



Mid year – another ANND celebration and another conference around the corner.

This year we have had some fantastic entries from many hospitals and neuro departments that celebrated Neuroscience Nurses Day. It is impressive how creative and innovative neuroscience clinicians can get!!!!!! From August the sites that submitted a report on their activities will have them posted on our website. Keep an eye out for them, you may recognise someone. Planning for this special event always helps, so put it in your diary for next year, submit an entry and vie for the prize money. Planning for the conference in October is well underway. We have secured record sponsorship and trade and with Melbourne treats to compliment your stay, networking with your colleagues, it is an essential booking in your diary. For those returning, this year will see another program full of original, inspiring and innovative presentations and poster displays. For new ANNA members or first timers considering the conference, opportunities to explore and meet others working in similar area's. to be

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So we welcome young and old to Melbourne this year, registration brochures will soon be arriving.....and for those thinking about presenting.....get your abstracts in early. I have recently had some opportunities to catch up with neuroscience nurses working across a broad spectrum of clinical area's through presentation of a professional issues lecture to a neuroscience short series. It was interesting to note and discuss the workforce challenges facing not just neuroscience nurses, but all nurses. We are consistently being asked to do more, with less money, in less time and with increased outcomes. How will your service measure up to these ever changing expectations? How do you protect your specialty in times of change? How do we protect the integrity and development of specialist Neuroscience Nurses? ANNA is your forum, your association and we need your feedback..... please contact your State Delegates, get involved and become informed.

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The Australasian executive is committed to ensure the integrity of the association and to move forward with the ever changing times. If you have feedback, you want to see something new, you want to get involved, please visit the NEW WEBSITE and drop us a line. We would love to hear from you.

Cheers
Tracy
President



Conference

I hope that you are all thinking about what to present at our conference this year whether it be current research that you are undertaking, nurse practice issues or an interesting case study. The call for abstracts has been sent out and I look forward to reading all the abstracts.

Abstracts close 17th July 2007

Abstracts are to be submitted via the website.

The organization is in full swing and I would like to thank all ANNA Executive for their assistance in particular Sharon and Tracy who have been assisting me as I get use to my role as a mother!!

As you may be aware we are always looking for volunteers to help out at the conference in way of moderating a session, time keeping or being on our judging panel, **if you are interested in any of these roles** please send me an email as we will need your assistance.

The conference registration document is underway and will soon be landing in your letterboxes!

We hope to see many of our members and new members in Melbourne

October 17th – 19th at the Novotel on Collins.

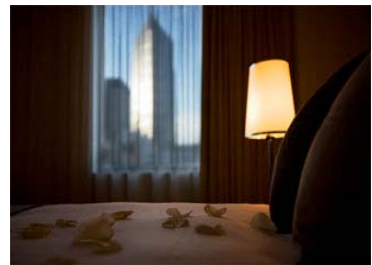
So start spreading the news.

If you have any questions or queries please contact me. Until then mark the dates in your diary, book in the study leave or annual leave and start informing your colleagues about our conference.

Your Friendly Conference Convener

Cheryl Trudinger

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NEWS FLASH

***** Congratulations to our Friendly Conference Convener Cheryl, on the birth of our mini Friendly Conference Convener HANNAH.*****
both mum and bub look great.



Important note: yes we are standing alone for the first time from the Neurosurgical Society of Australasia (**NSA**). This was voted on at our last AGM Sept 06. For details on their conference from 30th Sept-3rd October 2007 see: www.nsa.org.au
Location: Conrad Jupiters, Gold Coast, QLD

Branch	First Name	Last Name	Organization Name
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VIC	Mary	Jones	Peter James Ct, Movement Disorders
VIC	Danny	Kinsella	Austin Hospital- Neurology
VIC	Maria	Sakkas	Box Hill Hospital
NSW	Usha	Lal	Westmead Private Hospital
NSW	Leonie	Mayo	Westmead Hospital
NSW	Christine	Hitches	Wollongong Hospital
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NSW	Anne	Gategood	Royal Prince Alfred Hospital
NSW	Melanie	Franz	Philips Medical Systems
NSW	Elsa-Lee	Crawley	Royal North Shore Hospital
NSW	Emily	Gray	RPA
ACT	Brenda	Robertson	The Canberra Hospital
ACT	Steenvs	Von Steensen	The Canberra Hospital
SA	Anne	Nesbitt	Royal Adelaide Hospital
SA	Christine	Bishop	Flinders Medical Centre
NZ	Fiona	Burgess	Auckland City Hospital
QLD	Amy	Jones	Saint Andrews War Memorial Hospital

Journal

All members would have received the latest AJON Jan-July 06 Vol17, No1 and revised handbook in Dec/Jan. You can expect to receive more journals this year as we catch up on editions from 2006. Stay tuned and update your address on the website or you may miss out!

