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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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From the President and Executive Officer

The past year has been a period of intense activity for the College and Council has taken the leadership to build on past activities and advance the profession of mental health nursing. Much activity has focussed on strategic planning and the establishment of structures that enable the College to develop and meet the many current and future challenges facing mental health nursing.

The Annual General Meeting in Melbourne 2001 discussed the need for critical appraisal of established practices and careful re-evaluation of organisational structures. Our Executive Officer, Ms Irene Henley and our Treasurer, Ms Liz Mash, have taken leading roles in organising a series of processes designed to bring about positive changes in the areas of:

- financial management
- membership management
- strategic planning
- business structures.

To achieve these positive changes, Council is establishing itself as a management team and building an infrastructure that supports integration of Council activities with College members from Australia and New Zealand. At the time of writing, working parties and portfolios are being developed.

Finance and Membership

One key forum has been the Finance and Membership Working Party, whose report enabled Council to enhance financial and membership management for Australian and New Zealand members. Council is grateful to Mr Bob Weaver (previous Treasurer), Mr Rob Iveson (Previous Treasurer) and Mr Tony O’Brien (Assistant Registrar/Treasurer NZ) and Jan Properjohn & Associates for their contributions and support. At the time of writing this report, responsibility for all membership secretariat functions is being transferred from Jan Properjohn & Associates to Ms Liz Marsh and Council is grateful to Jan for her company’s services to the College and for Jan’s professional approach and understanding as we negotiate this period of transition.

Strategic Planning

To continue to lead the way forward Council is building on previous College activities and planning an International Forging Forward Planning Day on the 6 to 8 September with key members from Australia and New Zealand. A meeting will follow this with Branch Presidents at the 2002 ANZCMHN International Conference being held at Sydney in October 2002 and presenting to members at the 2002 AGM.
Committee Representation
Kim Ryan NSW Branch Councillor attended ANCI, Michael Clinton attended Mental Health Council until Stephen Elsom attended, Irene Henley represented mental health nursing on the Australian Health Care Agreements Reference Group ‘Improving Mental Health’.

Conventions
Two conventions held in 2001 and 2002 were major successes. The annual ANZCMHN Conference for 2001 was held in Melbourne and evaluation forms returned by delegates were overwhelmingly positive and Council extends its thanks to members and delegates for their support in contributing towards making the Conference the success it was. Special thanks are extended to the Conference Convenor, Ms Wendy Cross and her team and also to Madeleine Schneider and her colleagues from ICMS Pty Ltd without whom the event would never have come to fruition. The Winter Symposium, hosted by the Northern Territory Branch of the College and held in Darwin on the 1st and 2nd of June 2002 and was a great achievement. Delegates were treated to a variety of quality presentations with a particular emphasis on indigenous issues and the special challenges faced by mental health nurses working in remote areas. Congratulations are extended to the Convenor, Ms Pat Bradley and her enthusiastic team from the Top End.

Council Farewells President
The Darwin Council meetings also saw the conclusion of Professor Michael Clinton’s Presidency of the College. Michael’s leadership during a most difficult period for the College was professional, skilled and dignified. The College was most fortunate to have enjoyed the services of an acknowledged leader in the profession of mental health nursing and a statesman of high calibre. Michael was re-appointed as President of the College in 2001 with the unanimous support of Council but due to work and other commitments was unable to complete his term of office. Professor Michael Clinton stated that he was pleased to be President of such a professional College and grateful for the assistance and advice he received from Council on behalf of the membership. Council wishes Professor Michael Clinton all the best for the future.

New Appointments
Appointments made by Council included the appointment of Mr Stephen Elsom Vice President, to the position of President, to complete the current term of Presidency until October 2003. Stephen has served on Council as the Victorian Branch Councillor for the past four years and as Vice President for the past two years. Ms Erina Morrison-Ngatai NZ Councillor was unanimously appointed to the Vice President position for a four year term. Ms Irene Henley was unanimously appointed to the Executive Officer position for five year term. Mr Tony O’Brien Assistant Registrar Treasurer NZ was appointed unanimously for 12 month term. Ms Liz Marsh was unanimously appointment to Treasurer for a 5 year term and Ms Deb Nizette was unanimously appointed to the Censor-in-Chief position for a 5 year term. A new role of Portfolio Coordinator was established and Mr Michael Finn, WA Councillor was unanimously appointed. At the time of writing, a position statement and framework proposal for portfolios is being prepared for Council consideration.
Website
The ANZCMHN website is under re-development. This process is being undertaken by John Thrift & Associates who have for some time been engaged by the College for the production of professional publications including the Annual Report, monographs etc. The new site will be hosted by WebCentral and will be fully database driven. This will allow for such features as members only areas (with secure password login), purchase of College merchandise online, payment of membership fees, simplified and regular communication between members and Council. It is anticipated that the new site will be launched in late 2002.

