

*The Association for Nurses Working in Older People's
Mental Health, Aged and Dementia Care*



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The Psychogeriatric Nurses' Association Australia Incorporated

Achievements Executive Committee 2017-2018

Item	Date achieved
<p><u>PGNA Executive Meetings</u> We met more 10 times this year all via Zoom technology. Meetings will be as efficient as possible with follow up on all actions needed to be taken from one meeting to the next. Below are a list of things we achieved and completed this year 2017-2018.</p>	<p>2017- 2018</p>
<p><u>Change of caption of the PGNA to:</u> “The Association for Nurses Working in Older People’s Mental Health, Aged and Dementia Care” after a resolution that was passed by members in the 2017 AGM. This was to make the objectives of the PGNA more appealing to other nurses and may have also have an impact on membership.</p>	<p>January 2018</p>
<p><u>Promotional Material for PGNA.</u> There are 2 <i>updated Banners</i> for the organisation to use at Events or Conferences, also it has been decided by the Executive to pay for some new promotional material eg Pens with logo, also New cards explaining “Why joining the PGNA”</p>	<p>April 2018</p>

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<p>The below information will be listed in the 2019 Pocket & A5 (hardbook cover) <u>Australian Nurse Diary</u>. This will be under the Heading “Useful Contacts.</p> <p><u>Other Australian Nursing Groups</u> PGNA - Psychogeriatric Nurses Association Australia (INC) <i>The Association for Nurses working in Older People’s Mental Health, Aged and Dementia Care.</i> Postal Address PO Box 3038 St Marys South NSW 2760 www.pgna.org.au</p>	
<p><u>The PGNA newsletter has been revived.</u> 4 issues of the PGNA Newsletter have been published with topical and interesting articles and links.</p>	2018
<p><u>We have approved and funded 1 scholarship</u> to one of the members.</p>	
<p><u>We have started a facebook-closed group</u>, which is being updated regularly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>PGNA Facebook page</i> –has been formally launched and all members notified. There is a policy which will go up onto the website for members to see. 	March 2018

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<p><u>PGNA - Professor John Snowdon accepted and appointed as PGNA PATRON.</u> In April several PGNA members attended the farewell conference for Prof. Snowdon at the NSW Parliament organised by the FPOA. The PGNA president delivered a tribute to Prof Snowdon on behalf of the past and present PGNA members and officially announced his acceptance as a Patron.</p>	
<p><u>We have revamped our website and employed Tech Consultants of Penrith to upgrade and maintain the website.</u></p> <p><u>The New look Website</u> – that will be updated regularly....such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated and added information ie <i>new “tag line”</i> for the Association will now be on all Newsletters, correspondence, minutes, policies etc from now. • <i>Also add onto the Home Page our Statement of Acknowledgement</i> of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders as First Nations and Traditional Owners... <p><i>We the PGNA members acknowledge the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first inhabitants of this nation. We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands on which our members work and live. We pay our respects to Elders, past, present and future.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Things added like the current – <i>PGNA 5th Strategic Plan 2017-2021.</i> <p><i>A Calender of Events to be held for the year will be added (so people can plan in advance) plus the <u>months the Newsletter will be published</u> – these will be put up onto the Website as well.</i></p> <p><u>Event Dates for 2018 in advance</u></p>	<p>April 2018</p>

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- April 2018
- July 2018
- November 2018 – AGM

Newsletter Months

- 1st week February
- 1st week June
- 1st week October

A generic email is to be set up and put on Website that will be linked to the Secretary, info@pgna.org.au

- Members encouraged to feedback, comments, suggestions to email Newsletter Editor
- Executive Committee meeting Dates advertised in all Newsletters in advance and encouraged members to raise items on the Agenda

July 2018

We had the first FREE zoom e-learning webinar: with about 12 members from different parts of the State participating.

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<p>AGM and first <u>FREE Open Forum</u>, which we advertised extensively.</p>	<p>November 2018</p>
<p><u>Policies and Procedures Manual</u></p> <p>We are all working on writing position descriptions for our current roles in the Organisation along with Policies and Procedures so there is some “help” to New Committee Members in all positions – To Date these are the completed and Approved</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fb Procedure 2. President Role 3. Procedure for Newsletter 4. PGNA Representation at meetings/conferences/events Policy 	<p>March – July 2018</p>
<p>The PGNA now uses <u>Technology platforms</u> such as: Eventbrite for Initial Membership and Renewal, Zoom Meetings plus Education, Internet Banking and digital bank signatures for payments, face-book, and Survey Monkey for Education Evaluation.</p>	<p>2018</p>
<p>PGNA President and Secretary continue to be involved in discussion with the Mental Health Association and one of its sub-groups without much success, this discussion continues.</p>	<p>ongoing</p>

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Future Plans and Priorities 2019

Education Sub Committee

We have put out calls for members to join the education sub-committee. This is something very important to revive and **organise a conference** in 2019. We believe that education is one of the core activities of the PGNA that does very well. We would like to be more an “expert” voice especially when it comes to government policies and deliver statement that reflects the PGNA’s position on certain issues. It is important that we do this promptly and timely, after consulting with its members.

FPOA

Our close relationship with FPOA has been crucial in the past and we still think that this is the most effective way the PGNA to function in a multidisciplinary way. We have been reassured also of their support to us and of more future collaboration together.

Membership

Although, our membership has not increased from last year and in fact, it has decreased, the executive sees this as the wrong focus and wrong tool to measurement success or failure.

Although few in numbers, we can still make a difference and influence our colleagues who are working in psycho-geriatrics and aged care without them being members of the PGNA.