



April 2011

PRESIDENTS REPORT

A new year has begun and sees a handover from Tracy Desborough (President), Sharon Eriksson, (Vice-President), Karen Tuquiri (Treasurer) and Alanah Bailey (Conference Convenor) to the new team introduced in this Newsletter. Personally and on behalf of ANNA members I would like to thank them for their commitment, hard work, competence and ingenuity. Utilising these skills they have continued to forge ANNA into a viable and well managed association which will benefit from their hard work in the months to come as the new executive takes up the baton and surges forward.

I feel privileged to lead the current executive as we continue the development of ANNA as the voice of neuroscience nursing today and into the future. Currently Katrina as Vice-President has taken up the challenge of ensuring the ANNA Standards review is completed by this year's conference. Angela, as Treasurer, continues to ensure that financial management of the association is tight. Kylie is the backbone of communication while Karen, Linda and Lisa sail ahead with Conference 2011, details will be available on the web site shortly.

One of the challenges that face neuroscience nurses is how we determine the care we provide is the 'best' we can. It seems that as we work hard within our workplace, no matter how that is configured, new questions are being asked and even some old questions are being reframed. There is a constant need to examine our practices to ensure the best outcome for our patients and in doing so not only do we need to look forward but also into the past. I think Jennifer Blundell in an editorial (Journal of Neuroscience, 17(1), June-December 2005) expressed the same sentiments very well when she wrote "Much of the work that neuroscience nurses do..... remains hidden or is only disseminated within the confines of a clinical area. If we are to demonstrate the worth of

neuroscience nurses then the evidence underpinning our practice needs to be collected, presented in fora and published. Inquiry and research into all aspects of care and patient experience can only enrich our practice and the outcomes for patients and their families."

Let me then issue another challenge that I am confident you can achieve. In your workplace look around at the care you are providing to patients, the innovations, the improvements you are introducing and then publish and present. The body of our knowledge should not be hidden but shouted from the lectern at the annual conference or penned and submitted to the Journal of Neuroscience so that your colleagues and their patients can benefit. Looking forward to hearing you at the conference and reading your work in the journal.

Sharryn
ANNA President



Australian ANNA members would like to convey and express our deepest condolences to our New Zealand members and to the families and friends of the victims of the Christchurch earthquake. Our thoughts are with those who have been affected by this dreadful event.

“Black or White”, or is it? Neuroscience Nursing Practice.

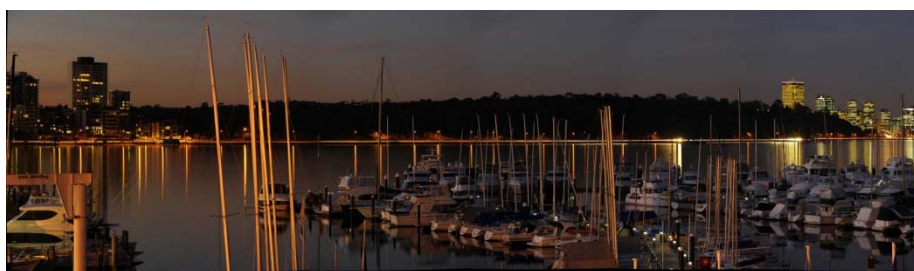
Join us as we go across the land to the 39th Annual Scientific Meeting this year in Perth, Western Australia. Perth is located on the south west of the continent and is famous for its picturesque Swan River, Kings Park and Botanical gardens which boasts spectacular city and river views, famous Port City of Fremantle which is just a short ferry ride away from the relaxing Rottnest Island. Perth City itself, offers a wide range of entertainment, great shopping and a wide range of cafes and fine dining.

The conference will be held at The Hyatt Regency on 5-7th October. There will be discounted accommodation available for ANNA conference attendees at The Hyatt Regency, if you follow this link www.perth.regency.hyatt.com

There are flights running frequently from all states in Australia to Perth through QANTAS, Virgin Blue and Jetstar and the city centre is located only 21kms from Perth international airport.

A couple of sites to visit for tourism in Western Australia are westernaustralia.com and [Perth Tourist Centre](http://PerthTouristCentre.com). These will give you information on flights, accommodation, climate and all the activities in Perth. Once the conference is over maybe you will choose to enjoy a round of golf, watch a movie in the park, have a picnic by the river, sample some fabulous Western Australian wine in Perth's oldest wine regions, or enjoy a bike ride through the hills. The Hyatt would be delighted to honour the group rate three (3) nights prior and three (3) nights after the main group dates. However, additional reservation requests will be subject to availability only.

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.



