

Annual Report

2022 - 2023



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Our Purpose

Cancer Nurses Society of Australia (CNSA) is the peak member organisation for cancer nurses in Australia.

Our Vision

Best possible outcomes and experiences for all people affected by cancer.

Our Mission

To use our expertise as cancer nurses to promote excellence in cancer care and control.



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Our Values

UNITY

We welcome, listen to, connect and amplify the diverse voices of cancer nurses in Australia.

EXCELLENCE

We strive to excel in all our activities.

INNOVATION

We use our knowledge, experience and insight to advance and stay at the forefront of cancer nursing practice.

PERSON-CENTRED

We focus our efforts and activity on people affected by cancer and the people who care for them.

COLLABORATION

We share, engage and partner widely and openly.

Our Strategy

Strategic Imperatives

Our strategic imperatives set the goals we are aiming to achieve in the 5-year period 2023–2028.

By 2028, CNSA will be:



Strategic Pillars

We will achieve these strategic imperatives through activities in our key pillars.

ADVOCACY

RESEARCH

PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT

NETWORKING

Foundations

Our activities build on and are sustained by our core foundations.

VALUED PEOPLE

Engaged membership

Committed staff and volunteers

Effective leaders and advisors

OPEN APPROACH

Diversity and inclusion

Engagement and partnerships

Recognition and respect

EFFECTIVE PROCESSES

Effective and efficient systems and processes

Diverse and sustainable funding

Measurement and accountability

President's Report

We didn't know 12 months ago, before we commissioned Cancer Nursing Workforce Survey, that there were **7,202 nurses** that identified as working in Cancer Care. We couldn't tell you that nearly 20% of the workforce intended to stay in cancer nursing **less than 5 years**. We weren't aware that there were nearly **90 different titles for advanced practice nursing roles** (if not more!) across our complex healthcare system.

But now that we have this information, we are armed with data to help influence and advocate for our membership now more than ever. It's because of this, and the planning information and achievements from our many committees, state groups and special interest networks, that we pursued the creation of the new CNSA Strategic Plan 2023 – 28.

By 2028, we will be:

1. the united and influential voice representative of the cancer nursing workforce in Australia
2. leading innovations and promoting excellence in contemporary cancer nursing to improve outcomes and experiences for people affected by cancer
3. enhancing the careers of cancer nurses and cancer nursing practice through evidence-based professional development
4. the professional organisation of choice for cancer nurses to engage in and influence contemporary cancer care, policy and research

Over various board meetings we tested and refined how we can meet these strategic imperatives; and detailed strategies, resourcing needs, and measurable outcomes to help

us realise success. We renewed our long-term agreement with executive services *onsomble* and remodelled the *onsomble* team to support our plans over the coming years. This included promoting our Executive Officer Jemma Still to Chief Executive Officer because of her significant contribution to the society and our future expectations of the role. Congratulations Jemma.

I urge our members to consider their role in the continued success of CNSA. In the first instance, please encourage your colleagues to get involved in the many groups and professional development opportunities the society offers. The data from the cancer nursing workforce survey showed us that there is a generational challenge of engaging younger nurses in CNSA. While one in three cancer nurses over 40 years of age are members of CNSA, only one in ten are under 35 years of age are members. We have created a Next Generation Working Group to help us harness the potential of this workforce and understand the needs and priorities of this key cohort. For us to be truly representative and succession plan, it's vital we engage now.

Whilst our organisational governance and sustainability has maintained

a key focus for the Board, we have also been successful in representing CNSA in many different cancer forums and responded to multiple key submissions, notwithstanding the Australian Cancer Plan.

I would like to thank all of our volunteers who have contributed to our advocacy efforts, and our continued professional development over the course of the year. We are privileged to have such a robust, experienced and passionate membership who give freely of their time across multiple facets of the organisation. From communications to event management; student engagement to manning exhibition booths; creation of guidelines to development of models of care – we couldn't do this without you. We're a better organisation, and a more cohesive workforce, because of your contribution.

With the arrival of my second child I will be ending my term a year earlier than planned. I would like to offer a heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported me along the way. It has been a pleasure serving on the CNSA Board these past five years. I look forward to being part of the continued growth and impact of the society in the future.

Associate Professor Kim Alexander
CNSA President



Executive Officer Report

Sitting down to write the Annual Report is always a moment for reflection – reflection on what we've achieved, reflection on the contribution of our volunteers, reflection on what I've learned, reflection on what our small yet mighty association can do thanks to our membership.

It's also a time to look forward with excitement and enthusiasm, safe in the knowledge that we've got a strong and engaged membership base, committed and passionate staff and a visionary Board of Directors.

Let's take a look at what we've achieved in the past 12 months:

Education

We have continued to successfully deliver a robust, diverse and practical Tune in Tuesday webinar series, thanks to some key alliances with important stakeholders.

We collaborated with the VCCC alliance, Myeloma Australia, the Australian Cancer Survivorship Centre, Cancer Council Victoria, the Clinical Oncology Society of Australia, BEAT Bladder Cancer, the Australia-New Zealand Lung Cancer Nurses Forum and the Melanoma Institute Australia (amongst others) to host over 40 webinars.

We covered topics across telehealth, diagnosis and treatment decision pathways, complexities of managing advanced cancer, addressing sexuality and intimacy as part of cancer care, screening and assessment, vascular access, PhD rapid fire presentations, ethical dilemmas, optimising survivorship care, clinical hypnotherapy and models of care. I sincerely hope you enjoyed the range of topics, and the practical nature of this online learning.

We were also excited to collaborate with MooGoo Skincare on the creation of 3 x \$10,000 Cancer Nursing Scholarships. These will be awarded to postgraduate cancer nurse students to further enhance the education of the workforce in Australia – a fantastic recognition of the contribution of Cancer Nurses in the Australian healthcare system.

Research

We continued to take our remit of supporting and distributing nurse-led research seriously, with funding provided for two Research Grants covering Vulvar Cancer wound practices (awarded to Natalie Williams) and Video-assisted patient education (awarded to Elisabeth Coyne).

This was on top of our fantastic Congress which included over 40 abstract and poster presentations, and our regular publication of the Australian Journal of Cancer Nursing (AJCN). As you will read in the AJCN report, the Board is reviewing the purpose and remit of the journal to ensure it's meeting the needs of the authors, the membership and the wider community – watch this

space for more information on how we progress the distribution of this research nationally.

Communication and Engagement

We are lucky to have such an incredible group of volunteers routinely stepping up and delivering quality education and projects across our State Groups, Standing Committees and Specialist Practice Networks.

I am constantly inspired by the amount of work these volunteers take on, all driven by their desire to make this organisation (and the profession) better. In the past 12 months, over 170 members have given time and effort to deliver over 50 local events and webinars; develop new guidelines; provide funding for professional development grants; and start scoping projects to create new models of care and meet workforce needs.

This is on top of the range of activities delivered through head office and our staff in the form of fortnightly newsletters, regular updates, committee secretariat, project support, moderation of the

Executive Officer Report

knowledge sharing platform and coordination of Congress – with more to come in the next 12 months.

The creation of the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan forced a rethink of our operational structure, and I am excited about supplementing our administrative team with some expertise in marketing, communications and policy – key areas that require additional investment to see us deliver on our strategic imperatives and futureproof the organisation. We will still be nimble, agile and responsive, just with a few more people to share

the load and assist our Committees to achieve their goals and realise opportunities.

In closing, I'd like to thank my team and the Board of Directors for their ongoing support as I've returned from maternity leave and adjusted to life as a working mum. It's a bigger challenge than I could have anticipated, but has brought me a new level of joy in what I do and who I work with and for.

Thanks for letting me reflect – I hope you enjoy reading the full report.

Jemma Still

Executive Officer



CNSA 2022 DIGITAL POSTERS



PRESENTATIONS



VICS **Alumna**

Regional care coordination cluster to
improve nursing role diversity
post-radiation treatment
for breast cancer care



Development of a...
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...and...
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...and...



