



**Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, Australia**

**AGM Minutes**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

**Meeting Opened: 1330hrs – 1430hrs**

**Chair:** Jeanne Barr

**Secretary:** Kate Lin

1. **Attendance:** Jeanne Barr, Leigh McCarthy, Debbie Wilkinson, Sharryn Byers, Catherine Hardman, Christine Holland, Kate Lin, Joan Crystal .....43 in total
2. **Apologies:** Kylie Tastula, Kylie Wright, Barbara Lester, Diane Lear, Vicki Evans, Emma Everingham
3. **Confirmation of previous minutes:** Leigh McCarthy Seconded: Catherine Hardman

4. Business Arising from the previous minutes	Comments	Outcome/Action
Nil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nil</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nil</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Reports</b></p> <p><b>I. President</b></p> <p><b><u>President Report – Tabled by Jeanne Barr</u></b></p> <p>Highlights from October 2016 to August 2017.</p> <p>We have met monthly since October 2016 with two meeting face to face and the remainder via ZOOM application.</p> <p>Our achievements to date include continuing the work of the previous executive with centralising the accounts of our state branches and the MDC. We thank those Executive members at the state level as well as the MDC for their work throughout the year, in particular their achievements in providing neuroscience nursing education to our members.</p> <p>Membership: Our current membership is 260. After our meeting with our management group, PAMS, a decision was made to go paperless when joining and renewing membership with ANNA. This will ensure a more seamless process. For this to work smoothly we need our members to keep us current with their email addresses. The recommendation is to use a home email address when signing up or renewing. Additionally, we have been advised that it would be important to collect information about the age of our membership as a means of encouraging younger nurses to join if we currently are looking at an older cohort of members. At the moment we do not have that information available to us.</p>		



We are delighted that there will be a New Zealand Chapter again. Thank you to those from New Zealand who have put their hands up.

We have continued our collaboration with the NSA in regards to our annual conference. We also continually evaluate this collaboration and welcome feedback from our members. This year our Scientific Convenor Harriet Chan had to resign for personal reasons. Leigh McCarthy took over as Scientific Convenor as well as her role in organising the other aspects of the conference. Thank you Leigh!

As ANNA president, I represented ANNA at CoNMO: The meeting in May included a panel on certification and credentialing which resulted in a heated debate about its value within specialty groups within Australia. There was also information regarding the Nursing & Midwifery Support Service available 24/7. Representatives from the Federal Health Department presented the work being done towards increasing the use of bio similar drugs as well as the move to a national electronic health record. Lastly ANNA supported the statement released by CoNMO in relation to maintaining adequate staffing levels within aged care facilities in Australia.

We are in the process of formalising a Memorandum of Understanding with University of Tasmania. This will have several advantages for ANNA members as outlined.

Lastly, we are negotiating with a company to take the AJON online. Our editor Linda Nichols will provide more detail on this development.

### **Life membership Nominations**

Two nominations for life membership have been received and full CV's will be available at the AGM.

- Sharryn Byers first joined ANNA in the late 1980's. She completed her registered nursing degree in Auburn District Hospital in 1979 and developed her interest in neurological and neurosurgical nursing at RPAH in 1989. Her post grad Masters in Nursing:Nurse Practitioner degree was achieved in 2008. Sharryn has attended all ANNA scientific meetings since joining. She fulfills all ANNA requirements of a life member. Nominated by Jeanne Barr and Catherine Hardman. See Appendix 1
- The second nomination is for Vicki Evans. Vicki has been involved in neuroscience nursing for the last 30 years in a variety of positions, both public and private, in Australia and the United States. She has completed tertiary studies in Management and Neuroscience. Currently, she holds the position of Vice President, World Federation of Neuroscience Nurses and Scientific Chair for the WFNN Quadrennial Congress – Sydney 2001, Canada 2009, Japan 2013, Croatia 2017. She held the Editorial position for the *Australasian Journal of Neuroscience* 2010-2017. She is also widely published, a national and international speaker and have authored the board game - *Cerebral Tap* ©. See appendix 2

### **Webmaster**

Updated

Appendix 1

The members of ANNA endorse Life Membership for Sharryn Byers.



Appendix 2

The members of ANNA endorse Life membership for Vicki Evans.

