graduated in August 2011 has demonstrated academic and clinical excellence throughout the Postgraduate Paediatric Nursing Program conducted by Princess Margaret Hospital for Children. We would like to congratulate Jodie Pengelly; she has been an asset to the PMH staff and must be commended on her unit project 'A training needs analysis of rural and remote nurses in caring for a sick child' will assist in the planning of educational activities conducted by PMH.



Jodie Pengelly and Pam O'Nions (WA Chapter Coordinator)

CoNNO Meeting Report

The recent CoNNO meeting was held in Sydney on 19 August 2011. Thirty-five member organisations were represented and were welcomed by the Chair of CoNNO Council, Kim Ryan. Following CoNNO Council and member reports, the following guest speakers presented: Peter Fleming CEO National E Health Transition Authority (NEHTA), Leena Sudano Health and Community Services Complaints Commissioner of South Australia, Sue Bellino (ANF Political Co-ordinator) Effective Political Campaigning and Media Training Workshop. The CoNNO National Nurse Credentialing Framework and Tool Kit was launched and will soon be available on the website. Details of the speaker presentations are also available - conno.org.au.

I was formally thanked by Kim Ryan for my contribution to CoNNO as an ACCYPN representative as this was my last meeting. I also wish to thank the ACCYPN Board for the opportunity to represent ACCYPN.

Sue Scott, ACCYPN Board of Directors

Journal Management Board Announcement

On behalf of the Journal Management Board of the NPCHN journal, I am pleased to officially inform the members of ACCYPN that the new Associate Editor of the journal representing the Australian College of Neonatal Nurses is now Dr Victoria Kain (RN MN NICC RCNA PhD).

Vicki is currently Program Director of the Bachelor of Nursing and Honours Courses Coordinator in the School of Nursing and Midwifery at the University of Queensland. She is an active member of ACNN and has research, publication, proofreading and peer reviewing experience and is currently undertaking a "Professional Editing & Proofreading" course. We welcome Vicki to the JMB, and anticipate she will be a valuable addition to the editorial team.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Trudi Mannix RN, RM, NICC, Grad. Dip. Hlth Couns., BN (Ed), MN, EdD – Chairperson, Journal Management Board Lecturer, Nursing and Midwifery, Flinders University, Adelaide, Australia

CALL FOR PAPERS

Neonatal, Paediatric and Child Health Nursing - "Mental Health" Special Issue November 2012 - CALL FOR PAPERS. Mental health for children and young people has an increasing profile in policy and practice. In November 2012 the Neonatal Paediatric and Child Health Nursing (NPCHN) Journal will publish a "Mental Health" special issue at a time of recognition of the needs of this vulnerable group and their families.

The Journal Management Board of NPCHN is announcing a CALL FOR PAPERS which explore this important topic in relation to early identification, management, service delivery and policy within the contexts of infants, children and young people. Please visit: <http://www.npchn.com/>

Report from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (www.aihw.gov.au)

Headline indicators for children's health, development and wellbeing, 2011

This report provides the latest available information on how Australia's children aged 0-12 years are faring according to the Children's Headline Indicators – 19 priority areas covering health status, risk and protective factors, early learning and care and family and community environments. The Children's Headline Indicators are designed to help guide and evaluate policy development by measuring progress on agreed priority areas for children and have been endorsed by Ministerial Councils for health, community and disability services and education. Australian children are faring well, but results vary between states and territories and across particular population groups, such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and those in remote or socioeconomically disadvantaged areas. It is clear, therefore, that there is scope for further gains across a number of indicators. Here is a link to the report: <http://www.apo.org.au/research/headline-indicators-childrens-health-development-and-wellbeing-2011>

The College of Nursing - Graduate Certificate in Paediatric Nursing Studies

Available via Distance Education

The popular Graduate Certificate in Paediatric Nursing Studies is now delivered totally by distance education - there are no compulsory on campus workshops, instead students engage in a lively online environment.

