

Annual Report 2018-2019



Cancer Nurses
Society of Australia 



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Mission Statement

“Promoting excellence in cancer care and control through the professional contribution of Cancer Nurses”

To achieve this mission, CNSA acts as a resource to cancer nurses around Australia, no matter what their geographical location or area of practice. The CNSA is the link between cancer nurses in Australia, the consumers of cancer nursing services, and other health professionals involved in cancer care.

Vision Statement

“Best possible outcomes and experiences for all people affected by cancer”

Strategic Aims

To achieve its mission CNSA undertakes the following strategic aims:

- Developing and disseminating resources which contribute to advances in cancer nursing practice;
- Facilitating research in the area of cancer nursing that will contribute to improvements in the care of people with cancer;
- Taking a leadership role in addressing the educational needs of cancer nurses;
- Collaborating with other groups and organisations involved in the development and provision of services to people with cancer;
- Promoting cancer nurses' contribution to national cancer control activities and policy; and;
- Providing opportunities for professional networking amongst cancer nurses.

Values

CNSA's vision, mission and strategic aims are supported by these core values:

Unity - we value the contribution of our members and volunteers, as well as the support of our partners and stakeholders, as we work towards shared goals with a unified voice.

Excellence - excellence underpins all activities of the society.

Innovation - we are creative and use knowledge to advance the practice of cancer nurses, progressing contemporary ideas to create sustainable value for the society and meeting its changing needs; and

Collaboration - we collaborate and openly seek opportunities to influence and build partnerships.

Message from the CEO

It has been an exciting and very rewarding experience to meet and work with several CNSA members over the past year – supporting the amazing work that cancer nurses do.



The new CNSA strategic plan will guide the Board and Committees to achieve the goals of the organisation in coming years, with CNSA's vision of **"Best possible outcomes and experiences for all people affected by cancer"** acting as the 'true north' for the society.

This has also been a very demanding and challenging year, which saw us not only having to develop and implement the processes and governance structures that underpin CNSA as a company limited by guarantee, but also navigate a change of Board Chair, and welcome two new Directors.

My first opportunity to meet in person many of the CNSA members I had been engaging with via phone and email was the State Groups and Specialist Practice Networks Chairs meeting held prior to Congress in Brisbane in June. We discussed a variety of issues, including the strategic direction for the society, a few operational processes, as well as how to improve communication between the groups and across the organisation.

Two teleconferences of the Chairs have been held since, and the Board and I are grateful for their input into the strategic plan, the organisational structure and some of the templates and procedures we have been developing to support the society in a sustainable way.

To celebrate 21 years of cancer nursing, the Board of Directors agreed to profile 'local heroes' in cancer care – those members who work at the nursing coal face, who might not necessarily be in a high-profile position, but who demonstrate the CNSA values of excellence, professionalism, innovation and collaboration in their everyday work.

After a call for nominations, 42 local hero nominations were received, and 24 of them agreed to be profiled on social media. It was heart-warming to read about the work these CNSA members do every day to make a difference in the lives of people affected by cancer. I was not surprised when cancer nursing was identified as one of the best jobs in Australia in 2018!

As a membership organisation, CNSA is always trying to improve the value that members get from the society. One of the most exciting new member benefits introduced this year, which was launched on World Cancer Day 2019, is access to an online continuing nursing education portal through the World Continuing Education Alliance. CNSA members now have world class continuing professional development at their fingertips (e.g. >900 free nursing CPD courses available 24/7, a free CPD tracker and ability to accrue CPD hours from the comfort of their home). We are grateful to AstraZeneca for supporting this wonderful educational initiative.



RG and SPN Chairs meeting with the President, some Directors and CNSA staff in June 2018, Brisbane

The Board has also agreed to publish the Australian Journal of Cancer Nursing online from 2019 onwards, with members able to 'opt in' if they want to also receive a hard copy. This new format is not only an attempt to increase the AJCN's international exposure in line with the 21st century academic and clinical trends where the great majority of usage is already online, but also to reduce the carbon footprint of the organisation and address the rising costs associated with printing and postage.

One of CNSA's most valued member benefits is the Sosido online knowledge sharing and networking community, made possible through Roche Australia and Swipe Health. Through Sosido, members can stay abreast of the latest research impacting their practice, crowdsource information, discuss trending topics and network with peers – thereby bringing the vast community of cancer nurses closer together despite the challenges of geography.



CNSA-Sosido was a finalist in the 2018 PRIME Awards

We were delighted when CNSA-Sosido was shortlisted as a finalist in the 'Excellence in Patient/Customer Support' category in the 2018 PRIME Awards – an industry award designed to recognise and reward excellence within healthcare communications in Australia.

As a result of CNSA members' active engagement in Sosido, Roche has agreed to support this initiative for a further two years.

Fostering relationships with key stakeholders in the cancer space, and raising awareness of cancer nursing as an essential voice in health policy, and of CNSA as the national peak body for cancer nurses, has been a significant priority this year. Some of our key stakeholder engagement activities included:

- Providing feedback to the Medicare Benefits Schedule Review Taskforce on the Reports from the Oncology Clinical Committee, the Diagnostic Imaging Clinical Committee, the General Surgery Clinical Committee, as well as the Colorectal Surgery Clinical Committee
- Commenting on, and eventually endorsing, a position statement **"Informed Decision Making in the Management of Localised Prostate Cancer"** by the Faculty of Radiation Oncology at the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR)
- Endorsing RANZCR's Radiation Oncology Patient Charter
- CNSA representation at a **'Survivorship Think Tank'** hosted by the Clinical Oncology Society of Australia (COSA)
- A CNSA booth at the COSA Annual Scientific Meeting in Perth
- CNSA participation in two Cancer Australia initiatives: the **"Expert Group for Cancer Australia Statement – Influencing best practice in metastatic breast cancer"**, as well as the expert reference group to update the resource **"Investigating symptoms of lung cancer: A guide for GPs"**

- Becoming a Supporter Member of the ABC Global Alliance – a multi-stakeholder platform for projects related to breast cancer, and for fighting against breast cancer worldwide
- CNSA participation in a cross-organisational workshop around models of care and psycho-social support for women with metastatic breast cancer
- Providing a letter of support for the Australian Society for Breast Disease’s bid to host the 22nd World Congress of the Senologic International Society on Breast Healthcare in Sydney in 2022
- CNSA’s inclusion in the government’s Radiation Oncology Roundtable – which was established as a biannual forum for collaboration and discussion between the Australian Government and the radiation oncology sector on matters concerning the delivery of radiation therapy services.

Although it has been a tough decision to resign from the CEO role, I am proud of what we have been able to achieve this year, and confident that the new business support model is the most sensible and sustainable way forward for CNSA.

I started this role in February 2018 because supporting cancer patients was a cause already very dear to my heart. As I finish in this role, many of the people I met through CNSA are very dear to my heart too.

Wishing CNSA and each of its members all the best for the future.

Sonja Cronjé

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

In late 2017, CNSA was invited to attend (as an observer) the Radiation Oncology Tripartite Committee – a coalition between the RANZCR Faculty of Radiation Oncology, the Australasian College of Physical Scientists and Engineers in Medicine (ACPSEM), and the Australian Society of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy (ASMIRT). In November 2018, CNSA was formally accepted as a member of this group, which is now known as the Radiation Oncology Alliance.



Inaugural meeting of the Radiation Oncology Alliance in Melbourne on 8 March 2019

Report from the President and Board Chair

The 2018-19 financial year was an exciting and memorable – if somewhat challenging – period for CNSA.



In February last year, Sonja Cronjé commenced as our new Chief Executive Officer, following our inaugural CEO Sam Gibson's return to clinical practice. I accepted the role of President and Board Chair in April 2018, after Jane Campbell's resignation from the Board. While it has been an exceptionally busy time ever since, I am also delighted to have been part of history in the making for our wonderful society of cancer nurses.

Following CNSA's registration in late 2017 with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission as a company limited by guarantee, this last year saw us taking the first steps towards developing the governance structures and processes for this new organisational format. We also held the first elections for the Board of Directors, and the first Annual General Meeting of the new company. The Board of Directors farewelled former President Ray Chan and Director Nicole Loft at the AGM, and welcomed newly elected Directors Violet Platt and Kim Alexander.

Considerable time and effort has been spent over the last year to develop and implement several

organisational changes, to help ensure good governance and organisational sustainability. These include:

- The development and finalisation of a new CNSA Strategic Plan, which will be officially launched at CNSA's Annual Congress in June 2019. I am extremely excited that the new strategic plan includes, for the first time, a consumer-focused vision for the organisation. We also reviewed and reaffirmed CNSA's mission – ***Promoting excellence in cancer care and control through the professional contribution of cancer nurses.***
- Development of a new organisational structure – including the identification of new Board sub-Committees and standing Committees required to help achieve our strategic priorities, the allocation of portfolios to Board Directors, and a position description for each Director portfolio, to guide our activities as we mature from a board of management to a board of governance.
- Development of templates for Committees' terms of reference and annual work plans to better guide



Board of Directors meeting in Brisbane on 22 March 2019

Committees to undertake their core business, and report to the Board on their achievements.

- A review of CNSA’s current policies and guidelines, and identifying policy and procedure priorities.

The 2018 CNSA Annual Congress, held in Brisbane from 21-23 June, was a huge success and attracted 686 delegates. The theme was **“Science, Symptoms and Service Delivery”** and the scientific program (which included seven pre-congress symposia) was very well received.

During Congress, Professor Mei Krishnasamy was awarded Life Fellowship of CNSA, in recognition of her strong commitment to our society and her dedication to the profession of cancer nursing. Mei is only the sixth member to receive this honour.



Professor Mei Krishnasamy receiving Life Fellowship of CNSA at Congress in 2018

We also celebrated CNSA’s 21st birthday at Congress, which was a very special occasion indeed. Founder members Prof Patsy Yates and Dr Laurie Grealish provided an interesting (and most entertaining!) reflection on the past 21 years, as well as a glimpse into the future of cancer nursing.

The Professorial Advisory Council (PAC) was established to provide the Board of Directors and the CEO with high level, expert and independent advice on CNSA’s strategy and efforts in the areas of research, education, advocacy and policy matters concerning cancer care and the nursing profession.

The PAC met in Brisbane on 21 June, and brainstormed significant political, economic, social, technological and legal factors that could impact on CNSA. Through their expertise and collective experience, CNSA is better able to navigate some of the complex policy and advocacy issues that could impact the society.



