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Australian College of Nursing appoints nurse leader Michelle Gunn as new Executive Director, Professional and Leadership

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) is pleased to announce the appointment of exceptional nurse leader, Michelle Gunn, as its new Executive Director, Professional and Leadership Division.

ACN's CEO, Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN said, "Michelle is a highly accomplished nurse leader with enormous energy and drive and will be a dynamic force steering ACN's Policy and Advocacy, Membership, and Leadership teams."

Michelle is a passionate advocate for quality and affordable healthcare and was an early supporter of clinical pathways and care management. She has a strategic focus on evidence, consultation and collaboration geared toward driving better health outcomes and building an innovative and sustainable nursing workforce. Her nursing and legal background have led her to undertake doctoral research into clinician's perceptions of their legal and ethical obligations, and how they balance competing obligations between the individual patient and the community.

Adjunct Professor Ward said, "Michelle is honoured to be joining ACN and likewise I am thrilled that such a high calibre individual is joining our team. She is a tireless champion for nurses, and exemplifies the flexibility, resilience and high achievement that is required to address the challenges faced by our profession."

Michelle Gunn will commence at ACN on 29 August 2016 and will be based in Canberra. Her role will, however, involve travelling across Australia to connect with nurse leaders and position ACN as the preeminent leadership organisation for nurses and health professionals.

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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.

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 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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