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## **The Australian College of Nursing connects with QLD Nurses**

Tonight the Australian College of Nursing (ACN) will facilitate another networking function at the Rydges South Bank Brisbane 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 "It has been fantastic meeting nurse leaders from all around Australia at our recent functions. Nurses play a key role in supporting patient care and responding to new models of care and their implementation, helping to meet the needs of Australia's diverse population".

"It is important that ACN advocates for the nursing profession, as the nursing workforce will ultimately drive change from within the health system, leading to better health outcomes for Australians. We need to continue to develop a diverse nursing workforce because every patient is different," she said.

This is the seventh of a series of VIP Cocktail Functions planned for every state and territory, with the next VIP Cocktail Function scheduled in Cairns on 13 July.

The functions 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

Adjunct Professor Ward said "Nurse leaders are found throughout all levels of the health system. Nurses are at the frontline of patient care and connect with people unlike any other profession. Being a nurse means being strong for those who cannot help themselves and remaining optimistic for those who are down".

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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 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.

### **Social media channels:**

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LinkedIn: <http://www.linkedin.com/company/australian-college-of-nursing>

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