Board of Directors



A/Prof. Kim Alexander
President & Board Chair



Jemma Still
Executive Officer



Meredith Cummins
Co-Vice President



Anne Mellon
Co-Vice President



Dr. Gemma McErlean
Director



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Director



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Director



Sue Schoonbeek
Director



Diane Davey
Director



Prof. Kate White
Appointed Director



Annual Financial Report

For the year ended 31 March 2023

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The Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Limited

Responsible Persons' Declaration

For the Year ended 31 March 2023

In the opinion of the responsible persons 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 31st of March 2023 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 persons made pursuant to Section 60.15 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022* and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:



Kimberly Alexander
President



Meredith Cummins
Chair of the Finance Committee

Date: 5th May 2023

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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

As auditor for The Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Limited for the year ended 31 March 2023, 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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Stephen O'Kane
Partner

MELBOURNE
16 May 2023

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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 2023, 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 2023 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 Regulations 2022*.

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 16 May 2023
 At 330 Collins Street Melbourne

Statement of Profit or Loss

The Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Limited
Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the Year ended 31 March 2023

| | Note | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|------|----------------|---------------|
| Revenue | 6 | 1,132,056 | 839,865 |
| Expenses | | | |
| Grants | | (67,117) | (6,042) |
| Administration staffing expenses | | (356,162) | (342,702) |
| Other administration expenses | | (96,398) | (71,972) |
| Journal and Newsletter Expenses | | (12,890) | (17,000) |
| Annual Congress | | (527,833) | (324,913) |
| Other expenses | | (80,270) | (35,318) |
| Total Expenses | | (1,140,670) | (797,947) |
| Result for the Year | | (8,614) | 41,918 |
| Other comprehensive income | | – | – |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | | (8,614) | 41,918 |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Statement of Financial Position

The Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Limited

Statement of Financial Position

As At 31 March 2023

| | Note | 2023 | 2022 |
|----------------------------------|------|------------------|------------------|
| Assets | | | |
| Current Assets | | | |
| Cash & Cash equivalents | 7 | 472,317 | 556,996 |
| Trade and other receivables | 8 | 369,129 | 215,512 |
| Other Current Assets | 9 | 183,554 | 127,307 |
| Financial Assets | 10 | 533,137 | 565,923 |
| | | <u>1,558,137</u> | <u>1,465,738</u> |
| Total Current Assets | | | |
| Non-Current Assets | | | |
| Property, Plant & Equipment | 11 | 1,834 | 2,773 |
| | | <u>1,834</u> | <u>2,773</u> |
| Total Non-Current Assets | | | |
| | | <u>1,559,971</u> | <u>1,468,511</u> |
| Total Assets | | | |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| Trade & Other Payables | 12 | 671,994 | 561,826 |
| Provisions | 13 | 2,704 | 12,798 |
| | | <u>674,698</u> | <u>574,624</u> |
| Total Current Liabilities | | | |
| | | <u>674,698</u> | <u>574,624</u> |
| Total Liabilities | | | |
| | | <u>885,273</u> | <u>893,887</u> |
| Net Assets | | | |
| Equity | | | |
| Retained Earnings | | 885,273 | 893,887 |
| | | <u>885,273</u> | <u>893,887</u> |
| Total Equity | | | |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Statement of Changes in Equity

The Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Limited

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

| 2023 | Retained Earnings \$ |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Balance as at 1 April 2022 | <u>893,887</u> |
| Result for the year | (8,614) |
| Balance as at 31 March 2023 | <u>885,273</u> |
| 2022 | |
| Balance as at 1 April 2021 | 851,969 |
| Result for the year | 41,918 |
| Balance as at 31 March 2022 | <u>893,887</u> |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Statement of Cash Flows

The Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Limited

Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

| | Note | 2023 \$ | 2022 \$ |
|--|-----------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Subscription receipts | | 460,568 | 309,303 |
| Income from Winter Congress | | 723,594 | 582,793 |
| Interest and other investment income | | 14,046 | 20,364 |
| Other income (Including Regional Groups & Regional & Specialist Practice Networks) | | 3,719 | 41,919 |
| Payments to suppliers and employees | | <u>(1,285,665)</u> | <u>(856,922)</u> |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 19 | <u>(83,738)</u> | <u>97,157</u> |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Payments for property, plant and equipment | | - | (3,077) |
| Net Payments for Financial assets | | <u>(941)</u> | <u>(210,629)</u> |
| Net cash provided by investing activities | | <u>(941)</u> | <u>(213,706)</u> |
| Net Increase/(decrease) in cash held | | (84,679) | (116,549) |
| Cash at the beginning of the financial year | | <u>556,996</u> | <u>673,545</u> |
| Cash at the end of the financial year | | <u><u>472,317</u></u> | <u><u>556,996</u></u> |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

The Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Limited

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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 entity, registered and domiciled in Australia.

The principal activities of the Company during the year were 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 *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 recognized 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).

The Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Limited

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For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**Donations**

The Company, in common with most organizations 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 recognized 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 recognized using the effective interest method and recorded on an accrual basis.

Other Income

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

Net Annual Congress Income

The Company has contracted 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 recognized through the Statement of Profit & Loss and Other Comprehensive Income in the year the Congress is conducted. In the period leading up to the Congress, expenditure is incurred, some 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.

The Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Limited

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For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**(c) Goods and services tax (GST)**

Revenue, expenses, and assets are recognized 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.

(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.

The Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Limited

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For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**(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 2023 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 recognized at their transaction price. They are subject to normal credit terms and do not bear interest.

(k) Financial Assets

Financial assets are measured at fair value and the fair value adjustments are recorded through the profit and loss of the Company.

The Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Limited

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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 Dependency

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

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For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Note 6. Revenues: | | |
| Subscription Income | 302,886 | 266,610 |
| Unrealised gains(losses) from Financial Assets | (30,064) | (19,059) |
| Realised Capital Gains/(losses) | (3,662) | - |
| Income from Annual Congress | 705,814 | 480,878 |
| Net income & Investment income | 14,046 | 20,064 |
| Other income | 41,444 | 58,172 |
| Regional Groups & Specialist Practice Networks (Income) | 101,592 | 33,200 |
| | <u>1,132,056</u> | <u>839,865</u> |
| Note 7. Cash & Cash equivalents: | | |
| Current | | |
| BT Panorama | 28,081 | 25,515 |
| Cash at Bank | 444,236 | 531,481 |
| | <u>472,317</u> | <u>556,996</u> |
| Note 8. Trade & other Receivables | | |
| Trade and other receivables | <u>369,129</u> | <u>215,512</u> |

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.

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Note 9. Other Current Assets | | |
| Prepayments - Annual Congress | 97,761 | 114,987 |
| Prepayments - Other | 35,793 | 12,320 |
| Seed Funding for Annual Congress | 50,000 | - |
| | <u>183,554</u> | <u>127,307</u> |

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| Note 10: Financial Assets | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| BT Panorama - Listed Securities | 210,642 | 226,807 |
| BT Panorama - Managed Funds | 322,495 | 339,116 |
| | 533,137 | 565,923 |
| | 533,137 | 565,923 |
| Note 11. Property, Plant and Equipment: | | |
| Computers & Office Equipment | 14,271 | 14,271 |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation | -12,437 | -11,498 |
| | 1,834 | 2,773 |
| | 1,834 | 2,773 |
| Note 12. Trade & Other Payables | | |
| Trade Creditors | 87,441 | 51,865 |
| Income in Advance - Winter Congress | 307,848 | 360,649 |
| Income in Advance - Other | 276,705 | 149,312 |
| | 671,994 | 561,826 |
| | 671,994 | 561,826 |
| Note 13. Provisions: | | |
| Provision for Annual Leave | 879 | 3,650 |
| Payroll Liabilities - Provision for Long Service Leave | 1,826 | 9,148 |
| | 2,704 | 12,798 |
| | 2,704 | 12,798 |
| Note 14. Capital & Leasing Commitments | | |
| There are no capital or leasing commitments as at 31 st March 2023. | | |

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Note 15. 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 organization 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 organization 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 outstanding obligations of the Company as at 31 March 2023, the number of members was 1,892.

Note 16. Events after reporting period

There have been no events since the reporting date that will have a material impact on the financial results of the entity.

Note 17. Remuneration of Auditor

During the year, the following fee was paid or is payable for services provided by the auditor to the Company.

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Audit and Review of Financial Report | 5,200 | 5,000 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

Note 18. Contingencies

In the opinion of the responsible persons, the Company did not have any contingencies at 31 March 2023 (31 March 2022: Nil).

