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## **The Australian College of Nursing puts nursing in the spotlight**

Last night the Australian College of Nursing (ACN) facilitated another networking function at the Adelaide Hilton for its Members and Fellows, with key health stakeholders from metropolitan, regional and rural areas attending.

ACN's CEO, Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN said that it has been inspiring to engage with ACN's dedicated Members and Fellows at the VIP Cocktail Functions held in Perth, Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne, and Hobart. "The nursing workforce is well placed to innovate and make changes within the Australian health care system. Nursing is ready and willing to address current issues such as access to health care services, the ageing population and chronic disease management," she said.

ACN is honoured that Annabel Digance MP, Member for Elder, and Nat Cook MP, Member for Fisher, were able to attend last night. As former nurses, both MPs are among the many health care leaders who have made the shift to parliament and politics in Australia and it was a pleasure to meet them.

This is the sixth of many VIP Cocktail Functions ACN will be hosting throughout every state and territory in the coming weeks.

The functions will focus on three key themes:

- The power of nursing as a collective voice
- The top three priorities for the future of nursing
- The top three priorities our Members and Fellows want to see from ACN

The next ACN VIP Cocktail Function is scheduled in Brisbane on 12 July.

Adjunct Professor Ward said "The full potential of the nursing workforce needs to be realised. The nursing workforce is the single largest health profession in Australia and its utilisation is essential to achieving health gains in the community".

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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.

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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