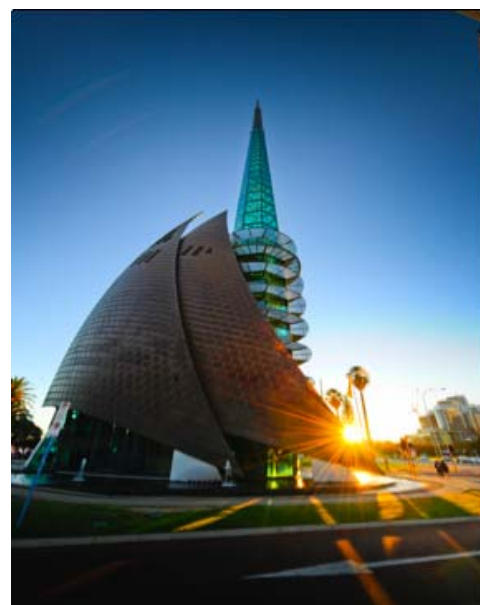
We look forward to seeing you there.

Karen Kullas

Lisa Scully

Linda Nichols

Conference Convenors



39th Annual Scientific Meeting

“Black & White”, or is it? Neuroscience Nursing Practice

**Perth Western Australia
5-7th October 2011**

Sponsorship Opportunities

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2011 ANNA ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

“Black & White”, Or is it?

Neuroscience Nursing Practice

Hyatt Regency, Perth, WA

5-7 October, 2011

~CALL FOR ABSTRACTS~

Submit Abstracts via the website

Closing Date: 12th July, 2011

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MEET THE NEW EXECUTIVE TEAM

President- Sharryn Byers



Sharryn started in neuroscience nursing by chance (in 1982) but continues because of the impact of the contribution that nursing makes to neuroscience patients. Her roles have been varied including clinical and managerial roles and is currently employed as CNC Neurosurgery, Nepean Hospital, NSW.

As a member of ANNA she has held positions at both the state and national levels currently as President but previously as Vice-President and Conference Convenor from 2000 to 2004. At this point her attention was directed towards study for a Masters in Nursing which was completed in 2009 when she was awarded a Masters in Nursing, Nurse Practitioner with a sub major in Neuroscience Nursing from UTS Sydney.

In addition to her current work role she is also on the editorial board of the Journal of Neuroscience, Board Member of the World Federation of Neuroscience Nurses, a member of Agency for Clinical Innovation Neurosurgery Committee and is the proud mother of a 28 yr old son.

Vice President – Katrina Mastello



Katrina Mastello is currently employed as the Neurosurgical Case Manager at Westmead Hospital and prior to this worked as an Intensive Care Registered Nurse. Katrina looks forward to working with the incoming executive and members to ensure that this fantastic organisation continues to grow and progress professionally. Katrina has a strong interest in the development of ANNA and support of all members.

TEXTBOOK

Neuroscience Nursing: Evidence-Based Theory and Practice edited by Sue Woodward and Ann-Marie Mestecky.

Neuroscience Nursing is a **comprehensive**, practical text that reflects both the richness and the diversity of contemporary neuroscience nursing. It aims to inform the practice of neuroscience nursing through the report of current research, best available evidence, policy and education.

Key features:

- *The first evidence-based UK neuroscience textbook for nurses
- *Extensive full colour illustrations throughout
- *Applicable to a wide variety of settings including prevention, primary care, acute and critical care, rehabilitation and palliative care
- *Contributions from nurse specialists, nurse consultants, academics and subject experts from throughout the UK

Further information about the book is available at <http://eu.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-1405163569,descCd-description.html>

copies of the book are available at a discount to members of Australasian Neuroscience Nurses' Association





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Secretary- Kylie Wright



Kylie completed her university based education at Cumberland College of Health Sciences, Sydney University and became a registered nurse in 1992 and went on to complete a Bachelor's conversion degree the following year. Between 1993 and 1995 Kylie worked at Rozelle, St Vincents and Camden Hospitals in Sydney NSW gaining experience in Neurosurgical, Neurology, Psychiatric, Intensive Care, Emergency and Theatre nursing. In mid 1995 she transferred to the Neurosurgical ward at Liverpool Hospital where over the next 6 years held positions of Clinical Nurse Specialist and Clinical Nurse Educator in Neurosurgery. In 2001 Kylie successfully gained the position of the inaugural Clinical Nurse Consultant in Neurosciences at Liverpool Hospital and developed the neurosciences nursing services from the ground up. In May 2003, she became the first Neurosurgical CNC/Case Manager at Liverpool Hospital and remains in that position today overseeing the provision of optimal patient care delivery for patients following neurosurgical surgery and procedures.

Kylie completed a Masters of Nursing in Clinical Practice, majoring in Neurosciences (UTS) in 2002 and holds adjunct positions of Senior Teaching Fellow in the School of Nursing, the University of Western Sydney, and Clinical Lecturer in the School of Nursing and Midwifery at the University of Tasmania. Kylie sits on the New South Wales Cancer Institute Neuro Oncology Advisory Group, as well as the Agency for Clinical Excellence Neurosurgical Coordinating Committee.

