Bi-Annual Report
2000–2001
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Mission
The Australian & New Zealand College of Mental Health Nurses provides professional leadership and encourages excellence in mental health nursing by:

- promoting a positive identity for the profession
- encouraging unity within the profession
- promoting best practice in mental health nursing education and training
- promoting the development of best practice in nursing care
- facilitating partnerships between mental health nurses and consumers, carers, indigenous people and other stakeholders in mental health.

Objectives of the College
The College seeks to:

- promote public confidence and professional recognition of mental health nursing
- set standards of practice and encourage professional accountability, autonomy and partnership
- provide a forum for collegial support, networking and collaboration
- provide support and quality education and ongoing professional development
- develop and facilitate research into mental health nursing practice and health care
- represent the profession and provide advice to consumer and carer agencies, the government and non-government sector, community groups and the general public
- participate in policy development concerning the profession, health care delivery, promotion of mental health and prevention of mental illness and disability.

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Website
www.voyager.co.nz/~anzcmhn/index.html

Please note out websites are soon to be upgraded.
President's Report

Officers of Council

I was pleased to take up the role of President at the conclusion of the Launceston conference in September 1999. Steve Elsom, Councillor for Victoria was elected to the position of Vice President. Since then there have been a number of changes to the membership of Council. Bob Weaver completed his term as Treasurer and was replaced by Liz Marsh. Scott Fanker resigned from the position of Executive Officer and has been replaced on an interim basis by Irene Henley. As Irene Henley was fulfilling the role of Councillor for South Australia, the South Australian branch has nominated Jackie Talmet to replace her. Michael Finn is now Councillor representing Western Australia, replacing Liz Marsh who moved to Queensland. Frances Hughes resigned from her role as Censor-in-Chief and has been replaced on an interim basis by Deb Nizzette. Geoff Delhunty had previously resigned from the position of Censor-in-Chief and was also replaced on an interim basis by Deb Nizzette. Eimear Muir-Cochrane resigned from the position of Stan Alchin Award Coordinator and has been replaced by Lorna Moxam. Georgina Skews has resigned from the position of National Benchmarking Officer. Expressions of interest have been called for the positions of President, Executive Officer, and Censor-in-Chief.

Officers of the College accept very high workloads and work as volunteers sometimes under difficult circumstances. However, their contribution is absolutely vital to the continuing success of the College. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have served the College by undertaking defined portfolios during the period covered by this report. I would particularly like to thank those members of the College who have taken on roles on an interim basis. Without their support, it would have been impossible to maintain the functions of the College.

Eli Lilly Partnership

Partnerships in Wellbeing 2001 Awards

Eli Lilly Australia has invited ANZCMHN and the Centre for Psychiatric Nursing Research & Practice (CPNRP) at the University of Melbourne to participate in offering awards to recognise and support innovative programs that assist people living with a mental illness to optimise their lifestyles and improve the quality of their lives. Four major awards of up $7 500 each and recognition awards of up to $3 000 will support their continuation and development of existing programs.

The judging panels for the Partnerships in Wellbeing 2001 will include representatives of ANZCMHN, CPNRP and consumers of mental health services as well as Eli Lilly Australia.

ANZCMHN has been strongly supported by Eli Lilly with sponsorship for its national conventions. Eli Lilly has also agreed to sponsor a monograph on second generation antipsychotic compounds to be made widely available to mental health nurses in Australia and New Zealand. An outline of the monograph has been prepared and will be considered by the ANZCMHN Research Board.
Scoping Study
A report on the Scoping Study of the Australian Mental Health Nursing Workforce completed by ANZCMHN in 1999 is shortly to be released under the auspices of the National Mental Health Strategy, Australian & New Zealand College of Mental Health Nurses, and Curtin University of Technology. Copies of the report will be available at the Melbourne conference.

Strategic Planning Group for Private Psychiatric Services
ANZCMHN sought representation on the Strategic Planning Group for Private Psychiatric Services. Following consideration of the College’s application, SPGPPS resolved that ANZCMHN has insufficient members in the private sector to justify membership of the group. However, ANZCMHN continues to be a member of the SPGPPS Forum. Council is represented at meetings of the Forum by Jim Pearson, Councillor for Tasmania.

Australian Nursing Federation
ANZCMHN has been approached by the Australian Nursing Federation regarding the possibility of a Memorandum of Cooperation between the two organisations. The ANF proposal was considered at a meeting of Council and Jill Illiffe, Federal Secretary of the Australian Nursing Federation has been invited to meet with Council in October to clarify the potential benefits to ANZCMHN of the proposed Memorandum.

Newsletter and Website
ANZCMHN has found it difficult to regularly produce a newsletter for members. Following careful consideration, Council has decided to develop its web based resources for the membership. Vice President, Steve Elsom is currently preparing options for consideration by Council.

Australian & New Zealand Journal of Mental Health Nursing
Following consideration of a proposal submitted by ANZJMHN Editor Prof Michael Hazelton and myself, Council has resolved to change the name of the journal to the International Journal of Mental Health Nursing in recognition of the growing status of the journal internationally. Council has selected a new cover for the journal and it will appear in its new format for the first issue in 2002. At the time of writing, the Victoria branch of ANZCMHN is liaising with Blackwell Science about the possibility of relaunching the journal at the Melbourne conference.

Nursing Review
I have been pleased to contribute a monthly column to Nursing Review since November 2000. The column focuses on mental health nursing and seeks to keep mental health nurses informed of important developments in mental health.

Credentialling
Council has established a pilot credentialling project in collaboration with the Tasmanian branch. Jon Chesterson had been appointed as Project Officer. Jon will work with a Steering Committee chaired on behalf of Council by Jim Pearson, Councillor for Tasmania.
National Benchmarking Exercise
As Georgina Skews has resigned from the position of National Benchmarking Officer, Council is considering the future of the National Benchmarking exercise and proposes to make decisions at its October meeting.

Future Conventions
Geoff Delhunty has been invited by Council to convene the management committee to plan the Annual Convention that will be held in Sydney in 2002. Kaiwhakahaere, Tio Sewell has been invited to convene the management committee for the 2003 Convention to be held in Rotorua, New Zealand.

Representation of ANZCMHN
During the past two years, I have had the honour to represent the College on the following national organisations and committees.

- The Board of the Mental Health Council of Australian & New Zealand College of Mental Health Nurses Education and Training for GPs Task Group of the Committee for Incentives for Mental Health (nominated as representative of the Mental Health Council of Australia)
- Reference Group for the Development of National Practice Standards for the Mental Health Workforce, National Education and Training Initiative, National Mental Health Strategy
- Mental health Integrated Projects National Reference Group, Mental Health Branch, Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care Services.
- Reference Committee for the National Review of Nursing Education established by the Commonwealth Ministers for Education and Health

Important Publications

Michael Clinton
President

(Addendum: this Bi-Annual report was prepared prior to our Annual Conference and AGM held in Melbourne in the first week of October. College Council is preparing a Communiqué to inform members of up to date news. In the meantime, all information is available from Branch Councillors.)
Acting Executive Officer's Report

As outlined in Michael Clinton’s President’s report, I assumed the role of Acting Executive Officer at the June Council meeting. I had previously been fulfilling the role of South Australian branch Councillor.

Tenders
Council has prepared three tenders:

1. Quotation for the Supply of Consultancy Services to Revise Australian & New Zealand College of Mental Health Nurses Standard for Practice. Council is awaiting the outcome of the National Standards for the Mental Health Workforce before progressing with this initiative.

2. Request for Quotation for the Supply of Consultancy Services to Determine the Role the College should play in credentialling Mental Health Nurses. Council is awaiting the outcomes of the pilot project established in collaboration with the Tasmanian Branch.

3. Request to Prepare Guidelines for the Accreditation of Undergraduate and Post Graduate Courses in Mental Health Nurses. Council is finalising preparations and will advertise in the International Journal of Mental Health Nursing in 2002.

Northern Territory Inaugural Winter Symposium
Northern Territory branch accepted Council’s invitation to collaboratively work together to present the NT Inaugural Winter Symposium. The Symposium will be held on the 6–7 June 2002 at the Novotel Atrium, Darwin, Northern Territory.

