Dear Members,

Welcome to the June edition of Communiqué - the ‘half-way’ point of another year!

International Nurses Day was celebrated around the country and the world on May 12th. The International Council of Nurses theme this year is “Nurses: A voice to lead – achieving the sustainable development goals”. What are the SGDs and why are they important? The 17 SDGs were adopted by the UN in 2015, and cover a broad range of health, environment and social issues, that the UN Member States have agreed to address by the year 2030. Nurses play a significant role in addressing the social determinants of health. To quote ICN President (Dr Judith Shamien) and CEO (Queensland’s former Chief Nurse Dr Frances Hughes) “Nurses, as the primary providers of healthcare to all communities in all settings, are key to the achievement of the SDGs.” From the ACCYPN perspective, as nurses who care for children and young people, we have a deep understanding of how the family and community context in which the child, or young person, is cared for can impact their health and wellbeing. This is a time for us to think about on how we will (and do) contribute as individuals, and as an organisation, to working towards achieving these goals (follow the link below for more information and downloads).

I would like to wish you all a (belated) happy International Nurses Day and thank you on behalf of the College for your contribution to the nursing profession, our specialty and the care of children and young people.

Kind regards
Catherine Marron
Chairperson – ACCYPN

Anne Youles is a Nurse Unit Manager in the Child Health Service in Brisbane.

Anne's professional experience over more than 3 decades includes domiciliary, acute, midwifery and child health nursing across a variety healthcare settings. Anne has been in a nurse leadership role since 2001 and is dedicated to assuring the provision of quality services and positive outcomes for children and their families.

Anne’s education includes nursing certificates in general, midwifery and child health nursing and she holds a Bachelor of Commerce from Griffith University, Brisbane.

Anne is a member of the Australian College of Nursing and sits on the Board of the Australian College of Children and Young People's Nurses. She is also a Credentialed Children and Young People’s Nurse.

Why did you choose nursing as a career?
I was inspired by my Aunty, who as a “mature age” nursing student completing her Maternal and Child Health Nursing Course would arrive for family dinners bringing her nearly completed assignments (which we would all provide feedback on) and share her newly acquired knowledge and passion … I was convinced this must be one of the best jobs in the world. Unlike today, back then I needed to complete both my General and Midwifery Nursing Certificates before I could apply to undertake the Certificate in Child Health Nursing.

Why did you join the ACCYPN and how long have you been a member?
I joined ACCYPN in 2010 because it provides opportunities for influencing and promoting nursing practice, professional development and networking…. and it is our only national nursing professional organisation where children and young people are the main focus.

What is your proudest accomplishment in your career?
I don’t think there is any one accomplishment. My career has provided me with so many wonderful opportunities and experiences it all has been a great privilege.

What's your favourite part about your job?
Being part of a multidisciplinary Team who are motivated and committed to providing quality care to children and their families.

If you could change one thing in your profession, what would it be?
Increase recognition and value for speciality nursing practice.

Describe yourself in three words?
Focused, motivated and expressive.

Finish this sentence - My job fulfils me in the following ways …
Continually striving to provide high quality evidenced informed models of care that will make a difference to children and their families.

ACCYPN on Facebook and Twitter!
At the time of distribution, we have 907 Likes on Facebook…

This is very exciting and a good promotion of ACCYPN and what we stand for. Please continue to share this news within your networks so the good work of ACCYPN reaches right across the country. Our target audience for likes is Nurses involved in caring for children and young people.

Spread the Word www.facebook.com/ACCYPN

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**Chapter Reports**

**Victoria Chapter**

Following the success of our March event, as the leaves fell we planned to run another supper event. Unfortunately, we ran into problems securing a venue.

As we are trying to develop the Victorian Chapter and keep the costs low we rely on access to free venues to hold meetings. This has recently presented us with some challenges. We look forward to our next event on Child Abuse with a presentation by the Victorian Forensic Paediatric Medical Service in the near future. Date and venue to be advised shortly.

Please contact us if you would like to host an event or be actively involved in the Victorian Chapter.

