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ASHM Nursing Quarterly Bulletin: September 2017

Welcome to the quarterly bulletin of the ASHM Nursing Program - keeping you up-to-date with happenings in the sector. Please feel free to contact me directly for any contributions or enquires: **Melinda Hassall, ASHM Clinical Nurse Lead:** melinda.hassall@ashm.org.au / 0422 596 701

Please share and forward this communication within your networks

It's not too late to provide your valued feedback for our ASHM Nurse Member survey!

ASHM Nursing Program would like to thank all of those nurse members who completed the online survey in August. Your feedback is insightful and invaluable and has so far provided many thoughts about how we are meeting the majority of your needs, and also those areas where we can offer you even more support.

The survey period has been extended to **COB Wednesday 6th September**. Click on the link below to have your say on your on how ASHM can support you and your colleagues. A summary of the results will be provided to all nurse members in November. Click here to start:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2017_ASHM_Nurse_member_survey



Pictured: ASHM and ASHHNA members attending the 2-day Short Course in Sexual Health Nursing (Canberra 4-5 August)

ASHM NURSING NEWS

ASHM and Australasian Society for Sexual Health and HIV Nurses Association Inc. (ASHHNA) re-sign MoU

ASHM and ASHHNA have re-signed a 2 year MoU to continue the collaborative work they have undertaken since a partnership was first formed in early 2009. ASHHNA is a non-profit nursing organisation specialising in Sexual and Reproductive Health and HIV, with members in all states and territories of Australia.

The partnership aims to work together to strengthen the role of nurses working in the sector and has resulted in:

- representative opportunities for ASHHNA members on conference organising committees
- ASHHNA members providing expertise on ASHM reference groups, steering committees, position statements and development of course materials
- ASHM providing Affiliate Membership to ASHHNA members to enable access to discounted conference registration fees and access to scholarships to attend national and international conferences

Continuation of the partnership allows both ASHM and ASHHNA to supplement each other's knowledge and skills to develop programs and initiatives and strengthen the flow of information across the sector for nurses.

Become an ASHHNA Member - [Register here](#)

- Full membership is open to Registered Nurses and Midwives working in Sexual Health, Reproductive Health and HIV Nursing.
- Associate membership is open to Registered Nurses and Midwives with an interest in, but not working in the specialties of Sexual Health, Reproductive Health and HIV Nursing. Associate membership is also available to Enrolled Nurses working in the specialties.



Pictured: AHA Board (left to right) Jane Bradshaw, Sally Spruce (President), Sue Shepard-Law, Megan Collins, Sinead Shiels, Sally Watkinson (Penny Wright absent)

Australasian Hepatology Association (AHA) Biennial conference – 'Facing the Future of Hepatology Together'

I attended the AHA biennial conference in Cairns 11-12 August 2017 which provided an opportunity for AHA and non-AHA members to gather, share knowledge and discuss the changing landscape of hepatology nursing. The program was dynamic and invited presenters to discuss international and national issues related to hepatitis B, hepatitis C, engaging hard to reach populations, fatty liver disease and current research projects being undertaken by AHA members. ASHM and AHA have a strong history of collaboration, further evidenced by ASHM support of the AHA biennial conference.

— Melinda Hassall



CONFERENCES

Earlybird registration for the Australasian HIV&AIDS Conference closing this week!

6-8 November 2017 | Canberra, ACT

Join influencers showcasing original contributions to HIV, including keynote speaker **Rowena Johnston** – Vice President and Director of Research at **amfAR**, The Foundation for AIDS Research. Dr. Johnston has been instrumental in

forming the amfAR Research Consortium on HIV Eradication (ARCHE) and has designed ARCHE studies including confirming the cure of the Berlin patient, characterizing the Mississippi child, delineating sex differences in LRA responses of the reservoir, discovering predictors of delay to rebound following ATI and initiating a global network of stem-cell transplant clinics aimed at repeating the cure of the Berlin patient. She also designed studies to compare, as well as to develop, new tools to measure the reservoir.