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Note 19. Cash flow information

Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities attributable to surplus/(deficit) from ordinary activities after income tax.

| | | |
|---|-----------------|---------------|
| Result for the Year | (8,614) | 41,918 |
| Non-cash flows in surplus/(deficit) from ordinary activities: | | |
| Depreciation | 939 | 861 |
| Unrealized Gains/Losses | 30,064 | 19,059 |
| Realized Capital Gains/Losses | 3,662 | |
| (Increase)/Decrease in receivables | (153,620) | (58,291) |
| (Increase)/Decrease in Prepayments | (73,473) | 56,731 |
| (Increase) / Decrease in Congress prepayments | 17,226 | (52,387) |
| Increase/(Decrease) in Congress income received in advance | (52,801) | 53,826 |
| Increase/(Decrease) in subscriptions paid in advance | 127,393 | 16,032 |
| Increase/(Decrease) in other payables | 35,576 | 10,030 |
| Increase/(Decrease) in provisions | (10,091) | 9,679 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | (83,738) | 97,157 |

Note 20. Related Party Transactions

There were no transactions with related parties during the current and previous financial year.

Note 21. Statutory Information

The registered office of and principal place of business of the company is: Cancer Nurses Society of Australia
165 Sovereign Hill Drive, Gabbana Western Australia.

Detailed Trading Profit & Loss Statement

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Detailed Trading Profit & Loss Statement

For the 12 Months Ended 31 March 2023

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|------------------|----------------|
| Income | | |
| Subscription Income | 302,886 | 266,610 |
| Annual Congress | 705,814 | 480,878 |
| Other income | 36,530 | 55,651 |
| Income Received from Investment | 2,992 | 1,679 |
| Unrealised Gains/(Losses) - Investments | (13,313) | (7,685) |
| Realised Capital gains/(losses) - Investments | (3,662) | - |
| | 1,031,247 | 797,132 |
| Expenditure | | |
| Administrative Costs | | |
| Accountancy Services | 13,100 | 15,100 |
| Audit | 5,200 | 5,000 |
| Investment Expenses | 7,908 | - |
| Bank Charges | 263 | 256 |
| Bookkeeping | 15,720 | 15,720 |
| Depreciation Office Equipment | 939 | 640 |
| Event Catering | 2,106 | - |
| Information Technology | 18,881 | 16,578 |
| Insurance | 10,516 | 8,939 |
| Merchant Fees | 2,373 | 3,086 |
| Postage & Packaging | 690 | 1,653 |
| Printing & Stationery - Admin | 1,075 | 332 |
| Secure Pay salary payment gateway | 2,450 | 2,606 |
| Sundry Expenses | 3,601 | 683 |
| Total Employment Expenses | 349,300 | 343,355 |
| Total Administrative Costs | 434,122 | 413,948 |
| Other Costs | | |
| Annual Congress Costs | 457,691 | 274,240 |
| CNSA Grants & Scholarships | 33,869 | 6,042 |
| Committee & research meetings | 6,400 | - |
| Journal & Newsletter | 12,890 | 17,000 |
| Marketing & Promotional Resources | 36,362 | 25,843 |
| Board & Committee Meetings | 36,648 | 343 |
| Special Project Costs | - | (20,000) |
| Subscriptions | 2,156 | 528 |
| Total Other costs | 586,015 | 303,996 |
| Total Expenditure | 1,020,137 | 717,944 |
| Operating Surplus / (Deficit) | 11,110 | 79,188 |
| Non-operating income / (expenses) | | |
| Regional Groups & Specialist Practice Networks (Income) | 100,808 | 33,942 |
| Regional Groups & Specialist Practice Networks (Expenses) | (120,532) | (71,212) |
| | (19,724) | (37,270) |
| Net Result for the year | (8,614) | 41,918 |

Note: The Regional Groups & Specialist Practice Networks income includes their share of investment & interest income & some other income as applicable



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Finance Audit & Risk Committee (FARC)

The Finance Audit and Risk Committee, together with the Board, has been working very closely to manage CNSA's financial position, with a careful balance of investment in the future and meeting the needs of the current Society.

The overall result for the year was a loss of \$8,600 as a result of allocated funding for some special projects including:

- \$30,000 spent developing the CNSA workforce project
- \$15,000 invested in research and development of a pilot mentoring program
- \$15,000 provided to research grant recipients
- \$10,000 allocated to facilitation and creation of the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan.

Our cash reserves and \$41K profit in 2021-22 allow for this discretionary funding to have little impact on CNSA's bottom line, with the organisation holding 444,000 in cash reserves and 561,000 in managed investment funds. This provides a good balance of cash on hand for operational requirements plus excess for emergencies, and excess funds invested for the medium/longer term.

These funds are invested with an ethical investment philosophy and include a diverse range of organisations through managed investment platform. The aim of these investments is to protect the capital value, whilst providing a reasonable financial return above

what would otherwise be available on fixed interest investments. These investments recorded a loss during the year, although the conservative nature of the investments mitigated what could have been higher losses, given the significant share market decline during the period. Notwithstanding this loss, the Board continues to believe that it still represents the best long term strategy for these funds. This is a long-term strategy that is being monitored by the Finance & Risk Committee and the Board of Directors under the guidance and direction of our Investment Broker and Accountant.

We were also delighted to see the following highlights in our income:

- \$302,000 in subscription income – an increase of \$36,000 year on year (attributable to membership growth, with no increase in fees despite higher on-costs)
- \$706,000 in Annual Congress income – a combination of sponsor and attendance income
- \$101,000 in State Group and Specialist Practice Networks income – thanks to the return of face to face events and increased interest from sponsors to invest



FAR Committee Members

- Meredith Cummins – Chair
- Anne Mellon
- Ross McDonald
- Jemma Still

Overall, CNSA remains in a strong financial position and the organisation has made a decision to invest in two new part-time staffing resources to support the growth in membership numbers and increase our advocacy reach and influence. These are important positions that we believe will set up the organisation for long term success and enable the implementation of our new five year Strategic Plan.



Annual Congress Committee (ACC)

2022 Annual Congress - Cancer Nursing Workforce - Strong, Skilled and Specialised

We were delighted to return to Brisbane for our first full conference program since 2019. Commencing on Thursday 16 June, we had a range of pre-congress symposiums run by our Specialist Practice Networks and external stakeholders.

The next two days saw a packed theatre for our keynote speakers as we explored our theme, Cancer Nursing Workforce: Strong, Skilled and Specialised.

Across the three days our delegates heard from emerging leaders, industry, specialists, and keynote speakers, covering a range of topics for novice to experienced nurse and all things in-between. Our delegates enjoyed this informative and thought-provoking event, where they gained valuable information and insights that could be put into practice.

This Congress was a resounding success due to our delegates, presenters, panelists, organisers, fabulous sponsors and exhibitors, and those working behind the scenes (CNSA members and staff, CNSA's Standing Committees, State Groups and Specialist Practice Networks and to Kate Miller (Chilli Fox Events)), we could not have delivered this event without all your support and contributions. So, on behalf of the CNSA Board of Directors; THANK YOU!

We would also like to give a special acknowledgement to co-workers, family, and friends who enabled all our delegates to attend.

Our thoughts on this event have been echoed by delegates who participated in the congress evaluation survey.

"The congress was fantastic, better than previous ones I have attended. Big content topics but also very relevant practical information and I have at least 6 things I can look to implement in my workplace."

The feedback received is extremely useful and will help us to prepare the 2023 Congress program.

For CNSA Members that were unable to attend Congress this year and for delegates wanting to watch again in your own time, we have recordings of some presentations available in the CNSA member hub and we encourage you to view the Virtual Posters from 2022 and 2021!

We look forward to seeing you next year for a bigger and better Congress in Adelaide!



ACC Committee Members

- Sue Schoonbeek – Chair
- Di Davey - Chair
- Kate Miller
- Jemma Still
- Amy Ribbons





Education Standing Committee (ESC)

The Education Standing Committee started this year presenting a concurrent session at the 2022 CNSA Congress. The focus of this panel session was to look at different roles for nurses to provide a platform to present educational options to cancer nurses and encourage discussion and debate about educational/specialisation priorities which will inform the project reviewing the EdCan.