*Chapter Coordinator* - Kate Coombs  
kate.coombs@easternhealth.org.au

**South Australian Chapter**

It is a big welcome to our SA ACCYPN members and to our future members!

Our new team to co-ordinate our chapter are:

**CHAPTER COORDINATOR – ANITA MINKUS**

I am a Nurse Consultant within the Nursing & Midwifery Clinical Practice Development Unit at the Women’s and Children’s Health Network (WCHN). I am a Paediatric Nurse who was fortunate to do my hospital training at the Adelaide Children’s Hospital and then attended Flinders University of SA and was awarded a Bachelor of Nursing Practice, Honours Degree of Bachelor of Nursing and a Master of Clinical Nursing (Paediatric Nursing).

I have been a member of the ACCYPN (formally known as the Australian Confederation of Paediatric and Child Health Nurses, ACPCHN) since 2005. In 2002, my colleague and I, both from the Adolescent Ward presented at the ACPCHN “Caring for Kids” Conference in Sydney.

The ACCYPN “Honouring the Past, Treasuring the Present and Shaping the Future” Conference was held in Adelaide in 2016 and I was the WCHN representative on the Conference Committee. I represented WCHN in the ACCYPN Standards of Practice (SOP) Working Group 2014 to 2016, which was officially launched at the Conference.

I would like to mention and thank Alison Hutton for re-introducing our Chapter in November last year, as we had not been active since September 2013. Ally met with a number of SA chapter members at the Conference with a determination to lead our state. Ally has now re-located as she has accepted a position as a Professor at the University of Newcastle. We will miss you Ally, and I would especially like to acknowledge that Associate Professor Alison Hutton was awarded the Excellence in Innovation in Clinical Research: Registered Nurse/Midwife at the 2017 SA Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards.

So, we will follow on from Ally. I would now like to introduce you to Michele and Amanda who are supporting me; The SA Chapter Team!
ACCYPN Membership

3 Reasons to renew and pay by 30 June 2017
1. **Exciting Special Offer** - As an additional Member benefit, ACCYPN is offering new and renewing Members who pay before 30 June 2017, the ACCYPN Conference Webcast package free of charge.
2. Claim your tax deduction in this financial year.
3. Avoid the late fee penalty - **If you pay after 30 June 2017 the fee will be $125.00 which includes a late fee of $15.00.**

You are required to complete your membership renewal by **30 June 2017** to remain a member of the ACCYPN and to ensure you receive seamless membership entitlements.

**MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**
ACCYPN members receive the following benefits:

**Professional Development**
- Journal of Child and Youth Health (Coming soon) and online access to past editions to the Neonatal, Paediatric and Child Health Nursing Journal
- **Learning on Demand** – Webcasts Currently 116 Webcasts
- Access to the specialty Standards relating to children and young people’s nursing and access to **Credentialing for Nurses** (c4n) (Ordinary Members Only)
- Access to Member only funding opportunities

**Information sharing**
- Bi-monthly newsletters
- Access to the ACCYPN website containing the activities of the organisation
- Members List-serv

**Professional Leadership opportunities**
- Membership of an organisation that advocates for the needs of children, young people and their families within the broad health context
- Opportunity to nominate for National Executive (Ordinary Members Only)
- Opportunity to participate in Committees and contribute to the development of policies

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**NEW MEMBER SPECIAL**
Join between 1 April and 30 June pay full new member fees & receive up to 3 months’ free!

Corporate Membership – refer to the membership section of the ACCYPN website – www.accyn.org.au/membership
^ Annual Membership Annual Membership Renewal Fees are due by 30 June. Renewal from 1 July will incur a $15.00 late fee.
* Half Year Membership available to members joining in / after January.
CHAPTER COORDINATOR – MICHELE HOWARD

I am the Nurse Unit Manager of the Children’s Ward at the Lyell McEwin Hospital, part of the Northern Adelaide Local Health Network (NALHN). We have 25 beds and see ages from a few days through to 17 years, with a huge variety of diagnoses. We are also the day unit for surgery and the overnight unit for surgical cases, so a busy space at all times.