Communique
Two Communiques were circulated to members, providing comprehensive coverage of Council activities.

Taking a Stand
There are many urgent issues facing mental health professionals at this time and one of the most prominent has been the difficult issue of asylum seekers, illegal immigration and/or refugees. Whilst the legal status of asylum seekers is not of concern to our profession we cannot ignore the mental health issues faced by these people and we have a professional ethical obligation to add our voice to that of other bodies that have condemned the conditions under which asylum seekers are detained.

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 gratefulness to members who tirelessly give their time and dedication to progress Mental Health Nursing. These contributions are vital to the continuing success of the College.

To all members, Branch Committees, Council members and Office Bearers, thank you for your support and helping out so generously to ‘make a difference’.

To Mr Jon Chesterson, Credential Project Consultant and the Steering Committee for their work on Credentialing. After a great deal of planning and consultation, the Credentialing for Practice pilot program will be launched in Tasmania in March 2003. After further consultation and fine-tuning it is anticipated that the program will be launched in the rest of Australia in 2004 and possibly soon after in New Zealand.

To Professor Michael Hazelton, Editor in Chief and his team, the Editorial Board and the International Editorial Board for their continued commitment to mental health nursing and leadership in producing a world class Journal for ANZCMHN members. A new contract was signed with Blackwell Science Publishing to publish the official journal of the ANZCMHN under the new title of the International Journal of Mental Health Nursing.
To Dr Gerry Farrell, Director of the Board of Research and members of the Research Board for their work in progressing monographs and selection of the winner of the first research grant. Congratulations to the winner Ms Yun-Hee Jeon.

To Ms Deb Nizette, Censor-in-Chief and the Board of Censors for coordination of Investitures and Oration at the 2001 Melbourne Conference. Congratulations to Mr John Arnts who was invested as a Life Member of the College and to Steve Elsom (Vic); Sheryl Hall (ACT); Neil Harvey (NZ); Michael Hazelton (SA); Chris Hatten (NZ); Irene Henley (SA); Jan Thompson (SA); Joanne King (Qld); Trish Martin (Vic); Lorna Moxham (Qld) and Ian Munro (Vic) who were invested as Fellows at the 2001 Orations held at the 2001 ANZCMHN Conference held in Melbourne, Victoria.

To Ms Lorna Moxham for successfully coordinating the Stan Alchin Awards for 2001 and Mr G. Rowley and Rozelle Hospital for generously sponsoring the award. Congratulations to the two winners of the 2001 Award Ms Sera Pixie and Ms Jane Bodkin.

To John Quinn, Qld Councillor for coordination of the 2000–2001 Annual Report.

The Australian and New Zealand College of Mental Health Nurses remains committed to its primary objectives. It is our professional responsibility to protect and promote mental health for all and we urge Commonwealth, State and Territory government and other authorities to work with us to achieve this goal.

To all members of the ANZCMHN, we are confident that working together will make the difference and enable us to achieve this goal. The demonstrated commitment of all members, of our office bearers and members of Council, will enable us to continue to Set the Standard for mental health nursing in Australia and New Zealand.

Mr Stephen Elsom  
President

Ms Irene Henley  
Executive Officer

Professor Michael Clinton  
Past President
International Journal of Mental Health Nursing
Journal Editor’s Report

In late 2001 the editorial office for the Journal was relocated from the School of Nursing and Midwifery at Curtin University of Technology, Western Australia, to the School of Nursing and Midwifery, University of Newcastle, New South Wales. While the relocation contributed to a slowing down of the review process throughout much of 2002, this has not affected the publication deadlines for the Journal, which took place as scheduled in September 2001, December 2001, March 2002 and June 2002. With the editorial office once again fully functioning, the time involved in the review process should improve significantly during late 2002 and early 2003.

2001/2002 has been a significant year in the history of the Journal. Most significantly, with the publication of Volume 11, Number 1 (March 2002) the International Journal of Mental Health Nursing came into existence, with a new larger format and significantly increased editorial space. At the time of writing this report three editions of the IJMHN have been published and the editorial team has received much correspondence from readers praising the new format and design.