During the year our committee collaborated with public healthcare and academic entities to give feedback on educational material effecting cancer nurses in Queensland through revision and peer review of the Queensland modules on Voluntary Assisted Dying, as well as establishing a working group to support the prioritisation of Tune in Tuesday webinars that would be helpful to load onto current educational platforms available to CNSA.

The committee's focus for the next 12 months is to review and update the EdCan framework. The project proposal is complete (being reviewed by Education Board Member). The committee will complete a literature review and concurrently conduct focus groups to establish the relevance of the current document and how to establish educational pathways to support this. We will also consider outcomes from the education workshop at the CNSA conference to identify opportunities for the ESC for the next 12 months and continue working with the CNSA executive to identify the best platform to promote and deliver educational material.

The Education Standing Committee would like to recognise the contribution of Lucy Gent who stepped down from the committee this year. The committee continues to consider a deputy chair – which will be discussed again this year.



ESC Committee Members

- Carla Thamm – Chair
- Doreen Tapsall
- Monique Richter
- Nikki Dean
- Robyn McIntyre
- Lindsay Adriaansen
- Erin Shooter
- Susanne Bishaw
- Judy Forsyth
- Naomi Cook
- Michelle Rosano
- Lucy Gent



Research Standing Committee (RSC)

The Research Standing Committee activities over the last 12 months have engaged and challenged the RSC to extend ourselves in new and exciting ways. Natalie Bradford is stepping down after 4 years as Chair and we welcome Liz Moore to now steer the RSC. Liz has served on the RSC since late 2020 and brings a new vision to provide quality resources to help upskill researchers.

The Committee welcomed new members and said goodbye to some long-standing and committed members. We thank all past Committee members for their service and their invaluable contributions to advancing cancer nursing research

New/Continuing Committee Members

Liz Moore (Chair)
 Karen Taylor
 Theresa Beane
 Ashlee Stirling
 Benjamin Tan
 Carli Shaw
 Lauren Zarb
 Priscilla Gates
 Jessica Balson
 Natalie Williams

Exiting Committee Members

Gemma McErlean
 Olivia Cook
 Zerina Tomkins
 Sandie McCarthy
 Leanne Monterosso
 Natalie Bradford (exiting Chair)

After the well-received initial presentation of CNSA Nursing Workforce survey results at Congress 2022, the Committee has focussed on delivering the nursing workforce project, reviewing data, the analysis and findings. At the time of writing, two manuscripts are prepared, one currently under peer review, with one close to submission and a third in the wings. A full report is also being prepared for the CNSA Board to highlight the significant learnings from this project that can inform workforce development. We look forward to sharing the outcomes of this project and using the findings to advocate for cancer nurses across the nation.

The Committee continues to review survey requests to the CNSA. All surveys distributed to CNSA members continue to require a CNSA member as part of the investigator team. Where a survey is relevant to cancer nursing, but the survey has not gone through the formal process of RSC review, or there is no CNSA member on the investigator team, the RSC still advocate for surveys to be advertised in the CNSA newsletter. In general, we have seen a decline in survey requests, but pleasingly also have received outcomes from surveys, for example,



RSC Committee Members

- Professor Natalie Bradford - Chair
- Elizabeth Moore
- Priscilla Gates
- Jessica Balson
- Natalie Williams
- Theresa Beane
- Dr Karen Taylor
- Gemma McErlean
- Olivia Cook
- Zerina Tomkins

Research Standing Committee (RSC)

one survey CNSA contributed to has now published findings regarding the impacts of COVID on patients, caregivers and health professionals in two manuscripts:

https://journals.lww.com/jporp/Fulltext/2022/12000/The_emotional_impact_of_COVID_19_on_Australian.6.aspx

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0738399122000453?via%3Dihub>

Topics for surveys range from disease or population specific surveys, (e.g. breast cancer or palliative care), to care coordination issues, and symptom management issues. Response rates range from 40-100 responses depending on the topic. The contribution CNSA members make by participating in these surveys not only ensures the voice of cancer nurses is heard, but also supports fellow nurses to undertake research to advance cancer care and cancer control, ultimately benefiting patients' families and health services.

The Committee resumed CNSA grant awards which had ceased during early COVID-19, and received nine grant applications in the 2022 rounds, all of which were of a high quality. We successfully used a blinded review process, and were very pleased to be able to recommend two studies for funding this year.

1. Natalie Williams was awarded funding for her study "*Environmental scan of postoperative vulvar cancer wound practices in Australia*"; and
2. Elisabeth Coyne was awarded funding for her study "*Video-assisted patient education: improving health outcomes for persons affected by complex cancers*".

As per CNSA policy, outcomes of these projects will be reported at CNSA Congress and manuscripts published in the AJCN.

The Committee was involved in planning for the 2023 Congress, including a workshop to be held on the pre-congress education day on grant writing for early-career researchers. Content will be applicable to national scheme grants

and relevant for any grant application, with interactive sessions and access to successful national scheme grant recipients including leading experts Distinguished Professor Patsy Yates, and Professor Mei Krishnasamy.





Australian Journal of Cancer Nursing Board (AJCN)

The last twelve months has been challenging for the Australian Journal of Cancer Nursing, with competing priorities and workforce issues reducing the number of manuscripts received and able to be peer-reviewed. As a result of this, the CNSA Board of Directors in consultation with the Co-Editors has made a decision to review the purpose of the journal and our remit to deliver and showcase nurse-led research that is easily accessible and digestible. Shifts in digital publishing combined with a changing profession means it's time for us to undertake a complete digital transformation strategy to ensure we are leading the way in this space.

We were pleased to publish two issues of the AJCN with interesting guest editorials - one written by CNSA Director Gemma McErlean providing a very thought-provoking discussion of climate change and our collective responsibility to care for the health of our planet; with some practical suggestions for how we, as nurses, can help to reduce our carbon-footprint. The second was written by one of our Editorial Board members Diane Heart focused on improving patient access to clinical trials in regional Australia, which we know is an issue of both great importance and relevance to many readers.

A wide variety of research was also covered across the two editions, including:

- **Predicting mental adjustment to the diagnosis of colon cancer: an application of outcome expectations in socio-cognitive theory** Author: Shadi Sadat Safavi
- **Lymphoedema in patients treated for head and neck cancer and referral patterns to lymphoedema treatment services: a retrospective audit of electronic medical records** Authors: Erin Mercieca, Novatus Kwe, Rosemary Marshall, Harjot Brar, Sandeep Brar, Shamin Rodrigo, Courtney J Allen, Gillian Buckley and Zerina Lokmic-Tomkins
- **Peripheral intravenous catheters in the care of oncology and haematology patients** Authors: Emily N Larsen, Gillian Ray-Barruel, Mari Takashima, Nicole Marsh, Christopher R Friese, Vineet Chopra, Evan Alexandrou and Claire M Rickard
- **A nursing primer: immunoglobulin (Ig) therapy for secondary antibody deficiency (SAD) in haematological malignancies** Authors: Kathryn Clarke and Gemma McErlean



AJCN Committee Members

- Professor Karen Strickland – Co-Editor
- Associate Professor Jacqueline Bloomfield – Co-Editor
- Elisabeth Coyne
- Deborah Kirk
- Jessica Hammersley
- Rebecca Booth
- Meredith Rogers
- Diane Heart
- Melody Chaplain
- Gemma McErlean

Australian Journal of Cancer Nursing Board (AJCN)

- **Concurrent chemotherapy and radiation therapy for anal cancer: quality of life evaluation to improve person-centred care** Authors: Pauline Rose, Tiffany Daly, Jennifer Harvey, G. Tao Mai, Desiree Edeling
- **Just a call away – supported self-management after treatment for early breast cancer: an evaluation of a new nurse-led telephone-based service in Central New Zealand** Author: Melissa Warren
- **Evaluating a culturally sensitive support group program for Arab-Australian people affected by cancer** Authors: Seham Gerges, Ritin Fernandez, Albara Alomari, Heidi Green and Ibrahim M Alananzeh

We would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to readers who have submitted manuscripts to the journal throughout the year and to all of our peer reviewers. Despite their busy lives, our peer reviewers volunteer their time for this important work, without which this journal would not be possible.

We hope you enjoyed these two issues, and we're grateful for the opportunity to have been Co-Editors for the past three years.

This is not goodbye – it's just see you later.

