



# Education

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

## 2022 Annual Report

### Date of report

January 2023

### Annual Meeting

16 September 2022

### Operating Committee Members 2022- 2023

**Chair:** Jennifer Dawson (Vic)

**Secretary:** Linda Ng (Qld)

**Treasurer:** Karen Walker (NSW)

**Ordinary Members:** Chelsea Anderson (NSW), Jane Boag (Vic), Justine Parsons (NSW), Kris York (NSW), Natalie Butchard (NSW), Patricia Bromley (Tas), Priya Govindaswamy (NSW)

**NB:** All new committee members were sent a letter of welcome by the Chair as well as welcomed at the Annual Meeting at the ACNN Conference at Coffs Harbour.

### Number of members

525 a decrease of 18% from 2021 to 2022. This could be due to a drop of membership (909 financial members)

### Activity Summary (January - December 2022)

#### 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 2022 was reviewed and submitted together with the 2022 Annual report

**Information Sheet**→ This was reviewed in 2022 and has been on ACNN website. In addition, it has been distributed at ACNN conference 2022 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, updated in 2022 and made available on Education SIG page on ACNN website.

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**Research**→ The Education SIG will be conducting a project on exploring clinical education during COVID-19 and has permission from the President of ACNN (Aug 2022) to conduct this research as part of ACNN. At present, Proposal, Participant Information Sheet, and Survey is being developed and application for ethics will be submitted once these documents are completed.

**Virtual Twilight Seminar**→ Education SIG presented a Virtual seminar on Neonatal Organ Donation which saw 49 attendees and was recorded. This seminar attracted a high level of interest with participants requesting for the session to be recorded.

**ACNN Annual Conference 2022**→ The Education SIG invited Dr Nick Williams (RPA) to share his successful implementation of online education for clinical staff.

**Taking paediatrics Abroad (RPA) 2022**→ The Education SIG was invited by the LRC SIG to participate in virtual education presentations to South Pacific Nurses and Midwives. We presented on several occasions throughout the year. Topics covered were Neonatal Jaundice, Neonatal Sepsis, and End of Life Care

### Not Achieved

**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. Priya has approached the 4 Indigenous nurses in her unit and will be discussing ways to meet their needs from the education perspective

**Education SIG Scholarship**→ The SIG has \$8000 scholarship fund . These funds were not allocated in 2022. We hope to be able to use some of this funding to convene an education day in Broken Hill, far west NSW in 2023.

### Activity plan for 2023

**Sustainable Committee Plan 2021- 2025**→ The Education SIG Committee has allocated a representative to attend the Bimonthly Extended Executive Meetings in 2023: *Feb-* Jane Boag, *April-* Justine Parson, *June-* Natalie Butchard, *Aug-* Kris York, *Oct-* Priya Govindaswamy and *Dec-* Karen Walker. Also, a committee member will be submitting an article quarterly to ACNN Newsletter: *Feb-* Patricia Bromley, *May-* Justine Parson, *Aug-* Kris York, and *Nov-* Jane Boag

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

**Broken Hill Education Workshop**→ Planning has started for this: (1) Jennifer has contacted with NSW Branch and Jo Shiels has agreed to collaborate with Education SIG on this venture (2) Jennifer has contacted SA Branch Chair and SA is interested to collaborate (3) Amy, President has met with NSW Branch together with Jennifer Dawson and planning will commence

**Research**→ The Education SIG will undertake a research project for 2023: Impact of COVID on clinical education. The Committee will be writing the protocol in the first quarter of 2023 in anticipation of



Ethics Approval. The research is intended to have an international perspective in collaboration with COINN.

**Virtual Seminar**→ Peri-viability was suggested by members who attended the AGM 2022. Planning is underway for this topic

**ACNN Annual Conference 2023: South Australia**→ Education Workshop: Planning is in progress for this session together with a planned AGM 2023 and the election of a new Committee

**Terms of Reference**→ Reviewed and updated, next review will be Dec 2023

**Information Sheet**→ Reviewed and updated, next review will be Dec 2023