AJON Cover Competition "Cover it - Win it!"



Calling all budding artists, all members are invited to design a new cover for the journal. This is your chance to be recognised for your hidden talents and have your name published inside the front cover. Submit all entries to the executive, see contact details last page.

Maintaining your membership

- If you have Email addresses please let the executive know, send your address to annaexecutive@anna.asn.au
- Notify ANNA promptly of change of address, via the website, email, fax, phone or post
- OVERDUE:
as per your ANNA handbook, if renewal payments are not received within 3 months you are required to rejoin as a new member for \$90.



2007 Update:

It has been a busy time for the WFNN executive and board members. Plans for the 10th Anniversary Congress of WFNN are progressing well. The Congress is planned for **May 23-28, 2009** and will be held in Toronto, Canada. So start preparing for your submissions for presentation and travel plans for the meeting, it should be great! Barcelona was the last WFNN meeting in 2005. All that attended would agree that it was a wonderful experience.

The **WFNN board of directors** are looking forward to our upcoming meeting. The meeting will be held at the **European Association of Neuroscience Nurse congress in Iceland May 30th**. Our last meeting was held in 2005 in Barcelona. We are hopeful that the meeting will be very productive. Elections for the positions of President, Treasurer and Secretary will take place. Confirmation of the new executive will be an important step for the ongoing planning for the Toronto meeting. We will also plan the continuation of the **WFNN Travel Grant**. Keep your eye on the web page for submission details and closing dates.

We would like to welcome our new member countries to WFNN. The Swedish Association of Neuroscience Nurses are now members of WFNN. We have also received individual memberships from nurses in Thailand, Greece, Mexico and South Helena Island. We are looking forward to hearing from our new members learning from their knowledge and experiences. It is wonderful to see the growth of WFNN to see the ongoing networking with our International Neuroscience colleagues.

For those who have not visited the new website, take a look at the new **discussion board** available. www.wfnn.nu

I look forward to providing an update after Iceland!

Rochelle Firth

Nurse Practitioner- Neurosurgery

WFNN- Secretary

Remember all
ANNA members
are WFNN
members too!

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The Australasian Executive WANTS U!!

The following positions will become vacant at the next AGM in October 07

PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT

CONFERENCE CONVENER

Written expressions of interest are required 60 days prior to the AGM for those who are interested in representing the Association and the interests of Neuroscience Nurses both at regional & international levels



\$\$ New Neurology prize at next ANNA conference in Melbourne!

This year will see the inaugural presentation of a Neurology prize at the conference. The Australian and New Zealand Association of Neurologists (ANZAN) has kindly sponsored a prize to the total of **\$1000**.

So to all you neurology buffs get those papers ready!

ANNA Professional Standards:

these are posted to all new members and additional copies are available for \$30, just send us an email if you would like to purchase a copy.

Education evenings:

Let everyone know about your education sessions 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.

Neuro nursing conferences!

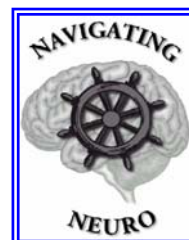
♦ **Syringomyelia Symposium** to be held in Rugby, England to take place on October 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th 2007:

www.syringomyelia2007.org

♦ **Glioma Meeting**, recent advances tumour biology, imaging & surgery, to be held at Sofitel Wentworth Hotel, Sydney, 16-18 August
www.dccconferences.com.au/glioma

♦ **Smart Strokes**, 3rd Australasian Nursing & Allied Health Stroke Conference
2nd-3rd August 2007 at Star City, Sydney
smartstrokes@conferenceaction.com.au

♦ **Navigating Neuroscience Conference**
Saturday, August 4th, 2007
0830 to 1530
WIN Entertainment Centre
Crown St, Wollongong



Topics will include:
Stroke

Management of Glioma

Brain Death

Temporal Arteritis

Falls (Inpatients)

Traumatic Brain Injury and the role of Licox
Interventional Neuro-radiology

Registration (incl. GST) before July 23, 2007 \$80

Registration (incl. GST) after July 23, 2007 \$90
(includes Morning Tea & Lunch)

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Street parking available

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New Neuroscience Nursing TEXTBOOK

The UK is publishing a direct competitor to Joanne Hickey's text and Australasian neuro nurses are being invited to contribute! Authors are requested for chapters on

neurological investigations

(5000 words) +

pain/headaches (10,000 words)

Please email your expressions of interest to the ANNA executive.