I have been a member of ACCYPN since its inception, originally as a Board Member and before that, a member of the Confederation on the Committee. I would encourage all Paediatric Nurses to be part of ACCYPN where we have a voice for Children and Young People and those who care for them in any health setting.

CHAPTER COORDINATOR – AMANDA NGUYEN

Paediatric nursing is my absolute passion. My 13 year nursing career to date has centred around a number of paediatric settings where I have had the privilege to provide holistic nursing care and support to infants, children and young people, and their families, as well as education and training to nursing staff. My interest in nursing education led to my current role as an Associate Lecturer in Nursing at Flinders University. Here my current focus is the delivery of post-graduate Paediatric topics and undergraduate Child & Family Health content.

I am honoured to be a part of ACCYPN, and contributing to the endeavour to be an influential professional body acting on behalf of children, young people, families and nurses caring for them. I truly believe, together, we can make a positive impact on the experience of children and young people in our care.

Our Clinical Supper was held on 2nd May with two presenters and their complementary topics. We had 23 participants. The presenters:

Maeve Downes presented “An overview of paediatric services, the new child protection service” which included a tour of the Children’s ward at the Lyell McEwin Hospital. Maeve is the Nursing Director of the Women’s and Children’s Division of NALHN.

Lauren Lines presented “How do nurses keep children safe from abuse and neglect?” Lauren is a PhD Candidate at the School of Nursing and Midwifery at Flinders University.

The presentations were well received and the participants scored either 4 or 5 with the 1-5 score range, in all the domains. The comments were exceptional for example:

- Excellent information
- Fantastic presentations; relevant statistics and information
- Provided thought for future education and practice
- Interesting research; look forward to seeing the outcomes
- Very interesting presentation and great work into communicating with our peers and what it means to be able to discuss issues with others
- Information sharing between varied disciplines excellent and brought about by conversations initiated
- Interesting talk to enlighten topics which need to be discussed
- Great to see nursing research being done in this area
NATIONAL VIDEOCONFERENCE CREDENTIALING EVENT

“Demystifying the Application Process for Specialist Nurse Credentialing”

Presented by

Dr Jan Pratt & Anne Youles (CYPVN)

Wednesday 26 July 2017
1600 – 1800 (AEST)

Registration is required
ACCYPN Members free
Non-Members $10

All welcome
Please register through the ACCYPN website www.accypn.org.au and follow links to Knowledge Centre / Events

Registration & payment by Friday 21 July 2017

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For QH sites - please dial 111. If you have a successful connection you will see the Brisbane City and the river as well as hear an audio announcement. This is a dedicated testing system available 24/7.
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**Commissioner for Children and Young People**

**We are 10**

The Commissioner for Children and Young people has announced an exciting arts-based project that aims to provide a select group of WA children with the opportunity to have say about what is important in their lives.

The We Are 10 project was created to mark the upcoming ten year anniversary of the establishment of the WA Commissioner for Children and Young People office by providing WA children with a voice within their community, one of the key functions of my office.

Most WA students currently in Year 4 were born in the months before or after the creation of the Commissioner’s office on 7 December 2007 – and these are the students that he would like to hear from.

- What is great about being ten years old in WA?
- What are their ideas for making their communities even better?

Teachers of Year 4 classes around the state have been invited to register their students in this project, which will be undertaken during Term 3.

The artwork and views expressed by students through We Are 10 is a fun arts-based activity and will be promoted online and in venues around the WA later in the year.

[Click here](#) for more information about the We Are 10 project.

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**Paediatric Nutrition for Life - Training Event**

An upcoming course, Paediatric Nutrition for Life, is being held in Sydney 4-5 September 2017, which may be of interest to our members.

Paediatric Nutrition for Life is the first module in the National Paediatric Dietetic Training course developed by the Dietitians Association of Australia (DAA) and ChildD (a small group of leading paediatric dietitians in Australia). The course is specifically designed to educate and upskill participants in the basics and complexities of dietetic management in children. It not only highlights and identifies the current guidelines and evidence, but also provides the ‘how to’ when managing these patients in every day practice.

[Click here](#) for more information.