Kind regards,

Jacqueline Bloomfield and Karen Strickland

AJCN Co-Editors





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NSW Sydney Area State Group

The NSW Sydney Area State Group has run 3 face-to-face events for the 2022-23 membership year, which covered a range of topics. The group has noticed a reduction in registrations from previous events, however, the events have been excellent with engaged attendees, robust questions, and discussions.

NSW Sydney Area State Group events have covered Voluntary Assisted Dying, Cancer Genetics, and Melanoma Treatments and Toxicities.

Voluntary Assisted Dying - What the new legislation means and the impact on nurses (40 registrations)

The July timing of the VAD event meant that nurses were eager to hear presentations by Dr. Sally Greenway and Jeanette Lacey, as NSW had only passed VAD legislation earlier in the year. The speakers covered an overview of the legislations, the impact this legislation had on nurses – dos and don'ts and other end of life information. The event was a huge success.

It's in the genes - What you need to know (26 registrations)

In this session Professor Kathy Tucker provided an overview of cancer genetics, clinical genetics services and the role of the genetics counsellor, with insight to the lived experience from Cindy, who has a familial NET.

Melanoma - Treatments and toxicities (28 registrations)

With cancer treatments continuously evolving, and improving, it is imperative that nurses can provide up to date, evidence-based care. In this session, we heard from Dr. John Park, who will give an update on Immunotherapy and Clinical Trials as well as discuss oral targeted therapy for Melanoma. Nicole Taylor discussed and addressed managing the side effects of targeted therapies and Immunotherapy.

Three members of the NSW Committee have stepped down - Lucy Lehane, Matthew Perich and Meredith Cummins. I would like to acknowledge their contributions to CNSA and thank them for their support and tireless work. Meredith has been a committee member for over 14 years and held several offices including an extended term as Chair and mentor. Meredith's contribution has been exceptional. The past and present committee members have benefited from her leadership and time with us. Thank you Meredith.



NSW Sydney Area State Group Committee Members

- Jennifer Cater - Chair
- Simone Ray
- Noeline Rozanc
- Sally Carey
- Kelly Conway
- Meredith Cummins
- Lucy Lehane
- Matthew Perich





NSW Mid North Coast State Group

The NSW Mid North Coast State Group is CNSA's newest Group, with a focus on delivering education between Port Macquarie and Coffs Harbour and surrounding regions.

We've been lucky enough to secure some fantastic sponsors keen to contribute and support education within this area, and have a committed and engaged interim Committee.

We ran four events that were live streamed between locations in the past 12 months, covering:

CAR T-Cell Therapy - What happens when we send our patients off to city hospitals for treatment?

This was an exciting educational evening as we had a Q and A session with Margaret Aujard, the first recipient of CAR T-Cell Therapy in Australia as well as presentations from Nicole O'Leary and Joanne Woodlands.

Career Pathways in Cancer Nursing: Optimising patient outcomes

We held an educational dinner to explore careers in cancer nursing where our guest speakers shared their experiences and how cancer nurses are a vital part of optimising patient care.

Familial Risk of Developing Cancer

Our in-depth educational dinner with Lucie Hallenstein, a Genetic Counsellor, who discussed familial risk of developing cancer in a lifetime

Innovations in Cancer Care

To continue to increase awareness of our State Group we ran another educational dinner and invited members to bring a colleague for free. This event gave attendees new IV treatments – with a focus on the new generation of combination drugs that are available and upcoming for our oncology patients, data and experiences in rolling out the CNSA/Eviq CVAD patency pathway, and the new and exciting PICC insertion technology the Sherlock 3CG tip confirmation, including the technology and how it will replace the need for patient to have chest X-Rays after PICC insertion.

The MNC State Group is relatively new and committed to establishing a robust education program and governance framework. We have met 5 times and held one planning meeting and are proud to have 2 x scholarships on offer to MNC members to attend the 25th Annual Congress in Adelaide June 2023.



NSW Mid North Coast State Group Committee Members

- Hannah Burrell - Interim Chair
- Jill Harrington
- Janet Kelly
- Emily Saul
- Tricia Bourke
- Kirsty Baxter
- Suzzanna Fettell
- Natalie Scmude





Qld & NT State Group

The QLD & NT State Group has had a very quiet 2022-23 membership year, with no events held.

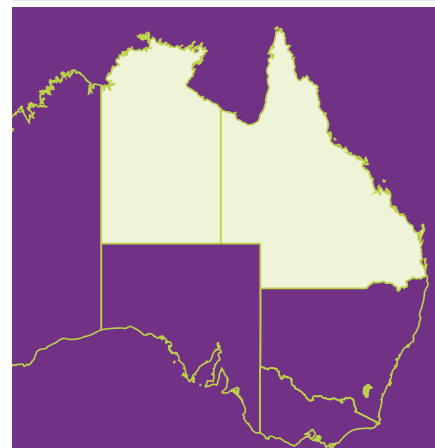
The group is seeing a lot of enthusiasm from members but have been unable to progress these fantastic ideas this membership year. Work has commenced on a webinar series for late into the 2023-24 membership year, which the group are excited to present to the CNSA membership as it will cover something for all – beginner to experienced nurses in leadership.

The committee will have some changes with the Chair and Co-Chair stepping down and would like to announce the retirement of Ron Middleton. Ron's last CNSA event will be the 25th Annual CNSA Winter Congress in Adelaide June 2023.



Qld & NT State Group Committee Members

- Carli Shaw - Co-Chair
- Theresa Beane - Co-Chair
- Doreen Tapsall
- Ron Middleton
- Angela Whittingham
- Robyn Moxon
- Alexandra Merry
- Julie Evans
- Monique Richter
- Leah Lawn
- Brodie Murphy
- Paula Pianta
- Jingyu (Benjamin) Tan
- Margie Shearer





SA State Group

The SA State Group has been busy across the committee with a membership survey, 5 events over the 2022-23 membership year, and having the Annual CNSA Congress held in our State.

We have created and disseminated a membership survey to help gain an understanding on what our SA CNSA members would like from the committee and to assist with future planning of our group. Part of our 2022-23 planning is to help the group deliver across our focus areas – Congress and events. We have divided into teams of two committee members per event, which has been beneficial to keeping our plans and goals in sight. We have 2 committee members assisting the Annual CNSA Congress, who have been providing local content and context to this major CNSA event. We cannot wait to showcase our great state of South Australia. The committee members have put together 4 face-to-face events and 1 Tune in Tuesday webinar. The events have been well received and focused on a range of topic including our most successful and sold-out event a rural wellbeing retreat.

CAR T-Cells (62 registrations)

This was a face-to-face breakfast event and focused on the emerging therapy of CAR T-Cells. During the morning participants learnt about CAR T-Cell therapy including mechanism of action, patient cohorts, toxicity management, and nursing considerations for care. We had a guest presenter from Victoria attend our event.

Clinical Hypnotherapy for Cancer Patients (96 registrations)

Our one and only Tune in Tuesday webinar for 2022-23 membership year was with Tabitha Healey, who described the potential of hypnosis to reduce or alleviate anticipatory nausea, pain, needle phobia, anxiety, and existential distress.

Indigenous Cancer Care (55 registrations)

We held an educational dinner event focusing on Indigenous cancer care and how cancer nurses can improve the experience for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients and their families.

As Close to Home as Safely Possible (41 registrations)

We held a full day workshop that provided information to cancer nurses about cancer care services provided in country SA. This educational workshop took attendees through a snapshot look at country cancer services through the eyes of nurses and Pharmacists, but also the personal experience of a patient receiving chemotherapy in a country South Australian Hospital.



SA State Group Committee Members

- Gabby Vigar - Chair
- Kristin Manuel
- Nicole Sullivan
- Erin Shooter
- Julie Campbell
- Karen Buckley
- Angela Luppino
- Alison Walsh
- Janet Baker
- Michael Fitzgerald



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SA State Group

Rural Wellbeing Retreat (36 registrations)

A wellbeing retreat was our last face-to-face event which in a rural SA setting. Tabitha Healey and Madhavi Nawana Parker discussed wellbeing, the importance of looking after yourself along with some hands-on experiences with relaxation and selfcare. This workshop was to celebrate the hard work our nurses have had keeping SA cancer patients safe, especially during the COVID pandemic and was a huge success.