**II. Treasurer**

**Treasurer Report – Tabled by Catherine Hardman**

**Current financial position to June 2017:**

- Financial position remains unchanged

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>June 2017</b>	<b>June 2016</b>
Operating Activities	\$84,499	\$89,862
Non-operating Activities (Interest)	\$686	\$1,101
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$85,185</b>	<b>\$90,963</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$82,701</b>	<b>\$86,124</b>
<b>SURPLUS (deficit) for the financial year</b>	<b>\$2,484</b>	<b>\$4,839</b>

**Current Assets & Liabilities:**

<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>Status at June 30, 2017</b>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$120,153
Receivables	\$660
Other Assets	\$6,435
Fixed Assets	\$3,769
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$131,017</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>Status at June 30, 2017</b>
Trade and other payables	\$3,788
Unearned income (incl. membership)	\$16,166
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$19,954</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$111,063</b>



**III. Secretary**  
**Secretary Report: Membership Profile - Tabled by Kate Lin**

**ANNA Membership Profile – 30<sup>th</sup> Jun 2017**

Current Members by Chapter/Branch/State	ACT	NSW	NZ	NTH	NZ-STH	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Total
Life Member		4			1	1			5	1	12
Member	4	95	2	2	5	28	8	5	53	36	238
New Member		11				3	3		2	3	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>272</b>

Current Members by Status	Active	Active Unfinancial	Total
Life Member	12		12
Member	229	9	238
New Member	22		22
<b>Total</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>272</b>

Current Members by Category	Member	Total
Life Member	12	12
Member	238	238
New Member	22	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>272</b>



**New Members by Month**  
(last 12 months to date)

Member Type	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
Member	2	11	10	5	5	1	8	7	3		6		58
New Member									2	3	7	9	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>79</b>

**Members Leaving by Month**  
(last 12 months to date)

Member Type	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Jan	Feb	Apr	Jun	Total
Member	24	25	3	2	1	3	1	1	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>60</b>

**Length of Membership**  
(Current Members)

Chapter/Branch/State	0-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	20+	Undefined	Total
ACT	3				1		4
NSW	66	13	14	8	5	4	110
NZ	2						2
NZ-NTH	1	1					2
NZ-STH	3	2				1	6
QLD	18	7		2	3	2	32
SA	9	2					11
TAS	3	2					5
VIC	34	14	3	2	2	5	60
WA	31	3	2	1	1	2	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>272</b>





**IV. Journal Editor**  
**Journal Editorial Report – Tabled by Linda Nichols**

**Published May & October**

**Copyright Australia Limited (CAL):** We are registered with CAL – all correspondence will be sent to PAMS first then to the Editor. CAL calculates copyright fees for us, which will off-set printing costs.

**National Library of Australia (NLA):** The Editor sends the NLA a hard copy of the AJON as well as an electronic copy, which they then archive. EBSCO Publishing: AJON is on file in the US with this publishing group.

The May 2017 Copy of the AJON was published with four articles including the prize winners from the 2016 conference. There were a number of teething issues as a new printer was needed and PAM's were working as a conduit between myself and the printers. Issues included time delays and the edition being printed prior to a final proof. Hopefully these issues have been resolved and the October edition should progress smoothly. Thus far (Aug 10th) we only have two submissions for the October edition so we really need to be encouraging colleagues.

In terms of the future and growth of the journal there are a number of considerations, including remaining as a paper based journal. There is no problem stay as a paper based journal however this will continue to limit the exposure and contributions. In its current format the journal is struggling to attract external contributions. This is due to the limited online access to the journal and exposure opportunities that would increase citations of published articles, this in turn would encourage authors.

There are two options to address this the first is an online service that PAMS offers, I have attached a link below of an example from another organisation that PAMS manages. With this option the journal would be green and would be available via an electronic link using the flipbook format. This option would work well in terms of reducing printing costs and reducing paper, however it will tend more towards a newsletter and whilst the articles will still be peer reviewed articles, this format will not attract external contributions.

