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## **HONOURING OUR BRAVE COLLEAGUES**

Nurses have a proud, selfless and heroic history of military service, both in times of conflict and peace.

“In 1902, the Australian Army Nursing Service (AANS) was formed when civilian nurses volunteered for wartime military service,” Australian College of Nursing CEO, Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward said.

Thousands of AANS nurses served overseas and at home during both World War I and World War II.

“This week the Australian College of Nursing (ACN) is privileged to be honouring the bravery and contribution made by members of the Australian Army Nursing Service,” Adj Prof. Ward said.

“Today I will be laying a wreath on behalf of ACN at the War Memorial during the Last Post Ceremony to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking of the Vyner Brooke and the service of Sister Anne Merle Trennery, missing presumed dead as a result of this incident, along with 11 of her AANS colleagues.

“This Thursday we will be remembering Sister Lorna Florence Fairweather, who was executed, alongside 20 of her AANS colleagues, in the Bangka Island massacre 75 years ago.

“Nurses have always gone wherever people need help and this proud tradition continues today.”

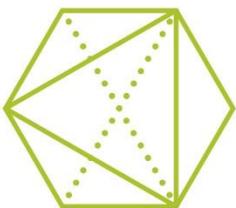
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Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward, CEO of ACN.



# Australian College of Nursing

Advancing nurse leadership

## 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.

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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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