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Harnessing ‘*The Power of Now*’ at the 2016 National Nursing Forum

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) will host its annual **National Nursing Forum** in **Melbourne** on **26-28 October 2016**. The Forum will provide a platform for nurses from all over Australia and across all nursing disciplines to explore where nursing is as a profession today, share insights and discuss how nurses can harness their ‘now power’ to lead the development of solutions to Australia’s health and aged care challenges.

Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward, CEO of ACN, said “The National Nursing Forum aims to inspire and engage nurses who work to deliver our health and aged care workforce. As health care costs rise, nurse leaders demonstrate the knowledge to help drive health and aged care reform without reducing the quality of care all Australians deserve.”

The Forum’s theme – ‘The Power of Now’ – will focus on how nurses can harness and share this knowledge to shape the health care policy that will deliver a healthier Australia and better health care outcomes.

Exploring and discussing four key streams, the National Nursing Forum looks at the current and most vital issues nurses face in clinical, management, education and leadership arenas, and the ways in which nurses can lead the necessary reform to create a fitter and healthier health care system, and a stronger nursing workforce. Delegates have an opportunity to actively participate in a jam-packed agenda covering the power of the nursing workforce.

The Forum will host ten internationally renowned keynote speakers from Australia who will share insights, lessons and learnings with delegates in both presentations and panel style Q&A’s.

“The National Nursing Forum provides participants with the ability to connect and network with industry and academic leaders so nurses can develop their leadership skills. ACN believes every nurse can influence positive change in the health system. The Forum is a celebration of not only what the nursing profession is achieving today but also what it can achieve in the future,” said Adjunct Professor Ward.

The National Nursing Forum will be held at the Melbourne Park Function Centre. To view the program with keynote speaker details and to register to attend, please click [here](#).

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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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