[https://www.ihhc.org.au/IHHC/Documents/flipbooks/201706\\_Newsletter/index.html?page=1](https://www.ihhc.org.au/IHHC/Documents/flipbooks/201706_Newsletter/index.html?page=1)

A second proposal that we have is through Exeley Inc. Open Access Publishing. Once again the journal would be in electronic format only and members would be sent a link for each edition. Exeley manages one of the largest collections of open access journals and has the technological capacity to publish the journal professionally and on an academic platform that would include the allocation of digital object identifier (DOI) numbers for each article, this provides a persistent link to an articles location on the internet and a key tool that is used when searching, sharing and referencing articles. The articles can also be linked to social media and promoted this way. Another benefit would be



indexing by platforms such as SCOPUS and Medline.

<https://sway.com/fUnJl020DkABvSHc>

Both these proposals include the option for editorial services including:

- Copyediting
- Proofreading
- Typesetting (PDF file composition)

#### V. **WFNN**

##### **WFNN Report – Tabled by Vicki Evans**

**WFNN Report for ANNA - Thursday, 10 August 2017**

**WFNN Overview:** The WFNN is an international neuroscience nursing organisation dedicated to the promotion and development of neuroscience nursing worldwide. The mission of the WFNN is to encourage and facilitate interaction amongst neuroscience nurses internationally and to aid, exchange and disseminate nursing knowledge. The WFNN is dedicated to improving and fostering the highest nursing standards, encouraging nursing research and developing expertise across all levels of neuroscience nursing.

Founded in 1969, the WFNN originally consisted of five member nations. Today, there are 15 member organisations representing 19 countries, approximately 8,000 nurses from six continents.

Activities of the WFNN include facilitating the Quadrennial Congress, developing educational materials for nursing as well as highlighting and supporting local and international conferences. The WFNN actively seeks opportunities for learning and fosters the building of a community of international neuroscience nursing relationships.

**RNSH Symposium:** In order to achieve these goals, several locations were chosen to host a WFNN event leading up to the 2017 Quadrennial Congress. One of these locations was Royal North Shore Hospital (17/11/16) and was generously supported by Royal North Shore Hospital, Northern Sydney Local Health District, NSW Health, Agency for Clinical Innovation, University of Technology Sydney and Sydney Neuro-oncology Group and North Shore Private Hospital.

The speakers were sourced from across Sydney and were both nursing and medical. The WFNN President, a Neurosurgery Nurse Practitioner from UC Davis Medical Center engaged the audience with Rethinking Traditional Models of Clinical Education which included the use of emerging technology and new advances in the care of Stroke patients.

Other topics were: managing unruptured aneurysms; new advances in paediatric epilepsy surgery; PET / SPECT use in neuroscience; current research surrounding EVDs; clinical handover practices; aneurysmal subarachnoid haemorrhage, as well as the Sydney Neuro Oncology Group highlights and research. There was also a patient-centered talk from a talented journalist who sustained a traumatic brain injury. He spoke about



hope in uncertain times, what he remembers from care givers at the time and his suggestions for the ways in which we should communicate. It was excellent to have a Nuclear Medicine Physician discuss the newer scans available for tumour imaging, epilepsy and movement disorders. His explanations and slideshow peeled away the levels of difficulty in understanding nuclear physics. The quality of our speakers who gave of their time and supported this event was greatly appreciated and shows the level of respect for neuroscience nurses. The collaborative aspects of an event such as this are immense. Without such support from speakers and sponsors, these sessions could not occur. The funds sourced for this event covered the costs of the event as well as raising \$19830.50AUD for WFNN's future endeavours.

**WFNN achievements:**

- WFNN Executive has recently produced the WFNN Paediatric Neuro Assessment DVD teaching tool, which follows on from the successful creation of the (Adult) Neuro Assessment DVD. The tool is available via the WFNN website [www.wfnn.org](http://www.wfnn.org)
- The WFNN Neuroscience Nursing app continues to grow and has been updated – download from the App Store or Google Play.
- WFNN interim (yearly) meetings will continue in order to support the main Congress eg: Sydney Symposium.
- The Agnes Marshall Award for Best Paper/Best Poster will continue (\$500USD each), but the WFNN Executive have increased the Congress

Awards to include:

o **The Lily Potvin Award** is named in honour of Lily Potvin and is given to the presenter who adds to the knowledge base of developmental or congenital neuroscience at the Quadrennial WFNN Congress. It is a cheque for \$500USD and will be presented during the Closing Ceremony. The Lily Potvin Award will be judged by the Scientific Chair and award benefactor.

o **The Sgambelluri Award** is named in honour of Sarah Sgambelluri and is awarded to the presenter who adds to the knowledge base of the management of epilepsy through discussion of the impact of epilepsy on young families at the Quadrennial WFNN Congress. It is a cheque for \$500USD and will be presented during the Closing Ceremony.