PAC meeting held in Brisbane on 21 June 2018

CNSA and the New Zealand Nurses Organisation Cancer Nurses College co-hosted a joint plenary session on **“Global Diversity: Equity and Access”** at the International Conference on Cancer Nursing held in New Zealand in September. CNSA was also delighted to support ICCN registration for Ms Patience Mbozi from the Zambia Oncology Nursing Society. Patience presented on equity and access in cancer control in developing nations in Africa.

Through our newly established Adolescent and Young Adult Specialist Practice Network, CNSA proudly supported an AYA nurses workshop in Sydney in December, held in conjunction with the 3rd Global AYA Cancer Congress in Sydney. Titled **“Nursing AYAs with Cancer: An interactive workshop exploring lessons from international nursing practice, leadership, innovations and opportunities in AYA cancer nursing”**, this event included content relevant to anyone working in the AYA nursing field, or those with an interest in the ongoing development of this specialist role in the AYA multidisciplinary team.

Throughout the year, CNSA's State Groups and Specialist Practice Networks also hosted many professional development and networking events, attracting more than 1,000 cancer nurse attendees. The SG and SPN Committees work tirelessly to arrange these events, and we are most grateful for their efforts.

CNSA also provided a variety of grants to support several cancer nursing-related projects in 2018/19, including:

- Nursing workforce preparedness to deliver cancer survivorship care
- Consumer and nurse-led development of co-designed video resources for patients receiving immunotherapy and their caregivers
- Achieving Recovery from Cancer: Health and Wellbeing for Adolescents and Young Adults
- The development of Vascular Access Device Guidelines
- Specialist Cancer Nurses' Engagement in Clinical Supervision.

Nine CNSA members also received travel grants (up to \$1500 each) – to support their attendance at national/international professional development events.

Considering the feedback from both CEOs regarding the challenges of CNSA's business support model, the Board and Sonja also explored various options and benchmarked extensively across the sector, concluding that an association management model would be the most appropriate and affordable option at this stage.

We have therefore contracted Verdant Management from 1 April 2019, to support our passionate volunteers in implementing the strategic priorities of the organisation, provide membership services, secretarial and operational support, as well as Executive Officer and Company Secretary services.

We have also contracted ChilliFox Events to support local SG and SPN professional development events.

Of course, CNSA would not exist without our active and passionate volunteers, and I thank every member who contributes to our work – the Board of Directors, the Chairs and members of our standing Committees, the members of the Professional Advisory Council, the Editorial Board of Australian Journal of Cancer Nursing, the Chairs and Committees of our State Groups and Specialist Practice Networks, those members who represent CNSA on various panels and forums, as well as every member who participates in CNSA initiatives.

There are always opportunities to participate in the activities of the society, and give back to the cancer nursing community – so please get involved if you can!

I also thank our staff and contractors, as well as the many sponsors who support CNSA's activities.

Lucy Gent (formerly Patton)

PRESIDENT AND BOARD CHAIR

Finance, Audit and Risk Committee Members

1 April 2018 - 31 March 2019

• Kylie Ash	Chair
• Lucy Patton	President
• Sonja Cronjé	CEO
• Ross McDonald	Accountant

Finance Audit and Risk Committee

The 2018-2019 reporting period has once again seen sustained growth in the organisation's total financial equity. Member subscriptions and annual congress continue to be the main income streams for national revenue. There was continued growth in membership subscription income and a healthy return from the 2018 Congress in Brisbane with \$242,902 profit.

The CNSA Ltd continues to retain funds in bank term deposits. Interest income of \$19,247 was received in this financial year. The Board, together with the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee, continue to manage the cash reserves closely with the aim to both finding opportunities to reinvest these funds back into member benefits and also to obtaining improved financial returns on the cash held. This will be a continued focus into the 2019/20 financial year.

As part of the annual budget program for the organisation, there had been a forecast loss in the 2018-2019 CNSA National budget with the intention to reinvest some of the existing cash reserves back into strengthening the organisation. To support this reinvestment, there was a relatively conservative allocation of member benefits with the focus on operational expenditure to support governance of the association as it continued to transition to the new company structure.

Included in the member benefits, \$15,388 was awarded to members through CNSA grants and scholarships program. \$16,604 was awarded within the Special Projects allocation and included investment in member benefits such as the WCEA online education platform and continued support for the Venous Access Device project. Further funds (\$8,800) have been committed into the next financial year as milestone payments as part of the Special Projects program.

CNSA Group and Specialist Practice Network finance reporting has highlighted the sustained activity undertaken by these groups, although there is variability in the levels of activity. \$150,198 income was generated and \$111,516 reinvested back into local member benefits.

The CNSA Company restructure and increased accounting requirements associated with expanded national and group activities has necessitated increased support for the Board to meet fiduciary responsibilities. The CNSA Board and staff continue to work with DSI Advisory Services. The quarterly management reports developed by DSI Advisory Services have been refined over the last 12 months to meet Director requirements to ensure financial oversight of CNSA.

The Finance and Audit Committee has expanded its remit to include Risk in this financial year in line with good governance processes for a Company Limited by Guarantee. In addition to core business, key Committee activity in this year have included development of investment principles for the large capital held by CNSA and development of resources to support groups entering contracts on behalf of CNSA.

Overall, the CNSA remains in a sound financial position with a total equity of \$969,081. CNSA managed to avoid the forecast loss due to some reduced operational expenditure and the attainment of further sponsorships to support key member benefits. CNSA reports an operating surplus of \$62,401 for the year ended 31 March 2019. The CNSA Ltd is required to satisfy the financial and reporting requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profit Commission Act 2012; in addition to complying with requirements specified by the Australian Accounting Standards. The accompanying annual financial report, statements and notes reflect these disclosure requirements.

Board of Directors



Lucy Gent (formerly Patton)
President & Board Chair

Term End June 2019

Director

Term end June 2021



Kylie Ash
Vice President

Term End June 2019



Laura Pyszkowski
Director

Term End June 2019



Carmel O'Kane
Director

Term End June 2019



Sue Schoonbeek
Director

Term End June 2020



Violet Platt
Director

Term End June 2021



Kim Alexander
Director

Term End June 2021

Annual Financial Report

For the year ended 31 March 2019

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The Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Limited
ABN 98 781 699 178

The Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Limited
Responsible Person's Declaration
For the year ended 31 March 2019

In the opinion of the responsible person's of the Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Limited:

1. The financial statements and the notes to the financial statements:
 - a) comply with Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and the ***Australian Charities and Not-For-Profit Commission Act 2012***; and
 - b) the financial statements and notes are drawn up to give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 March 2019 and the performance, as represented by the results of its operations and the cash flows for the year then ended; and
2. At the date of this declaration, there are reasonable grounds to believe that The Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Limited will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Responsible person's made pursuant to Section 60.15 of the ***Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2013*** and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:



Lucy Gent
President



Kylie Ash
Vice President & Chair of the
Finance Committee

Dated 16th of May 2019.

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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

As auditor for The Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Limited for the year ended 31 March 2019, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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Partner

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20th of May 2019

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CANCER NURSES SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report, being a special purpose financial report of The Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Limited ('the Company'), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2019, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the responsible person's declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of The Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Limited has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- i. giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 March 2019 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- ii. complying with Australia Accounting Standards and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described as in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to for the purpose of fulfilling the Company's financial reporting requirements of the *Corporation Act 2001* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of the Board for the Financial Report

The Board is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. The Board's responsibility also includes such internal control as it determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Board is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.

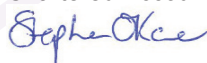
Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board.

Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.

Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation

We communicate with the Board regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

LDAssurance
Chartered Accountants



Stephen O'Kane
Partner

Dated this 20th day of May 2019
250 Collins Street, Melbourne.

The Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Limited
Statement of Profit & Loss and Other Comprehensive Income
For the year ended 31 March 2019

	Note	2019	2018
		\$	\$
Revenues	6	1,092,240	1,037,125
Grant Expenses		(37,816)	(44,959)
Administration staffing expenses		(254,979)	(226,999)
Other administration expenses		(80,763)	(92,548)
Board & Executive Committee meeting expenses		(37,927)	(34,869)
Journal and Newsletter expenses		(13,941)	(18,222)
Annual Congress expenses		(563,833)	(485,206)
Other expenses		(40,580)	(77,057)
Total comprehensive income for the year		62,401	57,265

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

The Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Limited
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 March 2019

	Note	2019	2018
		\$	\$
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash & Cash equivalents	7	1,284,233	1,201,968
Trade and other receivables	8	171,326	242,062
Other current assets	9	135,055	130,508
Total Current Assets		1,590,614	1,574,538
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant & Equipment	10	3,652	5,542
Total Non-Current Assets		3,652	5,542
Total Assets		1,594,266	1,580,080
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & Other Payables	11	618,174	669,890
Provisions	12	7,011	3,510
Total Current Liabilities		625,185	673,400
Total Liabilities		625,185	673,400
Net Assets		969,081	906,680
Equity			
Retained Earnings		969,081	906,680
Total Equity		969,081	906,680

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

The Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Limited
Statement of Changes in Equity
For the Year Ended 31 March 2019

2019	Retained Earnings
	\$
Balance as at 1 April 2018	906,680
Result for the year	62,401
Balance as at 31 March 2019	<u>969,081</u>

2018	Retained Earnings
	\$
Balance as at 1 April 2017	849,415
Result for the year	57,265
Balance as at 31 March 2018	<u>906,680</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

The Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Limited
Statement of Cash Flows
As at 31 March 2019

	Note	2019	2018
		\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Subscription Receipts		226,993	145,097
Income from Annual Congress		462,996	532,070
Funds received in advance for current year's Annual Congress		270,000	242,000
Interest Income		21,217	23,120
Other Income (including Regional Groups & Specialist Practice Networks)		269,232	122,328
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,167,094)	(989,566)
Net cash provided by operating activities	18	83,344	75,049
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Property, Plant & Equipment		(1,079)	(4,659)
Net cash from investing activities		(1,079)	(4,659)
Net Increase/(decrease) in cash held		82,265	70,390
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		1,201,968	1,131,578
Cash at the end of the financial year	7	1,284,233	1,201,968

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements 9

The Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Limited
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2019

The financial report covers The Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Limited as an individual entity. The Cancer Nurses Society of Australia is a not-for-profit Society, registered and domiciled in Australia.

The principal activities of the Company during the year was to act as a resource to cancer nurses around Australia through the provision of services which aim to advance cancer nursing education, practice and research.

