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ACCYPN Communique: April 2026

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College Communique



Welcome to the **April 2026** edition of the College's Communique.

Board of Directors Update

Conference 2026:

- We have confirmed several keynote speakers - see the conference web page for info.
- 2 panel sessions planned: 1. Planetary Health, 2. Workforce

- 3 master classes planned: 1. Writing for publication and becoming a peer reviewer, 2. Planetary Health, 3. Youth Psychosocial Assessment
- Abstracts submissions are open and will close on 27th April. Help shape the conference content by submitting an abstract.
- Super Early Bird registration is open
- Please forward the flyers on the website thru your networks
- <https://www.accypn.org.au/conference-2026>

APPNA:

- The next Asia Pacific Paediatric Nurses Association conference is being held in Sri Lanka in July this year, registrations are open: <http://www.ap-pna.com/>
- APPNA's first international Webinar will be held on the 9th May - a flyer will be released soon, stay tuned and lock in the date in your diary. It will be held on zoom with 6 different international speakers on a variety of topics.

Journal:

- Work continues by the Board of both the ACCYPN and MCaFHNA.

Chapters:

- WA continues to offer regular events
- NSW had their first event, stay tuned for more

Position Statements:

- 2 new position statements are in planning stages, immunisations and gender affirming care and LGBTIQ+SB care are being developed.

Credentialing:

- This work is being led by Alicia Bell, the BOD plans to review various parts of the credentialing process. If you are a credentialed C&YP nurse or are interested in this, details will come to members soon to be involved in the review

Affiliations

- Jacquie Burton, Alicia Bell and Melisa Young continue their work on the working group looking at postgraduate course accreditation with HESA, currently looking at Family and Child Health Courses

Standards of Practice:

- Work is ongoing by Melissa Young and Dr Pam O’Nions reviewing this document.

Submissions:

- Federal Department of Health review of the MAIF agreement is open for review. The College held a forum on the 8th of April to respond to the questions the government established and online questions that will make up the content of the submission.
- NMBA review of the RN and EN Standards of Practice was submitted. Thanks to all the members that participated and provided feedback.

Regards Jacquie

Chairperson ACCYPN



ACCYPN Conference 2026 – call for abstracts closes Monday 27 April

We are pleased to announce that the Australian College of Children and Young People’s Nurses (ACCYPN) 2026 Conference will be held on **1–2 October 2026** at the Royal Children’s Hospital, Victoria. A pre-conference workshop and masterclasses will take place on **Wednesday 30 September 2026**.

Call for Abstracts

We warmly invite you to submit an abstract aligned with the conference theme:
“Future proofing children and young people’s health.”

Conference themes include:

- **Our People:** Workforce changes and planning
- **Our Practice:** Evolving roles, scope of practice, and innovative/efficient models of care
- **Our Planet:** Environment, sustainability, and global child health

Submission Details

- Abstract submissions are now open
- **Closing date:** Monday, 27 April 2026
- **Notification of acceptance:** 1 June 2026
- All abstracts will undergo blind review

To submit your abstract online, please [CLICK HERE](#). Should you have difficulty accessing Google Forms, kindly complete the attached template and return it via email to secretary@accypn.org.au.

Please note that all accepted presenters (Oral, Poster, and Rapid Fire Oral) are required to register for the conference.

We encourage you to share this opportunity within your professional networks.

For further information about the conference, including keynote and invited speakers, pre-conference masterclasses, and the ACCYPN Standards of Practice validation workshop, please click on the links below

[ACCYPN Conference 2026 “Future proofing children and young people’s health”](#)

[Keynote and invited speakers](#)

[Pre-conference Masterclasses](#)

[ACCYPN Standards of Practice for Children and Young People’s Nurses; validation workshop](#)

On behalf of the Conference Committee, I extend our warmest invitation to join us in Melbourne. We look forward to welcoming you to what promises to be a professionally rewarding and enjoyable event.

Kind regards,

Jaquie Burton

Chair, ACCYPN 2026 Conference Committee



Become a Credentialed Children and Young Peoples Nurse

Have you considered credentialing? Credentialing recognises your expertise in caring for children and young people. ACCYPN credentialing is a peer-reviewed process that provides formal acknowledgement

of your knowledge, experience, and commitment to high-quality, evidence-based nursing practice. It's an important way to strengthen professional identity, credibility, and leadership within our specialty.

