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Nursing's role in Tasmanian health care delivery on the menu at the Australian College of Nursing's cocktail event

Tonight the Australian College of Nursing (ACN) will facilitate another networking function at the Henry Jones Art Hotel Hobart for its Members and Fellows, with key health stakeholders from metropolitan, regional and rural areas attending.

ACN's CEO, Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN said "These events have been an excellent opportunity for ACN to engage with nurse leaders and emerging nurse leaders in Australia. Our members come from diverse professional backgrounds, from the public, private, aged care and primary health care sectors. It is important that ACN builds strong relationships with our members to understand the challenges occurring in the health system."

ACN is honoured that Rebecca White MP, Shadow Minister for Health and Human Services, will be in attendance at tonight's event.

This is the fifth of many VIP Cocktail Functions ACN will be hosting throughout every state and territory in the coming weeks.

The functions will focus on three key themes:

- The power of nursing as a collective voice
- The top three priorities for the future of nursing
- The top three priorities our Members and Fellows want to see from ACN

The next ACN VIP Cocktail Function is scheduled in Adelaide on 7 July.

Adjunct Professor Ward said "ACN will continue to shape nurse leadership in Australia. Nurses play an essential role in driving change in the Australian health care system. Nurses can shape new models of care, enabling the health care system to address challenges in the provision of safe and quality care."

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Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward, CEO of ACN.



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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 health care, 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.

ACN's membership includes many nurses in roles of influence, including senior nurses, organisational leaders, academics and researchers.

What is the role of 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 responds to government updates pertaining to Australia's health care system.

What role does ACN play?

ACN is 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 that will enhance Australia's reputation on the world stage.

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