The functional and presentation currency of The Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Limited is Australian dollars. Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

Note 1. Basis of Preparation

In the responsible persons' opinion, the Company is not a reporting entity since there are unlikely to exist users of the financial report who are not able to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. This special purpose financial report has been prepared to meet the reporting requirements of the *the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101, Presentation of Financial Statements, AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows, AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors and AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies that have been adopted in the preparation of the statements are as follows:

(a) Income Tax:

The Company is exempt from the payment of income tax pursuant to Section 50-5 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act (1997)*.

(b) Revenue and other income

Revenue is recognised when the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Company and specific criteria relating to the type of revenue as noted below, has been satisfied.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

Donations

The Company, in common with most organisations dependent upon contributions, is unable to establish control over voluntary donations prior to their initial entry into the accounting records, therefore they are recorded on the basis of cash received.

Member Subscriptions

Member subscriptions are recorded on an accruals basis and apportioned across the year of membership.

Grants and Bequests

The Company receives grants and bequests for certain activities. Where a grant or bequest is non-reciprocal, it is recognised as revenue of the Company upon receipt. Associated expenditure for the completion of a grant or

bequest is recorded as incurred. Where a grant or bequest is subject to a reciprocal transfer, a liability associated with the reciprocal transfer is recorded upon receipt of the transfer. The income and expenditure is then subsequently reported at the time of the subsequent grant or bequest.

Interest Revenue

Interest is recognised using the effective interest method and recorded on accrual basis.

Other Income

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis when the Company is entitled to it.

Net Annual Congress Income

The Company contracts a professional Events Co-ordinator to manage the staging of the Annual Congress including the receipt of revenue and payment of expenses in relation to the event. Documents detailing the income and expenses have been received from the Events Co-ordinator together with a reconciling statement. Revenues and expenses associated with the Congress are recognised through the Statement of Profit & Loss and Other Comprehensive Income in the year the Congress is conducted. In the period in the lead up to the Congress, expenditure is incurred and income received which is taken up as prepayments and unearned income respectively. Where there is an excess of funds received by the Events Co-ordinator above an agreed limit, these funds are remitted back to the company and retained within the cashflows.

(c) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as part of receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows in the statement of cash flows are included on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows. 11

(d) Property, plant and equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment.

Items of property, plant and equipment acquired for nil or nominal consideration have been recorded at the acquisition date fair value.

Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the assets useful life to the Company, commencing when the asset is ready for use.

The estimated useful lives used for each class of depreciable asset are shown below:

Fixed asset class	Useful life
Office Equipment	3 years
Computer Equipment	3 years
Web site Development	3 years

At the end of each annual reporting period, the depreciation method, useful life and residual value of each asset is reviewed. Any revisions are accounted for prospectively as a change in estimate.

(e) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held on call with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

(f) Employee benefits

Provision is made for the Company's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be wholly settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

(g) Income in Advance

Income in Advance includes member subscriptions, which have been received for the 2019 membership year, Events income in advance, Other income in advance and Annual Congress income received (Refer to note 2 (b)) or other future income such as sponsorships, which may cover the full proceeding calendar year.

(h) Comparative Figures

Comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current year where required by accounting standards or as a result of changes in accounting policy.

(i) Other Current Assets

Prepayments included in other assets primarily relates to prepayments for the future Annual Congress, insurance premiums, travel expenses and other such expenditure.

(j) Trade and Other Payables

Trade and other payables represent the liabilities for goods and services received by the Company that remain unpaid at year-end. Trade payables are recognised at their transaction price. They are subject to normal credit terms and do not bear interest.

Note 3. Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The responsible persons make estimates and judgements during the preparation of these financial statements regarding assumptions about current and future events affecting transactions and balances.

These estimates and judgements are based on the best information available at the time of preparing the financial statements, however as additional information is known then the actual results may differ from the estimates.

The significant estimates and judgements made have been described below.

Key estimates - receivables

The receivables at reporting date have been reviewed to determine whether there is any objective evidence that any of the receivables are impaired. An impairment provision is included for any receivable where the entire balance is not considered collectible. The impairment provision is based on the best information at the reporting date.

Note 4. Nature and objects of the Company

The primary objects for which the Company is established are to achieve and promote excellence in cancer care, prevention and treatment in people affected by cancer through the professional contribution of nurses. To support the primary object the Company will:

- a) promote the contribution that cancer nurses make to Australia's cancer control activities and policy;
- b) take a leadership role in addressing the professional development needs of cancer nurses to enhance their capacity to provide care, treatment and prevention services to people affected by cancer;

- c) collaborate with other groups and organisations involved in the development and provision of care, treatment and prevention services to people affected by cancer;
- d) facilitate research in the area of cancer nursing that will contribute to improvement in care of people affected by cancer;
- e) provide opportunities for professional networking amongst cancer nurses; and
- f) do anything ancillary or incidental to the primary objects.

Note 5. Economic Dependence:

The ability of the Company to maintain its operations is dependent inter alia on continuing support of its members by way of voluntary subscriptions.

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Note 6. Revenues:		
Subscription Income	181,032	172,615
Income from Annual Congress	709,719	660,581
Interest Income	19,247	20,659
Other Income	32,044	42,661
Regional Groups & Specialist Practice Networks	150,198	140,609
	1,092,240	1,037,125
Note 7. Cash & Cash Equivalents:		
Cash at Bank	330,842	268,712
Term Deposits	953,391	933,256
	1,284,233	1,201,968
Note 8. Trade and Other Receivables:		
Trade and other receivables	171,326	240,092
Sundry Debtors	-	1,970
	171,326	242,062
The carrying value of trade receivables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances		
The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the fair value of each class of receivable in the financial statements.		
Note 9. Other Current Assets:		
Prepayments - Annual Congress	50,686	70,588
Prepayments - Other	84,369	59,920
	135,055	130,508

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Note 10. Property, Plant & Equipment:		
Computers & Office Equipment Less: Accumulated Depreciation	11,194	10,115
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(7,542)	(4,734)
	<u>3,652</u>	<u>5,381</u>
Web-site Development	29,000	29,000
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(29,000)	(28,839)
	<u>-</u>	<u>161</u>
	<u>3,652</u>	<u>5,542</u>
Note 11. Trade & Other Payables:		
Trade Creditors	77,175	109,053
Income in Advance - Annual Congress	404,768	452,463
Income in advance - Other	136,231	108,374
	<u>618,174</u>	<u>669,890</u>
Note 12. Provisions:		
Provision for Annual Leave	<u>7,011</u>	<u>3,510</u>

Note 13. Capital & Leasing Commitments

There are no capital & leasing commitments as at 31st March 2019

Note 14. Members' Guarantee

The Company is registered under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and is a Company limited by guarantee. In the event of the winding up or the dissolution of the Company, the surplus assets of the Company must not be distributed to any Members or former Members.

The surplus assets must be given to an organisation that:

- a. has similar objects to the Company and whose constitution requires it to apply its income in promoting those objects;
- b. whose constitution prohibits it from making distributions to its members to at least the same extent as in clause 5;
- c. if the Company is an endorsed deductible gift recipient just before the winding up of the Company, then such organisation must be one that is endorsed as a deductible gift recipient.

If the Company is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$1 each towards meeting any outstandings and obligations of the Company.

At 31 March 2019 the number of members was 1,267 (2018: 1,235).

Note 15. Events after reporting period

There have been no events subsequent to year-end that have affected or may affect the financial statements as at 31 March.

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Note 16. Remuneration of Auditor		
During the year, the following fee was paid or is payable for services provided by the auditor to the Company.		
Audit and Review of Financial Report	5,000	5,000
Note 17. Contingencies		
In the opinion of the responsible persons, the Company did not have any contingencies at 31 March 2019 (31 March 2018: Nil).		
Note 18. Cash flow information		
Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities attributable to surplus / (deficit) from ordinary activities		
Total comprehensive income for the year	62,401	57,265
Non-cashflows in profit		
Depreciation	2,970	12,006
(Profit) / Loss on sale of fixed assets	-	-
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase) / Decrease in receivables	68,766	(79,268)
(Increase) / Decrease in sundry debtors	1,970	2,461
(Increase) / Decrease in prepayments	(24,449)	5,894
(Increase) / Decrease in congress prepayments	19,901	8,694
Increase / (Decrease) in congress income received in advance	(47,695)	47,430
Increase / (Decrease) in subscriptions paid in advance	27,858	(44,779)
Increase / (Decrease) in other payables & bequests	(31,880)	63,583
Increase / (Decrease) in provisions	3,502	1,763
	83,344	75,049

Note 19. Statutory Information

The registered office of and principal place of business of the company is:

Cancer Nurses Society of Australia
165 Sovereign Hill Drive
Gabbadah Western Australia 6041

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
income		
Subscription Income	181,032	172,615
Annual Congress	709,719	660,581
Interest Income	19,247	20,659
Other Income	32,044	42,662
	942,042	896,516
Expenditure		
Administrative Costs		
Accountancy Services	14,000	13,625
Audit	5,000	6,150
Bank Charges	589	266
Bookkeeping	11,188	14,800
CEO – Travel & Allowances	2,604	-
CEO- Serviced Office	-	6,358
CNSA Presidential & CEO Representation	4,714	1,414
Depreciation Office Equipment	2,375	11,392
Information Technology	6,344	7,633
Insurance	7,011	8,607
Merchant Fees	2,102	2,045
Postage & Packaging	1,150	768
Printing & Stationery	1,714	1,362
SecurePay Salary Payment Gateway	1,733	1,693
Storage Fees (Archive)	669	1,379
Sundry Expenses	2,191	6,509
Total Employment Expenses	257,732	229,019
Website Costs	8,022	4,610
Total Administrative Costs	329,138	317,630

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Other Costs		
CNSA Grants & Scholarships	15,388	20,982
Board & Committee Meetings	36,955	30,940
Journal & Newsletter	13,941	18,222
Marketing & Promotional Resources	21,379	21,246
Regional Group Meetings	3,887	1,632
Special Projects	16,604	37,873
Specialist Practice Networks Meetings	2,659	4,159
Standing Committee	881	947
Subscriptions	3,683	2,794
Travel & Accommodation (ISNCC, CoNNO, AONS)	137	8,985
Annual Congress Costs	473,671	391,904
Total Other Costs	589,184	539,685
Total Expenditure	918,322	857,315
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	23,719	39,201
Non-Operating Income & Expenses		
Regional Groups & Specialist Practice Networks (Income)	150,198	140,609
4Regional Groups & Specialist Practice Networks (Expenses)	(111,516)	(122,545)
	38,682	18,064
Net Result for the Year	62,401	57,265

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DISCLAIMER

The additional financial data as presented in the detailed trading profit and loss statement is in accordance with the books and records of The Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Ltd (the Company), that have been subjected to the audit procedures applied in the audit for the year ended 31 March 2019. It will be appreciated that our audit did not cover all details of the additional financial data. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on such data and no warranty is given to its accuracy or reliability. Neither the firm, nor any member or employee of the firm undertakes responsibility in any way whatsoever to any person other than the Company in respect of such data including any errors or omission however caused.