The new larger format of the Journal has brought an increase in editorial space, thus allowing for the publication of a greater number of articles in each edition. Indeed, a comparison of the number of articles published (using the ANZJMHN format) in the March, June and September editions of Volume 10 (2001), with the corresponding editions in Volume 11 (2002) indicates that under the new IJMHN format readers have access to between two and three extra articles per edition. Other highlights for the last year include a significant increase in online sales, with the number of institutions subscribing to the Journal via Blackwell Synergy having more than doubled, and significant penetration occurring into markets in Asia, UK/Europe, North and South America, Russia, Africa and the Middle East. The IJMHN is currently covered by a number of the most important abstracting and indexing services including:

- Australian Medical Index: http://www.informit.com.au
- British Nursing Index: http://bni.org.uk/
- CINAHL: http://cinahl.com/prodsvc/prodsvc.htm
- PsycINFO: http://www.apa.org/psycinfo/about/

In addition to online sales, hard copy non-College member subscriptions are also held in the following countries: Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, Iceland, Ireland, Japan, Malaysia, Scotland, Sweden, United Kingdom and the United States.
In 2001 the Editorial team agreed that the ANZJMHN/IJMHN should be part of an initiative involving the World Health Organisation and six publishers (including Blackwell Publishing Asia) to provide online access to biomedical and health professional journals to public health workers, researchers and policy makers in the 100 poorest countries. The project, which commenced at the beginning of 2002, will last for three years and is envisaged as an important step in the establishment of the Health InterNetwork, recently announced by the United Nations' Secretary-General. The IJMHN will also be available online to students and staff of 387 Russian institutions – universities, medical schools and nursing colleges – for the next two years, under a scheme sponsored by the Russian Foundation for Basic Research.

It should also be noted that the IJMHN has maintained high levels of interest from product advertisers, especially pharmaceutical companies. In 2001/2002 the following companies advertised in ANZJMHN/IJMHN: Sanofi-Synthelabo (Epilim), AstraZeneca (Seroquel), Lilly (Zyprexa; mindbodylife), Blackwell Publishing (Editor-in Chief, Journal of Advanced Nursing), Forensic Psychiatric Services Commission (Canada). Following discussions between Blackwell Publishing Asia and the Editorial Team in late 2000, the Editor must now approve all advertisements for publication in the Journal. In 2001/2002 approval was declined for one draft advertisement.

Producing an international peer reviewed journal of the quality of the IJMHN is no easy task. Indeed, production of the Journal is supported and assisted by many people who provide their time and services on a voluntary basis. Sincere thanks are extended to the members of the Editorial and International Editorial Boards, many of whom also review manuscripts. Special thanks are also conveyed to the members of the Review Panel who give generously of their time to review manuscripts – a crucial but time consuming and sometimes thankless task. Thanks also to the members of the Editorial Team – the Deputy Editor, Book Review Editor and Honorary Associate Editor. Without the ongoing efforts of all of these busy and hardworking colleagues it would not be possible to publish the IJMHN.

From October 2002 I will be entering the last of my five year term as Editor of the IJMHN. It will be important for succession planning to commence as early as possible to ensure a smooth transition to a new editorial team from late 2003 onwards.

*Professor Mike Hazelton*

*Editor, International Journal of Mental Health Nursing*
Board of Censor’s Report

Board Membership

Censor-in-Chief
Deb Nizette (appointed 2002 for a 5 year term)

Patron to the Board
Meryl Caldwell-Smith (appointed to this role in 1998 at Fremantle)

Victoria
Ekura Emery (second term to 2003)
Derith Harris (second term to 2003)
Phil Maude (appointed 2001 for a 2 year term)

New Zealand
Colin Hayes (second term to 2003)

New South Wales
Jan Barling (second term to 2003)

Tasmania
Cecily Pollard (appointed 2001 for a 2 year term)

• Continuation of Board membership for a further term (4 years maximum) requires a written memorandum to the Censor-in-Chief from the Members’ Branch.

• Board members are required to notify the Censor-in-Chief of their intention to attend the College conference for planning purposes.

• Board members aim to meet annually at conference. Board members are requested to submit agenda items for discussion to the Censor-in-Chief.

Nominations for Board Membership
Nominations for membership to the Board are requested. Branches are requested to forward nominees to the Censor-in-Chief. To be eligible the nominee must be a Fellow of ANZCMHN.

Life Members
Branches are reminded of the opportunity to honour a branch member by nominating them for life membership. A written nomination and endorsement outlining the member’s contribution to the Branch is required. A brief curriculum vita of the Life Member is also requested for the investiture ceremony.
Members and Fellows Admitted in Absentia
Members or Fellows who have previously been admitted in absentia are invited to be presented at the investiture ceremony (any year). Please advise the Censor in Chief of your request.