Credentialing (valid for 3 years)

	New (Valid for 3 years)	Renew (Valid for 3 years)
ACCYPN Member	\$180.00	\$130.00
Non-member	\$455.00	\$405.00

For more information visit <https://www.accypn.org.au/credentialing>, view the flyer: [ACCYPN Credentialing](#), or contact us at credentialing@accypn.org.au



JCYPH: Vol. 7 No. 1 Now Available

Volume 7 Number 1 of the Journal of Children and Young People's Health (JCYPH) is now available at <https://www.accypn.org.au/jcyph-member-access>, please note this is a member only page so you will need to log in to access.

Official Journal of

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

Maternal, Child and Family Health Nurses Australia Ltd (MCAFHNA)

What's inside

Editorial: [Planetary health and climate change: strengthening the voice and bolstering health and wellbeing in children and young people](#) Elizabeth M Forster, Sandra Johnston, Melisa Young and Naomi Tuttici

Discussion: [Maternal and child health nursing: Recommendations for enhancing prevention, screening and management of birth trauma in Western Australia](#) Emma Snelgar, Anita Moyes

Research report: [Animal assisted intervention: optimising experiences in a paediatric pop-up clinic](#) Tina Gustin, Jessica Parrot, Carolyn Rutledge

Position statement: [Planetary health and its impact on children and young people](#) ACCYPN Board of Directors

WA Chapter Clinical Supper

Resilient Nurses, Healthy Children, Thriving Planet: A Retreat for Nurses who Care for Children



Join Guest Speaker Tracey Moroney and Facilitator Kiely O'Flaherty for a unique experience at the Kings Park Education Centre - designed especially for nurses who care for children, young people and their families. With a focus on sustainability and our deep connection to the natural world, this retreat honours the vital role nurses play in fostering resilient communities and thriving future, and offers participants and opportunity to step away from the demands of daily practice.

Date: Tuesday 28th April 2026

Time: 2pm-6.30pm

Location, Kings Park, WA

[Register here](#)

More Info: [WA Chapter Clinical Supper Apr 2026](#)

Australian College of Nursing (ACN) Discount for ACCYPN Members

Did you know?

ACCYPN Members receive a 20% discount on ACN membership fees!

To join the ACN go to

<https://members.acn.edu.au/JoinNow>

When creating your profile select affiliate Australian College of Children and Young Peoples Nurses as the full name, not acronym. The bronze affiliate badge appears next to organisation name, making it easier to identify,

Existing ACN members, please log in and update profile to include Australian College of Children and Young Peoples Nurses or contact affiliation@acn.edu.au

If you have not received your discount, please contact membership@acn.edu.au

The discount is applicable to general members and saves up to \$84 annually, reducing monthly payments from \$32.75 to \$25.75.



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Scope of Nursing Work and Models of Service Delivery in Australian Primary and Secondary Schools: A Scoping Review

Anita Moyes, Chelsey Williams, Elizabeth Rankin, Imelda Hoodcamp, Eliza-Jane Potter, Brent A. Hayward

A new Edith Cowan University (ECU) study has highlighted the need for a national approach to school nursing, with research suggesting Australian students receive varying levels of support depending on their school and location. Dr. Anita Moyes from ECU's School of Nursing and Midwifery is the lead author of the study published in the *Journal of Advanced Nursing*, which mapped the scope of nursing work and models of delivery in Australian primary and secondary schools.

Read the full article here:
[Journal of Advanced Nursing: Moyes et al.](#)

BEST SEPSIS CARE FOR OUR KIDS
 National Forum
 FREE event for healthcare workers
 Wednesday 22nd April
 1:30pm-3:45pm AEST
 ONLINE (Zoom)
 Paediatric Sepsis Week 19-25 April 2026

Scan or click to register

Best Sepsis Care for our Kids

Best Sepsis Care for our Kids is a national online forum held during Paediatric Sepsis Week, dedicated to raising awareness of sepsis in children and improving outcomes for families across Australia.

