



December 2011

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Time marches past so quickly at times, for me this is one of those times. In just over a year the current executive have established as a team, contributed to the revamp of www.anna.asn.au, planned and executed the 39th Annual Conference in Perth and started the planning for both 2012 and 2013 Annual Conferences.

The National Executive has also implemented changes to communication between state branches and national executive to improve transparency of processes. Further development of the ANNA brand is underway with position specific business cards, banners and standardisation of colours for use in all produced documents. ANNA as an organisation that represents a body of nurses with specific and unique knowledge and skills needs to be identifiable and recognised nationally and internationally. This recognition leads to greater capacity to represent the views of the association members.

An example is the work of the Coalition of National Nursing Organisations through which ANNA is asked to comment on consultation and discussion papers such as 'Australian Safety and Quality Goals for Health Care' for the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in HealthCare.

Another example is the request to endorse the Therapeutic Guidelines for Neurology 2011 edition and the Agency for Clinical Innovation Neurosurgery Network, NSW, Adult Neurological Observation Chart and Educational Package Program. For all these documents the role of the Executive is to ensure Neuroscience Nurses have a voice, that as required this voice is exercised to promote improvements in patient care, staff environments and in development of appropriate future directions.

Any Executive can only represent the views of its members as known to them so one of the challenges for the executive is to establish a mechanism where your voice can be heard. The website will be used

increasingly as this mechanism as an adjunct to the annual general meeting. If you are interested in facilitating this communication then consider taking on the webmaster role. Alternatively keep an eye on the website and FaceBook page. Provide comment or let us know what you think by whatever means suits you.

The conference this year for those who were able to attend was a success. The program was interesting and varied, feedback was informative and constructive and, I hope as it was for me, the learning was both professionally and personally beneficial. One of the benefits of the conference is the opportunity to meet with colleagues from different states and work environments

The environments in which we work are stressful and busy; the knowledge and skills we need are constantly changing or evolving, and our patients need us working together to optimise the outcome from their illness. At times it seems nothing is as it was yesterday nor is it black and white but by working together as an association we will improve our future.

On this hopeful note my personal wishes and those of the executive are for a Christmas season full of peace in your home and workplace. May the crashes be small, the assaults and strokes minimal, the tumours benign and your patients recover from their illness quickly.

Sharryn
ANNA President





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At our recent meeting in Perth I was privileged to be asked to be one of three judges of the papers presented at the meeting. Those present, I am sure, could not help but be impressed by the high quality of papers and posters submitted.

Presenters were invited to nominate for prizes in the following categories:

First time Presenter :

This was a difficult decision and the judges would like to congratulate all those who bravely took to the stage and shared with us their experiences and knowledge.

The prize was awarded jointly to:-

Bernice Appiah from Westmead Private Hospital, NSW, who spoke on the post discharge needs of people who underwent a craniotomy for a primary brain tumour. Bernice did a review of a small cohort of patients and took into account the physical, emotional and social needs of the patients using a post discharge telephone survey and a qualitative approach to determine whether the current practices met the needs of her patients. She identified potential improvements in practice and was keen to provide a better service for patients in the future.

AND

Leigh Arrowsmith and Chris Tolar from Westmead Public Hospital NSW, who spoke on Hydrocephalus and VP shunts. They presented an overview of the condition and surgical options and then provided us with a case study which identified the challenges and potential complications which can arise. The case study involved a poor outcome and showcased the frustration and anxiety felt by all neuroscience nurses and our colleagues when, despite the best efforts of the treating team, our patients lose their battle.

The Tonnie Koenen Prize: Named in honour of our foundress and recognising the paper which makes a significant contribution to the practice of Neuroscience Nursing.

This prize was awarded to **Elizabeth O'Brien from Royal North Shore Hospital, NSW**. Elizabeth highlighted a case study of a patient with Cerebral Vasospasm/ vasoconstriction which was NOT associated with subarachnoid haemorrhage. This was a condition which was new to most if not all of the delegates and we were all very interested to hear about this unusual presentation and how it was recognised and successfully managed. One wonders how often we may have come across similar cases without recognising the cause. This was particularly of interest to those delegates working in Stroke units.

The Neurosurgical Society of Australasia (NSA) Prize: awarded to the best nursing paper of the meeting. This prize traditionally demonstrates a sound research foundation.

