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Australian College of Nursing welcomes new Board President

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) is privileged to announce the appointment of Professor Christine Duffield FACN as the incoming ACN President.

Professor Duffield is an internationally renowned Professor of Nursing and Health Services Management at UTS and Edith Cowan University. Professor Duffield was first elected to the ACN Board in 2013 and has served as Vice President since December 2015. Professor Duffield has more than 10 years' nursing experience in clinical and managerial roles in the health sector in Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the UK. Furthermore, she has over 25 years' experience in senior management, education and research roles in the university sector.

Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN, CEO of ACN, said "On behalf of all ACN Distinguished Life Fellows, Fellows, Members and staff, I congratulate Professor Duffield on her appointment to the role of ACN's President. Professor Duffield has exceptional leadership experience, which will serve the interests of ACN and the nursing profession well."

Adjunct Professor Kathy Baker AM FACN (DLF) will stand down from her position as ACN President, and will continue to contribute her vast wealth of skills and knowledge to ACN by remaining on the Board. Adjunct Professor Baker was heavily involved in the growing success of ACN's National Nursing Forums and her contributions as ACN's President cannot be underestimated.

Mrs Carmen Morgan FACN has been appointed the new ACN Vice President. Mrs Morgan is the current Director of Nursing at Broome Hospital in WA and Regional Nurse Director for the acute, primary health care, mental health, aged care and public health practice areas. Mrs Morgan was elected to the Board in 2013 and has more than 30 years' experience as a nurse and in senior nurse leadership roles.

"Carmen Morgan brings a refreshing rural, remote and operational perspective to the ACN Board which contribute significantly to our strategic intention" states Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward.

Professor Duffield and Mrs Morgan will commence their term as the new ACN Board President and ACN Board Vice President immediately.

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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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