The topics covered will include cultural topics, rural and remote issues, new clinical approaches, clients, carers and communities, research supporting practice, education supporting practice and management supporting practices. Flyers will be available at the Council trading table at the Melbourne Conference from the 1-4 October or flyers can be obtained from Pat Bradley (email: pat.bradley@nt.gov.au)

Making a Difference
The Annual Report not only enables Council to inform members of achievements and future directions but also enables Council to extend its gratitude to members who tirelessly give their time and dedication to progress mental health nursing.

Policy and Procedures
Council is strengthening it’s infrastructure by enhancing policy and procedures, developing an orientation manual for new Councillors, clarifying role and responsibilities of Council positions and preparing an action plan for the year 2001/2002. In October Council plans to dedicate time toward forwarding Council’s Strategic Plans and future directions.

Irene Henley
Acting Executive Officer
Australian and New Zealand Journal of Mental Health Nursing
Journal Editor’s Report

The journal has continued to prosper throughout 2000 and the first half of 2001, with individual and organizational subscriptions growing from 1,898 in 1999 (Volume 8) to 2,179 in 2000 (Volume 9). In addition to Australia and New Zealand subscriptions are also held in Hong Kong, Iceland, Ireland, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Scotland, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States.

The growing reputation of the journal is also reflected in the increasing number of manuscripts being received, with an increasing number coming from overseas. In the last twelve months material has been received from the United Kingdom, Sweden, Hong Kong, Thailand, Iran, and Greece. The professional backgrounds of those submitting manuscripts is also expanding. While the majority of contributors are from mental health nursing, manuscripts are being received from medical professionals, psychologists, social workers and historians.

Our publisher, Blackwell Science, has suggested that the development of the journal has now reached a stage where it is feasible to seek review by the Institute of Scientific Information (ISI) to obtain an Impact Factor. The impact factor is used to determine how often an article published in a journal is cited over a period of time (usually one year). An impact factor computed for the ANZJMHN could, for instance, be compared to other prestigious nursing publications to provide an ongoing measure of relative standing. The editorial team will explore this option further with Blackwell Science over the next few months with a view to undergoing ISI review in 2002.

Manuscript statistics for 2000

- Articles received by the Editor: 55
  Australia: 42; New Zealand: 7; Greece: 2; United Kingdom: 2; Netherlands: 1; Norway: 1
- Articles still in Editorial/Review/Re-review process: 22
- Articles rejected: 6
- Articles reviewed and returned to the Author(s) with reviewer’s reports and an invitation to re-submit for re-review once amended: 17
- Articles published or accepted but awaiting publication: 10

Book Reviews

- Books received from various publishers for review: 23
- Unsolicited Book Reviews sent to Editor, ANZJMHN: 4
- Book Reviews on books received in 2000 and published to date: 17
- Book Reviews awaiting publication: 1
- Books awaiting review: 9
Advertising
The ANZJMHN is one of very few nursing journals attracting interest from product advertisers. Advertising in 2000 consisted of the products Zyprexa (Eli Lilly) and Seroquel (AstraZeneca). Both companies placed two advertisements in each issue throughout 2000, and this is being repeated throughout 2001. It should be noted that in 2000 a number of concerns were raised by College members in respect of one particular advertisement, and that this matter was satisfactorily resolved by the advertiser volunteering to change the advertisement in future issues.

Production
Editorial and distribution deadlines have been maintained throughout 2000 and 2001. As with recent years members can look forward to receiving their copies of the ANZJMHN in March, June, September and December.

New Developments
Following approval by the College Council it has been determined that from the first issue (March) 2002 the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Mental Health Nursing will become the International Journal of Mental Health Nursing. It is intended that the new name will reflect both the standing of the College and the growing international reputation of the journal. Along with the change of name, the format and presentation of the journal are being upgraded, including a significant increase in word length. While I will continue as Editor, production of the journal will be relocated to the Faculty of Nursing, University of Newcastle, where I will be taking up the Chair of Mental Health Nursing from late 2001.

Acknowledgments
I would like to thank a number of people who have assisted with the production of the ANZJMHN in the last twelve months. Thanks to the members of the Editorial and International Editorial Boards. Thanks also to the reviewers who give generously of their time to review manuscripts – this is a time consuming and sometimes thankless task. Without their ongoing efforts it would not be possible to publish the ANZJMHN. Thanks also to the editorial and production staff – the Deputy Editor, Honorary Associate Editor and the Book Review Editor. And finally a special thanks to Rosemary Webster, my editorial assistant at Curtin University who has given almost three years of service to the journal, maintaining the database, communicating with reviewers and authors. I look forward to giving the first annual report in respect of the International Journal of Mental Health Nursing in twelve months time.

Dr Mike Hazelton
Editor, ANZJMHN
Board of Censor’s Report

Board Membership
I have acted as interim Censor-in-Chief from 2000 to 2001.

The patron to the Board is Meryl Caldwell-Smith who was appointed to this role in 1998 (at Fremantle).

Other current members are:

• Ekura Emery (Victoria). Ekura’s term expires at the AGM in Melbourne. Ekura is eligible for reappointment for a further two years
• Derith Harris (Victoria). Derith’s term expires at the AGM in Melbourne. Derith is eligible for reappointment for a further two years
• Colin Hayes (New Zealand). Colin’s term expires at the AGM in Melbourne. Colin is eligible for reappointment for a further two years
• Jan Barling (NSW). Jan’s term expires at the AGM in Melbourne. Jan is eligible for reappointment for a further two years
• Continuation of Board membership for a further term requires a written memorandum to the Censor-in-Chief. The Board members’ branch needs to be informed of their intent to continue also.

Nominations for Board Membership
The following is the process for appointing Board membership:

• nominations for membership to the Board are called
• branches are requested to forward nominees to the interim Censor-in-Chief as soon as practicable (after your next branch meeting!), and
• nominee must be Fellows of ANZCMHN and be nominated by their Branch.

Investiture and Oration 2000
The eighth annual oration and investiture of Fellows and Members took place at the Grand Mercure Hotel Broadbeach on Monday 4 September 2000 as part of the 26th Conference of ANZCMHN. The oration, titled ‘Mental Health Nursing: Celebrating choice to shape the future beyond 2000’, was delivered by Professor Barbara Hayes. On that occasion, Arthur Bubb (QLD), Georgina Skews (NSW), and Brian Ringelstein (Qld) were invested as Life Members of the College. Branch members gave a brief account of unique contributions each had made to the profession of mental health nursing, and the College.

Eight Fellows were invested:

• Patricia Barkway (SA)
• Michael Finn (WA)
• Richard Lakeman (Qld)
• Christine Palmer (NZ)
• Donna Bowman (Qld)
• Suzanne Johnston (NSW)
• Louise O’Brien (NSW)
• Tom Ryan (Qld)
A number of Members were presented and a large number were invested in absentia. Congratulations once again!

**Investiture and Oration 2001**

Preparations are well on the way for the 9th Annual Oration and Investiture to be held at the Melbourne conference ‘New Insights’, on 2 October at 1930 hours. The oration will be given by Janet Meagher and is titled Health and Humanity, an Improbable Partnership?

Several applications for Fellowship have been received. The date for applications was extended this year so notification of the applicants was extended till 31 August.

**Life Members**

Branches are reminded of the opportunity to honour a branch member who has since retired by nominating them for life membership. A written nomination outlining the members contribution to the Branch and branch endorsement is required. Additionally, when life members are presented at the ceremony, a member of the sponsoring Branch presents a brief curriculum vitae of the Life Member.

Members or Fellows who have previously been admitted in absentia have been invited to be presented at the ceremony.

**Thanks**

Thanks to the organising committee of the Melbourne conference for putting all necessary on-site arrangements in place. Many thanks also to the organising committee of last years conference and their contribution to a successful oration and investiture. Thanks also to Jan Properjohn the College registrar for following up on administrative issues and providing solutions to minor crises. Finally thanks to all members and Fellows for your support of the oration and investiture.

