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## **The Australian College of Nursing congratulates Victorian Public Healthcare Awards winners**

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) warmly congratulates the winners of the Victorian Public Healthcare Awards. The Victorian Public Healthcare Awards are an annual acknowledgement of excellence, dedication and innovation in public health, health services and service initiatives that deliver informed and effective healthcare.

The 2016 Awards reflect priority areas in healthcare identified by the Victorian government and focus on the sectors' ability to drive change and improve health outcomes for all Victorians. The Awards recognise leadership and excellence in the provision of publicly-funded healthcare for the Victorian community, and include Victoria's most prestigious accolade - the Premier's Health Service of the Year Awards.

ACN CEO Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN said, "On behalf of all Australian College of Nursing Fellows, Members and staff, I extend whole-hearted congratulations to the winners of the Victorian Public Healthcare Awards. These Awards are an outstanding honour and recognise the invaluable contribution made to the health care sector and the community. I would also like to congratulate all of this year's finalists because they are all exceptional organisations and individuals providing outstanding levels of care and service to the community."

Adjunct Professor Ward said, "What I am particularly proud of is the phenomenal calibre of our nurse leaders who play instrumental roles in healthcare organisations represented at the Victorian Public Healthcare Awards and strive for excellence every day as part of their role. The health care sector is changing rapidly and it is nurse leaders who are essential in advocating for health care reform. The Australian College of Nursing will continue to provide leadership opportunities for nurses to excel in their roles and seek out opportunities to engage with governments to ensure nurses are at decision-making tables."

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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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