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Nursing profession to benefit from new health workforce scholarships

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) is pleased by the announcement made on Friday 9 December 2017, by the Assistant Minister for Rural Health, the Hon Dr David Gillespie, that a number of new interim health workforce scholarships will be available for study in 2017.

Dr Gillespie has committed to the continuation of the successful Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme and the Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme, both of which are administered by the Australian College of Nursing. Applications for the Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme are currently open.

ACN CEO Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN said, “The Australian College of Nursing has a long and successful track record of managing scholarships and we look forward to our continued work with the government as we assist well-deserving health students with their studies. Scholarships make the world of difference to recipients and we know that these students will be exceptional leaders in their careers.”

The Minister will formally launch a new round of health workforce scholarships 2017.

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Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward, CEO of ACN.

Notes to the Editors:



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Advancing nurse leadership

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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