LDAssurance
Chartered Accountants



Stephen O'Kane
Partner

Dated this 20th day of May 2019 at 250 Collins Street, Melbourne.

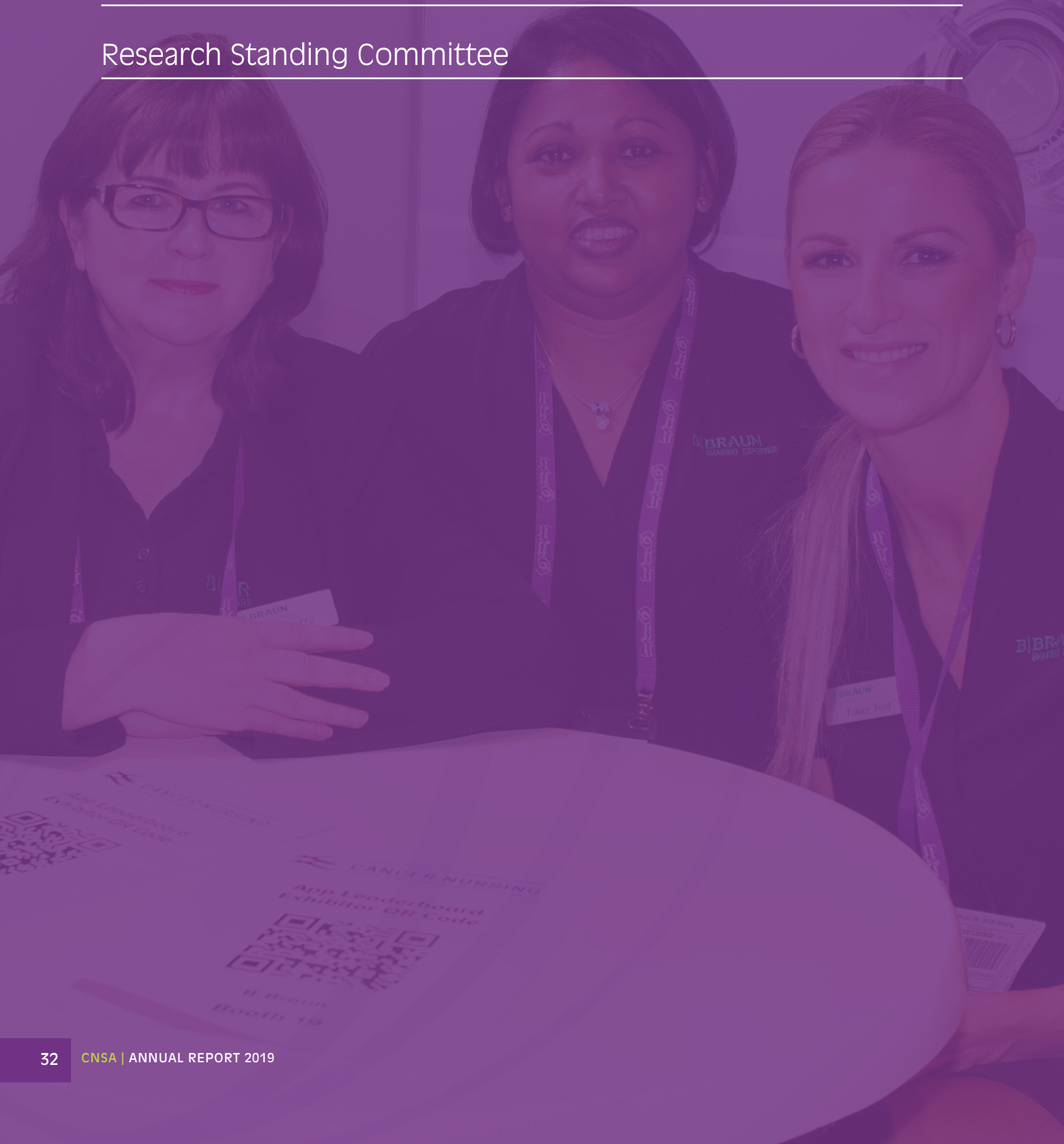
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Reports from Standing Committees

Annual Congress Standing Committee

Education Standing Committee

Research Standing Committee



Annual Congress Standing Committee

The 21st CNSA Annual Congress was held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, from 21 - 23 June 2018. The theme *"Science, Symptoms and Service Delivery"* allowed the Annual Congress Committee to design a program relevant for a diverse range of cancer nurses working in clinical, research, education and management positions. A total of 686 delegates attended making this the largest congress held to date.

The Congress opened with an emotive address by Glenn McGrath which happened to fall on the 10th Anniversary of the death of Jane McGrath. We were delighted that Glenn was able to officially open the Congress and his attendance was warmly received by the audience. Our International Keynote Speaker, Professor Christine Miaskowski presented a powerful first plenary session focusing on symptom management in the era of precision health.

The second plenary session was a fascinating panel session discussing the financial toxicity of cancer treatments and care which was facilitated by Professor Stewart Dunn from the Pam McLean Centre. Our closing session, facilitated by Julie McCrossin put Radiation Therapy in the spotlight with an interactive panel session entitled *"Radiation Therapy in 2018: What every cancer nurse needs to know"*.



The Congress Committee for the 21st Annual Congress held in 2018 consisted of the following:

Until 23 June 2018

- Jac Mathieson Chair
- Julie Evans
- Liz Burmeister
- Lucy Patton
- David Larkin
- Christine Henneker
- Kate Miller ChilliFox Events

From September 2018

- Chair - Jac Mathieson
- Emma Cohen RSC Representative
- Nicole Gavin RSC Representative
- Elisabeth Coyne ESC Representative
- Thea Ogle ESC Representative

The full three-day program including pre-congress symposiums, breakfast sessions, plenary presentations, concurrent sessions and abstract presentations ensured the theme was fully explored. The CNSA Committee and business meetings held in conjunction with the Annual Congress were also well attended.

As in the past, the level of industry support for this Annual Congress helped to ensure its success, with the large exhibition supported by Principal Congress Partner, Astra Zeneca and five Major Congress Partners – Amgen, Seqirus, MSD, Novartis and Roche. The exhibition space was buzzing during Annual Congress with 56 exhibitor and sponsor booths occupied by a mix of industry, pharma and not-for-profit groups. We acknowledge and thank all our Annual Congress partners, sponsors and exhibitors for their ongoing support of cancer nurses throughout CNSA.

The space at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre allowed the delegates and exhibitors to mingle at the welcome reception and the scheduled breaks during the program. The Congress dinner was well attended, and a great opportunity for further networking and to celebrate CNSA's 21st Birthday year.

Cash prizes worth \$250 each were awarded to the following recipients who presented their abstracts:

Best First Time Presenter Award

Adam McCavery

Title: The use of cluster care and allocated roles to improve time to antibiotics in febrile neutropenia

Best Non-Research Paper (Clinical Practice or Innovation) Award

Adam McCavery

Title: The use of cluster care and allocated roles to improve time to antibiotics in febrile neutropenia

Best Research Paper

Nicole Gavin

Title: Administration sets/infusion tubing: how often should they be replaced to prevent infection?

Best Poster Award

Casey Hutchinson

Title: Wellness and Exercise of Haematology Cancer In-patients. Baseline measurements to guide future interventions.

Best Poster Award – Audience Choice

Kerry Patford

Title - Discharging patients from the Breast Care Nurse Service: how and when?

The 2019 Annual Congress Committee, chaired by Jac Mathieson, is currently in the final stages of planning CNSA's 22nd Annual Congress, to be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre from 20 – 22 June. There is a fantastic line up of international and national speakers who will explore many topics relating to the theme of *'The Complexity of Cancer Care: What will the future of cancer nursing look like?'*

Education Standing Committee

The CNSA Education Committee has worked as a collaborative group of clinicians, educators and researchers to complete a range of work in the 2018-2019 period. We always welcome new members who are interested in promoting education and professional development for cancer nurses.

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank last year's Committee members for their work and support of the projects and for their service, dedication and contributions. In 2018, we had four members resign in Catherine Barratt, Corrie Miles, Karen Munton and Michelle Hamblin, and recently welcome new members Thea Ogle, Kelly Follers and Doreen Tapsall who all bring a wide range of clinical experience, skills and knowledge to the Committee.

During this period, the Committee participated in assessing suitable applicants to be part of the review of the AMGEN education modules. The development of these modules in collaboration with CNSA will be beneficial for all members and was a useful project to work on given the Committee's breadth of expertise.

One of the main roles of the education Committee is the administration of the professional development and travel grants, which includes maintaining and reviewing the framework for submission requirements and scoring criteria prior to the grant process. This year it was noted that the overall quality of grant applications was good. In 2019, the inclusion of the chairs from the regional Committees added another level of transparency to the grant process.

The process for Professional Development and Travel Grants is as follows:

- All submitted grants are blinded prior to assessment to ensure the equity of the review.
- A process of moderation is undertaken, where two grants are scored by all reviewers and the scores and comments are checked to make sure the selected reviewers are grading consistently.
- All reviewers are asked to declare any conflicts of interest prior to commencing the grading process.
- Each submitted grant application is then reviewed by three members.
- Once each submission is scored by three members, the mean score is the final score.
- Grants are awarded to the highest score in each category, with the aim to allocate funds to all grants with a mean score above 15, where resources allow.

For those interested in more information, we recommend visiting the CNSA website for a full explanation of the process and submission requirements. We encourage any CNSA member who is putting together a CNSA Professional Development and Travel Grant application to contact the CNSA Education Committee members if they would like any advice or have any questions about the process – email education@cnsa.org.au.

The Education Committee works with the Annual Congress Committee to enable a quality program for each year's Annual Congress, with aspects such as potential conference keynote speakers and pre-symposium workshops discussed. In 2019, the Education Committee submitted an application for a pre-symposium workshop, which was awarded. This interactive workshop aims to develop the clinician's capacity to change practice in their workplace.