*Deb Nizette*

*Interim Censor-in-Chief 2000–2001*

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Kaiwhakahaere Report

He honore he kororia ki te atua, he maungarongo ki te whenua, he whakaro pai ki nga tangata katoa,

Kei te mihi tenei kia koutou nga mema o te kareti tena ra koutou katoa. Ki nga apiha, me nga kaihoutu o te roopu nei ki a koutou katoa, tena koutou.

Kia ora ano hoki koutou I runga I o tatou tini aitua, I runga I o tatou marae maha kua whakatauhia ratou, haere, haere. Kia tatou te hunga ora tena ra tatou katoa.

This is my second Kaiwhakahaere report to membership. The past two years have seen much activity within the ANZCMHN College. At ANZCMHN Council and in the New Zealand branch we have new executive office holders since the last report.

Maori participation within the College is strong and positive. There are three new National Committee members. Hineroa Hakiaha, Makere Panapa and Chantelle Carwell-Cook. Hineroa is of Mataatua, Ngati Awa and Tuhoe descent. Hineroa practices in Rotorua and Whakatane. Makere is a forensic nurse in the Waikato region and is of Nga Puhi and Tainui. Chantelle practices as an inpatient nurse in Rotorua and is of Tuhoe descent. Currently five National Committee members self identify as Maori. The ANZCMHN's Maori caucus meets on a regular basis throughout the year to network and progress items relevant to Maori and mental health nursing practice within Aotearoa.

The Kaiwhakahaere has the honour of sitting on both the College and Aotearoa/New Zealand ruling bodies. Both bodies are responsible for the respective governance of these mutual membership. The College Council is charged with the governance of the organisation as a whole. New Zealand branch is charged with the governance of branch activities and representing the profession of mental health nursing within New Zealand. In my last report, I provided a brief overview of the position of Kaiwhakahaere and Maori participation within the College. I provided comment and recommendations in relation to the development of mental health nursing within Aotearoa New Zealand and the College. My current aim is, in part, to provide a progress report on these items to date.

In my previous report I spoke to the Aotearoa/New Zealand Branch constitution and objectives in relation to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, the position of Kaiwhakahaere and National Committee membership Maori. The constitution and New Zealand Standards of Practice (1995) provide a platform for Maori participation within the College including the capacity for Maori to determine how this relationship will be progressed. The Kaiwhakahaere and NZ National Committee positions, Maori (3) aim to ensure that Maori have representation and voice within our professional body.

Partnerships are forged at many different levels and are bound by working together to bridge different realities toward equitable outcomes. New Zealand has been a branch of the Australian & New Zealand College of Mental Health Nurses since 1993. The College Council has over the past three years been progressing how the College could be more
representative and equitable in relation to New Zealand representation on its ruling body. New Zealand is one of nine branches within the College; the other seven represent States and Territories in Australia. College Council is progressing constitutional amendments that will better reflect a bi-national framework and New Zealand as a ‘nation branch’. These amendments will include the inclusion of the Kaiwhakahaere on Council.

Consultation has been sought from Maori on items and events in both New Zealand and Australia over the past two years. For example, the clinical indicators study here in Aotearoa is now well into the final data collection phase. This research has aimed to use a bicultural research process, to develop culturally valid clinical indicator statements for nurses in New Zealand. Though there are of course differences, this project does represent a significant collaboration between mental health nurses in Australia and New Zealand. The branch has been exploring the shape of advanced mental health nursing practice within New Zealand. An achievement within this project is the development of a framework that identifies and uses cultural safety as a core component of advanced practice. Both projects have endeavored to ensure participation by Maori, both also have potential to provide significant future direction for mental health nursing within Aotearoa.

To close, I would like to acknowledge all those people that have contributed to the development and support of the Kaiwhakahaere role over the past two years. In particular the College Council, New Zealand Branch Committee and Maori caucus. Most importantly I should like to thank those colleagues in Australia who have affirmed for Maori the need to hold fast to our indigenous status.

Tio Sewell
Kaiwhakahaere
Research Grants – Call for Applications

Applications are invited for research support of up to $10,000 for projects beginning in 2002.

Purpose
Australian and New Zealand College of Mental Health Nurses Inc project grants are made to support research that will make an informed and/or original contribution to mental health nursing. Grants may be used to provide funding for salaries for research assistants, for equipment and other related expenses. A total of $10,000 is available for 2002. In special circumstances two separate awards of $5,000 may be made.

Consideration and Award of Grants
Each application is assessed on its merit. Clinicians and early career researcher are encouraged to apply for funding. Appropriate assessors will independently review each application. Applicants may be invited for interview. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application as soon as possible. Successful applicants will be announced at the College’s annual international conference. Successful applicants will also be informed by email, fax or letter.

2002 Research Priority Areas
Applicants are invited for project support beginning in 2002 for research in the following areas:

- Mental health nurses and consumer relations
- The impact of mental health nursing care on consumer outcomes
- Workforce and service delivery issues
- Support for consumers with long term illnesses

Application Form and Advice to Applicants
Only College members are eligible to apply for funding. Where funding is sought for a multidisciplinary project, the principal investigator must be a member of the College.

Further information must be sought regarding guidelines for applying. Application forms must be completed. Information should soon be available on the new updated College website: www.anzcmhn.com Applications close on 30/3/2002.

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**Membership Report (to June 2001)**

Growth in membership has shown a continued, but moderate increase during the year 2000/2001, with 306 new Members, Associate Members Corporate Members and Students being admitted into membership of the College.

### Table 1. Membership growth 2000–2001

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### Table 2. Membership as a percentage of total membership

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Australian & New Zealand College of Mental Health Nurses Inc.
Please note that the figure for 2001 is for the part year to June 2001, and is given to depict the upward trend of membership numbers.

As shown in Table 3, the number of those not renewing their membership is down on the number of 1999 and the number of 259 may be skewed by uncertainty regarding payments made in New Zealand. The cessations are due to members being unfinancial, and the resignations are generally because the member has either left the mental health area of health care or have retired from the workforce. The options of paying subscriptions periodically by either direct bank account debit or by monthly credit card debits have proved to be a popular choice for members who do not have the opportunity to have payroll deduction payments. To date, 70 members pay by direct debit and 16 by monthly credit card debit. Payroll deductions remain the most popular alternative, with 635 members paying their subscriptions by this method. A factor that negatively effects the overall number of members is the constant loss due to an unknown address. The return on, for example, each volume of the Journal is usually more than twenty and this significantly impacts on the overall number of members receiving College services.

Table 3. Joined and ceased 2000–2001
Fellows
The following members have been accepted into Fellowship of the College:

Donna Bowman QLD  
Louise O’Brien NSW  
Suzanne Johnston NSW  
Christine Palmer NZ  
Donna Ryan QLD  
Richard Lakeman NZ  
Michael Finn WA  
Patricia Barkway SA

New Members
The following new members are welcomed into membership of the College:

