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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Welcome to the latest edition of Brainstem. It has been a very busy year for the executive after a successful conference and planning well underway for the coming year's conference in the lovely Christchurch New Zealand.

Work continues on preparing for the handover of the executive positions

this year. Check out the brainstem for further information, this being the last term for many of the Australasian Executive, the opportunity exists for any interested parties to participate in the running of the Association. Call for nominations will be tabled at the conference. Please contact Exec if you are interested.

This year sees some big changes for the nursing profession with the introduction of National Registration. These changes will challenge the way we document what it is we do as nurses and the Association is looking at how we will respond to these changes. We received much in the way of feedback at the forums at the conference and are in the process of strategically planning on the basis of this information.

For anyone who contacts PAM's you will have noticed a change of Association Manager. Our hands on business is now being managed by Shweta, who will be able to respond rapidly to your needs and is working in well with the team. Welcome Shweta, we look forward to working with you into the future.

The other exciting news in the PAMS arena is the introduction of the online member database for Executive and Branch Delegates. Stay tuned, more information heading your way in the near future.

This year has seen the handover of the Journal Editors position to Vicki Evans who has been working very hard to bring to you a fantastic launch edition of the journal. Sneak preview shows just how hard Vicki has worked and it looks fantastic so watch your mailboxes for the next edition.

Review and recommendations have now been completed of the Association Handbook and Constitution. New documents will be forwarded upon completion to members shortly.

A group of hardworking members, led by Harriet Chan have been working on the review of the Standards for the Neuroscience Nurse. Thank you to this team, who will hopefully have a draft document to table in New Zealand. If you are interested in participating then please contact Executive and we can put you in touch with the group.

Looking forward to seeing you all across in New Zealand in October and don't forget to wish your colleagues a

HAPPY NEUROSCIENCE NURSES DAY!

Regards

Tracy

ANNA President

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ACTION YOUR POTENTIAL

Join us as we go across the sea to the 38th Annual Scientific Meeting this year in Christchurch New Zealand. Christchurch famed for being 'the garden city' is the largest city in the picturesque south island of New Zealand.

The conference will be held at Rydges in Christchurch on October 20-22nd. There is discounted accommodation available for ANNA conference attendees at Rydges if you follow this link <http://www.rydges.com/cwp/anna>

There are flights running frequently from all states in Australia to Christchurch through Air New Zealand, QANTAS, Virgin Blue and Emirates and the city centre is located only 12kms from the international airport.

A couple of sites to visit for tourism in New Zealand are www.newzealand.com and www.tourism.net.nz. These will give you information on flights, accommodation, climate and all the activities in New Zealand. Once the conference is over maybe you will choose to enjoy some adrenaline packed sports, sightseeing the idyllic landscape or world class food and wine.

Sponsorship is strong this year so far with Allergan signing on as our gold sponsor.

Keep an eye out for the call for abstracts and ANNA conference posters, which will be out very soon, and start to action your potential now!



We look forward to seeing you there.

Alanah Close

Conference Convenor



**Australasian Neuroscience
Nurses Association**

The Annual Scientific Meeting & General Meeting of the Australasian Neuroscience Nurses' Association will be held in Christchurch, New Zealand on October 20-22, 2010. Mark your diaries now! We are CALLING FOR ABSTRACTS, join us and share your innovative neuroscience work. Submit your abstracts ONLINE at www.anna.asn.au. More information is available on the website or email the Conference Convenor at conferenceconvenor@anna.asn.au

ABSTRACTS CLOSE JULY 16TH, 2010

**Looking forward to seeing
you in New Zealand!
The ANNA Exec
www.anna.asn.au**





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POSITIONS VACANT ANNA EXECUTIVE

The following positions will become vacant at the next Annual General Meeting in New Zealand October 2010

**PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT
TREASURER
SECRETARY
WEBMASTER
CONFERENCE CONVENOR**

Expressions of interest are welcome for those who are interested in representing the Association and the interest of Neuroscience Nurses both at regional and international levels.

If you would like more information about what is required to be part of the Australasian Neuroscience Nurses Association Executive Committee, please contact a member of the Executive or your Branch Delegate for more information or a position description.

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
Renae Baker
secretary@anna.asn.au

Save these dates!!