First draft due by the end of August.

\$\$ Exclusive discount for ANNA members to subscribe to the British Journal of Neuroscience Nurses

an offer has been extended to ANNA members who may wish to subscribe to the British Journal of Neuroscience Nursing, by the editor-in-chief Sue Woodward. ANNA members may subscribe at the UK individual subscribers rate, rather than the overseas rate for this year.

Details can be found on the website at www.bjnn.com.uk



TG:Neurology 3

Therapeutic Guidelines: Neurology 3

Has just been released.

For details check it out: www.tg.com.au

Other nursing conferences?

- ◆ 5th Australasian Conference on Safety & Quality in Health Care
August 6-8 at the Brisbane Convention Centre
- ◆ International Council of Nurses (ICN) Conference in Japan 27 May-1st June
- ◆ Royal College of Nursing, Australia Annual Conference "Illuminating Nursing" 11-14th July
Sydney <http://conference.rcna.org.au>
- ◆ Joanna Briggs Institute International Convention from 26-28 Nov 2007
Hyatt Regency Adelaide, South Australia
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Celebrating Australasian Neuroscience Nurses Day.....

"ANND"

We hope everyone that celebrated ANND had an enjoyable time. Thanks to those who submitted reports for their ANND activities. All are in the running to win \$100.00 for their ward/unit by entering into the ANND competition. The winner will be announced at the annual scientific conference in Melbourne later this year.

To view the entries in the running for the prize please visit our NEW website at
www.anna.asn.au

Reports will be on the website from August

NSW state branch report

ANNA NSW - Report May 2007



Hi to all! I can't believe that it is May already and so much has already been achieved. New to the role of NSW ANNA President in January I was extremely overwhelmed and wondering what on earth made me take this on?? I am discovering why!

With my executive we have looked at many aspects of ANNA NSW and what was already well in place. The first priority was to review the **John Sheard Travel Award** and bring it's monetary value up to a level that would enable the recipient/s to be able to really feel that they were getting value for money. We have increased the amount to a total of **\$1000 or two \$500 awards** to assist in travel/ registration to an upcoming conference/event. There is now a **closing date, the last working day in August 2007, Friday 31st**. We hope to hear from any interested NSW members who feel they may be able to fill the criteria. The guidelines and application can be found on the ANNA website.

Our second priority was to review the ANNA Education evenings that had been held and attended with varying success. We circulated an expression of interest and a brief questionnaire to the majority of hospitals who had held education evenings in the past. It is clear that there is no longer a great interest in education evenings. As a result the NSW ANNA Executive are still committed to the provision of Neuroscience Education, and are happy to support members in any of their educational activities, day seminars and symposiums, afternoon sessions etc. The amount of support can be varied, all it takes is a conversation with myself or one of the executive. ANNA NSW recently supported SESIAHS with their "Connecting With Neuroscience" seminar in March, a free membership to ANNA was a door prize.

Thirdly and most importantly we have organised our **AGM for Wednesday 22nd August**. Sponsorship is from "Solvay Pharmaceuticals", the venue is the lovely "**Stamford Grand**" at North Ryde. Our guest presenter is Lin Perry from the UK, a Neuroscience nurse with a varied array of expertise. The evening begins at 6pm with canapés and continues through until 9.30 pm with the presentation, dinner and the AGM. RSVP document will be available on the ANNA website and in our next **Hemisphere News**. We are looking forward to a great evening.

So I am pleased to say that I am discovering why I took on the NSW ANNA position and am finding the challenges rewarding to say the least. Any comments or suggestions are welcome, ANNA is **your** professional body.

Thanks, Liz O'Brien NSW ANNA President.
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RNSH Stroke and The Cancer Institute, NSW Collaboration.

The RNSH Stroke Team recently collaborated with the Cancer Institute, NSW in the development of a new anti-smoking advertisement focussing on the link between smoking & stroke.

The advertisement was both graphic & moving showing a middle aged man paralysed and unable to speak being cared for by his wife. The take home messages were "*smoking doubles your chance of a stroke*" and that "*it causes long term disability that not only affects the individual but also their partner and children*". The advert was launched at RNSH by the Deputy Minister of Health on Sun 20th May and runs until the end of June.



State News

Victorian Branch (new delegates)

State Delegate –Liz Mackey

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Next Meeting - August 15th

Monash Medical Centre,

246 Clayton Road, Clayton

Ward 54 South Clinical room.

South Australia

Calling all interested members,

new branch developing

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RPA Neurosciences' Day

Friday 21st September

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