

MEDIA ALERT

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Nurses come together to Make Change Happen in health care

Hundreds of nurses, students and health professionals from around the country will come together next week to discuss how to **'Make Change Happen'** for the benefit of patients and communities and use their voice to lead change in nursing, health and aged care.

The Australian College of Nursing's National Nursing Forum is being held in Sydney from 21-23 August.

During the Forum, attendees will also have the opportunity to hear from respected nurse and health care leaders, senior decision makers and Members of Parliament as well as explore the creative ways in which nurses can make change happen in education, industry, academia and even as entrepreneurs.

Australian College of Nursing Chief Executive Officer, Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN, said the event would also highlight end-of-life care in hospitals, how nurses could work together to prevent violence towards health professionals and emerging and important health issues such as chronic disease management.

"The Forum will provide a platform for nurses from around Australia to explore where nursing is as a profession today, share insights and discuss how nurses can collectively harness their skills to lead the development of solutions to Australia's health and aged-care challenges," Adjunct Professor Ward said.

"Nurses have a broad knowledge of the political, societal and economic forces shaping health care as well as intimate experience of the needs of consumers accessing the health and aged-care systems.

"The program for the Forum has been carefully designed so delegates not only have access to world-class keynote speakers, but the opportunity to participate in Masterclasses that cover topics such as bullying in nursing, clinical leadership and mentoring for nurses.

"In addition, we will be offering Speed Leading and Networking Sessions, which give emerging nurse leaders and early to mid-career nurses a career coaching and mentoring opportunity with senior nurse executives, clinicians and academics."

Media are welcome to attend the National Nursing Forum's keynote presentations at the **Event Centre, The Star, Sydney on the following days:**

Monday 21 August, 2017

9am: Mr Robert Nieves, Vice President Health Informatics, Elsevier Clinical Solutions, USA

9.20am: Ms Janine Mohamed, Nurse and Chief Executive Officer, Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINaM)

9.40am: The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Deputy Leader of the Federal Parliamentary Labor Party, Shadow Minister for Education, Shadow Minister for Women, and the Federal Member for Sydney

Tuesday 22 August, 2017

8.55am: Ms Veronica Croome, ACT Chief Nurse, ACT Health

9.15am: Ms Jacqui Cross, Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer, Nursing and Midwifery Office, Ministry of Health

9.35am: Adjunct Professor Debora Picone AM FACN (DLF), Chief Executive Officer, Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care

Wednesday 23 August, 2017

8.50am: Ms Suzie Hoitink MACN, Founder of the Clear Complexions Clinics and Head of Nursing

9.10am: Adjunct Associate Professor Anna Shepherd MACN (Associate), Chief Executive Officer, Regal Home Health and Adjunct Associate Professor at The University of Sydney Nursing School

9.30am: Mr Ashton Bishop, Chief Executive Officer, Step Change

For the full program or for more information go to <https://www.acn.edu.au/nnf2017>

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For interviews contact ACN Executive Assistant Narelle Barrie on 0450 908 920 or Kristen Connell on 0400 054 227.



Notes to 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. An organisation not afraid to challenge industry issues affecting the nursing profession or Australia's health care, ACN 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's membership includes nurses in roles of influence, including senior nurses, organisational leaders, academics and researchers.

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