This prize was awarded to **Kylie Wright from Liverpool Hospital, NSW** for her paper on 'Is an ICU admission necessary after elective craniotomy'. Kylie identified the difficulty accessing ICU or Neuro ICU beds for patients post operatively and the potential for delays and cancellations in surgery. She provided a comprehensive review of almost 400 patients who had undergone an elective craniotomy over 54 months and retrospectively tracked their post op course. A very small number (2%) were shown to require a level of care post operatively which could not be managed in a ward bed under the care of appropriately skilled Neuroscience nurses. Risk factors were identified, which enabled planned ICU beds to be available when needed. This paper resulted in a change in practice which improved patient access and enabled cost efficient and timely care. There was a great deal of coffee break discussion amongst delegates from other states where many different management practices were identified.



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The Australian and New Zealand Association of Neurologist Prize : for the best Neurology paper.

Awarded to **Trudy Keer-Keer from Christchurch Public Hospital, New Zealand**, for her paper on Myasthenia Gravis (MG) – the lived experience. Trudy presented a follow up paper from 2010 when she introduced us to her pending PhD thesis on MG.

This year with her study well under way she was able to provide us with what is a unique 'all of country' population study of patients diagnosed with MG. A phenomenological study of 7 patients represented all patients newly diagnosed with MG in New Zealand and highlights the exciting opportunity to continue to follow these patients into the future.

We look forward to hearing part three when Trudy completes her thesis.

Poster Prize :

This was awarded to Linda Nichols for her poster on A Primary Health Framework for co-ordinating Neuro-oncology care. A clear and practical framework which was very relevant to Neuroscience nursing.

We were also very privileged to have a number of invited and non nursing papers presented at the meeting which included:-

The Keynote **speaker Dr Di Twigg, Professor of Nursing and Midwifery, Edith Cowan University, WA.**

Di was the former Executive Director of Nursing at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, Perth for over 13 years. She presented a thoroughly enlightening look at 'The challenges involved in managing a nursing workforce, ensuring excellence in quality patient care and the need for change'. She kept us all enthralled with her practical approach to managing the challenges while not compromising care and why Sir Charles Gairdner truly deserves it's 'Magnet Site' recognition.

Dr David Nicholls (Analytical Services, Tasmania), presented 'The Art of the Abstract' and showed us all how important it is to produce a quality abstract to meet the needs of the target audience. David's vast experience from a non nursing background demystified and entertained us all.

Heidi Good, our current web master, spoke to us on two occasions. The first was a personal insight from a patients view point on the journey of someone diagnosed with a primary brain tumour. Heidi shared with us her experiences of her own journey having been diagnosed shortly after the birth of her second child. She was an inspiration to us all.

Heidi also donned the hat of Webmaster to show us the new website and highlight the new capabilities and links which we will all be able to explore now that it has 'gone live'

We were also delighted to have two of our Medical Colleagues present.

Mr Stephen Honeybul (Neurosurgeon) Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, WA presented on the future of Decompressive craniectomy for Traumatic Brain injury. He provided a balanced overview of the outcomes of the DECRA study and its current relevance in clinical practice. He provided all of us with a process for decision making which gives lots of food for thought.

Dr Leon Lai (Neurosurgical Advanced Trainee) Macquarie University NSW.

Leon flew from NSW to WA and back in the same day and spoke on 'Coiling V Clipping of aneurysms, current trends and management in Australia and around the world'. While providing us with a clinical update Leon also raised the question of training, and educational opportunities for up and coming Neurosurgeons and the challenges moving forward. He is certainly someone to look out for in the future.

Lyn Wallace (Victoria)



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Join us as we go across the land to the
40th Annual Scientific Meeting this year in Hobart, Tasmania.
10th to 12th October, 2012

Keep an eye on the website www.anna.asn.au and your in/mailbox, for the call for abstracts and ANNA conference posters, which will be out very soon. Start to plan a contribution to making this conference about your neuroscience nursing practice.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Lisa Scully

Linda Nichols

Conference Convenors



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Please notify ANNA promptly of change of address via the website

OVERDUE: as per your ANNA handbook, if renewal payments are not received within 3 months you are required to rejoin as a new member

All renewals are \$90 and new members \$100 per annum

All membership specific enquiries can now be directed to PAMS, the Professional Association Management Service

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BARBARA LESTER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Hurry..... Apply for the Barbara Lester Scholarship Fund.

Please forward all applications to ANNA Executive by the last working day of May 2011.

Aim

To provide opportunity for an ANNA member who is presenting a verbal paper or poster or who is facilitating a workshop/breakout session at an international, national or local conference to receive financial assistance.

