



## 2018 Annual Report

### *Committee*

The current operating committee members were selected during the annual conference in Launceston, Tasmania, August 2018:

**Chair** – Anndrea Flint (QLD)

**Secretary** – Karen Hose (QLD)

**Treasurer** – Jo Scott (VIC)

**Ordinary Members** - Seija Argyros (QLD), Amy Barker (NSW), Amy Forbes-Coe (QLD), Jane Langford (QLD), Gill Mibus (SA), Kym Pollock (NSW)

**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.

**Current membership:** 306

## Activity Summary for the Year

### Annual Conference

#### Committee Activities

- Finalised information leaflet - NNP SIG
- Contributions to the quarterly ACNN Newsletter
- Organised two concurrent sessions at the ACNN Conference August 2018 – four guest speakers
- Annual NNP SIG meeting - ACNN Conference August 2018
- Organised NNP SIG Workshop – Haematology on 24th May 2018 in Brisbane
- Organised NNP SIG Workshop - Ventilation on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018 in Melbourne

#### Presentations by members:

- ACNN Conference August 2018
  - Jo Scott – Retrieval NNPs and management – what’s new: case study
  - Anndrea Flint - Neonatal scalp skin injuries: Innocuous or nasty?
  - Anndrea Flint - The use of overnight oximetry in neonates: a literature review
  - Gill Mibus and Anndrea Flint – More than just Helping Babies Breathe

#### Poster or oral presentations by members at other conferences

- ACNN QLD Branch Respiratory Workshop, Logan Hospital 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018
  - Karen Hose – What ventilation are you providing and how do you provide it?
  - Jane Langford – Acid base balance – have you got it right?
  - Seija Argyros – Retrieval preparation – What are you doing while waiting for the team?
- AusMed Nurse Practitioners Pharmacology and Prescribing Conference 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018
  - Jo Scott – Neonatal and Paediatric Nurse Practitioner Prescribing
- ACNN QLD Branch Respiratory Workshop 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018
  - Seija Argyros – Basic Retrieval Skills
  - Jane Langford – You’ve got the gas – what now?
  - Karen Hose – X-rays – why are they so cool!

#### Publications by members:

Flint, A., Davies, M.W., (2018). The use of overnight oximetry in neonates: A literature review., *Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health*, 54, (pg 720-727) doi:10.1111/jpc.13935

#### Recipients of Grants/Awards:

Anndrea Flint awarded Research Grant, Australian College of Neonatal Nurses