Education Standing Committee Members

1 April 2018- 31 March 2019

- Dr Elisabeth Coyne Chair
- Doreen Tapsall Chair in Waiting
- Corrie Miles
- Ola Akinsanmi
- Sarah Northfield
- Michelle Hamblin
- Bianca Dietz
- Kelly Follers
- Thea Ogle

The Education Committee has led a CNSA project (supported by a CNSA Special Project grant) to develop a position statement for best practice recommendations for safe nursing administration of chemotherapy. This project has developed a draft CNSA Position Statement (currently under review by CNSA Board), which was informed by a literature review and critical analysis of key national and international clinical guidelines and position statements. The related literature review protocol has been published (Coyne et al., 2017) and the literature review has been accepted for publication with European Journal of Oncology Nursing. This is a great achievement for CNSA, as these publications will disseminate our work widely and highlight the evidence-based approach employed to support the best practice recommendations in our new position statement.

In closing, the Education Committee has contributed to CNSA by enhancing our current understanding of how best to promote safe practice during nursing administration of chemotherapy. These publications will inform policy and practice by recommending strategies to promote safe chemotherapy administration, benefiting cancer nurses, their patients and families.



Special project and education Committee dinner CNSA Annual Congress 2018

Research Standing Committee

The CNSA Research Standing Committee has been active in supporting CNSA in matters relating to cancer research. In the first three months of this year, the Committee has received eight research project requests to survey the CNSA membership. The growing interest in understanding the views of cancer nurses is a positive reflection on the society's respect for the value cancer nurses bring to the table on current trends and issues related to cancer care.

To encourage greater engagement of cancer nurses in research by researchers, the research Committee sought board approval for a key change in 2018 to the policy related to surveying the membership. The change stipulates that an active member of CNSA must be part of the investigator team of research requests made to the membership. Since the policy change, the research Committee has been pleased to find that on all occasions where a request has been made to survey the membership that a CNSA member has either been on the team or invited onto the team following research Committee review.

To encourage greater communication of outcomes of CNSA supported cancer nursing research, a second policy change was also made to both the survey request policies and the research grant policies to require researchers to publish about their grant or survey request research in the AJCN. The research Committee was impressed with all the research grant applications received in 2018 and considered them all to be of a very high standard.

The Committee was pleased the board endorsed its recommendation to fund the project entitled *"Specialist Cancer Nurses' Engagement in Clinical Supervision"* lead by Dr Olivia Cook. We have already seen the survey to the membership on this project and we are greatly keen to hear the results of this important research soon.

All the research grant applications have been of a high standard for the past two years and the research Committee hopes that its research workshops at Annual Congress have assisted members in organising their great ideas to improve outcomes and practice into actionable protocols and assisted with early grant application preparation. The research workshop, run by the Research Standing Committee (K Alexander, D Larkin, P Ellem) and special presenters Professor Patsy Yates and Professor Christine Miaskowski at congress 2018 was again well attended and recommended by participants.

The research workshop focused on research design and protocol development for clinicians new to research. The Committee continues to target its formal activities at congress to supporting novice to early career cancer researchers as this is still an area with limited resources nation-wide for nursing research support. The research Committee members were very active in ensuring Congress ran smoothly with Committee members contributing to the congress organising Committee, abstract reviews, poster and presentation judging, and chairing of sessions. The Research Standing Committee has continued to provide advice to the board and members on individual research proposals and make connections between clinicians and cancer nursing researchers.

Much of the past year the Committee has focused on transitioning its role in line with the board's strategic planning by preparing to gain a greater understanding in the research priorities for the society. The Research Standing Committee looks forward to continuing to support the growing needs of the society related to research.

Research Standing Committee Members

1 April 2018 - 31 March 2019

- A/Prof Kim Alexander **Chair**
- Dr Natalie Bradford
Chair in Waiting
- Dr Emma Cohen
- Dr David Larkin
- Dr Kate Cameron
- Professor Leanne Monterosso
- Nicole Gavin
- Dr Elise Button
- Dr Pammie Ellem

Australian Journal of Cancer Nursing (AJCN)

Members of the Editorial Board

1 April 2018 - 31 March 2019

- Tish Lancaster **Editor**
- Moira Stephens **Editor**
- Karen Strickland Associate Editor
- Jacqueline Bloomfield Associate Editor
- Elisabeth Coyne
- Catherine Johnson
- Louise Nicholson
- Gabrielle Prest

Two issues of the journal were published during the reporting period and both comprised entirely proffered manuscripts. 2018 marked the 20th year of production of the AJCN.

Over the last year AJCN has transitioned to ScholarOne, a comprehensive journal workflow management system. The submission, review and publishing processes are now entirely electronic, streamlining the workload for authors, reviewers, the editorial team and the publishers.

In an effort to reduce the environmental impact and to contain increasing production costs, the Board of Directors has determined that as of 2019 members will no longer automatically receive hard copies of the AJCN. All members can access online copies when logging onto the CNSA website. During 2019 members will be now able to 'opt in' to additionally receive a free hard copy of the journal, however from 2020 hard copies will only be available by paid subscription.

At the end of 2018 recruitment was undertaken for 2 new editors as Tish Lancaster and Moira Stephens transition to retirement. The CNSA Board of Directors appointed Prof Karen Strickland and A/Prof Jacqueline Bloomfield as Associate Editors for 2019. They will assume the roles of Editors in 2020.

The editors thank the following people for their time and expertise in reviewing manuscripts during the reporting period:

- Kylie Ash
- Gillian Blanchard
- Ray Chan
- Elisabeth Coyne
- Cheryl Dickson
- Pammie Ellem
- Louise Nicholson
- Catherine Johnson
- Jane Kelly
- Jac Mathieson
- Louise Nicholson
- Suzanne Pagett
- Gabrielle Prest
- Mary Roberts
- Mary Ryan
- Karen Taylor
- Dianne Seward

The publication, distribution and postage of the journal continues to be undertaken by Cambridge Media in Perth

Website and Communications



2018-2019
2226 likes



2018-2019
1280 followers



2017-2018
1865 likes



2017-2018
1067 followers



As of 1 March 2018, there were
1371 individuals
in the CNSA community on Sosido
1078 members and 293 followers



As of 1 March 2019, there were
1710 individuals
in the CNSA community on Sosido
1200 members and 510 followers

The CNSA social media profile has continued to grow over the past year, with the Twitter feed and Facebook page serving as a platform for regular communication and news to our members. The Twitter feed currently has 1280 followers and the CNSA Facebook page currently has 2226 likes. These have both seen a substantial increase over the past 12 months, illustrating our members engagement with the society through social media.

A social media plan has been developed with monthly themes, member profiles, and Fact Fridays, as well as posting relevant news stories and information from like-minded organisations. Social media themes highlighted over the past year have included survivorship, colorectal cancer, breast cancer, surgical oncology, head and neck cancer, prostate cancer, pancreatic cancer, lung cancer, skin cancer and melanoma, cancer risk, gynaecological cancer and radiation oncology.

The publication of the newsletter continues to be an important part of the CNSA communication strategy. This is distributed via email to CNSA members and posted on the CNSA website, with contributions from the President, State Groups, Specialist Practice Networks and CNSA Committees and working groups.

Sosido

Engagement with Sosido continued to grow during this membership period with 1710 individuals in the CNSA community – an increase of 20% on last year.

We are delighted that Roche has renewed its sponsorship of CNSA on Sosido for a second two-year term, allowing our members to continue to receive the weekly email digest of activity in their community along with access to the Q&A forum.

WCEA

To provide our members with up to date and accessible CPD resources, we were also pleased to partner with the World Continuing Education Alliance (WCEA), a global provider of specialist CPD platforms.

Since February, CNSA and WCEA have made available 2,722 online CPD education opportunities, with 397 members already having accessed the platform.

Please note: for WCEA there is no comparison to previous year as only launched this year.

Committee Chairs, AJCN Editors & Communications Officer



Kim Alexander
Research Standing Committee Chair



Elisabeth Coyne
Education Standing Committee Chair



Jac Mathieson
Annual Congress Committee Chair



Anne Mellon
Communications Officer



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Tish Lancaster
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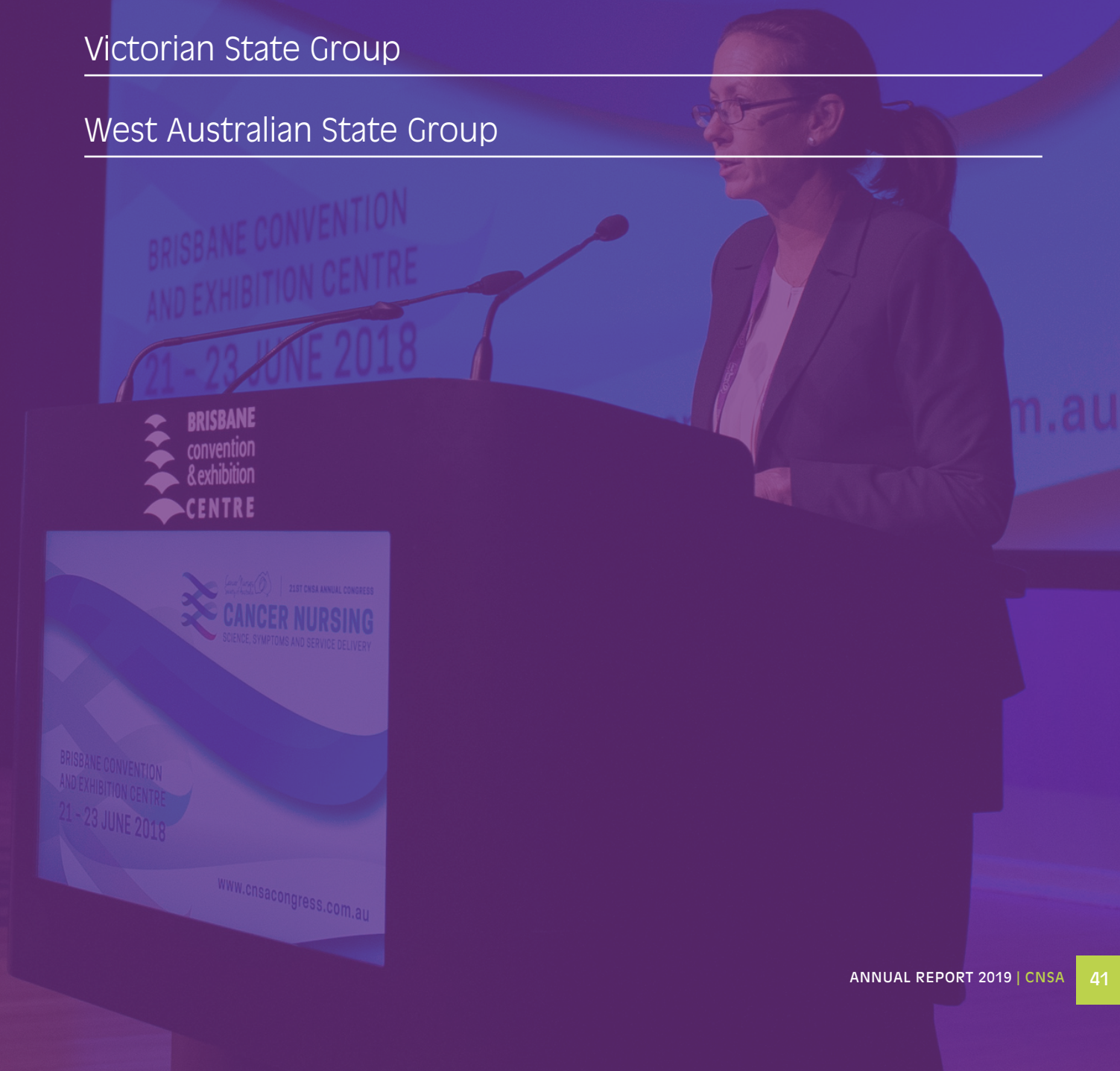
NSW Sydney Group

