



2017 Annual Report

Committee

The current operating committee members were selected during the annual conference at Fraser Island:

Chair - Amy Forbes-Coe (Queensland)

Secretary - Anndrea Flint (Queensland)

Treasurer - Karen Hose (Queensland)

Ordinary Members - Kim Fletcher (Victoria), Jennifer Dawson (Victoria), Jo Scott (Victoria), Gill Mibus (South Australia), Jane Langford (Queensland), Seija Argyros (Queensland), Amy Barker (New South Wales)

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

The ACNN Neonatal Nurse Practitioner SIG will:

- Establish a communication forum specifically for NNPs and those interested in the role working in Australia.
- Review educational programs and resources available to NNPs in Australia.
- Examine recruitment and retention strategies for the role.
- Provide clinical leadership and advice in the development of NNP education programs.
- Establish a forum for NNPs in Australia to develop professional links and reduce the isolation associated with small specialty groups.
- Provide advice and feedback in the education of NNPs through consultation and liaison with educators and universities to develop a national curriculum throughout Australia.
- Share resources and knowledge to provide a more proactive involvement for the implementation of new practices to enhance neonatal care.
- Provide support and advice to new NNPs and those interested in the role.

The number of current members: 306 members currently

Activity Summary for the Year

PSANZ 2017 - **A day in the life of a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner; Exploring the diversity of the role**

Mary Wagner – NNP's in NICU, you know you want me.

Dr Michael Stewart – “The NNP in neonatal retrieval: Concept, Implementation and Outcome.”

Lee Hussey or Julie Bernardo – Focus on Education and Training.

Deborah Harris – Clinical Practice and Research.

Annual Conference

The present and future direction of the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Role:

Panel:

The Canadian Perspective - A/Professor Marsha Campbell-Yeo .

The strengths and limitations of current Australian models – Ms Amy Forbes-Coe.

The opportunities for the NNP role in regional areas – Ms Anndrea Flint.

The future role of NNPs in a transport service - Dr Kath Carmo.

The importance of growing Nursing Leadership - Professor Linda Johnston.

NNP SIG - Two Guest speakers:

Marsha Campbell-Yeo – Development Assessment in an Outpatient Setting.

Jeanie Cheong - Cranial Ultrasound and MRI Diagnostics.

Committee Activities

- Organise Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Symposium at PSANZ 2017 with four guest speakers
- Organised Annual NNP SIG meeting with two guest speakers
- Organised NNP SIG Workshop - 24th May 2018 in Brisbane.
- Finalise information leaflet about NNP SIG.
- Contributions to the quarterly ACNN Newsletter.
- Organised and set up NNP methods group associated with COINN.

Presentations by members:

- Keeping the nurse in nurse practitioner. Amy Barker
- Bridging the gap: the strengths and limitations of the current Australian model. Amy Forbes-Coe & Karen Walker
- The opportunities for the NNP role in regional areas. Anndrea Flint

Presentations by members:

- Retrospective study to identify perinatal factors that contribute to cerebral palsy in Townsville, North Queensland. Amy Forbes-Coe.

Poster or oral presentations by members at other conferences

- Townsville Health Research Week: Oral presentation, Retrospective study to identify perinatal factors that contribute to cerebral palsy in neonates born in the Townsville region. Amy Forbes-Coe.
- jENS 2017: Oral presentation, Neonatal Nursing, where we are and where we are going - the evolving role of Nurse Practitioners. Karen Walker & Amy Forbes-Coe.

Publications by members:

Forbes-Coe, A., et al., Perinatal factors that contribute to the prevalence of cerebral palsy in Townsville, North Queensland, Journal of Neonatal Nursing (2018), <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jnn.2017.11.017>

Recipients of Grants/Awards:

Amy Forbes-Coe Awarded \$2000 from Mona Kendall Nursing Association towards travel to an international conference.

Anndrea Flint awarded Best Research Paper, Inaugural Redcliffe Hospital Symposium.

Neonatal Nurse Practitioners endorsed in 2017

Amy Barker

Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Candidates

Janene Moore - Mackay 2nd year candidate

Joanne La Spina - Cairns / Townsville 1st year

Donna Martin - Cairns / Townsville 1st year

David Brown - Townsville commencing Feb 2018

Ruth Oldfield - Townsville Commencing Feb 2018

Sil Sissing, Royal Women’s Melbourne 1st year

Lorna Kerr - Royal Women’s Melbourne 1st year

Budget

Item	Amount
Zoom Teleconferences x 6	Covered by executive
Annual NNP SIG Workshop	\$1000
Total budget request amount	\$1000