We are now actively planning 4 face to face events for the next 12 months and they include an Ovarian Cancer breakfast event, Neuroendocrine Tumour Dinner Event, Sexual Health full day workshop and a Mindfulness Retreat.

The group are proud to have 3 grants available to our members, to attend the Annual Congress and for rural nurses to attend local events.

We are also very proud to share that our membership numbers are steady increasing, something the committee has been working hard to achieve.

The SA State Group Committee would also like to acknowledge the amazing contribution of Janet Baker, who has recently resigned from the committee. Janet, thank you so much.





VIC & TAS State Group

The VIC & TAS State Group have held 3 events this 2022-23 membership year.

The first event was a multi-site face-to-face event focusing on wellness and wellbeing for cancer nurses, shifting away from the delivery of cancer care specifically. This event was provided with great feedback and the committee is looking to provide a similar session in the next membership year. The group noted considerable attendance numbers in the regional and Tasmania sites, which has led to further consideration into providing multiple location events, particularly in regional areas. The group are closing out the membership year with 2 Tune in Tuesday webinars and 1 face-to-face event.

Diabolical (64 registrations) – the complex relationship between diabetes and malignancies

Our first Tune in Tuesday webinar for 2022-23 membership year which covered the complex relationship between diabetes and malignancy. This session covered sarcopenia and malnutrition in diabetic cancer patients, balancing weight loss and nutritional needs impact on medications such as steroids on diabetes management.

Wellness and Wellbeing (57 registrations)

A new way to hold an educational dinner – hybrid face-to-face, this dinner was held across three locations and connected Tasmania, Regional Victoria, and Melbourne and was a huge success, selling out. The event provided an opportunity to network with colleagues over dinner and drinks while listening to contemporary presenters – Dr. Sherelle Connaughton and Emma Edwards, providing expert advice on how to maintain your personal welfare and financial wellbeing.

Advances in Aggressive Lymphoma (94 registrations)

The last of our Tune in Tuesday webinars for this membership year was with Dr. Gareth Gregory and Donna Gairns, where they provided an update on new and novel agents and their use in aggressive lymphoma.

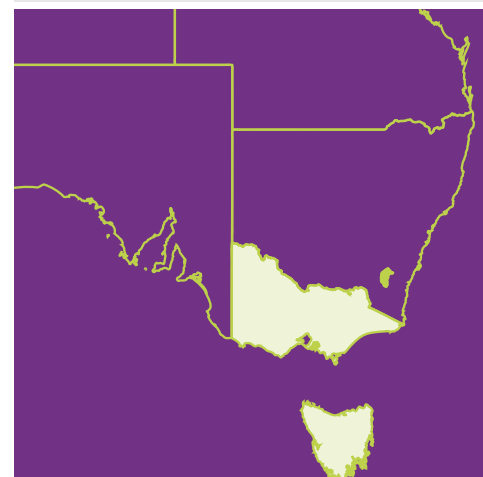
We have been successful in obtaining a podium presentation for our abstract submission for the 25th Annual CNSA Winter Congress in Adelaide June 2023. This presentation will be focusing on Collaboration and Connection – reviewing the CNSA online Sosido platform to provide insight into the unmet needs of cancer nurses.

To help raise awareness and potential membership numbers, in particular students, the group manned the CNSA booth at the ACN expo in Melbourne at the start of the 2023-24 membership year.



VIC & TAS State Group Committee Members

- Katie Cao - Co-Chair
- Laura Pyszkowski - Co-Chair
- Robyn McIntyre
- Kerrilie Phillips
- Kara Sweeney
- Tracie Bertram
- Joseph Mundava
- Sarah Corfe
- Clare Jeans
- Kate Wakelin
- Angela Whittingham





WA State Group

The WA State Group ran a series of five popular and practical webinars in 2022-2023 to supplement CNSA's Tune in Tuesday sessions.

These sessions covered:

New targets in cancer treatment - what could possibly go wrong?

(89 registrations)

An online forum to present a comprehensive overview of the use of monoclonal antibodies and immune checkpoint inhibitors used in treating cancer.

Hepatic and Renal Function and Medications: essential knowledge for cancer nurses (122 registrations)

This online event had something in its presentation for all cancer nurses from early career to nurse practitioners. This event took attendees through understanding the importance of renal and hepatic function, toxicities of treatment and dosage being essential for all nurses especially those caring for patients receiving high risk medications.

Infusion Reactions in the Oncology Clinic - scope and directions in management (165 registrations)

This popular session covered infusion related reactions and how they can be mild and transient to life threatening and require urgent intervention. Our speakers highlighted the importance of recognising and responding to infusion related reactions.

Breast Cancer Under the Microscope (136 registrations)

This webinar provided participants with an opportunity to hear from a specialist breast consultant, and specialist breast cancer nurses who discussed pathology reports and implications for treatment and supportive care using a case study approach.

COVID, Cancer, and Chaos: navigating COVID treatments for people living with cancer (36 registrations)

We presented the effects of COVID on people who have cancer and the treatments they will have and how this can affect their ongoing treatment.

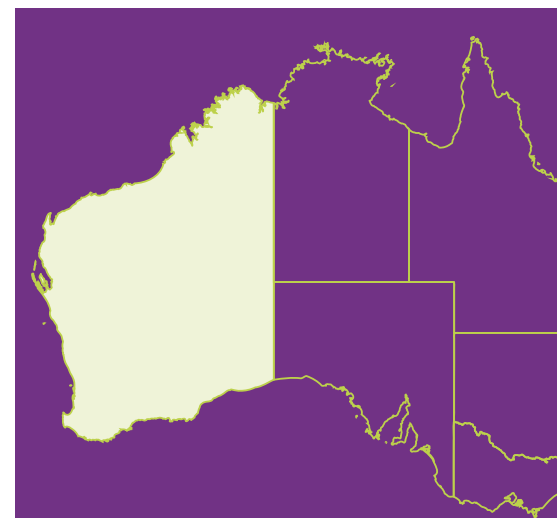
Overall, the WA Committee was hamstrung by industrial action concerns and lingering COVID-19 restrictions which impacted our ability to host face to face events, but we worked diligently to ensure our members still had access to quality education in time-zone friendly webinars. We were delighted to see members engaging in these online formats and now look forward to delivering a blend of online and in person events over the next 12 months. We thank all of our members who engaged with our member survey to help us shape these events.

The WA State group is pleased to be able to offer three travel grants for 25th Annual CNSA Congress in Adelaide June 2023 for our members.



WA State Group Committee Members

- Christine Henneker - Chair
- Sara Jaenke
- Therese Thompson
- Sharon Ray
- Susanne Bishaw
- Lindsay Adriaansen
- Claire Kelly



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The CNSA State group is keen to rejuvenate the committee with new committee members and a new chair, and we actively encourage our WA members to get involved and help us educate and advocate for our profession on the west coast.



Reports from Specialist Practice Networks

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Cancer Nurse Practitioners SPN

The Cancer Nurse Practitioners Special Practice Network (CNP SPN) have had a productive 2022-23 membership year with educational events, mentoring program, and securing sponsorship from industry partners. The membership has continued to grow to achieve 100 members and it has been a pleasure to see increased attendances at the welcomed return to face-to-face educational events.

Events

The SPN held two face-to-face events this year for CNP SPN members.

1. CNP SPN Pathology & Prescribing Workshop (66 registrations reached capacity)

Our first 2022-23 membership year event was a one-day workshop held in Brisbane prior to annual CNSA congress. It was our first face-to-face event since the beginning of COVID. The workshop focused on assessment and management of common biochemistry abnormalities, management of acute and chronic nausea including prescribing of common and not so common antiemetics. It was an interactive workshop that informed and challenged our members as well as being a fantastic opportunity for new and old members to meet and network.

2. Radiology in Focus: In Depth Radiology Interpretation and Important Radiological Considerations Workshop (56 registrations)

A full day 1 and half day 2 held in Adelaide. Topics included:

- CT imaging RECIST criteria and different modalities of imaging for various clinical presentations

- Oncology emergencies such as SCC and SVC obstruction
- Nuclear medicine imaging techniques including lutate therapy, PET, PSMA, WBBS
- Common presentations and how radiology assists with diagnoses and management for example: PE's, pneumonitis, bowel obstruction, colitis etc; session included interactive case-based scenarios.

