



Education

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

2021 Annual Report

Date of report

January 2022

Annual Meeting

21 September 2021

Operating Committee Members 2021- 2022

Chair: Patricia Bromley (Tas)

Secretary: Linda Ng (Qld)

Treasurer: Jennifer Dawson (Vic)

Ordinary Members: Anne Walsh (Tas), Chelsea Anderson (NSW), Karen Walker (NSW),

Justine Parsons (NSW), Priya Govindaswamy (NSW)

Number of members

641 an increase of 1.3% from 2020 to 2021

Activity Summary (January - December 2021)

Activities planned and achieved

Sustainable Committee Plan 2021- 2025→ Education SIG has consistently provided a representative at the Bimonthly Extended National Executive Meetings and has regularly submitted articles to the ACNN Newsletter.

Zoom meetings→ Education SIG held a total of 8 meetings (6 weekly). Four meetings are General Meetings open to all members of the SIG. The Chair has sent invites to members at least 2 weeks prior to the General Meeting

Terms of Reference→ TOR 2021 was reviewed and submitted together with the 2021 Annual report

Information Sheet→ This was reviewed in 2021 and was added to the ACNN website. In addition, it has been distributed at ACNN conference and has been made available to clinical areas. This document was submitted together with the Annual Report.

Position Statement→ The Education SIG Position Statement on the provision of Neonatal Intensive and Special Care Nursing Education was reviewed in 2021 and made available on the Education SIG page on ACNN website.

Research→ Education SIG had two papers accepted by Journal of Neonatal Nursing 2021 (topic: Models of Nursing Education within Neonatal Intensive Care and Special Care Clinical Practice). The articles were

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shared with all members of Education SIG. Education SIG was invited to present findings at the Queensland Branch Seminar in Caboolture on 6 November 2021.

Virtual Twilight Seminar→ Education SIG presented a Virtual seminar on Nutrition on 6 July with 88 members registered to attend, 49 members in attendance. This session was recorded based on requests from our members. Education SIG offered to co-host this seminar with Infant Feeding Group however, the offer was declined by the Infant Feeding Group.

ACNN Annual Conference (Virtual)→ The Education SIG invited Assoc Prof Jennifer Weller-Newton (Melbourne University) to conduct a virtual workshop: *Creativity in developing education in clinical practice: Symposia on workplace learning culture*. Assoc. Professor Jenny Weller-Newton also presented on *Harnessing moments of learning* at the Conference.

Activities planned but not achieved

Education Presenter Award→ The Education SIG is committed to supporting and facilitating education, which contributes to quality outcomes for neonates, rewarding experiences of neonatal nurses and the advancement of our profession. To recognise the achievements of our members at the Annual Conference in 2021, the Education SIG planned to present two awards: Best Oral/ Poster Presenter Award focused on (1) neonatal nursing education in the neonatal unit (2) education on parents in a neonatal unit. There were no presentations at the ACNN Annual Conference 2021 that met the criteria therefore no award was presented.

Resources for supporting Indigenous Neonatal Nurses→ The Education SIG is committed to developing resources to support Indigenous neonatal Nurses and is seeking active representation from Indigenous Neonatal Nurses

Activity plan for 2022

Sustainable Committee Plan 2021- 2025→ The Education SIG Committee has allocated a representative (Linda Ng) to attend the Bimonthly Extended Executive Meetings in 2022. Also, a Committee member will submit an article quarterly to ACNN Newsletter: Feb- Priya Govindaswamy, May- Justine Parsons, Aug- Jennifer Dawson, Nov- Chelsea Anderson

Zoom meetings→ Education SIG has planned for nine meetings in 2022 where four of will be open to members. The Chair will continue to send invites to members at least 2 weeks prior to the Open Meeting

Research→ The Education SIG will undertake a research project for 2022, *Impact of COVID on clinical education*. The Committee will be writing the protocol in the first quarter of 2022 in anticipation of Ethics Approval. The research is intended to have an international perspective in collaboration with COINN. Plan for a face-to-face meeting on 1 May 2022 if COVID condition permits

Virtual Seminar→ Neonatal Organ Donation planned for 29 March 2022. Speakers have been invited and acceptances have been received from:

1. Dr Rebecca Barzegar who will present on setting up organ donation in the perinatal unit in RPA



2. Justine Parsons will present on the process of organising donation
3. Parental perspectives (donor or recipient) TBC

ACNN Annual Conference 2022: Coffs Harbour → Education Workshop: Dr Nicholas Williams will present on development of online education and SharePoint at RPA

Terms of Reference → Reviewed and updated, next review on Dec 2022

Information Sheet → Reviewed and updated, next review will be Dec 2022