Treasurer- Angela Evans



Angela began her nursing career in Tasmania in early 2000. Her nursing experience includes plastics, ENT, and ICU/CCU and although she has found these specialties interesting she has a passion for neuroscience nursing. Angela has spent 7 years in neurosurgical nursing in Hobart before moving to Sydney in late 2008 into her current role as Neurosciences Clinical Nurse Consultant at Prince of Wales Hospital in Randwick, Sydney. I look forward to the challenges ahead and am excited to be part of the new executive team in 2011.

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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Journal Editor- Vicki Evans



Vicki has been involved in Neuroscience for the past 23 years in a variety of positions in both public and private settings. She has completed tertiary studies in Management and Neuroscience and is currently employed at Sydney's Royal North Shore Hospital in the role of Neuroscience Clinical Nurse Consultant.

Her first experience as international speaker was in 1988 at the Disneyland Hotel for AANN's Conference, where she presented her educational board game - *Cerebral Tap*®.

Most recently (November 2010), she was the Keynote Speaker at the Krembil Neuroscience Symposium in Toronto, Canada.

Vicki lived in New York City for 3 years, working at New York University Medical Centre in Neurosurgery. Whilst there, she became involved in AANN and was introduced to the World Federation of Neuroscience Nurses (WFNN). She has held positions in AANN – Travel Grant Committee, and in WFNN – Secretary (1997-2001) & Vice President (2005- present). Her role in WFNN also encompasses the Scientific Chair for the Quadrennial Congress – Sydney 2001, Toronto 2009, Nagoya 2013.

She is an active member of the Australasian Neuroscience Nurses Association (ANNA) and is the Editor of the *Australasian Journal of Neuroscience*. She has published widely and has received several awards.

Conference Convenor – Karen Kullas



Karen is Clinical Nurse Specialist at Westmead hospital in the Neurosciences department and, has also previously worked in the Haematology/Oncology and palliative Care Unit at Nepean Hospital. Karen graduated from the University of Sydney in 2001 (B. Nursing) and completed a New Graduate program at Westmead Hospital in 2003 (rotating through Neurosciences, Haematology/Oncology and the emergency departments). Karen has completed post graduate certificates in Neuro-medical and Neurosurgical Nursing, and Cancer Nursing.

In 2005 Karen decided to pursue her interest in science and further undertook studies in a B. Medical Science at the University of Western Sydney, which she later completed in 2009, a period of five years which she most thoroughly enjoyed and, which subsequently led her to develop a thirst for scientific knowledge particularly in Neurosciences. As a result, Karen is currently completing a Masters in Medical Science (Brain and Mind Sciences) at the Brain and Mind Research Institute at the University of Sydney and, in the coming year hopes to combine the knowledge and skills she has gained so far to better care for her patients as a Neuroscience Nurse and, make a valuable contribution within the scientific community and ongoing neuroscience medical research.



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Conference Convenor – Lisa Scully



Lisa graduated as a Comprehensive Registered Nurse in New Zealand in 1992 and travelled to Australia to undertake her graduate year at Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital in the Goldfields of Western Australia.

Lisa's passion for neuroscience nursing started during employment in the acute neurosurgical unit at Sir Charles Gardiner Hospital where she is currently employed as an Acting Staff Development Nurse.

Lisa had the opportunity to work with many inspiring and dynamic neuroscience specialist nurses during her time at Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney where she completed her Post Graduate Diploma in Neuroscience Nursing. Following this, Lisa has relished the opportunity to undertake a variety of roles/secondments within the neurosciences which include those as a Nurse Lecturer, Clinical Nurse Specialist and Staff Development Nurse.

Lisa is currently enrolled in a Masters of Health Professional Education at the University of Western Australia and hopes to encourage many more nurses to the speciality of neuroscience nursing in Western Australia through her role as the Membership and Professional Activities Coordinator for the ANNA Western Australian State Branch.

Conference Convenor – Linda Nichols



In 1998 Linda received a Bachelor of Nursing from the University of Tasmania, and soon after completed a Graduate program however further study was delayed by family commitments and young children. Linda returned to the University of Tasmania and completed a Graduate Diploma in Aged Care in 2008. In 2008 she also obtained registration as a Nurse Immuniser, and continue to work during the flu season providing on average 1000 flu vaccinations each season.

After 10 years working in the aged and community sector, undertaking a number of roles including the management of the transfer and integration of computerised care planning and documentation systems within residential aged care facilities Linda wished to revisit and update my acute care skills. She was offered a position at the Tasmanian Neurosurgical Unit at the Royal Hobart Hospital and in 2009 completed a Graduate Certificate in Neuroscience from Sir Charles Gardiner Hospital.