Day 2 was a half day station-based session (neurological, respiratory, cardiac, and abdominal) in small groups challenging the NP to build skills in clinical assessments, examination, diagnostics to build a differential diagnosis.

CNP SPN Committee collaborated with the Australia College of Nurse Practitioners to present an interactive webinar on immunotherapy. This was a fabulous opportunity to share cancer immunotherapy treatment, side effects and patient management as well as to share experiences across disciplines with attendees. It is anticipated that CNP SPN will engage with ACNP for future cancer sessions and perhaps reciprocal sessions.



CNP SPN Committee Members

- Justin Hargreaves - Chair
- Gillian Kruss
- Michael Fitzgerald
- Sue Bartlett
- Michael Cooney
- Kristin Linke
- Marisa Stevens
- Rebecca Paul
- Gillian Blanchard
- Vicki McLeod

Research

One of the CNP SPN committee ambitions has been to provide a mentorship program to support all NPs professionally in the cancer setting. The program project came to fruition in early 2022 and following a fantastic and exciting opportunity partnered with Monash University to commence a prospective research project of a 12-month pilot mentorship program. This cancer NP mentorship is the first of its kind in Australia and will evaluate the program from the development and implementation, during and end of the program evaluations. The pilot program consists of 20 participants, 10 mentors each assigned a mentee. The pilot program sought initial participants who had two or less years as CNP or in a candidate/student NP role.

Cancer Nurse Practitioners SPN

Applications were invited from the CNP SPN membership for both mentors and mentees.

Some of the research work includes:

- The development of a self-administered tool to enable assessment of knowledge, skills, and confidence of novice NP/candidates and to test the content validity of the tool.
- Investigate the impact of a pilot mentoring program on the self-assessed knowledge, skills, and confidence novice NP/candidates in relation to NP domains of practice.
- Explore the feasibility and acceptability of cancer NP mentorship program for both mentor and mentees perspectives.
- Explore the experiences and perceptions of NP/candidate during their transition from candidate to NP, if and how the mentoring program has improved confidence and knowledge of NPs with 2 or less year experience in cancer NP role.
- Explore the expectations and experiences of mentees participating in a pilot CNP mentorship program.
- To identify the themes discussed across mentoring sessions.

The project is scheduled to complete in September 2023 and anticipate that the project results will inform future mentorship programs and areas for professional development applicable to the broader membership.

Sponsorship 2022

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Juniper Biologics (Workshop 2)

Goals for 2023

Actioned: CNP SPN workshop pre CNSA Congress in June, Adelaide.

In Progress:

- Completion of the pilot mentorship program and research; including publishing and presentations
- CNP SPN workshop pre-COSA conference in Melbourne.



Genitourinary Oncology Nurses SPN

The Genitourinary Oncology Nurses Specialist Practice Network (GU SPN) continued to meet regularly in 2022-23, with a core focus being on the development of a national study entitled "What are the perceived unmet needs for patient care, education, and research among genitourinary cancer nurses? A mixed method study". This was an explanatory sequential mixed methods study (Quantitative → Qualitative), which consisted of two distinct but interactive phases. Firstly, a quantitative national survey of cancer nurses who were members of Cancer Nurses Society of Australia (CNSA) and the Australia and New Zealand Urological Nurses Society (ANZUNS) to explore self-perceived views on unmet care gaps, and priorities for education and research among nurses providing care to people affected by GU cancers in Australia. Exploring participants' views in depth through semi-structured interviews helped to explain descriptive quantitative results by providing depth to the specific indications for gaps in care, and future priorities for education and research with the clinical rationale behind them. The GU SPN are currently completed the data analysis with final manuscript write up for dissemination in coming months.

We were delighted to hold our first webinar on 23 August 2022 in collaboration with the Australia and New Zealand Urological Nursing Society (ANZUNS) focused on **Clinical Updates, Optimising Survivorship Care in Testicular Cancer**.

The webinar provided relevant updates on testicular cancer and had presentations from Dr Gideon Blecher, Associate Professor Ben Tran, Professor Catherine Paterson, and Helen Anderson.

Our expert speakers covered.

- common presentation via rooms/ ED, diagnosis and surgical treatment;
- aetiology and physiology of TCa and then subsequent treatment;
- touch points for the patient journey and nursing considerations; and
- unmet needs of men with TCa, a systematic review.

We were delighted to receive such positive feedback on the session and are now planning for a second webinar in late 2023 to ensure we deliver continued professional development on this topic.

If you're interested in being involved with our SPN and / or Committee, we encourage you to keep an eye out on the next call for nominations. Many hands make light work – we'd love your support.



GU SPN Committee Members

- Prof Catherine Paterson - Chair
- Tina Forshaw
- Helen Anderson
- Diana Schulz
- Donna Cowan
- Alison Morrice
- Michelle Rosano



Gynaecological Oncology Nurses SPN

The Gynaecological Oncology Nurses Special Practice Network (GYN SPN), enable led by Bron Jennings, held a pre congress symposium in Brisbane **“Gynaecological Cancer Nursing: Strong, skilled and specialised”**.

It was an opportunity for those working in the area of gynaecology to participate in professional development with a specialty focus. The educational content of the symposium included both current and innovative models of care in the management of gynaecological cancer. The speakers informed attendees of current best practice and future directions to prepare them for the complexities of gynaecology care to come. Topics included Cancer Australia’s work in gynaecological cancer, HIPEC and peritonectomy, Gestational Trophoblastic Disease, distress screening in gynaecological cancer, survivorship and unmet needs in ovarian cancer, the MOST trial, lifestyle behaviours in endometrial cancer, and gynaecology nursing guidelines for practice.

The SPN held one other event this membership year, a Tune in Tuesday webinar during Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in February, in collaboration with AstraZeneca. The webinar on Support and Treatment of Ovarian Cancer was hosted by Anne Mellon, with 175 delegates registered. Speakers Associate Professor Yoland Antill and Fiona Mitchell discussed how treatment is evolving, improving patient care, and support available for women living with ovarian cancer and their families and friends.

The SPN has been busy working on two projects. The first is the development of National Gynaecological Oncology Nursing Guidelines for Practice and the second is the Vulval Wound care project. The aim of the Guidelines project is to determine the gynaecological oncology community’s preferences, expectations and perceived barriers to the development, implementation, and utility of guidelines for practice for gynaecological oncology nursing. The ethics application for this project is currently being undertaken. The vulval wound care project aims to undertake an environmental scan of postoperative vulvar cancer wound care practices in Australia. Natalie Williams was successful in receiving a CNSA Research Grant to undertake this project and ethics approval has been granted.

In July 2022, the SPN submitted a written response to the Australian Centre for the Prevention of Cervical Cancer National Elimination Project Team, to address the Consultation Paper for the Development of a National Strategy to Eliminate Cervical Cancer. This submission allowed us the opportunity to advocate for the women in our care and contribute to the elimination of cervical cancer in this country.

The SPN also held a nurses workshop at the ANZGOG ASM in March 2023, with the theme of Improving the Lived Experience of Patients



GYN SPN Committee Members

- Anne Mellon - Chair
- Bronwyn Jennings
- Susannah O’Keefe
- Lisa Barr
- Jesmyne Galanti
- Belinda Zielony
- Danielle Carpenter
- Nicole Kinnane
- Natalie Williams
- Olivia Cook
- Isobel Black

with Gynaecological Cancers. Topics included personal experience of vulval cancer, vulval wound care project, Survivors Teaching Students, a nurse led program identifying and responding to unmet needs in those affected by ovarian cancer, and symptom monitoring and management on maintenance therapies for ovarian cancer.



Older Person's with Cancer SPN

The Older Person's with Cancer Special Practice Network (OPC SPN) delivered a series of webinars and a pre-congress symposium over the past 12 months, a fantastic achievement given the time restraints on our small but passionate Committee.

Our major focus for the first half of the membership year was on delivering our first face to face event as a part of Congress in Brisbane, Caring for older people with cancer: core business for cancer nurses. This provided cancer nurses with practical evidence-based skills in the assessment and management of older people affected by cancer; and guidance for nurses considering setting up a local geriatric oncology service.

The symposium included three sessions:

1. A master class of caring for the older person with cancer. Understanding the impact of ageing, assessment, interpretation and beyond.

This provided valuable information from key nursing and allied health professionals about identifying geriatric syndromes – assessing risk using tool such as timed up and go and others.