Mary Beth ALLEN NSW  
Shirley ALLEN NZ  
Valerie Honor ALOI NT  
Leonie ANDERSON NZ  
Vera ANDREWS NZ  
Annette Mary ANNING QLD  
Millie APERAHAMA NZ  
Rebekah Jamsie ASHBY WA  
Wilfred Bedford ASTLEY QLD  
Julia ATKINS NSW  
Verna Joy BARCLAY VIC  
Donna-Maree BATES QLD  
Clency D.N. BERNARD VIC  
Anthony Gerald BIGGIN QLD  
Janet BIN SHARIFF WA  
Vicki BIRO NSW  
Phillip BIRO NSW  
Bob BLACKWELL NZ  
Robyn Elaine BOASE WA  
Christina Laura BOBROWSKI TAS  
J E BODKIN NZ  
Aroha BOLTON NZ  
Robyn BOWCOCK NSW  
Katherine BOWDEN NSW  
Donna Lee BRADY NSW  
Kerry BRENNAN VIC  
Katrina Louise BROOKS TAS  
Rhonda Margaret BROWN VIC  
David Alexander BROWN QLD  
Deanne Joy BUCKLEY NSW  
Richard Thomas BUSH WA  
Jocelyn BYRD NZ  
Michael John BYRT QLD  
Karin BYRT QLD  
Trish CALVERT NZ  
Ann Cecilia CAMILLERI NSW  
Kim Pauline CAPP NSW  
William CARTA VIC  
Rosemary CHARLESTON VIC  
Rosemary Elizabeth CHILCOTT QLD  
Sara Elise CLARK VIC  
Catherine CLARK NSW  
Jenny CLIFFE NZ  
Shirley COAST TAS  
Debra Anne COLLARD NSW  
Lisa Gai CONDON QLD  
Linda Margaret COOKE VIC  
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Judith Anne COOPER QLD  
David Terrence CORBY NSW  
Caroline CORLEY NSW  
William Frederick COSTAIN SA  
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James Brian COX QLD  
Diane COXON VIC  
Sally CRENE NZ  
Philippa Margaret CRITCHLEY QLD  
Janene CROSS NSW  
Paul James CRUIKSHANK QLD  
Victoria CUMMINS NSW  
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Pindy DAVIS WA  
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Christopher DAWBER QLD  
Jane Margaret DeVILLIERS SA  
Abyegan DEVITT NZ  
Kerri Margaret DOBSON QLD
Diane DOCKAR NSW
Amanda Jayne DOUGLAS WA
Stephanie Alexandra Du BOULAY WA
Robert Andre DU-BUISSON WA
Barry William EARLEY WA
Jim EDWARDS NZ
Kim Nyree EDWARDS NSW
Marlene EGGERT NSW
Fay ELBOURNE NSW
David Wiremu EMERSON NZ
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Anita Joanne FAHY NSW
Janette FARR SA
Zoe FEATHER-ZILLIS QLD
John Maxwell FERGUSON NSW
Kate FIDLER NZ
Brenda FIELDHOUSE WA
Martin John FISHER WA
Joanne Therese FITZPATRICK NSW
Ines M FORD NZ
Joan FORDE NZ
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Yolanta FRASER QLD
Toni FULTON NZ
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Ahmo GARDEN NSW
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John Edward HALL WA
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Jane HEATHER NZ
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Geoffrey HENDERSON VIC
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William Robert HETHERINGTON QLD
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Carole Anne HICKMAN QLD
Kathleen Margaret HILL NSW
Sarah Margaret HILL VIC
Ronald Charles HOCKING QLD
De-arne HODGES TAS
Carol Margaret HOLLANDS NSW
Cherie HOLMES NSW
Sean Rae HOPKINS CANADA
Matylda HOWARD QLD
Justine Elena HOWARD WA
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Peter HURKETT NSW
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Sandra INGLIS VIC
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Hugh Rankin IRONS VIC
Gavin David ISAAC QLD
Brian JACKSON VIC
Brian JACKSON NZ
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Marcelle KEENAN NZ
Anna Maree KEMPTHORNE NZ
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Susan KENNEDY NSW
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Sharon KERR NSW
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William Allan Hay LAW NSW
Nancy Ruth LAWRENCE QLD
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Frank Joseph LEECHBURCH NSW
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Michael Laurence NOLAN NSW
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Richmond Fellowship NZ inc NZ
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Darren TYRRELL VIC
Neil UNDERWOOD SA
Willeke VAN VLIEET NSW
Jude VERMEULEN NZ
Beverley Jane VETESI WA
Jodi Maree WALKER QLD
Sonja Helene WALMSLEY SA
Janice Lyn WALSH NSW
Lorraine WARD NZ
David William WARD WA
Olivia WATERS NSW
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Keith Alexander WEBSTER SA
Lesley WERE NZ
Rebecca Joy WILD NSW
Kym Leanne WILLIAMS QLD
Andrea Jane WILLIAMS NZ
Sue WILLIS NSW
Deborah Ann WILTSHIRE ACT
Rachel WOOLCOCK QLD
Lorna Jane WRIGHT NSW
Nadia ZANCO NSW

Jan Properjohn
Secretariat
Treasurers' Reports (to June 2001)

Australian and New Zealand College of Mental Health Nurses Inc.
Audit Certificate for the Year Ended 30 June 2000

We report having examined the books and reports of the Australian and New Zealand College of Mental Health Nurses Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2000.

In our opinion, the accompanying Balance Sheet and Income Statement are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs as at 30 June 2000 and of the results of the Australian and New Zealand College of Mental Health Nurses Incorporation for the year ended on that date are in accordance with the books and records presented for our inspection.

Auditor: Mark SP Wilkinson B.Ec Registered Company Auditor (Signed)
Firm Name: Wilkinson and Co, Chartered Accountant

Australian and New Zealand College of Mental Health Nurses Inc.
Balance Sheet for the Year Ended 30 June 2000

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### Income Statement for the Year Ended 30 June 2000

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Australian and New Zealand College of Mental Health Nurses Inc.


A full audited report (addendum – as attached pages 18 and 19) will be tabled at the College AGM in September 2000 Gold Coast, Queensland.

The main areas of College income were:

- Membership: at 156K an increase of 10K on last year
- Commonwealth Grant at 45K

Other areas of income growth are:

- Bank interest: this year 10K
- Research Fund Donation: this year 4.8K

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Payments for end of financial year still due for payment:

- The journal, Blackwell Sciences is still owed around 24K
- 10% return to Branches: around 8.7K are due to Branches for Capitation.

Areas of increase in expenses are:

- Consultancy: the College has undertaken a Commonwealth Grant of 45K which was outsourced to Curtin University in Western Australia.
- Honoraria: An increase reflects the number of honorary positions within the College as we continue to grow. This increase has been paid in kind, that is airfare, registrations and accommodation. The Executive Officer was this year paid an Honorarium of 5K.
- The professional services of Jan Properjohn and Associates. A small and planned increase of 2K this year. The services of Jan Properjohn and Associates are a welcome relief to the College executive. PRD Payroll Deductions and Direct Debit payments are now centrally located.
- Jubilee Celebrations: Final payments of Jubilee Celebration Events.
- College Research Grant: As planned, the College Research Grant account has reached 200K. I look forward to the announcement at our 26th Conference in the Gold Coast. Thank you to those Branches and Sub Branches who donated to the Research Grant Account during our Silver Jubilee Year. In 1991 with 9K grant from Squibb Modecate the College Research Fund was launched. We also acknowledge the NSW Health Department for its 25K contribution. Donations continue to be received.
- ABN: The College ABN is: 75 492 837 566
I am currently awaiting information from the Australian Tax Office (ATO) on whether all Branches/Sub Branches in Australia should have their own ABN.

GST: The impact of the GST on the College and the position of Treasurer is yet to be realised. The College has queried whether members outside Australia have to pay GST. Final advise on this issue is still awaited from the ATO.

My thanks to the College Council who I can assure members, work very hard to ensure that members money is well managed and within Budget.

My personal thanks to the College Executive (Michael, Scott and Jacky). And to Chris Hatten and Bob Zard without whose help this position of College Treasurer would be even more difficult.

The College continues to have a healthy financial base.

With the next three College Conferences being on the eastern seaboard (Gold Coast, Melbourne & Sydney). I believe the College is in its best ever financial position for planning for the next decade.

Bob Weaver
College Treasurer, 26 August 2000
Australian and New Zealand College of Mental Health Nurses Inc.

Interim Income Statement for the year ended 30 June 2001

Please note this is an interim report. An audited report will be available in the next couple of months and published in the Communique. There have been problems with the GST arrangements. Our BAS is still to be finalised for the three months to June 30 due to a tax office mix up involving the Victorian branch and our College ABN number. There have been problems with the College accounts based in New Zealand, which are being addressed. There has been a changeover in treasurer and senior college personnel – some of the allocated expenditure items may need to be readjusted into other expenditure domains.

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Total assets | 343,282.77 |

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Total assets | 347,127.19 |

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Net assets | $335,343.60 |
### Interim Income statement for the year ended 30 June 2001

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*Liz Marsh*  
*College Treasurer, October 2001*
### Australian Capital Territory Branch Report

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### Branch Activity

There has been an increase in interest in the activities of the College recently with regular monthly meetings well attended over the past 12 months. The ACT Branch AGM was held in September 2001 with current positions elected as above.