The course consists of four subjects over two semesters. Students have the opportunity to undertake study in one of four speciality streams: General stream | Oncology stream | Emergency stream | ICU stream

Here is a link to details on this Graduate Certificate and its speciality streams:

http://www.nursing.edu.au/pdf/Graduate_Certificate_Paediatric_Nursing_Studies.pdf

Applications for DOH funded positions close 14 October 2011

Interesting Links

Productivity Commission

Source: ARACY Newsletter 26 August 2011

The fifth in the series of reports *Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage: Key Indicators 2011* has been released. Commissioned by the Council of Australian Governments, the Report's strategic framework helps track over time the extent to which government policies and other actions are making a difference to overcoming Indigenous disadvantage. Of 45 quantitative indicators, improvement is shown in outcomes for 13 indicators – including employment, educational attainment and home ownership. For 10 indicators, including many health and school education outcomes, there has been no significant improvement, while for another seven, including social indicators such as criminal justice, outcomes have deteriorated.

The 25th Anniversary of Norway's Olweus Bullying Prevention Program and the publication of a paper on Anti-Bullying Initiatives by US Researcher Susan Carter

Source: ARACY Newsletter 12 August 2011

The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program was developed in the early 1980's by pioneering researcher Dan Olweus and encourages adults and students to work together to restructure the social climate of a school to reduce the incidence of bullying. The program has been evaluated in several quasi-experimental studies in Norway and the US and several related programs have been evaluated across Europe and Canada. Its success has been remarkable and its credibility is high. The message behind the success of the program is simple: change the school culture to reduce opportunities and rewards for bullying behaviour and create a sense of community where everyone looks out for each other. The program relies on four principles: adults in the school should show interest and warmth towards students, act as positive role models, set firm limits for unacceptable behaviour and respond quickly to student concerns about bullying using appropriate negative consequences for violation of rules. Another important aspect is to teach children that bystanders have a responsibility to prevent bullying by refusing to support it and by reporting it to adults.

Meanwhile, a paper on Anti-bullying failures: the gap between knowledge and practice shows a significant gap exists between what is known to effectively address bullying and what is delivered in schools. Susan Carter, of Dowling College, New York, says that the knowledge of how to identify children who bully and how to change bullying behaviour has not always resulted in changes in practice. Her useful overview of bullying research points to promising interventions. Visit the ARACY website to access further recent research and reports (www.aracy.org.au)

The Commissioner for Children and Young People (Western Australia), Michelle Scott writes:

The *Profile of Children and Young People in Western Australia* is both a comprehensive report and a website that describe the State's population of under 18 year-olds through current data on population distribution, diversity and family characteristics.

Developed primarily from Australian Bureau of Statistics data, the Profile provides an understanding of our youngest citizens with information on topics such as birth rate, housing, gender distribution, education, religion and involvement in the criminal justice system.

It highlights key information that can be used by policy makers and planners in government and the private sector to develop better programs and services for children and young people and their families. For example:

- The number of 0 to 4 year-olds in WA has increased by 21.5% in the past 10 years.
- The number of children and young people in WA will increase by 64% in the next 45 years.
- 40.7% of the Aboriginal population is younger than 18 years.
- 63% of 2 and 3 year-olds in WA attend some type of child care.
- 64.4% of Aboriginal children and young people live outside the Perth Metropolitan area.
- 6.7% of 0 to 15 year-olds in WA are living with a disability, long-term illness or pain.
- 4 in 10 humanitarian entrants to WA are children and young people.
- About 1 in 3 families in the Kimberley are one-parent families.
- In almost 60% of couple families with children younger than 15 years, both parents are employed.

The Profile is the first phase of my Wellbeing Monitoring Framework, which will measure how WA's children and young people are faring and enable comparison with national and international data.

Find the full report at Profile of Children and Young People in Western Australia at www.ccyp.wa.gov.au
