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Australian College of Nursing advances Perth nurses' ability to shape Western Australian health policy

Last night, Australian College of Nursing (ACN) facilitated a networking event for ACN's Members and Fellows with key health and government figures. Adjunct Associate Professor Karen Bradley MACN, Chief Nursing and Midwifery (CNMO) Officer of WA, The Hon John Day MLA, Minister for Health, Culture and the Arts and Mr Roger Cook MLA, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Shadow Minister for Health and Science described it as a key opportunity to connect with ACN's extensive network of nurses and nurse leaders.

ACN CEO Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN said that the success of last night's event was representative of the dedication of ACN's Members and Fellows. "It was fantastic for our Members, Fellows and guests to meet WA's esteemed Members of Parliament and the CNMO who make health policy decisions".

This is the first of many networking 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 National Networking Roadshow is scheduled in Canberra on Tuesday 28 June.

ACN CEO Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN said "ACN is excited to work more closely with our Members and Fellows to truly understand the challenges nurses are facing on a daily basis. We want to work with our members to influence policy and play a role in reshaping the health care of Australians".

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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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