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The Australian College of Nursing congratulates Australian of the Year Awards recipients

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) congratulates Australia's Local Hero, Vicki Jellie, the Young Australian of the Year, Paul Vasileff, the Senior Australian of the Year, Sister Anne Gardiner AM, and the Australian of the Year, Emeritus Professor Alan Mackay-Sim.

ACN CEO Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN said, "On behalf of ACN's Board, Distinguished Life Fellows, Fellows, Members and staff, I congratulate all of our very deserving Australian of the Year Award recipients. The four individuals show incredible leadership, passion and energy in pursuing and producing inspiring and exceptional work. They motivate us through their commitment, work ethic and dedication to important causes. I appreciate that the selection process is competitive and all of the 32 national finalists for 2017 are exceptional and deserving of recognition."

Adjunct Professor Ward said, "We have seen incredible promotion of issues such as mental health and domestic violence from recent Award recipients. Outstanding leadership has been demonstrated to bring these issues to the forefront. There are so many important issues that need to be addressed and this is a powerful platform in which to do this."

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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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