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ACN Expert Advisory Group on Ageing announced

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) has established an Expert Advisory Group (EAG) on Ageing to support ACN’s advocacy work on issues related to ageing. Driving this need are ongoing aged care workforce concerns, extensive national reforms in aged care and emerging issues associated with ageing.

ACN’s President Carmen Morgan says, “The EAG on Ageing will inform ACN’s positions on a broad range of ageing issues and provide expert nursing perspectives on proposals around ageing populations as tabled by policymakers.”

ACN is pleased to announce that Susan Emerson MACN will chair the new EAG on Ageing.

“Susan Emerson has over twenty years of experience in Aged Care, she has worked in areas of clinical and managerial leadership, undertaken design and project coordination for the construction of new care facilities, and has made a sustained contribution to service and policy thinking in the wider aged care sector at both state and national levels,” said Ms Morgan.

ACN has appointed the following members to the EAG on Ageing:

– Kay Richards FACN
– Dr Laurie Grealish FACN
– Prof Tracey McDonald FACN
– Prof Trisha Dunning DLF
– Assoc Prof Lily Dongxia Xiao FACN
– Dr Rodney Jilek MACN
– Sue McKechnie FACN
– Susan Emerson MACN
– Marianne Cummins MACN

“These members bring a diversity of perspectives to ACN’s EAG on Ageing. They are experienced nurse leaders in the field of ageing and come from a range of academic, policy, clinical as well as service provision backgrounds,” says Ms Morgan.

The EAG on Ageing will provide expert guidance and nurse leadership to inform ACN’s positions in the complex and rapidly changing policy environment regarding Australia’s ageing population.

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Notes to the Editors:

ACN, an organisation not afraid to intelligently challenge industry issues affecting the nursing profession or Australia's healthcare, is a well-connected and educated national body that drives change with people of influence to enhance the delivery of health services to the Australian community. ACN advances the skills and expertise of nurses to provide leadership in their contribution to the policy, practice and delivery of health care.
A membership organisation with members in all states and territories, health care settings and nursing specialties, ACN’s membership includes many nurses in roles of influence, including senior nurses, organisational leaders, academics and researchers.

**What is the role of the ACN to media?**

- ACN provides trusted, well supported information about Australia’s health care system, the delivery of health care, nursing leadership and the nursing profession.
- ACN has a number of media-savvy spokespeople within the organisation who can comment on Australia’s health care system, the delivery of health care, nursing leadership and the nursing profession.
- ACN offers media with an alternative voice to that of a non-industrial relations perspective.
- ACN is in-the-know and can comment on health care matters of interest.
- ACN can respond to media requests in a timely manner and with subject/clinical expert’s available on-hand for further discussion.
- ACN regularly respond to government updates pertaining to Australia’s health care system.

**What role does the ACN play?**

The ACN are here to act and deliver results as agents of change. They are working towards a brighter future through advancing nurse leadership to enhance the delivery of health care to all.

The organisation provides nurse leaders with access to relevant information, support and education will enhance Australia’s reputation on the world stage.

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