Objectives

- To promote professional development in the field of Neuroscience.
- To maintain availability of a scholarship from ANNA on a yearly basis (that provides equal opportunity) for ANNA members presenting at conference.
- To assist with funding to attend the conference where the presentation will be delivered.

Eligibility Criteria

- Available to full financial members.
- A minimum of 24 months of continuous period of membership is required.
- Priority accorded to members working within an environment where neuroscience patients receive care/management.
- Nurses must have current registration in their state/territory/country.
- The conference presentation or workshop/breakout session must have relevance to the neuroscience specialty.

NB: All attempts to ensure fair distribution of the scholarship fund will occur.

Funding Available / Financial Policy

- Up to \$3000 available to fund a scholarship for one successful applicant.
- The ANNA Executive will convene for scholarship review annually in the month of June. Therefore a fully completed application must be received by the last working day in May.

*******Please visit the ANNA website for further information and scholarship application forms*******

ANNA is an Organizational Partner with the World Parkinson Coalition
www.worldpdcongress.org;



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The Australasian Journal of Neuroscience needs YOU!

It's good for the profession, it's good for you!

The AJoN will be published twice yearly – May & October.
Deadline for submission of articles: 1 March for publication in May
&
1 August for publication in October.

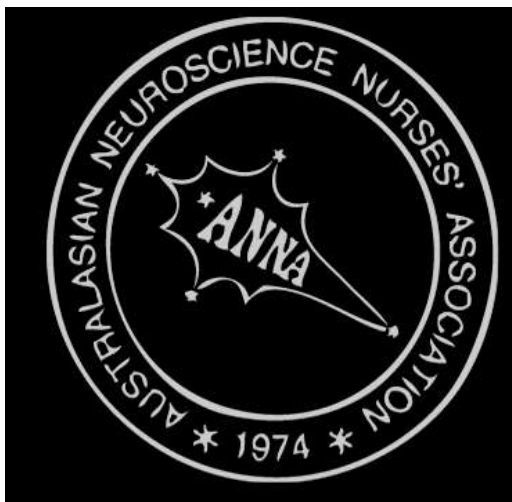
Help is available to assist you if needed.

Manuscripts are to be in MS Word format (with Title Page, Abstract, Key Words, Body, In-Text Referencing, Illustration referencing).

More information available on the ANNA website www.anna.asn.au

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The Louie Blundell Prize

Closing date: 5pm EST last Friday in May.

This prize is awarded for the best neuroscience nursing paper by a student submitted to the Australasian Neuroscience Nurses Association (ANNA) for inclusion in the *Australasian Journal of Neuroscience* by the designated date each year. The monetary value of the prize is \$500 AUD.

Candidates must be, or have been, students in a pre or post registration course as deemed appropriate by the ANNA Executive Committee during the preceding academic year and if they have completed their course must have graduated no more than six (6) months prior to submission of the paper. Types of papers that will be considered include case studies, reviews of literature, and research reports.

Each candidate for the prize must be the sole author of the paper and may only submit one paper for the Best Neuroscience Nursing Student Paper Prize.

Candidates should not have had a previous publication as a solo author.

ANNA reserves the right not to award the prize if no paper is of a satisfactory standard. The decision of the ANNA Executives is final. All candidates will be notified of the outcome in August.

A minimum of 3 judges will be appointed by ANNA to review the papers and report to the Executive Committee.

The award will be made based on the standard of scholarship of the paper. The qualities that the judges will be looking for are:

- Originality of the work
- The relevance and importance of the topic to current neuroscience nursing practice
- Evidence of reflection consistent with the level of the student
- Comprehensiveness, clarity and conciseness

- Conformity to the Guidelines for Authors, as specified in the *Australasian Journal of Neuroscience*

The author of the winning paper is required to submit the paper for publication in the *Australasian Journal of Neuroscience* and encouraged to present the paper at the Annual Scientific Meeting. At the discretion of the Journal Editor, all applicants, whether selected for a prize or not, may still be encouraged to submit their paper for publication, oral or poster presentation at the Annual Scientific Meeting. The judging process will form part of the peer review process for publication and as such recommendations may be made to the author prior to publication.

Registration, accommodation and travel arrangements are at the individuals' expense. Application for scholarships from ANNA or other organisations is encouraged.