Investiture and Oration 2002
The investiture and oration for 2002 Sydney Conference will be held at the Powerhouse Museum on Wednesday 16th October. Sandra Hoot is the Orator for 2002. Sandra is a past President of the College and an active member of the New South Wales Branch for many years. There have been a number of applications for Fellowship. The Board looks forward to the investiture of Fellows and presentation of Members and Fellows previously admitted in absentia.

Actions for 2002–2003
Strategic planning for the Board of Censors including:
• development of role guidelines for Board members
• development and planning of appropriate administrative processes of the Board (in conjunction with College Council)
• review of the Censoring process currently in use
• review of criteria for Fellowship (in conjunction with College Council)
• development of a calendar for Board activities (to be advertised in College publications).

 Deb Nizette
 Censor-in-Chief
 Phone: 07 3855 7302, Email: d.nizette@mcauley.acu.edu.au
Board of Research Report

Inaugural Annual Research Award
The College’s Inaugural Annual Research Award was announced at the Darwin winter symposium held in June.

Ms Yun-Hee Jeon, Health and Ageing Research Unit, War Memorial Hospital, Waverley, NSW was the recipient. She received a cheque for $10,000 to assist with her study into The Use and Accessibility of Respite Care Services for Older Carers of People with a Mental Illness. Her associate researchers include:

- Dr June Sherriff, Nursing Research Officer, Health and Ageing Research Unit Waverley, NSW.
- Mrs Colleen O’Neill, Social Work Manager/Acting Team Leader, Waverley Aged Care Assessment Team, NSW.
- Ms Helen McIntosh, Clinical Nurse Consultant, Department of Old Age Psychiatry, Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick, NSW.
- Mrs Ann MacLochlainn, Senior Mental Health Nurse Clinician, Health and Ageing Research Unit, War Memorial Hospital, Waverley, NSW.

More information on this study is available on the College website.

- The Board of Research acknowledge the time and effort taken by College members who were unsuccessful in their application for this award and encourages them to reapply for a grant in 2003.
- Calls for applications for the 2003 award will be announced at the Sydney conference. Details of the application process will appear on the College website shortly after.

Monographs Online
As with the previous two monographs Getting up to Speed with Evidence-Based Practice and Evaluating the Outcomes of Mental Health Care: An Introduction our third monograph Towards Ethical Mental Health Nursing Practice will go online after the conference. These monographs can be downloaded as a PDF document free of charge from the College’s website at: www.anzcmhn.org

New Monographs for 2002
A monograph on Clinical Supervision is planned for launch at the Sydney conference in October.

A monograph on Antipsychotic Medication, supported by Eli Lily, is also planned for launch at the Sydney conference; however, finalisation plans for this are still in progress.
Bye to Eimear and Gerry and Call for New Research Board Members

Eimear Muir Cochrane resigned as a board member earlier this year due to family commitments. Board members thank Eimear for all her hard work and for her commitment and enthusiasm over the years. After the Sydney conference Gerry Farrell will hand the baton over too. Gerry thanks all past and present Board members for making his role as chair a very comfortable one indeed!

The Research Board extends an invitation to all college members, and especially to clinicians, to consider joining the research board. Information about membership can be had from Gerry Farrell at g.farrell@utas.edu.au or phone: 03 6324 3318.

Gerry Farrell
Research Board
Membership Report (to August 2002)

As in previous years, the College continues to attract new members, with 225 new Members, Associate Members, Corporate Members and Students being admitted into membership of the College during the year 2001/2002. Of some significance is the number of rejoining members (30) and, with the assistance of Branch Councillors, a reduction of members who are listed as ‘Address Unknown’. The amount of returned mail is, however still significant, and members are asked to place the College on the list of organisations to be notified when moving.

Table 1. Membership growth

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Table 2. Members joined and ceased

As shown in Table 2, the number of those not renewing their membership is down on the number of 1999 and 2000. 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 continues to be a popular choice for members who do not have the opportunity to have payroll deduction payments. During 2001/2002 the number has increased to 83 members who pay by direct debit. Payroll deductions remain the most popular alternative, with 642 members paying their subscriptions by this method.

Table 3. Branch membership as a percentage of the total membership
Life Member and Fellows
John Arnts (Victoria) was awarded life membership at the 2001 oration. The following members have been accepted into Fellowship of the College.