2. Older people with cancer: current models of care and services around Australia

The presenters discussed different services and projects occurring around Australia designed to

meet with unique needs of older people with cancer, including how they were implemented, what they offer, and how they are evaluated.

3. Where to start when setting up a service to meet the unique needs of older people with cancer?

This interactive session included information about how to evaluate the local need for a geriatric oncology service, how to develop a business case, an evaluation plan, and where to find funding.

Following the success of this event, we once again collaborated with the Clinical Oncology Society of Australia Geriatric Oncology Executive Group to deliver a three-part webinar series in the second half of the year covering various care, support, and situations with older people with cancer.

Models of care to support older people with cancer

(178 registrations)

The first webinar in this series was an interactive webinar with geriatric oncology experts Dr Michael Krasovitsky, Dr Rihan Shahab, Dr Kheng Soo, Robyn Berry, and Dr Dolly Dufton, about the various models of care that can be embedded into practice to improve outcomes for older adults with cancer.



OPC SPN Committee Members

- Polly Dufton – Chair
- Lea Marshall
- Penelope Stevens
- Robyn Berry
- Justine Leach
- Elena Tarasneko
- Michelle Rosano
- Nicole Webb
- Erin McLennan

Older Person's with Cancer SPN

Cognition & delirium for older adults with cancer

(125 registrations)

The second of the webinar series considered how cancer professionals can assess cognition, consider its potential impacts for cancer care, and how we can integrate systems to better optimise cognition in our practice. The speakers Professor Meera Agar and Dr Annmarie Hosie, also considered acute cognitive issues due to delirium and implications for the cancer patient.

Cancer care in the older person – ethical dilemmas

(129 registrations)

The final part of this webinar series was a panel discussion covering ethical issues as they relate to care of older people with cancer, which was delivered through case studies – selected to resonate with clinicians in clinical practice. The panel for this session included Linda Sheahan, Robyn Berry, Azim Khan, and Mariclaire Francisco.

We are now planning for the inclusion of a plenary session focused on Older Persons with Cancer at the 25th Annual Congress in Adelaide this year, and can't wait to provide this important update to a theatre full of passionate and skilful Cancer Nurses.

Our small Committee is working on ways that we can engage with the CNSA membership more broadly, and would love to have more people involved so that we can continue to deliver this important education and facilitate thought-provoking discussion and information exchange.





Radiation Oncology Nurses SPN

At CNSA congress in 2022, the RON SPN hosted a pre congress symposium titled "Cancer Nursing Workforce: strong, Skilled and Specialised"

The symposium covered topics such as:

- Difficult conversations including Death and Dying, Sexology and Sexuality for males and females.
- Targeted Radiotherapy treatments such as Brachytherapy, Stereotactic radiotherapy, oncological emergencies, management of late effects
- Rad Onc nursing workforce and role of the radiation oncology nurse.

The RON SPN take great pride in having the nursing practice standards incorporated for the first time into the Radiation Oncology Alliance ROPS (Radiation Oncology Practice Standards) document, further consolidating the importance of multidisciplinary care needed for the delivery of radiation oncology services. This is a current and meaningful document to encourage the standardisation of patient care across Australia and New Zealand. Members of the RON SPN were represented in the working group review and update this document.

The RON SPN have also led a national research project on Radiation Oncology Nursing. This is the largest study of radiation oncology nursing in Australia to date. This was a 2-part cross sectional study; 1) Radiation Oncology Facility survey and 2) Radiation Oncology Nursing Workforce Survey. All radiation oncology facilities both private and public across Australia were invited to participate. The RON SPN committee divided themselves up into subgroups to maintain contact with each site throughout their survey timeframe.

Currently we are at the stage of reviewing the cleaned data, analysing the results, comparing our results to the literature, and finalising the writing of the discussion section of the paper. We hope to have this research published by the end of the year.



RON SPN Committee Members

- Michelle Roach - Chair
- Meg Hughes
- Pauline Rose
- Danni Steele
- Karen Jones
- Sylvia Barker
- Paula MacLeod
- Kirsten Oataway
- Stacey Buxton
- Diana Ngo
- Eliza Bailey



Vascular Access Devices & Infusion Therapy SPN

We had considerable growth in the committee size and activities in the last twelve months. We have an active, engaged, and fabulous SPN working on three main projects:

CNSA Vascular Access Devices: Evidence-Based Clinical Practice Guidelines

The Patency subcommittee is working on the process of making the patency topic a live document. This process involves screening, extracting and integration of findings from newly published studies on a monthly - a massive task with the back log of studies from the original search until the present. This is nearly complete. The process will be streamlined and sustainable.

The VH&P subcommittee is working on the second topic - Device Selection and Vessel Health and Preservation i.e., selection of the most appropriate device for the individual patient, for the length of prescribed therapy, at the right time and including the patient in the decision-making process. We will be producing three clinical tools: (1) device selection algorithm, (2) difficult IV access pathway, and (3) a patient education tool for informed decision making about device selection. This work is proceeding slower than expected as eight committee members are being supported and educated about systematic review methodology – a huge credit to them and plus for CNSA. Over 7000

records were screened, and data extracted for nearly 400 studies.

CNSA Pre Congress-Symposium

The topic for this full day workshop will be device selection and VH&P. We have three didactic sessions in the morning and practical sessions after lunch. A/Prof. Evan Alexandrou (Sydney) will be speaking about first time success for vascular access device insertion, Penney Comans Inglis and Nicole Gavin (Brisbane) will be speaking about The Patient: the Integral Player and Kerrie Curtis will discuss the VADIT guidelines. The afternoon will be divided into practical session with ultrasound guided PIVC insertion with Evan and two discussion forums about the DIVA and patient education tools. 3M have generously sponsored the day.

Vascular access education

The CNSA VAD&IT SPN is leading vascular access education for patients with cancer nationally. This includes importantly our members, and clinicians across Australia.

Education within the SPN

Additionally, to our regular SPN meetings and other meetings to discuss the guideline work, we have an active communication and learning forum including vascular access related clinical scenarios. This is proving to be a supportive pathway for discussions on evidence-based practice changes and initiatives for our SPN.



VAT & IT SPN Committee Members

- Kerrie Curtis – Chair
- Nicole Gavin
- Fiona Fuller
- Carolyn Meredith
- Carmel O’Kane
- Emily Larsen
- Elena Tarasenko
- Kate Schmetzer
- Jane Kelly
- Chun Hei Jason Lam
- Susan Richardson
- Hannah Stewart
- Louise Wilks

Vascular Access Devices & Infusion Therapy SPN

Education beyond the SPN

The committee is active in responding to vascular access related questions on Sosido and replying to members with clinically related questions via email.

Tunes in Tuesday

The VAD&IT SPN held four events in the 2022-23 membership year, a 4-part series discussing the details of the patency topic of the guidelines in more depth. This series was very popular with 900 registrations across the events held in April, May, August, and September.

- Vascular Access Devices: occlusion assessment & management. All there is to know! (249 registrations)
- Vascular access devices: blood sampling & cultures, & investigational radiology. Can we use PIVCs, CVADs or both? (250 registrations)
- CNSA Vascular Access Guidelines: Confused about needleless connectors? (134 registrations)
- CNSA Vascular Access Guidelines: Flushing & locking practices (267 registrations)

Impact of SPN projects

Topic one, Patency, assessment and management of the CNSA Vascular Access Devices: Evidence-Based Clinical Practice Guidelines was launched on 3 November 2021. The guideline landing webpage from November 2021-October 2022 had nearly 7000 hits, the highest number of page hits after the home page and member login.

The SPN has received numerous informal comments and questions from clinicians across Australia regarding the implementation of the guidelines in their workplace. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive about the clinical focus, practical guidance, incorporation of current evidence and the positive impact of endorsement from numerous national organisations.

Future plans

At the 2023 Congress, two of the clinical tools for vessel health and preservation, and device selection topic will be discussed, and feedback sought from the attending participants. Consumer input will be sought for the patient information tool. This will be invaluable for ensuring the tools are translatable across different workplaces, or interoperability is the current terminology in the literature. It is imperative to incorporate the patient voice during development of the patient education tool. The topic will be completed and published on the CNSA website alongside a launch and education series.

Many thanks to the extraordinary members of our SPN for this impactful work.





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