The Sgambelluri Award will be judged by the Scientific Chair and award benefactor.

o **The Mitsue Ishiyama Award** for Nursing Leadership is in honour of Mistue Ishiyama, past-President of the Japanese Association of Neuroscience Nurses and recognises outstanding neuroscience nursing leadership.

The Mitsue Ishiyama Award will be judged by the Scientific Chair and award benefactor.

**State Reports – See Appendix 3 for full report**

- I. **ACT-** Closed 2015
- II. **NSW-** pending report
- III. **NZ-** Closed 2015, reactivated. Pending report
- IV. **QLD-** pending report



- V. **VIC- updated**
- VI. **WA- updated**
- VII. **SA- no state delegate**
- VIII. **TAS: Nil Branch**
- IX. **NT: Nil Branch**
- X. **Movement Disorder Chapter- updated**

NEW BUSINESS	Comments	Outcome/Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>Executive vacancy issues</b></li> <li>ii. <b>Life membership nominations</b></li> <li>iii. <b>AJoN publication</b></li> <li>iv. <b>Bid for 2021 WFNN at Darwin</b></li> <li>v. <b>Bid for Conference 2018 venue</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharryn will step down as Webmaster, but happy to continue support the role if anyone interested, or if you know anyone, please nominates them.</li> <li>• Sharryn Byers and Vicki Evans were nominated.</li> <li>• Linda and Jeanne have met the company who is targeting societies like ANNA and offering a digital service for the publication of the journal. Stay tuned.</li> <li>• Will be decided by the WFNN executives in September.</li> <li>• NZ or Gold Coast as the 2018 conference venue option.</li> <li>• Financially ANNA is not getting much benefit from collaborating with the NSA, may stay with them for another</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asking members who is interested to step up</li> <li>• For the meanwhile, Leigh will update the Facebook of ANNA</li> <li>• Passed unanimously by all present</li> <li>• Nil</li> <li>• The majority of members has chosen Gold Coast.</li> </ul>



<p><b>vi. UTAS Scholarships – Leadership in Practice for Nurses</b></p>	<p>year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to negotiate with NSA for some amendment in our contract. To see if ANNA can be involved in the decision making on where the conference venue in the future.</li> <li>• University of Tasmania has offered scholarships for the new Nursing Specialisation Stream, Leadership in Practice course.</li> <li>• ANNA members are entitled to a 50% HECS Scholarship, if you remain as ANNA member for the duration of the course.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nil</li> </ul>
<p><b>Business without Notice</b></p> <p>Nil</p>		
<p><b>Next AGM 2018 TBC</b></p>		



### **Appendix 3**

#### **NSW State Delegate Report:**

Pending

#### **VIC State Delegates Report**

The Association has only held an Annual General Meeting in June 2017. We have experienced some difficulty getting members to attend meetings. At last year's AGM – a decision to try bi annual meetings in conjunction with education sessions.

In October 2017 there will be an evening seminar on Stroke with an associated meeting scheduled. We anticipate that this will be well attended Seminar and a great opportunity for networking. A second Seminar/ education session will be scheduled for February/March 2018 subject to be advised.

I would like to thank Lyn Wallace and Annemarie Watson for their ongoing support. Unfortunately Annemarie has resigned from her role as Treasurer. The position remains vacant currently.

We are very much looking forward to the ANNA Annual Scientific Meeting in Adelaide at the Adelaide Convention Centre 31 August – 1st September 2017.

Christine Holland

#### **WA State Delegates Report**

State Delegate- Debbie Wilkinson

Secretary- Christine Lawless

Vice Secretary- Kate O'Dea

Treasurer- Harriet Chan

Anna Champions- Nat Priestly, Kate O'Dea, Lorraine Deane & Lisa Watson

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

ANNA WA held 2 educational seminars this year.