In 2010 Linda completed a Clinical Masters at the University of Tasmania (Neuroscience) and in 2011 brings the challenge of a Graduate Certificate in Oncology (neuro) where Linda hopes to bridge her knowledge and expand her skills. Linda continues to work as many shifts in the community as possible with a small city like Hobart providing the joy of being able to follow patients journeys from acute to home care.

SickKids Centre for Brain & Behaviour 2nd Biennial Conference - Brain Injury in Children

www.sickkidsbrainconference.ca

July 12 - 14, 2011 - Toronto, Canada



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*******

www.anna.asn.com.au

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



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ADVANCED NOTICE - NEUROSCIENCE and TRAUMA 2011 SPECIALITY SEMINARS

WESTMEAD HOSPITAL

- Subarachnoid Haemorrhage - June 30
- Neurology Update (Multiple Sclerosis, Huntington's Disease, Epilepsy & Parkinson's Disease) - August 25
- Trauma Nursing - October 20

\$66 per day

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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

Email to the Editor - Vicki Evans –
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See you in PRINT!



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The Australasian Neuroscience nurses Association is pleased to invite applications for the

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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2011 Neuroscience Conference

The Chifley, Wollongong

Saturday August 27th, 2011

0800 to 1500 (6hrs CPD)

Hold on tight... brace yourself...

it's Navigating Neuro!

Early Bird Registration (incl. GST) = \$88

(before Aug 12th, 2011)

Registration (incl. GST) = \$99

(Includes Morning Tea, Lunch and Certificate of Attendance)

Closing date for Registrations is 19th August

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Working together: stroke in time

7th Australasian Nursing & Allied Health
Stroke Conference

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Transitions of care - Preparing to discharge the TBI in-patient

Presented by NSW Metropolitan
Brain Injury Rehabilitation Nurses
Network

29th April 2011

Royal Rehabilitation Centre, Ryde, NSW

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RSVP by 22nd April



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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.

SAVE THE DATE

The 8th NNPDSC Annual Conference

Friday 3rd June, 2011

*Neurosurgical Nurses
Professional Development
Scholarship Committee
The Menzies Hotel, Sydney*

*For more program information and to register
online, please visit
<http://www.dconferences.net.au/nnpdsc/>*

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

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Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Neurosciences' Seminar

16th May 2011

KPEC Auditorium 4.1

Kerry Packer Education Centre

Royal Prince Alfred Hospital

Missenden Road

Camperdown, NSW 2050

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state news

Australasian Neuroscience Nurses Association

ANNA- NSW State Delegate

I would like to begin by thanking Elizabeth O'Brien, our previous State Delegate and Anne MacLeod, past treasurer, for their commitment to ANNA NSW over the last four years. They have made the transition for our new executive members less arduous as a result of their organisational skills and eagerness to help us as we get involved in our new roles. The current executive is made up of myself as State Delegate; Brianna Beattie, Secretary; Caleb Ferguson, Treasurer and Shae Miller as Editor of Hemisphere News.

Our **first educational session for 2011** will be held on the afternoon of **Wednesday, 29 June** when Professor Sandy Middleton will present the results of the QASC study. QASC stands for 'Quality in Acute Stroke Care'. I have already heard Sandy present some preliminary findings – it is a fascinating study – the first nurse led randomised controlled trial of patients with Stroke in Australia. It is a very clinically based study looking at management of patients in relation to fever, hyperglycaemia and swallowing problems in the first 72 hours after acute stroke. When the finer details are set in stone we will be sending them out to everyone via email. Also, we will be using facebook

and twitter to keep you posted if you are one of those people who likes to connect that way!

We wanted to hear from our members how ANNA NSW can meet some of their educational needs. To this end we have sent out an **online survey** to get some ideas on what our members see as important topics to cover in future educational events at a State level and when is the best time to hold these events.

Additionally, we continue to support our members each year via the **John Sheard Travel Award**. Applications will be considered for travel, registration and accommodation expenses associated with attending a professional development activity including a conference, seminar, workshop or short course (excluding formal/higher education course fees) relevant to neuroscience nursing. The closing date is 31 August. There are two awards of \$500 or one award of \$1000 available.

Jeanne Barr, ANNA NSW State Delegate



Calling all Tasmanian members,

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

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WFNN
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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.nu

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.



the experience!

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



Like WFNN, the **European Neuroscience Nurses Association (EANN)** holds a Congress every four years and works alongside WFNN. The upcoming EANN Congress will be held in Blankenberge, Belgium: May 4-7. Please visit www.eann2011.com for further information. There are a number of ANNA members speaking at this congress and I congratulate them all - it's a great achievement!

Vicki Evans, Vice President, World Federation of Neuroscience Nurses, Scientific Chair, WFNN Congress 2011

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Calling all Queensland 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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