



# Infant Feeding

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

## Minutes for meeting on 13 October 2020

Meeting opened at 8.10pm

Present: Heather Taylor (chair), Shelley Reid (secretary, minutes), Nicol Franz, Lee Hopper, Maura McEvoy, Bronwyn Bernerius, Maxine Ballinger, Rachel Jones, Mercy Thomas.

1. First Zoom committee meeting: next meeting would fall due on 13 December. The committee agreed to present the first of three online seminars as per the terms of reference, and to make these meetings open to any ACNN member. Plan to choose a topic after asking ACNN membership in the next round-up email.
2. Topics for Zoom seminars: agreed to ask general ACNN membership for seminar topics. Two more seminars required during this provisional year of operation; plan for early and mid-2021, before the annual conference.
3. Engagement with ACNN members: include a message in the ACNN round-up email for members to send us any concerns or issues they would like this SIG to address.
4. Webpage content: discussion on what to include on this members-only area. Agreed to add links to relevant WHO documents, Neo-BFHI, and websites such as the Australian Breastfeeding Association. Members to send suggestions to the committee.
5. SIG stationary colour scheme: three colour schemes not yet used by other SIGs were reviewed and the Forest colour scheme was selected.
6. ACNN 2021 conference speaker suggestions: discussion on who might be a suitable speaker. Would be asked to give one plenary session presentation as well as speak at the SIG meeting within the program. Rachel suggested Elaine Burns from Western Sydney University, who has researched on the language used by healthcare professionals around women trying to breastfeed their babies and how this may have unintended effects.
7. Other business: discussion on producing guidelines on specific topics, such as the late preterm infant, or the very preterm, chronic infant, or for babies with special needs such as cleft palate or trisomy 21. Also discussed was the implementation of the modified latch score as a breastfeeding assessment tool. This is not widely used beyond NSW although it was validated in the Australian population some time ago.

### Action summary

- Shelley to book Zoom for 13 December and arrange for information about this SIG to be included in the next round-up, including seminar topic requests
- Suggestions for webpage content to be sent to Shelley
- Shelley to forward suggested speaker details to the Conference Committee

Meeting closed at 9.20pm