On the 19th October 2016 we held a symposium for Health Professionals, titled " Neuromodulation: Beating the Impossible! The event was a great success with 7 speakers who discussed neuromodulation approaches, spinal cord and deep brain stimulation. Targeted drug therapy and chronic pain, and neuromodulation for incontinence and a case study. Our corporate partner was Medtronic.

The day was opened by Professor Soumya Gosh. Approx. 25 people attended including ANNA Members and 13 were non ANNA members however since then some have recently joined. A brief outline of the evaluation included:

- # Speakers were knowledgeable and spoke passionately.
- # My knowledge improved after the session
- # We really enjoyed the interactive sessions and real life clinical trial
- # would like handouts of sessions
- # Need improvement with visual applications such as you tube
- # Fantastic day, enjoyed everything including food
- # always delightful and informative attending ANNA study days
- # learnt heaps

Majority commented venue good, session time good, food excellent, program content excellent.

Our 2nd education session was held this year on 4th of May to celebrate National Neuroscience Nurses Day titled: " Seize the moment: Heads up on Epilepsy"

This was by far our biggest session in regards to speakers and content. We held the seminar in a new venue which was bigger and modern with up to date video systems.

The session was filled with many topics and we had 11 speakers. The program was opened by Professor Allan Kermode Head of the neurology dept. at SCGH. The calibre of speakers were exceptional, we had consultant epileptologists for both adult and paediatric from metropolitan hospitals in Perth. A neurosurgeon, neuropsychology registrar and the CNC for epilepsy also spoke on the day as well as input from community services.

Topics included Diagnosis , medical management, childhood onset, surgery, neuropsychological services, nursing care of a patient with seizure disorder, WA comprehensive epilepsy program and community services. The day was supported by UCB, SCGH, FSH, & PMH.

The day was attended by 31 people plus speakers 10 new members joined leading up to the day or on it. It just shows how beneficial these seminar can be.

A brief evaluation from those attending included

- # enjoyed Prof Dunne and Megs talk
- # really enjoyed the seizure videos
- # Great information, great speakers, on current treatment



- # All information relevant, creating good understanding of seizures
- # Good to have overlap of information to help clarify different perspectives
- # don't like overlap of information
- # want a longer lunch break, drink tea in room, more comfy chairs
- # Course ran over time, had to pay for parking
- # please continue seminars always enjoyable and informative
- # Link PMH neuro ward with ANNA education
- # want more info on medicinal cannabis

Majority stated venue excellent, session time good, food excellent, program content excellent, content arranged in a clear logical manner excellent.

On behalf of ANNA WA I would like to thank everyone involved on the days for making the education sessions a great success and increasing our membership.

Addit to AGM report

The ANNA WA held an educational evening to coincide with the AGM. This event was titled " Heart Rate Variability and Stress Management" It was a very good evening which was also catered. Some of the comments are as follows  
What information did you find useful: how HRV works, very interesting I knew nothing of the topic, never heard of the brain centre before and HRV biofeedback, I have been enlightened on services held by the Perth Brain Centre. I enjoyed the practical aspect of biofeedback.  
Comments re venue, food, and content, speaker and session time were all excellent.

The event was a great success and everyone enjoyed the venue and meals.

Debbie Wilkinson



Treasurers Report:

**WA Branch Seminar Income and Expenditures (Seminars + Other) 2015, 2016 & 2017 SUMMARY**

	Seminar Income:	Seminar Expenses:
	\$2,350.00 (Aug 2015)+ \$2,800.00 (May 2016) = \$5,150.00	\$972.18 (Aug 2015) + \$573.30 (May 2016) = \$1,545.48
	\$2,095.00 (Oct 2016) + \$1,350.00 (May 2017) = \$3,445.00	\$788.54 (Oct 2016) + \$991.85 (May 2017) + \$321.00 (Jun 2017) = \$2,101.39
		<b>Other Expenditure 2015 -2016: \$2,994.60</b> 2015 \$ 878.00 Debbie flight & conf reg ANNA conf. cheque no.200028 2016 \$ 800.00 _Debbie flight & conf reg ANNA conf. cheque no. 200035 \$ 871.60 Harriet_flight & conf reg ANNA conf. cheque no. 200034 \$ 445.00 Kate_flight & conf reg ANNA conf. cheque no. 200036
<b>Total</b>	\$5,150.00+ \$3,445.00 = <b>\$8,595.00</b>	\$1,545.48 + \$2,101.39 + \$2,994.60 = <b>\$6,641.47</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$1,953.53</b>	