A membership drive has commenced with Branch representatives attending workplace meetings and participating in the ACT Mental Health Service orientation program discussing the College and highlighting the benefits of membership.

A fundraising Trivia Night was held this year that proved very successful. The night was very entertaining for the many people in attendance and successful in raising funds. Some networking opportunities for Branch Members have been held over the past two years and an end of year dinner dance scheduled for November.

Planning for the 2004 Conference scheduled to be held in Canberra has commenced with the appointment of Co-Convenors Paula Howe and Kerin O’Brien. A proposal for the Conference will be developed and forwarded to the College Council for approval in May 2002.
Scholarships
The ACT Branch awarded two scholarships last year and three scholarships for this year to attend the College conference. Last year two awards of $750 were made and this year one award was made for a new member for costs up to $1000 and two awards of $500.

Education Seminars
• “Depression and Medical Illness in the Elderly” Presented by Professor Osvaldo Almeida, Psycho-Geriatrician, University of Western Australia
• International Nurses Day Breakfast Seminar Presented by Ms Verity Bonfield, Department of Health, Housing and Community Care, ACT

Representations
• Professional Reference Group, Queen Elizabeth II Family Centre (2000)
• Healthpac Advisory Committee (2000)
• Invited to be represented at the ACT Mental Health Service Nurses Advisory Group that is yet to be established

Guest Speakers
• Professor Michael Clinton (x2), Professor of Nursing, Curtin University of Technology WA
• Professor Paul Morrison, Head of School, University of Canberra, ACT

Submissions and Reports
• Letter to Professor Michael Clinton regarding the Scoping Study of Mental Health Nursing in Australia
• Letter to Professional Head of Nursing ACT MHS regarding the lack of time devoted to the role

Paula Howe
ACT Branch President
New South Wales Branch Report

Throughout the year the NSW Branch has seen some major events occur. We have had to move our meeting with the closure of the New South Wales College of Nursing from Glebe, where we have met every third Wednesday of each month for numerous years to the brand new facilities at Burwood, (which are superior). This year has seen the formation of another sub-branch within the Illawarra and we have also witnessed the continuing growth of the two other sub-branches. The Hunter and Central Coast sub-branches have conducted successful one-day conferences and continue to provide a valuable resource for their local members. I would like at this stage to personally acknowledge the Hunter sub-branch who have provided the NSW 2002 conference with $10,000 in sponsorship. This is the first time in the College history that such a generous gesture has been made.

The branch has continued to work tirelessly for the good of the mental health nursing profession and some of the long processes we have experienced are now coming to fruition, particularly in regard to nursing education.

During this year we have had representation on several working parties; NSW Mental Health Nursing Working Party, which is looking at recruitment and retention, The Peak Nursing Forums, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Inpatient Service Plan, Acute Service Project, NSWNA Professional Development Committee and the MH-IDP (Mental Health Information Develop Project). The NSW branch has continued to have representation on the Institute of Psychiatry’s Board. There is bound to be some committee or working party that have not included and the branch apologises to those members who represent the branch if we have forgotten you! The NSW branch continues to be asked for representation on different working parties etc. Recently the NSW branch has been requested to by the NSW Centre for Mental Health to collaborate with the NSW College of Nursing to develop and run a refresher course for nurses who want to return to mental health. As part of this request the branch has been given a sizeable grant to establish this course. Also within the last few weeks the branch has been represented on a State wide strategic working party to address violence within health care environment. This acknowledges this importance that mental health nurses have not only in our own arena but the whole of health within NSW.

As you are aware 2002 is going to be a busy year for the NSW branch when we host the ANZCMHN Inc conference in October. Preparations are well under way with sponsorship packages having been sent out to potential sponsors, social events being arranged and the technical program waiting in the background to be formally announced.

Finally the NSW branch would like to acknowledge and welcome two new professors in mental health nursing to NSW these being Prof. Edward White at UTS and Prof Michael Hazelton at Newcastle University. We look forward to working closely with both of them in the future.

Jem Masters
NSW Branch President
New Zealand Branch Report

President: Kaye Carncross
Vice President: Tony O’Brien
Councillor: Sue Ellis
Kaiwhakahaere: Tio Sewell
Committee Members: Chris Walsh, Tony Farrow, Chris Lyall, Makere Panapa, Chantelle Cook, Hineroa Hakiaha, Brent Doncliffe

Sub-Branches
Auckland Convenor: Christine Palmer
Wellington Convenor: Thelma Puckey
Hawkes Bay Convenor: Brent Doncliffe
Waikato Convenor: Suzette Poole

This past year has been a very busy one for the NZ Branch. The Branch has continued to grow, not only in terms of membership but also in terms of its ability to have influence and input into national initiatives. This has raised the profile of the College and enabled us to have a say on matters concerning mental health nurses and nursing.

Sub Branches
In the past year the sub-branches have been active in holding forums and workshops. These activities have been well supported and enjoyed by nurses eager for space, in which they can network, share ideas and learn about new practices. The most recent of these was the day held in the Waikato in which over 80 nurses attended, a very enjoyable and successful day.

The NZ Branch is working to improve the communication to its members. The introduction of our newsletter, “Chatter” has supported this development and has provided a link for members throughout the country. Email is also making communication easier as more nurses are able to access this mode of communication.

National Participation
The College has participated in the following developments:

1. Ministry of Health (MoH) Telephone Triage initiative, Workforce Development projects, Prescribing Rights project, Amendments to the Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act and a discussion paper on Second Level Nurses in the workplace

2. NZ Nursing Council development on Advanced Nursing Practice, Joint Credentialing Board, and the Council’s Review of Undergraduate Nursing

3. Standards New Zealand development on Health and Disability Sector Safety Standards and other projects

4. We have also collaborated with the National Directors of Mental Health Nursing on a number of issues to add strength and support to issues
This year, along with other nursing organisations, we signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Health to develop a new collaborative working relationship to consider, plan, implement and evaluate sustainable health policy (details of this are available off the Ministry of Health web site). The NZ Branch has regular contact with the Chief Nurse of New Zealand to keep updated on National and international issues.

Research is now well under way with the Clinical Indicators Study for Mental Health Nursing Standards of Practice. Nurses from all over the country are involved and we look forward to receiving and reading the outcome of this study.

The project for Nurse Prescribing in Mental Health is progressing well. The scope of practice document has gone out to other nursing organisations for discussion. Currently the team is working on a list of medications for nurse prescribing and this has also gone out for discussion. This is a major development for mental health nurses in New Zealand. We now have the right to prescribe. This project defines the scope in which prescribing will take place.

New roles for nurses in mental health are also being developed. The statutory role of Responsible Clinician under the Mental Health (Compulsory, Assessment and Treatment) Act 1992 is now open to nurses, as the competencies for this role have been defined. This broadens the scope of practice for mental health nurses and makes clear their role and responsibility under the Mental Health (CAT) Act.

The NZ Branch Committee has been low on numbers recently. However with the recent elections we were able to welcome new committee members. I would like to acknowledge and thank past committee members for their input and wish them well for the future.

As the NZ Branch gets more involved with activities, the demand on members time has also increased. I would like to thank the committee, sub branch committee members and other members who have been involved with College activities over the past year.

Kaye Carncross
NZ Branch President
Northern Territory Branch Report

Committee Members
President: Pat Bradley, Clinical Nurse Consultant, Top End MHS
Secretary: Frank Pearson, A/Nurse Educator, Top End MHS
Treasurer: Denis Blackford, Clinical Nurse Consultant, Top End MHS
Past Councillor: Denise Gilchrist, Manager, Banyan House Drug Rehabilitation Centre
Member: Gerry Hoogenboom, Executive Director of Nursing, Top End MHS
Member: Neil Spencer, Clinical Nurse Consultant, Top End MHS, Adult Team

Membership
Branch membership continues to be stable.

A newsletter has been circulated to all members, and to workplaces across the Territory, in hardcopy and electronic versions. It is hoped that this will keep the College’s name in the public eye, and help with recruitment.