John Carmody (USA), Steve Elsom (Vic), Sheryll Hall (ACT), Neil Harvey (Tas), Chris Hatten (NZ), Michael Hazelton (WA), Irene Henley (Qld), Joanne King (Qld), Trish Martin (Vic), Lorna Moxham (Qld), Ian Munro (Vic) and Jan Thompson (SA).

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

Roberta AIRY SA
Amanda ALII NSW
Stefan James ANDERSON NSW
Lisa BATTEN NSW
Kate BEEL VIC
Pamela June BENNETT SA
Heike BINGEL ACT
Belinda BIRRANE NSW
Denise BLACK NZ
Philippa BLACKLEY NSW
Gayelene BOARDMAN VIC
Pat BRACKEN NZ
Kellie Rose BRADLEY NSW
Donna BRESAZ NZ
Maurice Gibson BREUST SA
Ross S BROWN NZ
Lorraine Anne BROWN NSW
Vivienne M BUCKTON SA
Sally Jane BUTCHER NSW
Stephen BUTLER VIC
Anthony Denis CALHOUN SA
Owen Wayne CAMPBELL NSW
Sally CARLISLE NSW
Phillip L. CARR WA
Bronwyn CARR NSW
Margaret J CLARE QLD
Linda Anne CLARK NSW
Helen Margaret COLLINS TAS
Nicole CORNISH QLD
Ingrid Sophia COTHER SA
Leanne CROOKS QLD
Julie Elizabeth CUTTING-PARKER NSW
Marzanna CZUPRYNSKI NSW
Susan Maree DALY NSW
Cheryl DAVIS VIC
Heba Shehata DAY NSW
Keri de CARLO NSW
Alison DE SILVA NZ
Marian De WIT QLD
Burt De-CAMPO QLD
Nino DI PASQUALE VIC
Patricia DONOHOE QLD
Stephen Anthony DOYLE NSW
Angelika DUYN QLD
Tracy Suzanne EADIE QLD
R EDWARDS NZ
Anita EISENREICH QLD
Megan ELLIS NZ
Gihane ENDRAWES NSW
Linda Irene EVANS NSW
Penelope Jane FAIRWEATHER SA
Lesley Ann FEARON NSW
Rhonda S FIELD NSW
Jennifer Louisa FINCH NSW
Neale Thomas FINN NSW
Linda FITZPATRICK QLD
Melissa Molly Juanita FLANAGAN QLD
Wayne FORWARD NSW
Diane June FRANCES NSW
S FRANCIS NZ
Patricia Anne FRANCIS NSW
Denise FRY VIC
Carol Gwendolene GALLARD QLD
Susan Kim GATHERGOOD NSW
Michael John GILL QLD
Sherylee Kaye GIRLING WA
Kay Jeanette GLENDENNING NSW
Emma GOESSI NZ
Mark GOODHEW NSW
Valerie Ann GOODWIN VIC
Lance John GREAM NSW
Melanie GREEN NZ
Mark GREEN SA
Anthony GREENING NSW
Cerdic HALL NSW
Kerrie HANCOX VIC
Donna Leanne HANSEN VIC
Sharon Therese HARRIS SA
Jill HARRISON NZ
Beverley HARVEY NSW
Maria HATZISTYLIS NSW
Diane Marie HAWKINS VIC
Health Waikato DHB NZ
Simon HILL NSW
Lorette Maree HILLS TAS
Michelle HILTON SA
Blair HOBBS VIC
James Anthony HOUGHTON NZ
Julie HUGHES QLD
Lynne JAMES SA
Kim JARVIE WA
Kerrie Anne JENNINGS NSW
Shirley Ann JENNINGS VIC
Glenys Ann JOHNS NSW
William Thomas JOHNSON NSW
Larissa Jane JOHNSON NSW
Anna JOHNSTON QLD
Stephen Mark JONES NZ
Barbara KEEBLE-DEVLIN VIC
Bruce Stephen KELLY QLD
Vicki Elizabeth KELLY QLD
Sandra KELTY NSW
Chris KEWLEY NSW
Reena KIANAMA NZ
Susan KIDD VIC
Leonie KINGSTON NZ
Steven KIRKBRIDE NZ