**Account Balance Summary**

	ANNA WA Fund in ANNA National #	ANNA WA #
	26/10/16 TT from ANNA WA #: \$7,122.02	07/2015: \$5,903.50 (opening +ve balance) 05/2016: \$8,136.70 10/2016: \$7,617.02 - \$7,122.02= \$495.00
	10/2016 (Seminar Expense) paid: \$ 788.54	11/2016: \$1,000.00 (Medtronic grant) 03/2017: \$1,496.06 (+ Interest)
	05/2017 (Seminar Expense) <b>To be paid \$991.85</b> 05/2017 (Jun Ed Evening) paid: \$250.00 06/2017 (Jun Ed Evening)paid \$ 71.00	04 /2017: \$550.00 (UCB grant) 05/2017: \$800.00 (Seminar Fees 4 May 17 seminar)
		06/2017: \$2,846.06 06/2017: \$0.62 (Interest)
<b>Net:</b>	06/2017: <b>\$6,012.48</b> - <b>\$991.85</b> = <b>\$5,020.63</b>	06/2017: <b>\$2,846.68</b>
<b>Total ANNA WA: \$5,020.63 + \$2,846.68 = \$7,867.31</b>		

Harriet Chan



## MD Chapter Report

### Annual General Meeting Report 2016-2017 4th August 2017

It has been an exciting year for collaboration and development for the Movement Disorder Chapter (MDS) of ANNA. The MDC committee has been meeting 1-2 times per month consistently for the past 12 months. I am very proud to report on the many achievements that have clearly addressed our five domains of focus, including Education, Clinical Practice, Professional Development, Leadership and Research, in addition to the challenges, of the past 12 months.

#### Education Tier 1 and 2.

##### Parkinson's Disease Self-Directed Learning Package for Nurses

The Westmead Movement Disorder Nursing team developed this learning package. It is targeted towards nurses in acute hospitals, aged care facilities, primary health and the community; providing them with an excellent overview of PD, the pathophysiology, symptomatology and nursing care strategies. The document has been reviewed by the PD Nurses in NSW and then the wider national community. After this rigorous review process it has been stamped with the ANNA logo and is now ready for distribution. This package will be made available on the ANNA MDC website.

##### Educational meetings

While there has been an increase in the number of educational meetings held nationally under the ANNA banner over the last 12 months, we hope that more states will embrace the opportunity to collaborate locally and access the event office support that PAMS provides.

NSW will hold the annual PD Education day for Nurses "Pump Friends" on the 8<sup>th</sup> August. We expect over 50 people to attend this meeting. This year we have budgeted for the printing of the learning package above.

#### Tier 3.

##### Joint MDSANZ and Nurses meeting

The MDSANZ hold a biannual conference, which is in September 2017 at the Gold Coast. This year the MDSANZ invited ANNA to join them. While nurses have always been welcome to attend this meeting, this is the first time we have been invited as a body. The Committee would like to acknowledge the generosity of industry in providing funding to Parkinson's



Victoria to facilitate airfare and some accommodation assistance for nurses to attend. Parkinson's Victoria were also very supportive and relocated the original Melbourne venue to the Gold Coast. As a result of this collaboration between MDSANZ, P Vic and the various state affiliates, industry and the ANNA MDC, the nurses meeting will be held the day before the medical meeting.

#### **Australian College of Nursing Course**

Parkinson's WA has been in negotiations with the Australian College of Nursing, and have successfully negotiated the development of a new Parkinson's Care subject. This will be ready to deliver to students as a single subject or third term elective as part of the Graduate Certificates in Aged Care Nursing, or Community and Primary Health, in July 2018. The ANNA MDC strongly supports the writers Janet McLeod in WA, and David Tsui NSW and course reviewer Victor McConvey in Victoria.