5th-6th August 2010

SMART STROKES 2010

6th Australasian Nursing and Allied Health Stroke Conference

"Smart Strokes 2010 – New Futures"

Crowne Plaza Terrigal, NSW, Australia

<http://www.conferenceaction.com.au/current/SmartStrokes%202010RegBrochure.pdf>

Friday 11th June 2010

Neurosurgical Nurses Professional Development Scholarship Committee

Amora Hotel Jamieson Sydney

For more program information and to register online, please visit

<https://secure.dcconferences.com.au/nnpdsc/egistration.php>



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BARBARA LESTER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Hurry..... This is your last chance to apply for the Barbara Lester Scholarship Fund.

Closing date has been extended please forward all applications to ANNA Executive by the last working day of June 2010.

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.
- Available to a member giving a conference presentation or facilitating a workshop/breakout session at a conference, which must have relevance to the neuroscience specialty.

Funding Available

- Up to \$3000 is available to fund a scholarship to one successful applicant.
- The ANNA Executive will convene for scholarship review month of July 2010. Therefore a fully completed application must be received by the last working day of June 2010.

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

CONFERENCE LOCATION 2011

Calling all ANNA members.....

ANNA Executive would like to hear from you on where you the members would like your 2011 Annual Scientific Meeting to be held. Please email your suggestion of State or city to secretary@anna.asn.au

Closing date: Last day of August for nomination at the 2010 AGM.





ANNA – VIC State Delegate

ANNA Victoria's "Stroke Seminar for Nursing and Allied Health"

On Friday 26th February 2010 ANNA Victoria held a **Stroke Seminar** in Melbourne which was attended by 210 delegates from nursing and allied health. We had a range of presenters from across the continuum of stroke care.

The day was incredibly well received by all, highlighted by the overwhelming response with registrations closing one month prior to the seminar. Over 100 people are on the waiting list, encouraging us to start preparation for another Stroke Seminar later in the year. Please stay tuned for further details.

Many thanks to the Department of Health's **Victorian Stroke Clinical Network (VSCN)** for their delegate sponsorship via scholarships to both Metropolitan and Regional delegates. We would also like to thank Boehringer Ingelheim for their donations and support.

Presenters and topics included:

An overview of the Victorian Stroke Clinical Network

Sonia Denisenko, Manager Stroke Clinical Network;
Adele Mollo, Facilitator & Manager Stroke Clinical Network;
Patrick Groot, Stroke Facilitator South Western Health

Stroke Assessment & Patient Management in the Emergency Department – Bronwyn Coulton, Stroke Nurse Practitioner Candidate, Box Hill Hospital

NICS – TIA and Stroke Care Bundles in the Emergency Department

Jodie Clydesdale, Senior Project Officer, Effective Practice Program, National Institute of Clinical Studies, National Health & Medical Research Council

When should we mobilise patients after stroke?

Prof Julie Bernhardt, Director, Very Early Rehabilitation Research Program, National Stroke Research Institute

Stroke Mimics / Differential diagnosis

Louise Weir, Stroke Nurse Practitioner Candidate, Royal Melbourne Hospital

The Victorian Dysphagia Screening Project

David Meade, Senior Speech Pathologist, South East Sector

Caring for the patient with a Hemiparetic Upper Limb

Lucinda Marr, Neuroscience Physiotherapist, Royal Melbourne Hospital

Urinary Continence Management after a Stroke

Elizabeth Mackey, Stroke Clinical Coordinator, Western Health, ANNA Victoria State Delegate

"How are you feeling today?" Mood Management after stroke

Dr Jane V Khoo, Clinical Neuropsychologist, Psychology Services, Caulfield Hospital

Patient education for stroke prevention after a TIA

Louise Weir, Stroke Nurse Practitioner Candidate, Royal Melbourne Hospital

The presentations are linked on the Victorian page of the ANNA website. The authors have given permission to share the presentations, but please remember to acknowledge their work if you wish to use any of the information.

Seminar Organisers:

Liz Mackey, ANNA Victoria State Delegate
Anne-Marie Watson, ANNA Victoria State Treasurer
Nigel Waping, ANNA Victoria State Secretary



ANNA – WA State Delegate

I cannot see when the time has passed.... We are in mid April 2010! The WA Branch has been busy revitalising the committee team and the Branch. We are grateful to have a team of dedicated committee and members across the public and private neurosciences health services sectors. Our team:

State Delegate and Treasurer Harriet Chan

Membership and professional Activities Coordinator – Lisa Scully

Secretary – Margaret Rogers

Social Activities Coordinator – Jo Chadwick, Jaqueline O'Brien

Members: Kellie Burgess, Chris Carroll

In February we were so proud of having Lisa Scully representing WA Branch ANNA at the SCGH annual graduation ceremony. Lisa presented the Excellence award to Fiona Templar (TAS), the best student of the Graduate Certificate Neuroscience Nursing 2009 group. The SCGH postgraduate Neuroscience Nursing program had 7 graduates [3 WA, 2 TAS, 1 Qld, 1 NZ].

