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## ACN recognises all nurses on International Nurses Day (IND)

On International Nurses Day Australian College of Nursing (ACN) CEO Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN would like to acknowledge the invaluable contribution nurses make to the development of strong health systems nationally and around the world.

Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN says “Nurses make a significant contribution to the global health care system and are a pivotal part of the health care work force, composing of the largest group of health professionals in Australia”.

The Australian College of Nursing has hosted the National Nurses Breakfast in celebration of International Nurses Day (IND). Today approximately 240 breakfasts have been held across the country to celebrate the invaluable contribution nurses make to both the health care workforce and the provision of healthcare.

The nursing profession has a long history in adapting to meet the changing needs of communities to ensure access to high quality health care. In addition to the ever increasing burden of chronic disease and aging populations, emerging issues including pandemics, natural disasters, climate change, antimicrobial resistance, conflict and migration, nurses are well poised to adapt to these challenges.

Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward says “Nurses at all levels from the community and acute sectors, Government and policy sectors, can act as leaders and create transformational change of the health system. Strong leadership will be essential in defining the strategic reform of Australia’s health system. Driven by a patient centred care philosophy, the nursing profession continues to demonstrate leadership that has shaped the way health care is delivered today”.

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Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward, CEO of ACN.

### Notes to the Editors:

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) is the national professional organisation for all nurse leaders and its aim is to ensure that the Australian community receives quality nursing care now and in the future. ACN is a membership organisation with members in all states and territories, health care settings and nursing specialties. ACN is also the Australian member of the International Council of Nurses headquartered in Geneva.

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 specialities, 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 an 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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