Queensland State Group

South Australian State Group

Victorian State Group

West Australian State Group



State Group Chairs



Sue Bartlett
VIC SG Chair



Gillian Blanchard
NSW Hunter Group Chair



Meredith Cummins
NSW Sydney Group Chair



Deb Hoberg
SA SG Chair
Until December 2018



Gabby Vigar
SA SG Chair
From December 2018



Pammie Ellem
QLD SG Chair



Sharon Ray
WA SG Chair

NSW Hunter Group

The following changes to the Committee happened this year Gillian Blanchard and Yolande Cox terms concluded and Laura Healey is now Chair Elect and Phillipa Dean is Deputy Chair Elect. Justine Gaynor remains as Treasurer, Lyndal Moore remains as Secretary and Jacquie Ruhl remains as Committee member. New Committee members recruited this year are Zoe Feighan, Karla Rimmington and Fiona Watkins.

As of the 12th February 2019 we as a group had 85 members.

The NSW Hunter Group committee has received feedback regarding the affordability of the \$75 non-member fee for events, which has resulted in reduced attendance at education evenings. Lack of teleconferencing options for rural/remote nurses was also highlighted as a priority. The committee has recognised the need to address these priorities in their annual work plan.

Education events included *"Below the Belt"* on 7th November 2018 a testicular cancer update from Dr James Lynam (Medical Oncologist) and an introduction to prostate cancer specialist nurses Nancy Consoli and Tracey Scott both at CMN.

Dr Pablo Fernandez Penas from the University of Sydney and Westmead Hospital spoke on 26th July 2018 with regards to Dermatological toxicities and Cancer therapies. 18th April 2018 was an update on head and neck cancer for all attendees and the main sponsors last year were Amgen and Mundipharma.

Professional development grants were presented were presented to Tracey Scott \$500, Lyndal Moore \$500 and Wendy Oakley \$200.

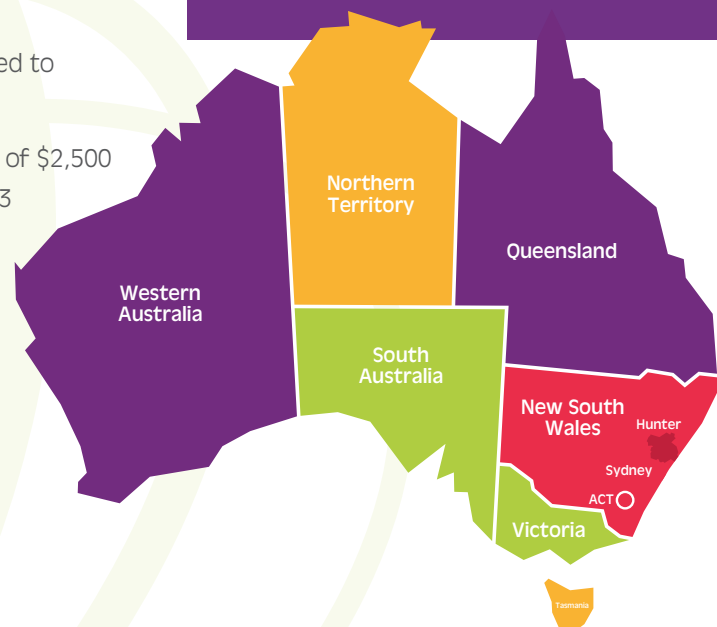
For 31 December 2018 financials showed a Sponsorship income of \$2,500 and Events Income - Groups \$341. The Interest Received was \$23 with Total operating income \$2,864.

Expenditure was mostly event Items including Event Catering \$2,937 also resulting in Total Event Items \$2,937 and Total Operational Costs \$2,937. Net operating surplus/(loss) (\$73).

NSW Hunter Group Committee Members:

1 April 2018 - 31 March 2019

• Gillian Blanchard	Chair
• Laura Healey	Chair Elect
• Yolande Cox	Deputy Chair
• Phillipa Dean	Deputy Chair Elect
• Lyndal Moore	Secretary
• Justine Gaynor	Treasurer
• Kelly Randall	
• Sandy Nixon	
• Jacquie Ruhl	
• Zoe Feighan	
• Fiona Watkins	
• Karla Rimmington	



NSW Sydney Group

NSW Sydney Group Committee Members:

1 April 2018 - 31 March 2019

- **Meredith Cummins** **Chair**

- Meredith Oatley Deputy Chair

- Jennifer Cater Treasurer

- Beth Ivimey Secretary

- Theresa Nielsen
Education Officer

- Suzannah Walden
Education Officer

- Christian Steiner Pharma Liaison

- Lucy Lehane

- Simone Ray

- Noeline Rozanc

The past year has seen some of our long-standing Committee members step down from the Committee. Meredith Oatley and Beth Ivimey have contributed so much to the Committee over many years and their dedication and mentorship to our cancer nurse colleagues has been greatly appreciated. On behalf of our Committee members you have been a delight to work with and have valued the support and hard work you have given.

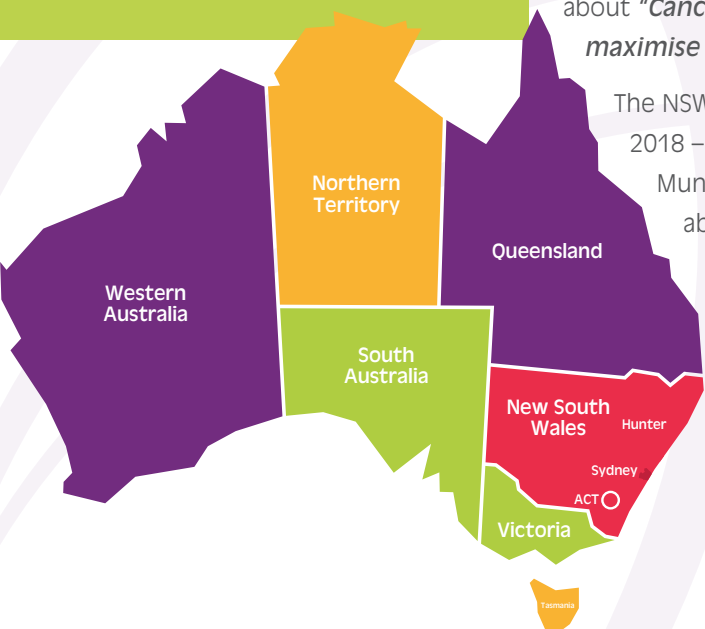
The Committee, a dynamic and diverse group, are constantly seeking topics which will be interesting and beneficial for cancer nurses in all disciplines – to increase their knowledge and assist their career path, especially regional and rural nurses. We will be looking to conduct livestream sessions and webinars this year so that nurses outside the metropolitan area can access education without having to be disadvantaged by travel.

Our November education evening was a very interactive evening with Julie McCrossin facilitating and guest speakers A/Prof Sandra Turner, Dr Lucinda Morris and CNS Michelle Roach. The topic for the evening was Radiation Oncology and was a highlight of the session titled **“Radiation Oncology – Science and Side effects of Modern Radiation Therapy”** conducted at Congress 2018 in Brisbane.

To start this year in March we invited Dr Toni Lindsay (Clinical Psychologist - Lifehouse, Tracy King 9Myeloma CNC RPA) and Lisa McLean (Team Lead at eviQ). This was a very interactive and thought-provoking evening about **“Cancer Nursing is tough and rewarding: How to stay sane and maximise career planning and development opportunities”**.

The NSW Sydney Group education sessions have been sponsored in 2018 – 2019 by Astra Zeneca, Menarini, Pfizer and again generously by Mundi Pharma – without their financial assistance we would not be able to conduct our education sessions.

We welcome input from all cancer nurses on our education sessions and hope the sessions through the remainder of the year are interesting and informative. Together we can build CNSA to become a truly peak body in Oncology internationally and maintain a reputation of professionalism and dedication.



Queensland State Group

The past 12 months have involved planning education evenings and encouraging new membership for Queensland. The QLD SG decided to focus on two key education evenings and a research activity involving all the Committee.

On the 10th July 2018 in collaboration with the Queensland Collaborative for Cancer Survivorship, we held our first education evening via Telehealth titled *“Transforming Survivorship Care and Care Coordination to make a real difference: the UK Experience”*. The keynote speaker was Professor Alison Richardson from the UK. We had over 80 registrations and participants from every state dialled in. Furthermore, the event was recorded and made available via the CNSA website. Sincere thanks must be extended to QUT for sponsoring the evening and coordinating availability of professor Alison Richardson who was very informative.

Following the success (and lessons!) of the previous video conference forum, QLD SG recently delivered another education forum via Telehealth. The forum titled *‘Immunotherapy: The future is now – A virtual panel discussion’*. This forum was also widely accessed, however we did encourage participation at speaker sites rather than individual log ins. The panel consisted of four members ranging across the multidisciplinary team who were all at different sites including Toowoomba, Brisbane, Hervey Bay and Bundaberg.

