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The Australian College of Nursing congratulates new Federal Health Minister

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) welcomes the announcement by the Prime Minister, the Hon. Malcolm Turnbull MP, welcoming the Hon. Greg Hunt MP as Australia's new Health and Sport Minister and the Hon. Ken Wyatt MP Minister for Aged Care and Indigenous Health.

ACN CEO Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN said, "On behalf of ACN I congratulate Minister Hunt and Minister Wyatt on their new roles. Nurses understand the societal and economic forces that shape health and aged care, and we look forward to working with both Ministers to improve care outcomes."

ACN is the pre-eminent and national leader of the nursing profession, whose mission is to enhance health care by advancing nurse leadership. Nurse leaders are powerful change-agents in improving care and play an essential role in the reform agenda. ACN is committed to ensuring that health and aged care systems are person centred and sustainable for future generations.

ACN acknowledges the media release made available today by Minister Hunt and thank him for sharing his personal connections with the nursing profession.

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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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