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The National Nursing Forum 2016 a success!

The Australian College of Nursing's (ACN) annual **National Nursing Forum (NNF)**, was held from 26-28 October 2016. The forum provided a platform for nurses and undergraduate nurses from all over Australia and across all nursing disciplines to explore where nursing is as a profession today, shared insights and discussed 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 the Australian College of Nursing, said the forum had been a resounding success.

"The NNF 2016 has brought together the nursing profession in Australia with a united vision and voice. All levels of nursing were represented, from nurses working in clinical settings, to nurses involved in administrative, academia, education and executive roles. Members and delegates had the opportunity to harness their "power of now" by sharing with internationally renowned speakers and connecting with colleagues."

ACN welcomed three internationally renowned keynote speakers on the final day. Professor Wendy Cross FACN, Associate Dean, Nursing and Allied Health, Monash University, spoke about 'The Power of Self' and discussed how nurses can practice effective self-care through self-awareness, reflection, insight, self-regulation, commitment and planning.

Professor John Daly FACN, Dean, Faculty of Health and Head of the UTS/World Organization Collaborating Centre for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Development, University of Technology Sydney spoke about 'The Power of Global' and highlighted the intricacies of building collaborative global relationships as well as the importance of finding your voice as a leader.

Dale Fisher, Chief Executive, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Melbourne spoke about 'The Power of You' and described her journey as a nurse working in a leadership position. As a dynamic country girl, Dale reminded us to never forget where we come from.

ACN was also honoured that the Hon. Mary Wooldridge MP, Victorian Shadow Minister for Health, provided delegates with an interactive session and answered questions pertaining to the nursing profession and future planning.

Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward, delivered the closing address which illustrated that all nurses are unique individuals and she encouraged nurses to work to their strengths.

"When nurses lead, organisations follow", she said.

The National Nursing Forum will be held in Sydney in 2017 from 21 – 23 August 2017.

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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 specialties, 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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