Natalie Herma-Jean LANCASTER TAS
Dianne Elizabeth LAWS NZ
Julie LEARY WA
Sara Adele LEWIS NSW
Gina Mary-Emily LLOYD-THOMAS VIC
Vernon LOW QLD
Tracey MACKIE NZ
Reshin MAHARAJ NSW
Michael MAHON NSW
Andrew Thomas John MALONEY QLD
John Paul MANGOS NSW
Juanita MARCHESANI WA
Catherine MARSHALL-DUGAS NSW
Margaret Ann MARTIN NSW
Ruthanne MATENGA NZ
Ernest Augustus MATTHEWS WA
Berni McBRIDE NZ
Clare McCARTEN NZ
Andrea McCLOUGHEN NSW
Lesley McFRASER NSW
Nicola Jane McGUIGAN QLD
Kathy McILWAIN NZ
Greg McGAHAAN QLD
Gai Lois McKIBBIN QLD
Benjamin Bruce Franklin McKINNON QLD
Ian Robert McLEISH QLD
David MCLEOD NSW
Jill Patricia MILES NSW
Wendy Elaine MILSOM NSW
Marzena MISZCZUK NSW
Mario MOLDOVEANU VIC
Darina MONKS QLD
Stephen MONSIEGNEUR QLD
Adele Faye MORRISON VIC
Shellwyn MOUAT VIC
Dianne MOUHANNA NSW
Gelaye NADEW WA
Putti NICHOLLS NZ
Sasha NICHOLS QLD
Janine NOBLE NZ
Richard Bradbury NOORT NSW
Sharon NORTH QLD
Natalie NYAMANDE ZIMBABWE
Julie O’BRIEN QLD
Teena OLSEN WA
Craig OLSEN NZ
Graham PHILLIPS QLD
Stephen John PURKIS NSW
Sofia RANDALL QLD
Vincent R RASELL NZ
Moi RAYAPPAN WA
Catherine RICHARDI ACT
Kathryn RICHARDSON VIC
Angela Jane RICHMOND QLD
Patricia-Ann RICKABY WA
Sheena R. RIORDAN QLD
Anne Denise RIPBURGER QLD
Terri ROACHE QLD
Giorgio ROBERTI QLD
Virginia ROBERTS NT
John ROBERTSON SA
Judith Annette ROBINSON NSW
Steven ROBSON SA
Jason Nichalos ROSS NSW
Rachel Catherine ROSSITER NSW
Janice ROWHAM VIC
Karen Ann RYAN NSW
Mario Vincent SANTILLA VIC
Tanya SCAVO VIC
Sophie Danielle SCHAPIRO VIC
Shane SCHUTZ NSW
Anne-Marie SEARCHFIELD NZ
Alexandra SEPULVEDA NSW
Stephen SEYMOUR ACT
Elizabeth SHAW QLD
Allison SIDEBOTHAM VIC
Kerry SIMS SA
Kirstie SINCLAIR NSW
Nicole SLOCOMBE VIC
Phil SMITH QLD
Lance Charles SMITH NSW
Trevor Alexander SMITH NSW
Patsy Frances SOMERHAYES NZ
Anita Lis SORENSEN VIC
Peter John STUMER QLD
Chris TAUA NZ
Damien Peter TEAKLE QLD
Jason Ward THACKERAY QLD
Katie Lauren THOMPSON QLD
Janet Marjorie TRAINOR VIC
Denean TRAVERS SA
David Allen TREDENICK QLD
Dee TSOUKALAS VIC
Susan TWEEDY NSW
Diana UY NSW
Sharon Barbara VAN ECK QLD
Mary VAN HERTEN NSW
Paul Christopher Van HOUTS QLD
Susan Van LEET QLD
Bev WADE NSW
Natalie Janette WALKER QLD
Christine Margaret WALLER ACT
Lorraine WARD NZ
Jacqueline Ann WARNER VIC
Judith Ann WATENE NZ
Wendy Elizabeth WATLING NSW
Roianne Fay WEST QLD
Cindy WHARTON NZ
Denise WILLIAMS NZ
Karen Linda WILLOX WA
Karen WINTON NZ
Michael WITKOWYCZ NSW
Pamela Ann WOOD NT
Paulette Alice Desiree WOODWARD NZ
Peter Alan YORK SA
Albert Tom YOUNG NSW
Laurence Anthony ZIEGELER NT