#### **Westmead Education Day**

In November 2016 the team at Westmead held their inaugural Movement Disorder education Day, targeting the advanced practice nurse. The program attracted nurses from across the country, including Hong Kong. It is worth noting that nurses were not supported by industry and self-funded their attendance. This is significant because as the numbers of PD nurses increase nationally, the current model of sponsored attendance at meetings we are used to will become unsustainable. It is evidence that an outstanding program can stand alone in attracting attendees. This meeting is scheduled to be held again on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

#### **Clinical Practice.**

##### **Apomorphine Position Statement**

We are aware of the difficulties that have surrounded Apomorphine therapy now that 2 products have been available in Australia since early 2017. We felt that there were issues surrounding the use of Apomorphine preparations, pumps, consumables and industry nursing support services that required some clarification and direction. We consulted with both companies to develop a statement that was released jointly with the Movement Disorder Society of Australian and New Zealand. This is the first position statement of its kind, nurse led and jointly released with the MDSANZ.

#### **Professional Development.**

##### **Practice Standards**

We have developed Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorder Nurse Specialist



Standards for Practice. This document was a collaborative effort, with multiple nurses contributing as authors or reviewers. It has been sent to a review panel of 5 nurses and will be released at the PD Nurses meeting in September 2017. It will be available on the ANNA MDC website.

The development of a formal competency framework for Australasian nurses working within Movement Disorders supports the future development of Nurse Practitioner and Nurse Specialist roles and identifies the level of competency required to practice as a "Movement Disorders Nurse Specialist, Consultant or Practitioner". This document is for nurses working with people with Parkinson's disease and other movement disorders. It provides a framework for professional development, to uphold evidence based nursing practice, facilitate recognition and the expansion of specialist nursing positions across Australia. These standards have been developed with reference to the current NMBA RN and NP standards for practice, in addition to the Professional Standards for Neuroscience Nurses (ANNA, 2013).

## Leadership

### **Parkinson's Collaborative Group**

The Parkinson's Collaborative Group consists of a small number of experts in the field of Parkinson's, encompassing medical, nursing, allied health and health advocacy. The group has drawn on information from many sources about the perceived needs and shortfalls in services for people with Parkinson's in our community to produce the "Call to Action in Parkinson's Disease". It documents pragmatic recommendations to improve the delivery of care for today's people with Parkinson's, which are imminently achievable with policy and budgetary support from Federal and State Health Departments.

This year the nurses in this group were representing the ANNA MDC, now recognised as the peak body for PD nursing in Australia. We were alongside medical and consumer peak bodies, the MDSANZ, and Parkinson's Australia. This recognition has resulted in much of the collaboration that has been mentioned above.

### **World Parkinson Coalition**

The World Parkinson Coalition has contacted ANNA and the MDC seeking ways to advertise the World Parkinson Congress in Kyoto 4-7 June 2019. While this partnership is in the very early stages of first contact, we look forward to working with them as they bring this international conference to our region of the world.



#### **Website.**

The development of a website is an integral part of our ability to function for the PD Nurse community. It provides a centre point for communication of events, news and updates and provides access to resources. It will also hold links to the organisations we collaborate with.

Throughout the website development stages, in order to maintain a webpage inline with the existing ANNA site, we decided to engage the Woof Byte services. As they have already been utilised by ANNA this enabled us to streamline the design and functions with ease. Fortunately, due to strong pre-existing industry relationships that the chapter committee has, we were successful in obtaining sufficient funding to support this.

In the future, we are considering both free access and member only sections within our webpage. This website should be operational by early August and will be launched at the nurses meeting at the Gold Coast.

#### **Research**

There are a variety of research projects that are underway across the country. The state based nurses meetings and the national meetings provide nurses with the opportunity to collaborate, and support each other in these ventures.

At the 2016 Nurses meeting Janet McLeod and Victor McConvey took a survey aimed at gathering information on the level and type of education that PD nurses have. This has provided helpful information in planning the development of the ACN course.

The committee plan to develop an online survey that will build on this work and collect ongoing data that will help track the workforce demographics of PD nurses in Australia. This information will be valuable to the future development of our specialty.

Emma Everingham, Amy Jones, Sheree Ambrosini, David Tsui, and I are looking forward to the Nurses meeting at the Gold coast where much of the past years work will be launched. We thank the ANNA executive for the support they have provided and look forward to the next 12 months.

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