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**Job Opportunity Professor – Nursing Professor**

Edith Cowan University

Professorial Research Fellow – Nursing

School of Nursing & midwifery

Located at Joondalup Campus and Princess Margaret Hospital

Ongoing, Full-Time (ALEVE)

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Review of MAIF Complaints Handling Process

An online survey now open for the review of the MAIF Complaints Handling Process. The Australian Government Department of Health has commissioned an independent review of the Marketing in Australia of Infant Formula (MAIF) Complaints Handling Process. We have appointed Nous Group, a management consultancy firm, to conduct the review. This review will focus on the efficiency and effectiveness of the complete complaints handling process. Specifically, this review seeks to understand:

1. How effective is the complaints handling process?
2. How fair, timely and transparent is the complaints handling process?
3. How efficient is the complaints handling process?
4. What improvements could be made to the process?

As part of the review, we are seeking the views of stakeholders through an online survey process. We are particularly interested in hearing from anyone who has submitted a complaint under the MAIF agreement. By participating in the online survey process, you will help improve the MAIF complaints handling process. All responses will remain confidential, and responses will be presented in aggregate form (e.g. 30% of respondents...). The online survey can be found at MAIF Complaints Handling Process Review - Online Survey. The online survey will close at 5pm (AEST), Friday 30 June 2017. Should you have any questions regarding this process or the review more broadly, please contact Naomi Lawless, Departmental Officer, Department of Health, via naomi.lawless@health.gov.au or Katrina.Mills@nousgroup.com.au

3rd Asia Pacific Pediatric Nursing Conference 2017

www.appnc2017.com
Conference Information

1. Title: 3rd Asia Pacific Pediatric Nursing Conference 2017
2. Theme: Healthy Children for Healthy World: Challenges for Pediatric Nurses.
3. Organizing Committee: Asia Pacific Pediatric Nurses Association
   Pediatric Nurses Association of Thailand
4. Date: 20 – 21 November, 2017
   22 November, 2017: Half day study tour at Public/Private Children Hospital in Bangkok (Optional for international delegate only)

Venue: Golden Tulip Sovereign Hotel (www.goldentulipbangkok.com)
Bangkok, Thailand
5. Registration fee: Online Registration at www.appnc2017.com

   **International delegate**
   Now until July 31, 2017 300 US Dollar
   After July 31, 2017 350 US Dollar
   No onsite registration

   **International delegate from country members**
   (Australia, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Philippines, Singapore)
   Now until July 31, 2017 250 US Dollar
   After July 31, 2017 300 US Dollar
   No onsite registration

   **Thai delegate**
   Now until July 31, 2017 4,000 Baht
   After July 31, 2017 4,500 Baht
   No onsite registration

6. For more information please contact:
   • Website www.appnc2017.com
   • Email conference@appnc2017.com

7. Conference Secretariat
   Pediatric Nurses Association of Thailand
   **Conference President:** Associate Prof. Rashanee Seeda
   **Conference Secretary:** Assistant Prof. Chantika Chunpia
   **Email** conference@appnc2017.com
   pnat2557@gmail.com
Abstract Guidelines

Please read this thoroughly before preparing your abstract

1. Topics call for abstracts are as follow:
   - Neonatal Nursing
   - Pediatric Critical Care Nursing
   - Nursing Care of Chronically Ill Children
   - Health Promotion in children and Adolescent
   - Pediatric Nursing Administration
   - Pediatric Nursing Education
   - Other (please specify)

2. Oral presentation and poster presentation are all welcome.

3. The entire abstract including the Title, Author(s), Institution, Background, Objectives, Materials & Methods, Results, Conclusion.

4. Only abstract written in English will be accepted.

5. The abstract itself must contain no more than 300 words.

6. Font used in the abstract must be Arial, font size 10

7. The text should be typed using single spacing with line spacing 1.15

8. Abbreviations must be defined by placing them in parentheses after the full word the first time they appear.

9. Abstract saved in form of picture or clip file is not acceptable.

10. Abstract will appear exactly as submitted.

11. All authors presenting at the conference must register and pay to attend the conference.

Deadline for abstract submission: July 15, 2017

Please submit abstract at www.appnc2017.com