



Neonatal Nurse Practitioner

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Terms of Reference 2026

Statement

The Australian College of Neonatal Nurses (ACNN) is dedicated to the promotion of excellence in the care of neonates and their families. ACNNs Special Interest Groups (SIGs) support this outcome by monitoring, informing, and making recommendations to the ACNN National Committee on many aspects of neonatal nursing care.

Purpose

The purpose of the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner SIG is to support advanced neonatal clinicians and to contribute to neonatal education which informs practice. The SIG aims to provide guidance for neonatal nursing clinicians interested in pursuing the NNP career pathway, linking NNPs and candidates together in a mentorship framework. The SIG also aims to create a collegiate network, sharing practices and experiences. The SIG supports professional development of our membership.

Operating Committee

The operating committee must consist of a minimum of 5 members. Positions are Chair, Secretary, Treasurer Liaison, Social Media Liaison and at least one ordinary member. Operating committee members hold the positions for a period of 12 months and can be re-nominate each 12 months. The operating committee positions become vacant at the NNP SIG Annual General Meeting (AGM) preferably held in conjunction with the ACNN Annual National Conference (face to face) or via zoom between September and December (last quarter of the year). NNP SIG members can nominate before the meeting or from the floor at the meeting. Nominations will be put forward and accepted at this meeting.

Meetings

- Bimonthly committee meetings via zoom.
- Two open forums will be organised per year and open to all ACNN members.
- An annual face-to-face meeting / virtual planning day in February to finalise documentation prior to submission of annual report.
- An annual workshop will be organised every year in conjunction with a Neonatal Seminar/Conference.
- At each annual ACNN National Conference an AGM and education workshop/seminar will be held at the discretion of the National Committee.

Strategic Planning and Sustainable Committees Policy

The NNP SIG has planned activities in line with the ACNN strategic plan and the Sustainable Committee's Policy (P13). Activities are listed within the strategic plan (available on the ACNN website) and reported against in the annual report. This plan is updated yearly after selection of the new committee.

Generative AI use, IP and Copyright Policy

SIG members will be aware of Policy 17 and will ensure that documents and resources developed and/or authored within the SIG, SIG meetings and/or for events align to P17 requirements, including authorship details, rights and permissions.

Membership

Current financial members of ACNN are eligible to be members of the NNP SIG. Current ACNN members may nominate to join the SIG by contacting the SIG at nnpsig@acnn.org.au. Nurses or midwives applying for ACNN membership may nominate to be a member of the SIG on the application form. Membership to the SIG becomes active once ACNN membership is approved.

Reports to ACNN National Executive Committee

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