Although we are few, we have tried to maintain our involvement in matters of concern to the profession. Activities have included: Nurse/Consumer Communication Forum follow up, Career Structure Review, and MH Nursing Education.

NTNB Reregistration Self-audit
Mental Health Nurses are no longer separately registered in the Territory. Pat Bradley wrote to Ms Christine Quirk (Policy Officer of the NT Nurses Board) on behalf of members and colleagues, voicing a number of concerns regarding the new self-audit on competency for re-registration. These concerns included the failure of the board to recognise ANZCMHN Mental Health Nursing Standards, and thus to protect the interests of mental health service consumers. The Branch has asked to be included in any review of the process, and in any future projects that include the specialist field of mental health nursing.

NT Nursing Career Structure Review
Pat Bradley made a written submission to the Career Structure Review, on behalf of the Branch. Gerry Hoogenboom contributed to the submission presented by the Executive Directors of Nursing Group. Frank Pearson was a member of the Reference Group.

Despite our efforts, the proposed model does little to address the aspirations and needs of mental health nurses. Further representation will be undertaken in the second stage of the career restructure.
**NT Nursing Recruitment and Retention Project**
Pat Bradley and Gerry Hoogenboom are actively involved in THS work groups related to this Project, which has just commenced.

**Winter Symposium 2002**
The NT Branch look forward to sharing a little winter sun with interstate and overseas delegates to the first ANZCMHN Winter Symposium, to be held in Darwin in June, 2002, in conjunction with Council meeting. This has already stirred interest in the College among NT colleagues, and we trust it will provide a membership boost for the Branch.

*Pat Bradley*
*NT Branch President and Councillor*
Queensland Branch Report

Queensland Branch
President: Anthony Weller
Vice President: Geoff Allen
Treasurer: Graeme Browne
Secretary: John Quinn
Assistant Secretary: Mark Quadrell
Councillor: John Quinn
Education Officer: Mary Murray
Policy Committee Convenor: Pam Beavis

Immediate Past
President: Joanne King
Vice President: Geoff Allen
Treasurer: Graeme Browne
Secretary: John Quinn
Assistant Secretary: Mark Quadrell
Councillor: Kim Usher
Education Officer: Denny Cowell
Policy Committee Convenor: John Carr

North Qld Sub Branch
President: Mick Blair
Vice President: Roberta Porter
Secretary: Mark Quadrell
Treasurer: Tom Ryan
Assistant Secretary: Richard Lakeman

Immediate Past
President: Roberta Porter
Vice President: Craig Moffitt
Secretary: Mark Quadrell
Treasurer: Fran Gallagher

Gold Coast Sub Branch
President: Roe Mitchell
Vice President: Linda Salomons
Secretary: David Pinchin
Assistant Secretary: Lisa Condon
Treasurer: Fiona Whitecross

Immediate Past
President: Ursula Cooper
Vice President: Di Peterson
Secretary: Fiona Whitecross
Treasurer: Graham Young

The pride and commitment of mental health nurses across Queensland continues to be strongly reflected through various College activities. A tremendous amount of activity and energy comes out of what is essentially a small voluntary organisation. Committed MH nurses continue to advance the interests of our profession in their local area.

Much of our energy was consumed by the 26th College Conference in September last year on the Gold Coast both in the planning and follow up. And what a great conference it was! So many great papers, and mostly from clinicians!

It is a source of some satisfaction that we have doubled our membership over the last couple of years. We reached the 300 mark earlier this year, and it currently stands at over 320. The efforts of MH nurses across Queensland in establishing Payroll Deduction systems in their local Districts has been the single most important contributor to membership growth. Nurses won’t join an organisation that is not active in the real world – this point is a truism for the College and more still needs to be achieved.
The Queensland Branch has produced two newsletters and ten sets of monthly minutes with news and information mailed to every member over the last 12 months. Our meetings in Brisbane have been some of the best attended ever – reflecting both the guest speakers and the work of our Education Officers. We have had a number of brilliant presentations from nurses at the cutting edge of clinical practice.

The North Queensland and Gold Coast sub branches continue to be very active. The Gold Coast has recently held a one – day conference in August, and 60 people attended the Cairns Winter Symposium in June. Much credit must go to our North Qld sub branch – their web site is fantastic, which includes photos and stories from their winter conferences. www.geocities.com/HotSprings/8517/nqanzcmhn/symp2001.html

It is interesting and exciting times in many MH services around the state. The $100 million capital works building program is finally starting to come to an end with new extended inpatient services in Charters Towers, Townsville, Rockhampton, Sunshine Coast, Redcliffe, TPCH, RBH, Bayside, Logan, Toowoomba, Gold Coast and West Moreton. These services are on top of the redeveloped or new acute MH units in many centres over the last few years, and aside from the small improvements to community services. The profound changes taking place in our MH services have often been led by nurses, many of whom are College members!

We recently held a meeting with the Health Minister, Wendy Edmund, to formally progress Recruitment and Retention issues for MH nurses. The post graduate scholarship scheme has been a significant advance, and there have been good R & R initiatives in some local areas to encourage study and keep staff. However MH nurses as a workgroup are getting older and greyer and our lifeblood – students are not being nurtured and encouraged even in the limited ways many of us once were.

The Queensland Branch, in partnership with several other organisations, is about to hold a one day seminar on Refugee Mental Health – focusing on the humanitarian plight and unmet health needs of the asylum seekers and refugees who make it to our shores. We are also investigating establishing an Australian Asia Pacific Mental Health Nursing exchange program.

Despite our achievements, our Queensland and international college infrastructure is most under resourced. If MH services are to be continually improved and reformed, MH nurses need to be coherent, contemporary, professional and strong. Our college organisation needs to be strengthened. We need to continually address problems within MH nursing, and seek out opportunities to promote our connections with the wider world.

John Quinn
Queensland Branch Secretary and Councillor
South Australia Branch Report

It has been an eventful year with a number of educational activities that have kept the branch members busy and motivated! Membership dipped after the removal of a number of non-financial members to hover around the one hundred mark.

The branch was supported by Eli Lilly to host a splendid and lavish one day seminar in May showcasing clinical innovations in South Australia. This is to become an annual event.

Professor Phil Barker was hosted by the branch and Flinders University for educational workshops in June.

The branch supported the Schizophrenia Fellowship Awards (Sunflower) with a donation and attended their annual dinner.

Most importantly a collaboration between senior nurse clinicians and the branch has resulted in the hosting of four symposia covering clinical themes identified by clinicians through a questionnaire.

The branch has representation in senior state committees including the Nurse Leaders Forum, the Enrolled Nurse Interest Group, the Nurse Practitioner Advisory Committee and the Clinical Privileges Advisory Committee.

In sum the branch has sustained activities in the face of increasing demands on private time and energies and is committed to the membership drive and additional and continuing educational functions for 2001/2002.

Dr Eimear Muir-Cochrane
SA Branch President
Tasmania Branch Report

Officers
President: Cecily Pollard, Mental Health/Psychiatric Liaison Nurse, Psychiatry Liaison Unit, Royal Hobart Hospital
Vice-President: Gerry Farrell, Head of School, Nursing, University of Tasmania
Secretary: Neil Harvey, Clinical Nurse, Inpatient Services, Launceston General Hospital
Councillor: Jim Pearson, Director of Nursing, The Hobart Clinic
Treasurer: Paul de Bomford, Project Officer, Risdon Prison Services, Hobart

In presenting this report, I would at the outset like to express my thanks to the active members of the Branch whose commitment is enormous regardless of the increased work demands taking the toll on the effort that individuals can contribute.

The period from July 1999–July 2001 has proved to be a very busy time for the Branch with a membership of less than 100.

The College’s silver jubilee was celebrated in Launceston at the 1999 International Conference. Over 60 paper and poster presentations, plus pre-conference workshop were delivered during the 4-day program. The presentations keenly illustrated the historical, contemporary and future perspectives on mental health care as illustrated by the theme “Looking forward, looking back”.

