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ACN CEO Addresses Nursing and Midwifery Executive Leaders at Breakfast Forum in WA

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) is pleased to announce that its Chief Executive Officer, Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN, will be delivering a keynote presentation at the Nursing and Midwifery Executive Leaders Breakfast Forum, hosted by the Western Australian Department of Health on Wednesday 16 November 2016.

The Nursing and Midwifery Executive Leaders Breakfast Forum will help set the scene to critically examine nursing and midwifery's role in health care reform and achieving improved health outcomes for our communities.

Adjunct Professor Ward will challenge the audience to think about nursing's professional role in achieving health and aged care reform.

The Nursing and Midwifery Executive Leaders Breakfast Forum will also host Dr David Russell-Weisz, Director General Department of Health, who will provide an overview of the 'state of play' in our health system in Western Australia and share his thoughts on priorities for future health reform.

"There are over 380,000 enrolled nurses, registered nurses and midwives in Australia, with the nursing profession making up over half of the health professional workforce. Everyday nurses are on the front-line delivering care and can identify gaps in care and how to address them. It is imperative nurses are represented in policy decisions which impact patient safety and wellbeing."

In October 2016, ACN launched its *Nurses are Essential in Health and Aged Care Reform* White Paper at a Parliamentary Breakfast in the Mural Hall, Parliament House.

Adjunct Professor Ward said, "The nursing voice must be heard in strategic policy debates and reform developments. The role of nursing in improving the health outcomes of Australians cannot be ignored. It is imperative that nurses are enabled to work to their full scope to enable them to continue delivering better health outcomes for all Australians."

To view ACN's White Paper, *Nurses Are Essential in Health and Aged Care Reform*, 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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