Electronic submission of the paper is to be made to anna@pams.org.au

Further information is available on the web site www.anna.asn.au

Louie Blundell, was born in England, and although she wanted to be a nurse she had to wait until after World War 11 to start her training as a mature student in her late twenties. Later she and her family moved to Western Australia in 1959. She worked for a General Practice surgery in Perth until a move to the Eastern Goldfields in 1963. Subsequently, she worked at Southern Cross Hospital and then Merriden Hospital. During this time she undertook post basic education to maintain her currency of knowledge and practice, especially in coronary care.

Louie was also active in the community. She joined the Country Women's Association and over the years held branch, division and state executive positions until shortly before her death in 2007. She was especially involved in supporting the welfare of students at secondary school, serving on a high school hostel board for some time. She felt strongly that education was important for women and was a strong supporter and advocate of the move of nursing education to the tertiary sector, of post graduate study in nursing and the development of nursing scholarship and research, strongly defending this view to others over the years.



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Expression of Interest for ANNA Webmaster

The current executive committee are seeking an enthusiastic ANNA member to become part of the Executive Committee in the Webmaster role.

The Webmaster does not need to be familiar with website development or functions, but has the primary role of liaising between the executive committee and State delegates and the company that maintains the ANNA website (Woofbyte). The webmaster facilitates what goes on the website, and what needs to be removed, and communication between the ANNA Executive and Woofbyte. You will have an input on how the website looks and further website improvements.

If you are interested in the exciting role please contact the ANNA President and/or Secretary on the following e-mails

President@anna.asn.au and/or
Secretary@anna.asn.au

ATTENTION NEURO NURSES INTERESTED IN NEURO-ONCOLOGY

Nurses and health professionals will now have access to a brain tumour nursing module to support the care of primary brain tumour patients through all stages of their cancer journey.

Developed by the Cancer Institute NSW, through the clinical advice of their expert NSW Oncology Group for Neuro-Oncology, the online module features video case-studies and follows the EdCaN blueprint.

The case-study follows the story of Martin, a 49-year-old man diagnosed with a primary brain tumour. It begins with his presentation to an emergency department after experiencing a seizure, with the last clip canvassing Martin's deterioration and behavioural changes as seen by his family.

The eight-part video complements the learning activities and case-study reports, which parallel the many points along the cancer journey when specialist cancer nurses can improve outcomes for people with brain tumours and their families.

View the resource online at
<http://brainmodule.cancerinstitute.org.au/>

The ANNA Executive committee would like to encourage you to visit the brand new and improved association website at

www.anna.asn.au

The new website has:

- **Links to Facebook & Twitter**
- **Quicksearch & Quick links**
- **Member login section**



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Celebrate

AUSTRALASIAN NEUROSCIENCE

NURSES DAY

On 4 May, 1974, Tonnie Koenen organised the first meeting of Australasian neuroscience nurses in Canberra, during the Neurosurgical Society of Australasia's annual meeting. About 30 nurses from the ACT, NSW, TAS, VIC and WA met to formally establish the Australasian Neurosurgical Nurses' Association.

Since that time, Neuroscience nurses have continued to promote collaboration with other nurses and other health professionals in a committed effort to the professional development and education of nurses within the specialty of neuroscience. We celebrate this and the beginning of our Association on our Australasian Neuroscience Nurses Day, every 4th of May

Be in the running to win \$100.00 for your ward by entering into the ANND competition. The winner will be announced at the annual scientific conference in Perth later this year.

WHAT'S ON....

Let everyone know about your education evenings and advertise in Brainstem!

Send information at least 2 months before the event, including event, date, venue.

If you run out of time a "*post-mortem*" report would be great too.

Send information to

Kylie Wright

secretary@anna.asn.au

SAVE THE DATE

The 8th NNPDSC Annual Conference

NSW Agency of Clinical Innovation

Friday 1st June, 2012

Neurosurgical Nurses Professional Development Scholarship Committee

SMC- Conference & Function Centre, Sydney

For more information see ANNA website.

The ANNA Executive Committee would like to wish members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2012.





ANNA- ACT

In Canberra we have a little group, focussed mainly around the 29 bed neurosurgical ward at the Canberra Hospital. We have meetings scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month every 3 months:

7/12/2011

7/3/2012

6/6/2012

5/9/2012



The meetings will in the 9B tutorial room at the Canberra Hospital at 5pm.

The December meeting will be a presentation of the highlights from the ANNA Conference in Perth by the new State Delegate Steenus von Steensen. Programs for the meetings next year are still to be finalised. We also plan to have our annual general meeting in August 2012.