This year's forum will bring together leading clinicians, researchers, and consumer advocates who are driving improvements in paediatric sepsis care nationwide. The program will cover key topics including sepsis recognition and treatments, consumer stories, learnings from the parents' experience, quality improvement initiatives, post sepsis care and innovations in early recognition, offering valuable insights across the full continuum of the sepsis journey.

Best Sepsis Care for our Kids is a FREE online event, open to healthcare professionals, parents, carers, and anyone with an interest in improving outcomes for children with sepsis.

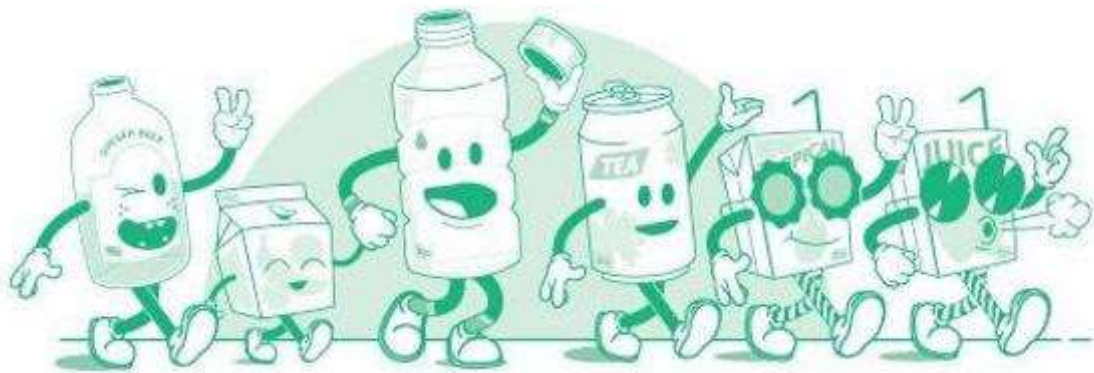
View the program: [Best Sepsis Care for our Kids - Program](#)

More info: [Best Sepsis Care for our Kids Poster](#)

Date & Time: Wednesday 22nd April - 1:30PM-3:45PM AEST

[Register Here](#)

Containers for Change: Donate your container refunds to ACCYPN!



Members and non-members from Queensland and Western Australia can donate their container refunds to ACCYPN via the Containers for Change program.

To donate, use the relevant barcode or QR code below.



ACCYPN Fellow Profiles



Adj. Prof. Kathryn Riddell

Executive Director Nursing Services/Chief Nursing Officer, Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne

[Fellow Profile - Kathryn Riddell](#)



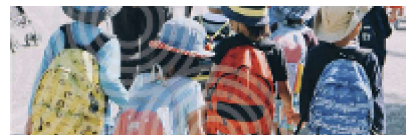
Prof. Debbie Long

Professor of Nursing, Queensland University of Technology

[Fellow Profile - Debbie Long](#)



**Nurse practitioners working in child development:
Survey Invitation**



**A message from the new Principal Commissioner
for Children & Young People (Vic)**

Read a message from Tracy Beaton, the new Principal Commissioner for Children & Young People (Vic), and updates from the commission:

Are you an endorsed nurse practitioner working in child development?

You're invited to participate in a short online survey with optional follow-up interview.

More info available here: [Nurse Practitioner Survey flyer](#)



- Transition of regulatory functions to the Social Services Regulator
- Systemic inquiries into the effectiveness of Child Protection referrals, and into the experiences of children at risk of engaging with the justice system
- Parliamentary Inquiry into community consultation practices
- Victorian Protecting Children Awards 2026
- Sustainable digital tools and commissioning strategies

See more: [Commission Update: Embarking on a New Chapter](#)

Greenspace 4 Hospital Staff Study: Recruiting Now!

Nature and greenspace experiences in Australian hospitals and their impact on wellbeing and job satisfaction in healthcare professionals.

A national survey of hospital Nurses, Midwives and Doctors.

HRE Approval ID: HREC/121778RCHM-2025

To contribute to this research please complete the anonymous 20-minute survey online [here](#)

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