



## 2020 Annual Report to the National Committee

### **Past Committee Members** – Stood down 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020

- Chair: Anndrea Flint, Secretary: Karen Hose, Treasurer: Jo Scott, Ordinary Members: Jane Langford, Amy Forbes-Coe, Gill Mibus, Miriam Long, Amy Barker

### **Present Committee members** - Elected 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020

- **Chair:** Jane Langford - After quickly working out which side of midwifery Jane preferred early in her career, she happily fell into neonates over 20 years ago. Neonatal nursing took Jane to tertiary centers across Australia and then led to the UK where she completed her Advanced Neonatal Nurse Practitioner training in London. Ten years on, Jane has the pleasure of working in such a privileged role caring for babies and their families on the Sunshine Coast.
- **Secretary:** Amy Curran (Forbes-Coe) - Amy is an English trained nurse who worked in Leicester and London before moving to Australia in 2004. Amy worked as a transport nurse for NETS, Victoria before moving to Townsville in 2007 and undertaking her Nurse Practitioner training, becoming endorsed in 2010. Amy has been an active member within ACNN and is the Vice President on the executive committee and the current secretary for the NNP special interest group.
- **Treasurer:** Jo Scott - Jo is a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (NNP) on the Royal Children's Hospitals Paediatric Infant Perinatal Emergency Retrieval (PIPER) team in Melbourne. She earned her Diploma of Nursing and NICU certification in New Zealand. Jo moved to the USA early in her nursing career gaining NICU experience in Hawaii, Washington State and Virginia. She achieved her Master of Science degree at the University of Virginia where she graduated as a Family Nurse Practitioner. While working as a neonatal transport clinician on the Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughters retrieval team she earned her Post-Master's certification as an NNP and her Doctorate of Nursing Practice with a research focus on non-accidental head injury in children under 1 year of age.
- **Ordinary Members:** Anndrea Flint, Karen Hose, Gill Mibus, Miriam Long, Miriann Hennessy, Louise Williamson and Sil Sissing.

This committee has pledged to enhance and support Neonatal Nurse Practitioners and candidates.

The ACNN Neonatal Nurse Practitioner SIG will:

- Establish a communication forum for NNPs and provide mentorship and support for developing NNPs and/or those interested in the role working in Australia.
- Develop professional links and reduce the isolation commonly associated with small specialty groups.
- Provide clinical leadership and advice regarding current educational programs and resources available to NNPs in Australia.
- Provide professional leadership (via consultation with educators and universities) to ensure NNPs play a role in shaping the future educational landscape across Australia for NNPs.

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- Examine recruitment and retention strategies for the NNP role.
- Develop and share resources for innovative practice and evidence-based guidelines that will enhance neonatal care.
- Provide support and advice to new NNPs and those interested in the role.
- Support NNP education

**Achievements for the year January – December 2020:**

**Meetings conducted and attendance record:**

- NNP SIG Meetings:
  - Conducted three zoom meeting during the Year – February, June & November
  - Annual General Meeting conducted on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Committee member	February	June	August (Cancelled)	Oct (AGM)	November
Anndrea Flint	Present	Apology	-	Present	Apology
Jo Scott	Present	Present	-	Present	Present
Karen Hose	Present	Present	-	Present	Apology
Jane Langford	Present	Present	-	Present	Present
Amy Curran (Forbes-Coe)	Present	Present	-	Present	Present
Gill Mibus	Apology	Apology	-	Apology	Apology
Amy Barker	Apology	Apology	-	Present	Apology
Miriam Long	Apology	Present	-	Present	Apology
Louise Williamson	-	-	-	Apology	Apology
Sil Sissing	-	-	-	-	Apology
Miriann hennessy	-	-	-	-	Apology

**Virtual Presentations conducted:**

5th December 2020 – “How much should we listen to parents” by Dr Sue Ireland

**Presentations**

- NNP’s Twilight seminar in Toowoomba – organised by the QLD Branch

**Publications**

- The Evolution and sustainability of the NNP in Australia, a discussion paper.
- Delayed Diagnosis in Esophageal Atresia and Tracheoesophageal Fistula: case Study

**Research conducted or being undertaken:**

- Is peripartum maternal fever a reliable predictor of neonatal sepsis? Submitted for publication.
- Bilious Vomits Retrievals – a year review audit.
- Maternal Fever verse the Septic Calculator – data analysisist stage.
- Introducing the Septic Calculator into a tertiary hospital - ongoing

**Recipients of Grants / Awards**

- No Applications.

**NNP Endorsement (ACNN Members)**

- Ann-Marie Tamassy
- Ruth Oldfield

**Neonatal Nurse Practitioners in 2020**

Queensland	New South Wales	South Australia	Victoria
Amy Curran*	Cathy Vickery	Gillian Mibus*	Helen Patterson*
Barbara Monk*	Marilyn Owers	Julie Bernardo*	Kim Fletcher*
Megan Murphy*	Mary Wagner*	Lee Hussey*	Jo Scott*
Greg Coulson	Kristin James-Nunez	Claudia Markwart	Catherine Fox
Janene Moore	Amy Barker*	Jo-Anne French*	Sally Jeston
Jennie Scott	Sarah Kenny*	Lynne Mitchell	Lorna Kerr*
Jane Langford*	Lisa Berecny	Miriam Long*	Dalbir Singh
Anndrea Flint*	Sara Brown	Amber Wilson	Johnny Gallardo Canales
Seija Argyros*	Bonita Sullivan	Petra Noble*	
Karen Hose*	Penelope Janes	Ann-Marie Tamassy	
Gemma Spaight*	Karen Anderson-Hawke		
David Brown*	Kym Pollock*		
Ruth Oldfield*			
Jo La Spina*			
CANDIDATES			
Tenille Cross Jade Barrett Donna Martin* Angie Reece Stephanie Hall		Ann-Marie Tamassy*	Sil Sissing* Danielle Cook Elsie Cowan Maila Morantte

**Plans for Next year 2021:**

Bi-monthly zoom meeting Feb /April/ June / August / October / December - April and August meetings being conducted as an open forum to all members with an EOI for committee members being sent out prior to the AGM (September).

AGM to be held at the Annual ACNN Conference

One face-to-face or virtual planning meeting (Early February)

Annual NNP SIG Workshop – “Recharge & Reconnect” in conjunction with Neonatal conference.

Virtual Presentations: March, April, May and July