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## ACN National Nursing Forum full registration sold out, only day registration left.

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) will launch 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.

Nurses have a broad knowledge of the political, societal and economic forces shaping health care as well as intimate experience of the needs of consumers accessing the health and aged care systems. Nurses understand the productivity and cost-effectiveness of both nursing services and health services as a whole, and are best placed to inform government about the appropriate distribution and composition of nursing workforces.

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.

Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN, CEO of the Australian College of Nursing says, “ACN is pleased to announce the Forum has sold to capacity. The overwhelming level of enthusiasm and interest in the Forum is a testament to the nursing profession. Now more than ever, nurses want to connect and play a role in the health debate and learn about the key issues in the nursing profession.”

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 improve patient experiences and outcomes. With a host of Australian world renowned keynote speakers, this event is sure not to disappoint.

The National Nursing Forum is held from 26-28 October at the Melbourne Park Function Centre. To view the program, key speakers and register to attend, please visit [ACN’s website](#).

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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.
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- 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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