

# Neurodevelopmental Care

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

# **NDC SIG Annual Report 2022**

Date of report: 28 February 2022

# **Operating Committee:**

Chair: Annie Chang (WA) (remaining)
 Secretary: Ursula Haack (NSW) (remaining)
 Treasurer liaison: Renee Muirhead (QSL) (remaining)

# **Ordinary Committee:**

Megan Bater (SA), Amanda Bates (QSL), Sophia Dong (SA), Cindi Escardo (Tas),
 Nadine Griffiths (NSW), Anna Seppelt (SA), Carmel Pearsall (NSW), Kim Psaila (NSW), Michelle Thomas (QSL)

#### **Achievements of 2021:**

- NDC SIG held and hosted three virtual presentations in April, June, and December
  - Ms. Furey (Speech Pathologist): Oral feeding our preterm babies not as easy as it seems
  - o Dr. Gayatri (Neonatologist): Neuro-Critical nursing and supporting the developing brain
  - Dr. Psaila (FINE trainer and academic course advisor): infant mental health in the NICU: evidence challenge & strategies
- NDC SIG contributed with two presentations and one workshop at the 2021 ACNN National Conference (Virtual event).
- NDC SIG conducted an online national survey regarding the existence of a clinical developmental care guideline in Australian NICU's/SCN.
- Summary of survey below:
  - Total responded emails received from 18 NICU's (NSW: 7, Victoria: 1, Tasmania: 1, South Australia: 1, WA: 1, Queensland: 7)
  - o 2 NICUs had current developmental care guidelines
  - o 4 NICUs had multiple guidelines regarding developmental care topics
  - o 2 NICUs were developing a guideline
  - 10 NICUs stated to have no existing developmental care guideline.

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- Co-approved two NDC SIG scholarship applications:
  - Newborn Behavior Observation (NBO) in the high-risk setting, Royal Women's Hospital,
     Melbourne
  - 2. FINE 2 online training
- The recipients have written a summary of the above workshop/course. The paragraph was submitted to Shelley Read for publication in the March 2022 edition of the ACNN newsletter.
- NDC SIG attendance at five ACNN executive forum meetings (bimonthly zoom meeting).
- NDC SIG committee remained active and diligent in promoting NDC events throughout the year by:
  - o poster design
  - arrange award for NDC SIG guest speakers
  - website update
  - o advertisement of events through multimedia platform (ACNN Facebook)
- Maintained and expanded the working committee and ordinary membership.
- Initiated and continued with a working group for the development of a NDC SIG position statement.

# Committee plan for 2022:

- Actively engage with universities and hospitals to promote the NDC SIG scholarship to members by including a new category providing funding for PHD, Master, and postgraduate study related to NDC.
- Hosting two virtual presentations in May and December.
- NDC SIG to host and sponsor a breakfast session and one concurrent presentation at the national ACNN conference in Coffs Harbour, September 2022.
- Continue monthly committee meetings, with every fourth meeting as open general meeting.
- Contribute to ACNN newsletter, March, June, September, and December.
- Continue the development of a NDC position statement.
- Review terms of references for 2023.
- Recruiting ordinary membership for the NDC SIG.
- Explore opportunity of collaboration with international neonatal neuro developmental care groups.
- Maintaining NDC information updated on the ACNN website.



# **Financial Statement**

NDC SIG	Financial Statement					
	Balance xVALUE!					
Date Receipt N	Description	Amount  Deposited	Amount Withdrawn	Charged to	Received by	Approved by
1/07/2020- 30/6/2021	Opening Balance	\$3,347.28			NDC SIG	ACNN treasure
20-Jul-2020 Bank transfer	ACNN to NDC SIG	\$1,000.00		ACNN	NDC SIG	ACNN treasure
2-Sep-2020 Bank transfer	Virtural presentation: Practice after FINE 1	\$57.54			NDC SIG	ACNN treasure
14-Sep-2020 Bank transfer	Virtual presentation: Circadium ryhthm care	\$95.90			NDC SIG	ACNN treasure
5-Oct-2020 Bank transfer	Virtual presentation: Fathers group in NICU	\$57.54			NDC SIG	ACNN treasure
10-Nov-2020 Bank transfer	Virtual presentation: Education level of NDC	\$153.24			NDC SIG	ACNN treasure
8-Apr-2021 Bank transfer	Virtual presentation: oral feeding premature babies	\$133.00			NDC SIG	ACNN treasure
30-Jun-2021 Bank transfer	Virtual presentation: Neuro-Critial nursing and supporting the developing brain	\$133.68			NDC SIG	ACNN treasure
1/07/2021-30/6/2022	Opening Balance	\$4,978.18				
1-Jul-2021 Bank transfer	Subsidization from ACNN for NDC SIG overhead expenses of 2021	\$1,000.00		ACNN	NDC SIG	ACNN treasure
1-Jul-2021 Bank transfer	Virtual presentation registration gain	\$115.08			NDC SIG	ACNN treasure
16-Sep-2021 Bank transfer	E-Gift Card to speakers of NDC virtual presentation		\$337.20	NDC SIG		ACNN treasure
30-Sep-2021 Bank transfer	Lucky door prize for NDC workshop at 2021 National Conference		\$107.35	NDC SIG		ACNN treasure
13-Jan-2022 Bank transfer	Virtual presentation registration gain	\$57.54				
Total	Closing Balance	\$5,706.25				

- A sum of \$9000 is awarded by ACNN to facilitate the NDC SIG scholarship for a neuro developmental care training, conference, workshop, QI project or research.
- NDC SIG Scholarship is available for ACNN members.

On behalf of the SIG Committee thank you to the ACNN National Executive Committee for the continuing support of the NDC SIG.