Continuing with the conference/seminar theme, the Branch continued to host 2 full day seminars each year. The themes were:

• “Down in the Dumps or Depression”
  The theme was illustrated with presentations including vocational rehabilitation, the elderly and the refugee community. This nurse led seminar was the first for Jeff Kennett to address in the position as chairperson of the National Depression Initiative.

• “Fatal Distractions”
  The presentations illustrated a wide range of addictions and obsessions, which impact on today’s society such as, out of control spending, caffeine abuse and stalking.

• “Coping with Anxiety”
  This seminar covered issues in relation to the good stress/bad stress, anxiety in the gay community and workshop on relaxation, tai chi and massage.

These seminars are opened by eminent people within the Tasmanian community, receive state and national media coverage, attract between 40–100 health professionals and are the main revenue raiser for the Branch.

The seminar planned for November is titled “Prisons, Mental Health and the Community”.

The Best Performance in Theory and Practice in the Graduate Diploma Nursing (Mental Health/Psychiatric) was awarded to Ronnie Kimber for the year 2000.

The Branch continues to sponsor a registration fee at the statewide seminars for currently financial members and this year is sponsoring a registration fee at this conference in Melbourne.

Throughout the two years, the Branch has continued to provide presence and informed input in a number of statewide projects including the re-development of the Royal Derwent Hospital, review of the Alcohol & Drug Act, the nursing workforce project and the accreditation of the TSoN Graduate Diploma in Advanced Nursing (Mental Health/ Psychiatric) program.

In March of this year a series of consultative seminars were conducted by the College in Tasmania to develop a framework for the credentialling of mental health nurses. This project is auspiced by the College in partnership with this Branch, the Nursing Board of Tasmania and the University of Tasmania. Tasmania will be the first region to pilot the project with a view to establishing a nationwide system of credentialling.

The pilot program will be managed by a Steering Committee and their first task is to develop a budget then develop the pilot credentialling package with implementation in March 2002.

*Cecily Pollard*
*Tasmanian State President*
Victoria Branch Report

The office bearers for the Victorian Branch for the year 2000-2001 were:

President Wendy Cross, Senior Lecturer, Deakin University
Vice President Ian Munro, Lecturer, Deakin University
Secretary Steve Goldsmith, Coordinator Mental Health Training & Development Unit, North Western Health
Treasurer Greg Miller, Coordinator Mental Health Training and Development Unit, North Western Health
Councillor Steve Elsom, Lecturer, Monash University
Professional Development Officer Julie HerceInskyj, Lecturer, Deakin University

The year has been busy and eventful for the Victorian Branch. The monthly meetings and bi-monthly professional development sessions were reasonably well attended and provided input for interesting discussion.

The professional development sessions for the year were:

- July 2000 – Professor Cynthia Stuhlmiller – workshop titled “Laughter and Play in Mental Health Nursing” – Cunningham Dax lecture titled “Saluting Health in Mental Health Nursing”
- September 2000 – No professional development due to the national conference in Queensland.
- November 2000 – Pierre Baume – Youth Suicide
- March 2001 – Lisa Lynch, Kerry Handcox, Tess Priddy, Daniel Nicholls – Clinical Supervision
- May 2001 – Lloyd Williams and Chris Gibbs – The enterprise bargaining agreement
- July 2001 – Dr. Jan Horsfall- Cunningham Dax lecture, Seminar – “Gender issues relevant for mental health consumers and mental health nurses”

The Branch has occupied itself throughout the year with a range of initiatives. Among these were:

- A submission to the Dept of Human Services on Recruitment and Retention of Mental Health Nurses, followed by discussion with the Mental Health section of the Department. The Branch was invited to speak to the submission and Wendy Cross, Brenda Happell and Steve Goldsmith elaborated on the submission and made specific recommendations to the committee.
- A submission to the Nurse Recruitment and Retention Committee
- A submission to the Senate Inquiry into Nursing
- Professional development sessions bi-monthly
• Participation on the University of Melbourne, School of Postgraduate Nursing Advisory Committee
• Career development, accreditation and credentialling information sessions at CAMHS, Southern Health and Maroondah

In addition the Branch was involved in a joint initiative to hold a mental health nursing collaborative conference at Moonee Valley on 19-20 October 2000. The other organisations involved in the symposium were the Centre for Psychiatric Nursing, Research and Practice, the Australian Nurses Federation (ANF) and the Health and Community Services Union (HACSU). The Branch was represented by Steve Goldsmith and Trish Martin on the organising committee.

With the success of the collaborative conference, a second collaborative conference has been organised for 2–3 August 2001.

The Branch is also hosting the 27th Annual Conference at the Sofitel Hotel between 1-4 October. The conference committee is:

Convenor: Wendy Cross
Program Coordinator: Phil Maude
Social Program Coordinator: Kerry Brennan
Sponsorship Coordinator: Donna Saunders
Councillor: Steve Elsom
Investiture: Derith Harris

Conference planning is proceeding well and we hope to see many of our colleagues there. We especially look forward to meeting with our colleagues from the other states and New Zealand at the conference.

The branch is looking into the feasibility of developing rural sub branches to meet the needs of rural members in the style of the NSW branch. To date firm decisions have not been made.

I would like to thank everyone who has worked throughout the year on behalf of the Branch. It has been both a constant and enthusiastic enterprise. The range of activities and initiatives undertaken, coupled with our growth in membership, is a testimonial to the many members who have contributed their time and expertise to make this happen. Thank you.

Wendy Cross
Victorian Branch President
Western Australia Branch Report

Branch Committee

President                  Chris Bone
Vice President            Michael Finn
Secretary                 Gary Phillips
Treasurer                 Michael Finn
Edith Cowan University    Dr Tina Tse
Education Committee       Debra Moen
Curtin University         Michael Finn
Education Committee
Councillor                Michael Finn
Committee Members         A/Prof Eamon Shanley, Michael O’Kane, Maureen Jubb, Roy Dobson

The WA branch continues to meet monthly on the third Wednesday of each month and meets centrally at the Selby Lodge of the Graylands-Selby-Lemnos Campus. Despite some leakage, the membership base has been slowly growing and the focus on recruitment has been to bring back non-financial members as well as gaining “new blood”. There continues to be poor attendance at General Meetings and to encourage better attendance, venues have been varied and have featured guest speakers.

Mental Health Nursing professional interests are also promoted through representation on various special interest groups. In the past year these have included:

Joanna Briggs Institute
The College has recently gained representation to the WA Chapter of the Joanna Briggs Institute. The WA Branch is negotiating the formation of a reference group to identify mental health related topics that would be suitable for the development of EBP information sheets.

New Vision New Direction
A Steering Committee was formed by the Department of Health in WA to conduct a major review into nursing issues. This body initially failed to recognise mental health as a special interest group. Action by the Branch eventuated in the inclusion of College representation into the sub-groups that inform this steering committee.

Peak Nursing Council
This is the key reference group for nursing related issues in WA. The College is able to work directly with other nursing groups to lobby government at State and Federal level and ensures solid advocacy for mental health nursing interests. This year, a major activity of the group was a series of meetings with the Principal Nursing Advisor to the DoHWA to formulate a collaborative submission to the Senate Enquiry into Nursing.
Combined Nursing and Midwives Association
The WA Branch was well represented on this group which was formed to present nursing issues to the former head of the WA Metropolitan Health Service Board. Spin offs from this group included discussions with the WA President of the AMA on health issues prior to the WA general election. While the new government in WA has now disbanded the Board, the group was able to meet informally with the Executive Director of the MHSB for breakfast on a monthly basis to discuss and voice nursing interests in health policy issues.

Significant Events in 2000–2001

• A number of sponsored breakfasts with guest speakers were successfully operated across 2000–2001. These breakfasts provided a good opportunity for nurses to network, listen to speakers address a variety of contemporary topics and then head off to work with a good breakfast on board.

• The WA Branch of the College has organised 2 successive annual symposiums for mental health practitioners, attracting not only nurses but also allied health representation. These symposiums have focussed on contemporary issues and the latest in July of this year has generated through sponsorship and registrations a significant boost both in new members and financial profit to the failing fortunes of the Branch.