It is exciting and innovative to be able to allow wide reaching participation not restricted by geographic location. This forum was also recorded and available to CNSA members via the website. AstraZeneca kindly sponsored this event through catering at all speaker sites. Thank you to AstraZeneca for your generosity.

Following the forum in March, the group of oncology nurses present at Bundaberg representative of all health service centres in town agreed to meet informally again in June to propose another local education forum. New membership was also gained from this forum for CNSA QLD SG.

The CNSA QLD SG has another ongoing education project creating a research study that all Committee members are participating in. The study will address the question *“What is the perception of closed systems in cancer nursing practice?”*.

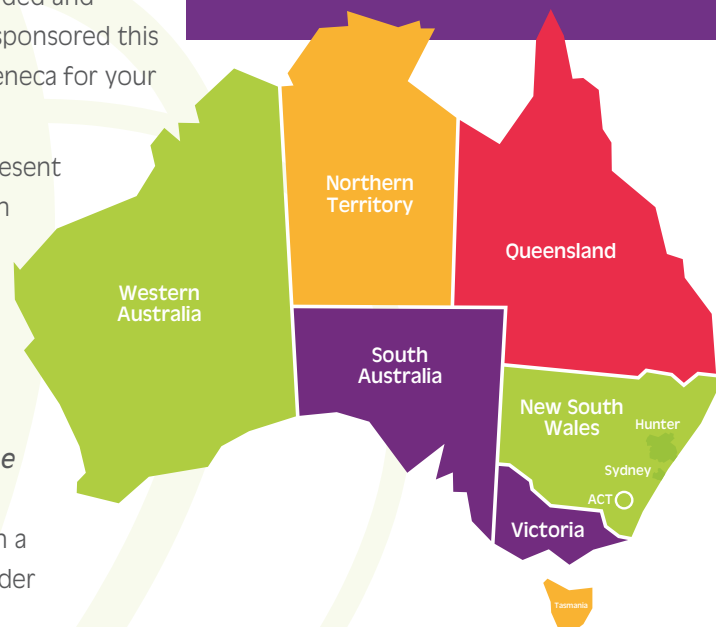
This provides an opportunity to participate in a research study in a safe environment amongst peers for those less experienced under the guidance of those who are experienced.

My sincere thanks to our dedicated and hardworking Committee who keep the ball rolling for CNSA.

Queensland State Group Committee Members:

1 April 2018 - 31 March 2019

- Pammie Ellem Chair
- Ron Middleton Deputy Chair
- Elise Button Treasurer
- Doreen Tapsall Secretary
- Monique Richter
- Julie Evans
- Theresa Beane
- Carla Thamm
- Penny Stevens
- Penny Reed



South Australian State Group

South Australia State Group Committee Members:

1 April 2018 - 31 March 2019

- **Deb Hoberg** Chair
Until Dec 2018

- Gabby Vigar Chair
From Dec 2018

- Melissa Laan Treasurer

- Kristin Manuel Treasurer Elect

- Leanne McCance

- Casey Plummer

- Heather Pearce

- Julie Campbell

- Angela Luppino

- Koli Ali

- Gill Miller

- Melanie Wilson

- Judy Iasiello

2018/2019 was a very successful year for the South Australian State Group (SA SG). The SA SG is currently sitting at 104 members strong, with a wonderfully diverse range of cancer nurses, who span all disciplines of cancer nursing, across private and public, regional and metro.

The year commenced with a breakfast event in April, where 42 South Australian cancer nurses gathered to learn more about Infection in Haematology/Oncology patients.

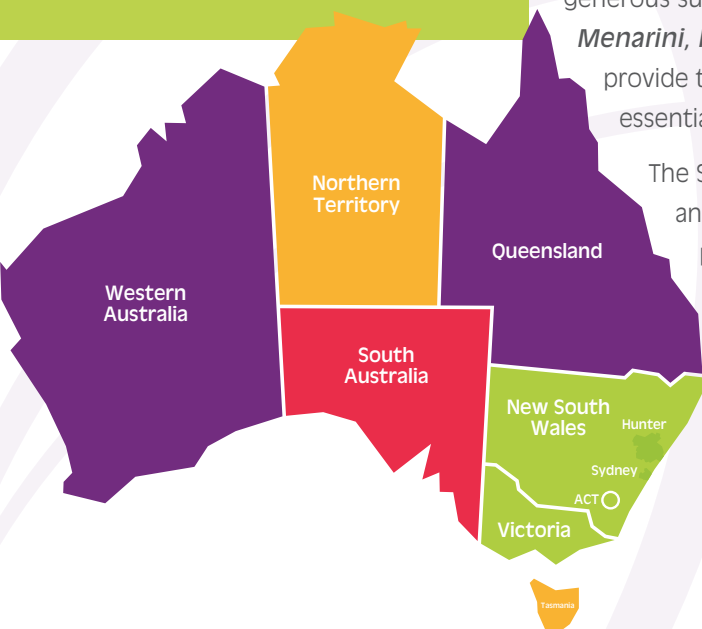
The second event was a dinner workshop in August, which was held at the National Wine Centre. The topic for the evening was Sarcoma – Advances and challenges. There were a total of 58 cancer nurses in attendance.

In October the third event was held, which was a full day workshop called Basics and Beyond, where the topics discussed included anatomical and molecular pathology, blood work, imaging, oncological emergencies, paraneoplastic syndromes and blood and blood products. A total of 59 cancer nurses attended this event.

On the whole, 159 South Australian cancer nurses attended these professional development opportunities, which not only increased their knowledge, but afforded them the opportunity to network with their cancer nursing peers.

The SA SG would like to thank the following companies for their very generous support and wonderful sponsorship over the last 12 months: **MSD, Menarini, Roche** and **Amgen**. Without you, the SA SG would not be able to provide the exception level of professional development or promote the essential contribution of South Australian cancer nurses.

The SA SG would like to acknowledge the incredible contribution and dedication of Deb Hoberg, who has chaired the SA SG for the past 5 years. Deb has stepped down as Chair of the Committee. Deb has been an incredible advocate of the CNSA, particularly the SA SG, where her passion for cancer nurses and cancer nursing has shone through.



Victorian State Group

The Victorian State Group has had another busy year in 2018/19 with our four education events including two of these collaborating with HSANZ and the Palliative Care Nurses Special Interest Group.

The topics of our events were varied including Geriatric Oncology, Myth Busting – Complementary Therapies & Interventions, Immunotherapy and Rehabilitation/Exercise.

All events were well received by our nurses from varied settings that attended and we were privileged to have wonderful speakers take time out from their busy workload to present at these events.

In 2019 we are continuing with education being provided by webinars to ensure all members have access to education irrespective of where they live or have work constraints. We have also made a decision as a Committee to have one of our dinner events in a regional location with our first event in Bendigo in March.

We aim to do this each year in a different regional area with next year being in Geelong. We have also had some changes within the Committee and we welcome Sarah Corfe and thank Margie Hjorth for her time on the Committee and wish her all the best for the future. Our events wouldn't go ahead without generous pharma sponsorship and we would like to acknowledge BMS and MSD for their support throughout the year for our events.

This year we also again offered the Nicole King grants, and for the first time we aligned with other CNSA grants being offered through the National Education Standing Committee with sponsorship again from MSD. As a Committee we are here for our members in Victoria, so if there is anything you would like to see in the future please don't hesitate to contact me on victorianstategroup@cnsa.org.au

Victorian State Group Committee Members:

1 April 2018 - 31 March 2019

- Sue Bartlett Chair
- Diane Davey Deputy Chair
- Tracey Dryden Treasurer
- Kate Wakelin
- Katherine Lane
- Margie Hjorth
- Sarah Corfe
- Matthew Perich



West Australian State Group

West Australian State Group Committee Members:

1 April 2018 - 31 March 2019

- Sharon Ray Chair

- Chris Henneker Deputy Chair

- Marie Condon Treasurer

- Sandy McKiernan

- Therese Thompson

- Nicole Watson

- Tanya O'Connor

- Sara Jaenke

- Anita House

The CNSA WA State Group (WA SG) had a successful year providing members with education, profession development and networking opportunities, in addition to transitioning local practices to ensure compliance with the CNSA National model of Company Limited by Guarantee.

Sponsorship from Industry has been an important component of the ability of the Committee to provide educational events. Local high profile speakers have ensured that three education events were well attended and highly evaluated. These educational events have been our greatest achievement.

CNSA WA SG offers two travel grants to members to attend annual congress and this year those grants were awarded to Helen Freeman and Margaret Harwood.

Travel grants to support State Group nurses to attend CNSA WA education events remain available to members.

The new WA State Group Committee will be incoming in April and will say a grateful thankyou but not goodbye to Sharon Ray who has been the Chair of the group for the last two years. Sharon has done an excellent job of transitioning the WA State Group over to the new CNSA National structure and has been both a motivated and inspirational leader. Sharon will remain on the Committee as a valued source of knowledge and support to the new Committee.

The WA State Group committee has planned four educational events for 2019/2020.



Sponsorship was received for the 2018/2019 education events from:

- MSD
- Menarini
- GenesisCare
- 3M
- Nestle
- Astra Zeneca
- Bristol Myers Squibb
- Roche
- Merck
- Amgen

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Adolescent & Young Adult Specialist Practice Network

Breast Oncology Specialist Practice Network

Cancer Nurse Practitioner Specialist Practice Network

Gynaecological Oncology Specialist Practice Network

Radiation Oncology Specialist Practice Network

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Specialist Practice Network

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Nicole Gavin
VAD&IT SPN



Michelle Roach
RON SPN



Jenny Gilchrist
Breast SPN - Co-Chair



Danielle Spence
Breast SPN - Co-Chair



Anne Mellon
GYN SPN



Bec Greenslade
AYA SPN

Adolescent & Young Adult Specialist Practice Network

The CNSA Adolescent & Young Adult Specialist Practice Network (AYA SPN) is a small, newly-formed network of energetic and enthusiastic nurses. In Australia, AYA are defined as being 15-25 years old when diagnosed with cancer. AYA are a small part (1.7%) of the greater oncology patient population; they sit between paediatric and adult patient groups and are at risk of falling through the gaps at all stages of the cancer care pathway.

The aim of the CNSA AYA SPN is to support the professional practice of nurses in metropolitan, regional and rural settings through:

- Access to a network nurses who care for AYAs with cancer,
- Collaboration between specialist AYA cancer nurses,
- Support for AYA nursing education, research and innovation.