This premier platform is for the dissemination and presentation of new and innovative research findings across the Australasian HIV sector. For more information about the [keynote speakers](#), [program](#) and [registration](#): View the [conference website](#)

Earlybird Rego due | 3 Sep | [Register](#)
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Join a multidisciplinary network aiming to forge innovative national and local responses to sexual health issues at the Australasian Sexual Health Conference

7-9 November 2017 | Canberra, ACT

Hear from keynote speaker, **Dr Tariq Sadiq** – Reader and Consultant Physician at St George’s, University of London. His current research interests include pathogenesis/genomics of STIs and also the development and evaluation of diagnostic technologies for rapid antimicrobial resistance detection and e-health care. He is principal investigator of eSTI² (electronic self-testing instruments for sexually transmitted infections Consortium), and Founding Director of the Applied Diagnostic Research and Evaluation Unit (ADREU) at St George’s and Public Health England, which conducts Diagnostic Evaluations at all stages of the developmental pipeline, including early assay development, through regulatory approval and clinical effectiveness studies. Read his *Testing times for antimicrobial resistance* article on 9 May 2016 via the Medical Research Council [here](#)

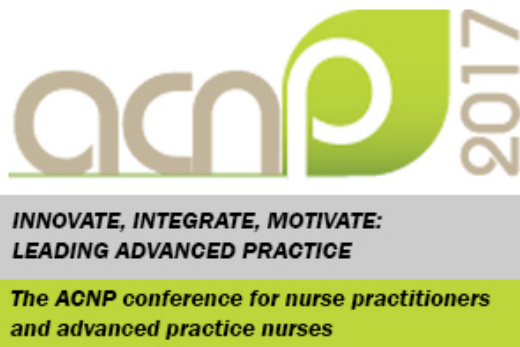
This is a platform aiming to strengthen bonds

between specialists, GPs, nurses, researchers and other key contributors to the sexual health sector, through collaboration in sexual health education, training, policy-making and research. For more information about the [keynote speakers](#), [program](#) and [registration](#): View the [conference website](#)

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OTHER SECTOR CONFERENCES

Australian College of Nurse Practitioner (ACNP) Conference

Date: 4-7 September 2017

Venue: Sofitel Brisbane Central, Brisbane QLD

This is the annual Australian College of Nurse Practitioners (ACNP) conference with a theme on innovate, integrate, motivate: leading advanced practice. [Register here](#)



Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINaM) Conference

Date: 10-12 October 2017 (8:45am - 5:30pm)

Venue: Sofitel Broadbeach, Gold Coast QLD

ASHM Nurse Members are invited to come along and get involved in this conference where the theme is "Claiming our Future" with the purpose of sharing information while working towards and integrated approach to improving the outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

The Conference also provides an opportunity to highlight the very real difference being made in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health by our Members. To this end, we are offering a mixed mode experience with plenary speaker sessions, panels, and presentations as well as professional development workshops. The CATSINaM Gala Dinner and Awards evening, held on the night of 11 October, will honour the contributions of distinguished Members to the field. [Register here](#)

"We are the champions": Engaging the health workforce in hepatitis C elimination

Did you miss out on attending our [Australasian Viral Hepatitis Elimination Conference](#) held



recently in Cairns in August 2017? Watch out for the conference report to be posted on the [website](#) soon capturing key learnings from this two day event, including the wonderfully passionate Dr Jacqui Richmond from the Burnet Institute and her presentation on ["Many hands make light work": Upskilling the workforce for hepatitis C elimination."](#) Watch recorded presentations alongside Jacqui's [on Vimeo](#)



Did you attend the annual ACN's National Nursing Forum – Make Change Happen in Sydney?

I would love to hear from you if you did, to continue the conversations about the extraordinary opportunities available to our nursing profession. The forum provided a great opportunity for exceptional nurse leaders to come together, network and learn. I was inspired by the colleagues that I connected with and sought occasions for discussion about nurse education and expanded scope of practice for Nurse Practitioners working in the BBV sector. The ACN has expressed interest in discussing potential opportunities for collaborative work with ASHM regarding education for sexual health nurses and relevant policy issues. Contact me here:

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