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The Australian College of Nursing applauds establishment of the Victorian Clinical Council

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) is pleased to hear the Andrews Labor Government's announcement of the establishment of the Victorian Clinical Council.

The Council aims to put clinicians front and centre in providing clinical expertise to the Government, the Department of Health and Human Services, and health services on how to improve quality and safety, and provide better, safer care to all Victorians.

ACN CEO Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN said, "The establishment of the Victorian Clinical Council is a positive step to health and aged care reform both in Victoria and nationally. The Australian College of Nursing has been actively advocating for the nursing profession to be included on key decision making boards, most recently in the release of the White Paper, *Nurses are Essential in Health and Aged Care Reform.*"

The Victorian Clinical Council will comprise a multidisciplinary membership of 60 stakeholders, including clinicians and patient representatives, and will be led by paediatrician Associate Professor Jill Sewel as the inaugural Chair of the new Council. ACN congratulates Associate Professor Sewell on her appointment and looks forward to working with the Victorian Clinical Council.

Adjunct Professor Ward said, "The Australian College of Nursing encourages nurses from all stages of their careers to register their interest for the Council. It is clear that the nursing profession can help lead discussion in standards and models of care that affect the health care of all Australians. ACN will be watching to see that nurses are proportionately represented and as the preeminent national professional college for nursing would welcome the opportunity to get member representation for the Council."

ACN encourages nurses to register their interest for the new Victorian Clinical Council by email at VCC@dhhs.vic.gov.au or phone (03) 9096 2159.

To view ACN's White Paper, *Nurses are Essential in Health and Aged Care Reform*, please click [here](#).

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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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