Harriet and Lisa met regularly to work on the review of the ANNA Standards document in the past 6 months..

Lisa has taken up the challenging role of membership coordinator, driving more memberships.....

Recently, a WA member proposed a Neurology Chapter to be established, aiming to strengthen the network among the community and hospital neurology nurses. Harriet has raised this matter with the Executive via email..... Watch this space!.

The WA branch is committed to providing a Seminar in August this year: "Advancing Practice in Neuroscience Nursing: Now and Beyond 2010" (please refer to Seminar flyer and registration form as per attachments)!

Do you know..... Lisa and Harriet were the lucky survivors of a hail storm in Perth; their cars were destroyed..... Lisa was caught in the storm, losing all her books and files on her way to the car park.....Harriet's office block was immersed under water; so was her home!

Regards

Harriet Chan

State Delegate

WA Branch



Calling all Queensland members,

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



ANNA- NSW State Delegate

Hi to everyone from the NSW ANNA branch.

ANNA NSW was proud to support the Royal North Shore **6th annual Neuroscience Symposium "Commitment to Excellence"** on the 26th March with a door prize of an ANNA membership. The symposium was excellent and inspirational for many fields within Neuroscience Nursing.

As usual we have the John Sheard Travel Award; applications will be considered for travel, registration and/or accommodation expenses associated with attending a professional development activity such as an educational/professional conference, forum, workshop, meeting or short course (excluding formal/higher education course fees); where the content is relevant to neuroscience nursing. The closing date is the 31st August. Please encourage yourselves and/or your friends to apply. There are two \$500 awards or 1x \$1000 award available.

NSW remains committed to encouraging Neuroscience educational events. If you want to hold an education evening or day seminar contact us to discuss the level of support ANNA NSW can assist with.

We look forward to an exciting year of neurosciences, ANNA is your professional association, and we are here for you.

Liz O'Brien,

ANNA NSW President



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Nil Reports received from Branches ACT, or NZ for publishing in this edition of Brainstem



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WFNN Report for Corpus Callosum – April 2010.

The WFNN Executive Committee are having lengthy discussions at present regarding the logistics of the 2013 Japanese Congress. There is a lot to organise and it is a little more problematic given the language differences. However this should not hinder the momentum.

The Scientific Committee is working behind the scenes already and comprises representatives from Japan, Canada, USA, UK, Finland and Australia. Whilst the templates are already set, the mechanism behind the program is not and this is what we are working on now – 3years out from the meeting!

Our next face-to-face Executive Committee meeting will coincide with the EANN North Sea Congress in Blankenberge, Belgium – May 4-7, 2011. As long as Iceland's volcano is quiet, this should be a great place to meet! Please visit the EANN website for further information www.eann.net

Cheers,

Vicki

Vicki Evans

WFNN Vice President



Blankenberge, May 4-7, 2011



Nagoya, Japan 2013

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

**Email to the Editor - Vicki Evans –
editor@anna.asn.au**

See you in PRINT!



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New Members

Alison	Punch	NSW
Maria Antonia	Widschwendter	NSW
Susie	Angles	NSW
Janelle	Davis	NSW
Nathan	Haining	NSW
Gayle	Nolan	VIC
Bronwyn	Bourke	VIC
Felicity	Stevens	VIC
Jacqueline	James	VIC
Sarah	Smith	VIC
Linda	Nichols	VIC
Lisa	Street	VIC
Rosemary	Kennedy	VIC
Kelly	Ottosen	VIC
Christopher	Krolikowski	VIC
Brett	Moloney	VIC
Linda	Heard	NZ
Susan	Shaw	NZ
Wilson	Diaz	WA
Christine	Jurgowiak	WA
Kathy	McCoy	WA
Christine	Carroll	WA
Roisin	Dunne	QLD
Jorja	Gribble	QLD

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

ANNA Professional Standards are posted to all new members and additional copies are available for \$30, contact PAMS

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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