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The Australian College of Nursing continues to unite the nursing profession

Last night, the Australian College of Nursing (ACN) held another successful networking function for its Members, Fellows and VIP guests at the Rydges South Bank Brisbane.

ACN was honoured to have Queensland's Acting Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer Dr Natalie Spearing in attendance last night.

ACN's CEO, Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN, said, "It has been inspiring meeting with the nursing community in Queensland. Nursing is a dynamic career, no day is the same as the last. There has never been a better time to consider a career in nursing."

Adjunct Professor Ward said, "While I am disappointed that no Queensland politicians were present at last night's event, I will continue advocating for Queensland nurse leaders to be at the policy making table and look forward to speaking with the Queensland Health Minister and Minister for Ambulance Services, the Hon Cameron Dick, and the Shadow Minister for Health and Ambulance Services, Mr John-Paul Langbroek, in the future."

Tonight the Australian College of Nursing (ACN) will facilitate another networking function at the Rydges Esplanade Resort Cairns for its Members and Fellows, with key health stakeholders from metropolitan, regional and rural areas attending.

This is the eighth of a number of VIP Cocktail Functions ACN has been hosting throughout every state and territory.

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

The next ACN VIP Cocktail Function is scheduled in Darwin on 19 July.

Adjunct Professor Ward said, "Transformational leadership in the nursing profession can promote change within the Australian health system. ACN wants to foster and support the leadership skills that all nurses possess and will continue to create opportunities where nurses have the ability to discuss issues and ideas that can influence health policy."

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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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