Jan Properjohn
Secretariat
Treasurer’s Report

Interim Income Statement for the Year Ended June 2002 (yet to be audited)

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I am pleased to provide this my second report as Treasurer for the financial year July 2001–June 2002.
The Council has had a busy year consolidating the business of the College and has drawn on the corporate knowledge of the College. Council believes that there is now a solid framework to forge the College forward.

Council believes that it has maintained best management, as initiated by the previous Treasurer, of the financial affairs of the membership.

It is considered that the membership is our biggest asset and as such the service we as Council provide our members with will progress and enhance the profession that is Mental Health Nursing.

Council has provided financial assistance to the smaller branches of the College by way of seeding grants. Also Conference seeding grants have been given to the ACT Branch and NZ Branch for the conferences in New Zealand 2003 and Canberra in 2004.

Council this year supported the NT Branch by holding its mid-year meeting in Darwin.

Council also participated in a workshop with the Medication Alliance Project Team.

One outcome of the support identified so far has been the awarding of Fellowship to two members of the NT branch and an increase in membership in NT.

Going through the issues from last year:

- Contact has been made with the ATO (Australian Tax Office) and we are currently providing GST payments. It should be noted that branches still have some outstanding GST payments to make. I am confident that this will be resolved by the end of the year.
- The return of capitation to the branches was completed in June 2002.
- An accountant in Canberra is auditing the accounts for the financial year 2000–2001. This audited report will be available in the next Communique.
- The College bank account in New Zealand now has two office bearers as signatories.
- Accounts in Australia total $275,901.52.
Recommendations

- That all members be asked to return the renewal of membership form even if there are no changes.
- That GST statements are faxed to each Branch Treasurer on a quarterly basis, completed and faxed back to the Treasurer.
- That capitation fees are returned to Branches on a quarterly basis.
- That branches send out the packs to new members in order to develop personal contacts within each state and territory.
- That a new auditor be appointed. For convenience and in order to be accessible, I request that an auditor be considered for appointment in Nambour – Paul Thompson, phone: 5441 6622.

Liz Marsh
Treasurer
Australian Capital Territory Branch Report

President                  Donna Hodgson
Vice President            Herb Kreuger
Councillor                Sheryl Hall (until August 2002) Donna Hodgson (from August 2002)
Secretary                 Michele Garner
Treasurer                 Ruth Chipman
Committee Members         Paula Howe, Libby Elm, Kay Martens, Kerin O’Brien, Jenny Fothergill

This year the ACT Branch has begun to have a more structured approach to College commitments and activities. Branch meetings are held at alternate north and south Canberra venues to facilitate member involvement. Local goals, which the Branch developed in the New Year, were to:

1. increase fundraising activities
2. provide educational fora for members
3. distribute informative quarterly newsletters
4. organise at least one social activity for the committee and members, and
5. increase membership by 10%.

It was anticipated achievement of these goals would increase the profile of the College and therefore the local Branch. The main fundraising activity is our successful annual trivial night, scheduled for August. This activity raises finances, which allows the Branch to offer a combination of full and/or partial scholarships to the College Conference. This year new members will be competing for the ‘New Member Prize’, which is a recently published text on mental health nursing.

Education and information fora are presently being negotiated. It is hoped that at least one of these for a will be financially supported by a pharmaceutical company. A local Branch resource library has been initiated for members’ exclusive use. The College is represented on the ACT Mental Health Nurses Advisory Group.

The Branch was successful in bidding for the 2004 College Conference, which has “Mental Health Nursing: A Changing Landscape” as the theme. A conference committee has been formed under the leadership of Mr Kerin O’Brien.

Quarterly newsletters providing local information, news and Branch activities have been collated, printed and circulated to members. It is predicted that the newsletter could be sent electronically to the majority of the members and this issue will be explored next year.
A trivia night was held in August and a social College get together was held in December last year and planning is well under way for the next trivia night. Branch officers continue to be assertive in recruiting new members. This is achieved by Branch representation on staff orientation programs at the two major hospitals where the benefits of College membership are able to be discussed.

Finally, I would like to very much acknowledge the energy and contribution of active branch members who continually volunteer time and effort to better the professionalism of mental health nursing. In particular we acknowledge Sheryl Hall, the retiring Branch Councillor for her enthusiastic and valuable contribution to the ACT Branch. We wish you well in your new endeavours!

Donna Hodgson  
ACT Branch President
New South Wales Branch Report

It seems no time since I was at my computer writing last year’s annual president’s report. It appears at times that a lot of water has gone under the bridge in the last year, and, yet at other times we are just staring at a stagnant dam that has not changed for several years. However, over the last twelve months that dam wall has been chipped away and the water has started to move again.

Before I highlight the NSW Branch’s activities of the last twelve months I would like to acknowledge the hard working executive. Particularly, Ms Dennise Allen who resigned from her position as NSW Councillor, earlier this year after three and a half years service on ANZCMHN Council. This last year has been a difficult one for council and Dennise has represented the branch with both professionalism and dedication, so I would like to publicly thank her for all her hard work and commitment. In a similar fashion, I would also like to thank Kim Ryan (vice-president) and Jen Bichel-Findlay (secretary) for keeping the branch and executive on track, supporting the executive and providing the branch with minutes etc through emails, news letters etc.

