

## **May Education Evening**

Join us on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 6pm

**Guest speaker: Anne Cumming**

**Principal Advisor, Caring for Cognitive  
Impairment Campaign, Australian  
Commission on Quality and Safety**

**Buffet dinner**

**Venue: Ryde/Eastwood Leagues Club**

(flyer coming this week!)



**PGNA**  
The Psychogeriatric Nurses' Association  
Australia (Inc)

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### *Update from Peter...*

*The first PGNA Education evening for 2016 was held Friday 26 February at Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club and was reasonably well attended with one off site member joining the workshop from Darwin and 6 from Orange. This was the first time that this had been attempted using Zoom Video technology and was mostly successful. Many thanks to Catherine who actioned this technology. At this get-together Catherine spoke about "Critical mass experiential approach to understanding dementia – so what?"*

*This was followed by Peter Djordjevic from The Humour Foundation's Elder Clown program. Both speakers were well received by participants. I will arrange for Catherine's power-point presentation and Peter's introductory U-tube link to be placed on the PGNA website ([www.pgna.org.au](http://www.pgna.org.au)).*

*Linda Teri's presentation (speaker at the last educational evening of 2015), was placed on the PGNA website earlier this year, as well as Catherine's first newsletter as Secretary, which was emailed to all members at the end of 2015.*

*Many thanks to Amelia Renu for organising the educational evening in February.*

*There will be a Conference in August (26 & 27), in collaboration with the FPOA. More information and call for Abstracts to follow. The AGM will be held in November.*

*The Association has funds (max. \$500.00) to support members who are undertaking relevant educational qualifications, conference attendance, or participating in a research study or project. An application form is located on the PGNA website. One member recently received a scholarship from the Association to present at a national professional conference in Alice Springs.*

*Annual Membership fees from July 1<sup>st</sup> will be \$50.00 and an updated payment form will be made available on our website soon which will include details for direct transfer of fees to PGNA account.*

*The Executive is currently discussing (any ideas would be welcome):*

- Identify professional assistance to develop a PGNA blog and link same to PGNA Facebook page*
- Further discussions with Australian College of Mental Health Nurses*
- Consider setting up a PGNA presence on LinkedIn*
- Extend the brief of PGNA to include other relevant organisations*

*Finally, I would like to thank the immediate past President, Associate Professor Christine Neville, for her hard work and leadership in relation to the Association.*

*Peter*

## **Caring for Cognitive Impairment**

.....news from the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care

**Our May Education evening features Anne Cumming, Principal Advisor for the Cognitive Impairment project. She will walk through the website and share current updates. There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion.**

The Education evening speaker's session will be 'zoomed' to rural and regional members.

The Caring for Cognitive Impairment campaign was launched on 28<sup>th</sup> January at RPA Hospital, Sydney. Log onto [www.cognitivecare.gov.au](http://www.cognitivecare.gov.au) to read about the campaign's objectives, how you can show support and share your stories.

Ideas for your staff or colleagues to update their knowledge and gain CPD points!

<http://dementiacare.health.nsw.gov.au/>

<http://www.utas.edu.au/wicking/wca/mooc>

<http://www.acmhn.org/career-resources/mhpod>

**Did you know...**

**The NMBA has a great Fact Sheet on CPD**

<http://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Codes-Guidelines-Statements/FAQ/CPD-FAQ-for-nurses-and-midwives.aspx>

**Aged Care Webinars and online training from the "DecisionAssist" Project – April to June.**

<http://www.caresearch.com.au/caresearch/tabid/2583/Default.aspx>

The next Executive meeting is due to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> July. Agenda items to be forwarded to  
catherine.brown@internode.on.net

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**PGNA and FPOA Conference, Sydney**

**26 and 27<sup>th</sup> August 2016**



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