ANNA- NSW

The Neurosurgery ward at RNSH has devised a program to use Volunteers at meals to provide more assistance, shorten patients' waiting time for assistance, reduce malnutrition and dehydration, increase patient satisfaction, and allow nurses to concentrate on the more complex neurosurgical patients with dysphagia. International data shows 10-60% of all patients admitted are malnourished. Malnutrition leads to prolonged hospital stays and increased healthcare costs. This initiative involves training by the Speech Pathologist, the Dietitian and the Clinical Nurse Educator. We currently have 11 Volunteers, covering most breakfasts and lunches, and a couple of dinners. Together they provide more than 30 hours a week. They form an integral part of the Neurosurgery team and are highly valued.

In October 2011 RNSH Neurosurgery Volunteer Feeding Program won the inaugural Baxter's **NSW Health Volunteer Service of the Year Award**.



The picture shows Chris Oberle (volunteer) Nicki Pereira (CNE) Michelle Kleiner (Dietitian) and Sue Shilbury (General Manager) at the Awards Ceremony



ANNA- WA

Lisa J Scully - ANNA WA State Delegate

As ANNA WA State Delegate it is with great pleasure to have the opportunity to introduce the members of the WA Branch Committee - Christine Carroll as Secretary and Harriet Chan as Treasurer.

I have been involved in the WA Branch in a number of roles and more recently as both the WA Branch Delegate and as one of the Conference Convenors on the national Executive Committee. It was great to meet up with many colleagues at the annual conference that was successful held here in Perth in October. Currently, I am thoroughly enjoying the challenges of being a full time Lecturer at the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Curtin University as the Nursing Practice Unit Coordinator for final semester nursing students and Year 4 Leader.

We have a very active branch here in WA where we have recently formed a working party to commence the organising of our seminar which is proposed for July/August 2012. Although it is only early days in terms of organising this event, we have discussed a theme around 'Collaborative Neuroscience Nursing Practice'. We hope to see many WA members support this great educational event and networking opportunity with your fellow neuroscience nursing colleagues. Please do not hesitate to email Christine eds@globaldial.com with ideas, suggestions or perhaps you would like to join our enthusiastic team! Keep an eye out for email updates from Christine regarding the seminar and regular educational events held throughout the year.

At our last Branch Meeting in August, educational activities are proposed for February and September 2012 and our AGM has been scheduled for July 25th. Nada Canu (Staff Development Nurse, Neurosurgery, Mount Hospital) has kindly volunteered to undertake the role of Professional Activities Coordinator in the New Year – thus we warmly welcome Nada to our team.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Christine and Harriet for their continued dedicated hard work and support as we continue to strengthen our membership base and actively contribute to the specialist body of neuroscience nursing practice and knowledge. Many thanks also to members of the seminar working party and all ANNA WA members who actively participate in and contribute to Branch activities.

Festive greetings to all ANNA members and I look forward to catching up and working alongside you in the New Year.

Christine Carroll: ANNA WA Branch Secretary

Hi, my name is Christine Carroll and I am currently in my second year as the secretary for ANNA WA. I work full time as the Staff Development Nurse for Neurosciences, Ward G52, at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital here in Perth. We have 27 beds including a 9 bed High Dependency Unit (HDU), with the potential to expand to 11 HDU beds. Busy, busy, busy and that's the way I like it! I have been working in neurosurgery since returning to nursing 10 years ago. I initially trained in Ireland in the famous Mater Misericordiae Hospital in inner city Dublin. The Mater is run by the sisters of Mercy and boy do they give you good training. Their intense training has stood the test of time and has always left me in good standing. I came to WA in the mid 80's and gained experience in the Plastic and Burns unit at Royal Perth Hospital before going bush for Aboriginal Health to Derby for 7 months. I trained as a midwife and have a Post Graduate Certificate in Neurosciences. I am proud to be a member of ANNA our national professional body. Last year ANNA WA ran a very successful seminar and we are looking forward to holding another in 2012.