The highlight of 2018-2019

The AYA SPN had a great start to 2018-2019 with Committee membership building and developing cohesion between Committee members. Our quarterly videoconferences were productive and well attended. Our first major SPN event was the Nursing Leadership workshop at the Global AYA Congress in December 2018. The workshop had dynamic, interactive sessions with Lyndal Moore (CNSA AYA SPN/Hunter YCS) as the Australian lead. A warm welcome was provided by CNSA CEO Sonja Cronjé to all delegates attending the workshop. The workshop was attended by senior AYA nurses from clinical, academic and administration roles in Australia, New Zealand, England, America, Sweden and Japan. This event raised the profile of CNSA and the CNSA AYA SPN within the AYA community.



Breast Oncology Specialist Practice Network

The Breast Oncology Specialist Practice Network (Breast SPN) has had an eventful year. In April 2018 we said goodbye to Kerry Patford as the chair of Breast SPN. A new executive Committee was appointed - Danielle Spence and Jenny Gilchrist (Co-chairs), Marion Strong (Deputy Chair), Zeina Hayes (Secretary) and Vicki Durston (Treasurer).

The new leadership Committee was introduced to the Breast Oncology SPN at the 2018 CNSA Annual Congress in Brisbane.

At the first face to face meeting of the year, 68 breast cancer nurses were in attendance. As well as the new team being introduced, Kerry Patford was formally thanked for her many years of dedication and leadership. Kirsten Pilatti, BCNA CEO, spoke to the issues identified through the landmark State of the Nation report and as a group, the following objectives for the SPN were established:

- Mentorship, career pathways, sustainability, collaboration of services rather than reinventing the wheel
- Platform for communication
- Utilising and understanding the work in Survivorship and the impact on BCNs
- Connections for research collaboration opportunities
- Creating a safe space to debrief

The Breast Oncology SPN also discussed educational topics for the upcoming year. It was decided that rather than focusing on clinical skills, there was a gap in education around leadership and communication skills.

To address the education needs of the group, a dinner meeting sponsored by BCNA and the McGrath Foundation was held during the Melbourne International Breast Conference in October 2018. It was well attended, with 65 attendees. The invited speakers were Dr Evie Kendal, Professor Fran Boyle and Danielle Spence and the theme was communicating non-funded treatment and tests to patients in the age of cancer innovation: Clinical Challenges, Ethics and the role of the BCN.

Dr Evie Kendal did a fabulous talk on the ethical and legal aspects of non-funded treatments, Professor Fran Boyle spoke about communication in difficult clinical situations and Danielle Spence spoke on nursing leadership. The feedback from the meeting was all positive and the group was pleased to engage in discussion on topics that were not overly familiar to them.

Committee Representation

One of the most important aspects of the leadership roles in the Breast Oncology SPN is to ensure CNSA representation on Committees and advisory groups that impact on breast cancer. This year we were active in several ways.

Jenny was an invited member of the McGrath Foundation Model of Care Expert Reference Group, with Danielle participating in the Expert Working Group providing input into the consumer perspective through her experience at both BCNA and Cancer Council. With a growing breast care nurse workforce across the country, the model will provide guidance around contemporary best practice to not only those employed by McGrath Foundation but to all Australian nurses working with patients and families affected by breast cancer. We would like to take this time to commend McGrath Foundation on their efforts to collaborate with an extensive range of nursing and other stakeholders. We look forward to ongoing collaborations.

In addition, Jenny represented CNSA on the expert panel working on the Cancer Australia Statement – Influencing best practice in metastatic breast cancer. The Breast SPN Committee as a whole also provided feedback

throughout the development process. Once finalised this statement will provide guidance to clinicians and consumers on a number of practices identified as appropriate or inappropriate for the provision of care to those with metastatic breast cancer in Australia.

Future planning

The Breast SPN Committee held a teleconference in February 2019 to plan key events for the year.

- An informal networking opportunity was held in March 2019 during the COSA Survivorship conference in Sydney.
- The Committee plans to meet with the Breast Oncology SPN again during the 2019 Annual Congress and determine progress towards meeting if strategic and educational objectives of the group have been met in the previous year.
- We plan to establish new educational goals for 2019-2020 and discuss with the Breast Oncology SPN how communication can be enhanced within the group within the constraints of CNSA.
- A dinner meeting is to be held at the Australian Society for Breast Diseases annual congress on the Gold Coast in October 2019. The proposed topic is the Voluntary Assisted Dying laws which were passed in Victoria in November 2017, allowing patients with terminal illnesses to voluntarily end their life from June 19, 2019.

As of April 2019, the Breast Oncology SPN has 342 members and the Committee is currently full. We are grateful for all of the support provided by nurses around the country and would like to acknowledge our executive Committee and other State Committee members including: Sarah Pratt (VIC), Nancy Scott (QLD), Moira Waters (WA), Valerie Smith (TAS), Joan Burgess (WA) and Julie Evans (QLD).

Cancer Nurse Practitioner Specialist Practice Network

The CNSA Cancer Nurse Practitioner Specialist Practice Network (CNP SPN) has continued to go from strength to strength over the 2018/19 reporting period. The SPN has seen continued growth in membership with 66 current active members up from 63 in 2017/18 and 46 in 2016/17.

The groups one main focus or achievement has continued to be on providing excellent and relevant education and again the members have enjoyed access to high quality education sessions with two sessions per calendar year with a 2 day Masterclass held in March and 1 day seminar attached to CNSA Annual Congress. For members that attended these sessions, a travel grant of \$500 per year was offered to assist with travel to attend one or both of the sessions.

Sponsors for 2018/2019 include

- Menarini
- Ipsen
- Pfizer
- Astellas
- Astra Zeneca

Gynaecological Oncology Specialist Practice Network

The CNSA Gynaecological Oncology Specialist Practice Network (GYN SPN) was established in 2011 and currently has 169 members, including nurses working in both the public and private sector across Australia and New Zealand. The GYN SPN members are kept abreast of relevant information through the CNSA newsletter and email updates.

Anne Mellon continues in the role of Chair of the GYN SPN, with Therese Kachenko as Deputy Chair and Olivia Cook as Secretary. GYN SPN Committee members include Danielle Carpenter, Natalie Williams, Belinda Zeilony, Nicole Kinnane and Isobel Black.

The GYN SPN planned and convened the nurses' workshop held at the International Gynecologic Cancer Society Biennial Meeting in Kyoto, Japan in September 2018, with more than 50 nursing delegates attending from all across the world. Topics presented included cancer nursing now and into the future; worldwide burden of gynaecological cancer; global perspective of cervical cancer screening and prevention; science behind PARPs; implementation of gynaecology initiated genetic testing; patients, cancer and sex; and cancer survivorship and fear of recurrence.

A successful nurses' workshop was held at the ANZGOG 2019 meeting in Sydney with the theme of cervical cancer. Topics presented included an overview of cervical cancer, diagnosis and treatment; global perspective of cervical cancer prevention and screening; update on the National Cervical Screening Program; clinical trials; EXCISE study; and psychological issues.

The GYN SPN is currently planning the nurses' workshop to be held at the International Gynecologic Cancer Society Annual Global Meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from September 19-22, 2019. Topics to be presented include global perspective of gynaecological cancer; cancer nursing in South America; cervical cancer program in Latin America; endometrial cancer in Brazil; immunotherapy; sexuality and gynaecology patients; and the role of the gynaecology specialist nurse.

Radiation Oncology Nurses Specialist Practice Network

The Radiation Oncology Nurses Specialist Practice Network (RON SPN) comprises of 10 passionate nurses from 5 Australian states. As Committee members we aim to facilitate nursing knowledge and nursing skills around the theory of radiation therapy and the management of acute and late treatment side effects. We also aim to educate the wider nursing community to the value and importance of well-educated radiotherapy nurses

We meet face to face annually at the CNSA conference and participate in teleconferences throughout the year.

The Tripartite Committee is the peak collaborative professional group in Radiation Oncology representing Radiation Oncologists, Physicists and Radiation Therapists, with the aim of collaborating between radiation therapy professions in the areas of quality, standards, workforce and public interest. In November 2018, the Tripartite welcomed the CNSA into their group. This has necessitated a name change to the Radiation Oncology Alliance. WOW! How exciting for the future of radiotherapy nursing!

The RON SPN are about to commence work on incorporating radiotherapy nursing practice principles into the Radiation Oncology Practice Standards (ROPS) which were first published in 2011 by the Radiation Oncology Alliance. This document represents a standard for radiation therapy service provision and provides a framework to assist radiation therapy facilities achieve best practice.

Personally, I would like to acknowledge and thank my fellow RON SPN Committee members for their passion and support over the past year. Thank you Nicola Lanci (VIC), Pauline Rose (QLD), Rae Blades (QLD), Stacey Buxton (NSW), Meg Hughes (NSW), Diana Ngo (NSW), Gabby Vigar (SA), Sylvia Barker (WA) and Paula McLeod (NSW), you guys are my rock and support network.

Vascular Access Device & Infusion Therapy Specialist Practice Network

Pre-Congress Workshop 2018

At the CNSA Annual Congress in 2018, the Vascular Access & Device Specialist Practice Network (VAD&IT SPN) ran a pre-congress workshop sponsored by Bard titled Vascular Access - *What lies beneath the skin*. 39 CNSA members attended this symposium which focused on vascular access devices with topics including anatomy and physiology of the vasculature, pathophysiology of thrombus formation, vessel preservation and device selection. The interactive sessions offered a practical session of ultrasound insertion. Finally, an interactive session with a panel of researchers and clinicians focused on the importance of all clinicians championing for appropriate VAD use and management in the cancer population.

Cancer Wiki Guidelines update

The VAD&IT SPN received Special Project Funding from the CNSA Board to update the CNSA CVAD Guidelines. An innovative approach will see these guidelines updated by topic, include all vascular access devices, peripheral and central and will be published on the Cancer Wiki Platform ensuring they are freely available and are up-to-date as new evidence is published. The revision will focus on two topics initially: (1) Patency, prevention and management of occlusion and (2) Device selection and vessel health and preservation. A literature search of five databases has been completed on the patency topic focusing on preventing and managing occlusion in vascular access devices in cancer patients. The screening of 5,000 articles is nearly completed. Our next task is to extract data from these articles to answer clinical questions about how frequently to flush, the volume, the best solution and how to manage partial and complete occlusions. Once these questions have been answered, undergone public consultation and published, we will move on to work on to the second topic of vessel health and preservation, including device selection.



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