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The Australian College of Nursing connects with Northern Territory nurses

Last night, the Australian College of Nursing (ACN) held a successful networking function for its Members, Fellows and VIP guests at the Doubletree by Hilton in Darwin as part of its National Networking Roadshow.

ACN was honoured to host The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor of Darwin, Katrina Fong Lim, Deputy Chief Minister Hon. Peter Styles MLA and Acting Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer, Heather Keighley MACN.

ACN's CEO, Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN, said "It was a key opportunity to connect ACN's network of nurses and nurse leaders with key health and political stakeholders".

"Our networking events have given ACN an opportunity to discuss relevant issues and challenges with industry and academic nursing leaders, graduates and students from diverse backgrounds. Visiting Darwin reinforced the importance for ACN to continue our strong advocacy for Remote Area Nurses, particularly around issues of security, safety and support for continued professional development", she said.

The dynamic nurses of the Northern Territory are the backbone of the health care system working innovatively to provide care to communities including vulnerable people and populations. Promoting safety and the ongoing investment in developing advanced practice nurses and nurse practitioner opportunities will be priority areas for discussion when ACN CEO Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward meets with political leaders.

This is the last of a number of VIP Cocktail Functions ACN has been hosting throughout every state and territory. Plans are currently underway for a Christmas Roadshow.

The functions focused 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, "ACN will continue to engage with members and the wider nursing community to ensure that nurse's voices are at the decision making tables. The success of ACN's networking functions emphasise that the nursing profession is passionate about driving health system reform and ensuring that Australia's health system is responsive to health challenges of the Australian population. ACN will continue to promote partnerships between nurses and government and national agencies."

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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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