• A long-standing College member Paul Howard, retired from nursing this year. Paul is well known and well respected in mental health nursing circles. Paul’s career took him to many roles on behalf of the college and the profession the most significant of which was his appointment as Director of Nursing to the Armadale Kelmscott Hospital in the late 80’s – a remarkable achievement at the time for a single certificated mental health nurse. Paul’s retirement was well attended with representation across all sections of nursing. The WA Branch made a presentation to Paul in recognition of his past efforts on behalf of mental health nurses. Mental health interests continue to be represented at executive level in that region as Chris Bone, WA Branch President of ANZCMHN, has succeeded Paul in his position.

• Liz Marsh, the stalwart of the WA Branch was lured to warmer climes and was poached to a Nursing Director position in Queensland. Liz has given many years of tireless and devoted service to the WA Branch and is sorely missed. Her good humour, energy and enthusiasm for mental health nursing is still being demonstrated through her position as the College Treasurer. Thank You Liz.

Chris Bone, Western Australian Branch President
Michael Finn, Western Australian Branch Councillor
26th Conference Report 2000 (Gold Coast)

“Mental Health Nurses for a Changing World, Not Just Surviving, Thriving”.

The Queensland Branch hosted 312 delegates on the Gold Coast from around the globe for the September 2000 conference. There were many trade exhibitors and sponsors who contributed to the success of the event along with QLD branch members and others who volunteered their time to bring the conference together.

The conference featured 4 invited key note speakers: Dr Holly Skodal Wilson, Professor Megan-Jane Johnstone, Ms Gabrielle Savage and Ms Annette Anning.

There were 4 pre- conference workshops presented by: Professor Mike Hazelton, Dr Holly Skodal Wilson, Dr Eimear Muir-Cochrane and Mr Phil Maude.

Three were 92 papers presented and 3 poster presentations.

The Stan Alchin award for the best clinical paper went to a Queensland nursing student Beth Matarasso for her paper ‘Reflections on Lily: the value of being available’.

The Oration and Investitive featured an address by Dr Barbara Hayes from James Cook University, Townsville.

The Social Program included welcome drinks on the rooftop with featuring entertainment and small fireworks feature of the College logo. The Gala Dinner at Seaworld featured local seafood, wine and the unforgettable Carribean Kings.

The conference evaluation data revealed a very high level of satisfaction with the conference particularly the social program.

Thanks must go to the hard work from the various members and committees that made the conference a success!

Fiona Whitecross, Conference Treasurer
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27th Conference Report 2001 (Melbourne)

Scientific Program
The conference theme is New Insights. The overall intention is to showcase the great things being done by mental health nurses across a range of practice settings.

Over 125 abstracts were received (submitted electronically via Conference Web Page). All were independently blind reviewed by at least three members of the 15 member Abstract Review Panel. Approximately 35 abstracts were rejected.

The program consists of 3 keynote speakers, 5 further plenary sessions presented by invited speakers and a total of 84 papers delivered in concurrent sessions. In order to make the conference as “user-friendly” as possible, only four concurrent sessions have been scheduled. These sessions are expected to include 20 minutes presentation, 5 minutes of questions and 5 minutes to move to the next session. In addition there will be 4 half-day pre-conference workshops and 1 full-day post-conference workshop.

Approximate breakdown of concurrent papers’ origin: Vic (23), NZ (23), Qld (11), SA (5), WA (4), UK (3), Tas (2), ACT (1), USA (1), HK (1), Saudi Arabia (1).

Keynote Speakers
Dr Ruth Gallop RN, BScN, MScN, PhD Professor and Associate Dean-Research Faculty of Nursing University of Toronto

Dr Ruth Gallop is cross-appointed as a senior researcher to the Division of Society, Women and Health in the Department of Psychiatry and the Department of Nursing at The Clarke Institute of Psychiatry. Dr Gallop’s extensive research interests are focused on the interpersonal process and on Women’s Mental Health. Dr Gallop’s work on the interpersonal process revolves around understanding mediators of the therapeutic process in the nurse/client relationship. Dr Gallop’s research in Women’s Mental Health is centred on understanding the experience of women in the Mental Health system, particularly women with histories of childhood abuse. Dr Gallop pays special attention to how this knowledge is used to modify professional beliefs and practice.

Dr Robert Newell BSc, RGN, RMN, Dip Nurse Ed, RNT, PhD Professor of Nursing Research School of Health Studies University of Bradford United Kingdom

Rob Newell has a background in both General and Mental Health Nursing and has specialised in behaviour therapy for the past 18 years, as clinician, teacher and researcher. Most recently, his clinical interest has been around the application of cognitive-behavioural interventions to the psychosocial consequences of physical illness. He became involved with behaviour therapy because of an interest in establishing the effectiveness of Mental Health interventions. He has continued this interest through teaching and his editorship of the journal Clinical Effectiveness in Nursing, the book series Routledge Essentials for Nurses (with Professor David Thompson) and the textbook Mental Health Nursing: an Evidence Based Approach (with Professor Kevin Gournay). Over the past four years, at the
University of Leeds, he founded and led a large network for the building of research
capacity amongst nurses, midwives and health visitors. He is now Professor of Nursing
Research at the University of Bradford, where he pursues his own research and teaching
and also continues to be active in increasing research capacity amongst nurses both in
Mental Health care and in the profession more broadly.

Ms Sally Goold OAM RN, Dip NEd, BAppSc (Nursing), MNst, FRCNA, FCN (NSW) Chairperson
of the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses Part Time Commissioner
with the Queensland Criminal Justice Commission

Sally Goold has an extensive background in Acute Care Settings, Cardio-Thoracic and
Coronary Care. Ms Goold has been involved in Aboriginal Health and Nurse Education
for many years and was the first Aboriginal Registered Nurse at the Aboriginal Medical
Service, Redfern, on it’s inception. She taught hospital based, Post-Basic Cardio Thoracic
Nursing and Coronary Care Nursing, then lectured in the Undergraduate and Postgraduate
programs in the School of Nursing at Queensland University of Technology. Ms Goold
has been awarded the Order of Australia Medal for service to Nursing Education and
Aboriginal Health, 1986 and the Royal College of Nursing Distinguished Nursing Award
2000. Ms Goold has also been instrumental in forming the Congress of Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander Nurses, (CATSIN), Chairperson of CATSIN and is a member of
Advisory Boards/Committees of three Universities.

Sponsorship and Marketing
Over $50,000 has been secured to date. This includes $20,000 from the Victorian
Department of Human Services.

The Venue
The Hotel Sofitel Melbourne is at the ‘Paris end’ of Melbourne’s CBD. Located near
shops, restaurants and theatres, the hotel has 363 luxuriously appointed rooms all located
between the 36th and the 50th floors, boasting stunning city views. Facilities include a
choice of restaurants and bars, fully equipped health centre and award winning service.

Come join us in Melbourne and help us to make the 27th Conference of the ANZCMHN
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28th Conference Report 2002 (Sydney)

Plans for 2002 conference in Sydney are well progressed. We have chosen Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre in Darling Harbour as the venue, being centrally located and accessible by public transport. Accommodation caters for all tastes and budgets from 5 Star to backpacker.

The conference theme is “Coming of Age: A celebration of Mental Health Nursing” to be held on Tuesday 15 October 2002 to Friday 18 October 2002.

The conference committee is:
Conference Convenor: Geoff Dulhunty
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The Hunter sub branch has been very generous in supporting the conference having donated $10,000 to date with more fundraising scheduled for next year.

Elli Lilly have sought to be major sponsors with a $20,000 grant. We are waiting on confirmation from other various sources for additional sponsorship.

The Oration will be held at the Powerhouse Museum providing attendees access to view the exhibits as well as be part of the Oration Ceremony.

The dinner dance will be a Black Tie Masked Ball, you’ll need to bring your dancing shoes.

We welcome all members to come to Sydney next year, there will be some unique surprises as well as an opportunity to hear some excellent speakers, network with your peers and above all celebrate.

We look forward to being your hosts and ensuring you have a good time.

Geoff Dulhunty
Conference Convenor
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