Harriet Chan: ANNA WA Branch Treasurer

My name is Harriet Chan. I have a strong passion and commitment to neuroscience nursing. I have been an active member of ANNA since the 1980s and have continued to contribute to the neuroscience body of knowledge and practices since completion of the post basic Certificate in Neurological and Neurosurgical Nursing in 1981. This includes completing postgraduate studies up to a master's level as well as publishing and presenting a number of papers on research and quality improvement activities at a national and international level. My experience includes lead roles/positions expanding across neuroscience clinical specialities including Acute Stroke/Neurology, Neurosurgery, Head & Neck & ENT, Neuro-Rehabilitation and the Australian Neuromuscular Research Institute. From the year 2000 to current I have also worked in a number of educator/lecturer roles, engaging in curriculum development for tertiary health services, community neurological organisations and academic institutions including the WA State Postgraduate Neuroscience Nursing Department of Health Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, Edith Cowan University, Murdoch University and the Neurological Council of WA. I value the diverse experience in professional development through committee of management roles including Secretary and Treasurer of the Multiple Sclerosis Nurses Australasia, Vice President of the Community Neurological Nurses Network, and Executive Board Member of the Epilepsy Association of WA. During the past two years I held the State Delegate and the Treasurer positions to the WA ANNA Branch and that through a dynamic committee the WA Branch ran a successful seminar in 2010 with participants from neuroscience care and industry sectors. Currently I continue in the Branch Treasurer role and look forward to the forthcoming WA Branch seminar in 2012.



The picture shows Christine Carroll,
Lisa Scully and Harriet Chan.

*Nil Reports received from Branches SA, QLD, or NZ
for publishing in this edition of Brainstem*



Calling all Tasmanian members,

We urgently need new state delegates to represent you; all positions are currently vacant, state delegate, secretary and treasurer. Please contact ANNA executive



The World Federation of Neuroscience Nurses (WFNN)

is an international nursing organisation dedicated to the promotion and development of neuroscience nursing throughout the world. Founded in 1969 by Agnes Marshall Walker and other key leaders in the fields of neuroscience nursing, the WFNN initially consisted of nursing organisations representing five member countries. Today, there are 17 member organisations representing approximately 7,000 nurses from five continents, making it a truly global organisation.



Members include: - Australasia; Austria; Belgium; Britain; Canada; China; Croatia; Denmark; Iceland; India; Italy; Japan; Movement Disorder Caring Society; Spain; Sweden; The Netherlands; USA.

Individual members include: Cuba; Germany; Ghana; Greece; Singapore; Thailand

The mission has remained the same since its inception:

- Encourage and facilitate interaction between neuroscience nurses throughout the world.
- Aid exchange and dissemination of knowledge and ideas in the field of neuroscience nursing
- Foster the highest standards for patient care in the neuroscience care setting
- Promote growth in the specialised area of neuroscience nursing
- Encourage nursing research and development in neuroscience nursing and paranursing areas
- Encourage establishment of neuroscience nursing societies

ANNA has been a member of WFNN since the 1970's. All member organisations submit annual member dues to the amount of USD\$1 per member. Nurses from countries without a member organisation may choose to apply for individual membership. Accordingly, all ANNA members are entitled to member benefits. For more information about WFNN please log on to **www.WFNN.org**

The **WFNN Quadrennial Congress** is one of the best opportunities to see WFNN in action. More than 10 different languages were overheard at the most recent meeting (Canada, 2009). But there was one common dialect: how to better care for neuroscience patients.



Scientific meetings are held every four years. The first WFNN Congress was held in 1973 in Tokyo, Japan. Subsequent meetings have been held in Sao Paulo, Brazil (1977); Munich, Germany (1981); Toronto, Canada (1985); Anaheim, USA (1989); Acapulco, Mexico (1993); Amsterdam, The Netherlands (1997); Sydney, Australia (2001); Barcelona, Spain (2005); Toronto, Canada (2009). The next Congress will be held in Gifu, Japan 2013. I encourage you all to make the trek to Gifu – after all, it's in our "neck of the woods" - you will enjoy

the experience!

Vicki Evans , Vice President, World Federation of Neuroscience Nurses

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Calling all Tasmanian members, we urgently need new Branch delegates to represent you; all positions are currently vacant, president, secretary and treasurer. Please contact ANNA executive	
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NEUROSCIENCE SYMPOSIUM

*'Commitment to Clinical
Excellence'*

For Nurses and Allied Health Professionals with an
interest and passion in Neuroscience

*Advanced notice for your diary**

Friday 23rd March 2012

Venue: **North Sydney Harbourview Hotel**

17 Blue Street, North Sydney

Time: **0745 – 1530**

Cost: **\$80** early bird registration by 23 Feb 12

\$95 registration after 23 Feb 12 (inc. GST)

(ANNA Members have unlimited early bird registration cost)

Accommodation available

Program yet to be finalised but includes:

Neuro Trauma, Ground breaking research in stroke management,
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oncology Case studies, more!

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