So what has happened in the last twelve months? 2001–2002 has seen the branch extend much of its focus to the 2002 conference. We have been looking forward to hosting a successful and fun filled conference in one of worlds best cities to celebrate mental health nursing for several years now. It will be great to see so many of our colleagues from all parts of Australia and New Zealand and those from other parts of the world here in Sydney.

Throughout the year the branch has continued to work tirelessly to promote the profession and represent mental health nursing within NSW. Since July 2001 there has been representation on three of the four working parties for the NSW Violence Taskforce and a seat on the main Violence Taskforce. This project has proved to be interesting, as our colleagues for the general system have turned to mental health for advice and have acknowledged what is being provided by mental health professionals within the general system.

The other NSW Department of Health working parties, which the branch has had representation on is the Nursing Workforce committee. This ended towards the later part of 2001 when it was announced that funding would be available for numerous strategies to attract recruit and retain nurses in the mental health environment. The branch was to receive funding to collaborate with NSWCN to develop and conduct refresher courses for mental health nurses. However, with the advent of Nurse reconnect this funding was rolled over into that program. The profession should start to seen some developments with nurses being attracted into mental health positions, particularly with education being part of this strategy.
This year has seen the finalisation of several years of developing professional courses and a model for the graduate certificate in mental health nursing. These activities have caused much heart searching and additional work for members of the branch to both come up with relevant seminars and to design meaningful post graduate programs. However, this has been achieved and the branch is sure that those nurses who have attended some of the one to three day workshops have appreciated the time and effort the speakers have put into these workshops. The branch has a commitment to continue ongoing professional development and supporting those nurses working in difficult clinical situations. These continuing education programs have been developed in conjunction with the NSW College of Nursing, who we acknowledge for their ongoing support of our branch. Over the next twelve months there will further developments with the branch being actively involved in the development of university curricula and advising other professional bodies on mental health nurses’ needs.

The branch has maintained strong ties with peak organisations with links to education and professional development. One of greatest links this year has been the formal agreement signed off in March this year with the NSW College of Nursing. This agreement enables members of the branch to have affiliation with the NSWCN and join at a reduced rate whilst still getting the full benefits of being a member of two strong organisations promoting the nursing profession. The branch recommends and supports members taking up this agreement as it benefits our organisation, the profession and individuals, by ensuring mental health nursing has representation in conjunction with our generalist and specialist colleagues across the health service in NSW. This agreement has strengthened the long association between the two colleges, which has been established over many years but not formalised until this year.

The branch at the beginning of 2002 changed the venue for branch meetings by returning to Rozelle Hospital. This was mainly for convenience, as parking and security at Burwood was becoming difficult after hours. Thus the branch now is meeting in the conference centre at Rozelle, which has ample car parking and is easily accessible. The executive, branch members and the conference organising committee have spent many an evening at Rozelle, organising and preparing for the next few months leading up to the conference. I would thank and acknowledge the hospital and nursing administration for their generous provision of the premises.

Over the past twelve months the branch has seen an increase in the number of financial members. At last year’s AGM I reported that there were 442 financial members. This year I am happy to report that there are now 543 financial members within NSW.

Since the NSW Branch’s annual general meeting the financial records have been audited by Ken Crossman & Co. chartered accountant, with a final breakdown available to all members who are interested. The auditors’ report states that all financial records are properly drawn up so giving a fair and true view of the state of affairs as of the 30th April 2002.
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the executive and branch members for all their hard work over the past twelve months in the many activities that we have undertaken, and I look forward to another busy twelve months ahead especially with the conference in October.

**NSW Sub-Branches: The Hunter, Central Coast and Illawarra**
I would like to take a brief space to acknowledge and thank the NSW sub branches for all their hard work and commitment to The College and Mental Health over the year. The Sub-Branches have continued to expand their membership, and their activities at a state and local level.

The Hunter has run a successful conference this year and has called for abstracts for next year May 2003. Well done to Dianne Marchoni for her sterling efforts in recruitment.

The Hunter has had a good year and was represented well at the conference. Congratulations to Brenda Simm and Francine Campbell for being runners up for the Stan Alchin Award. Kim Lane won the best mask at the Ball. Peter Baker won the Early Bird Registration Prize.

The Central Coast and Hunter sub-branches shared a promotions stall at the annual college conference. The Central coast has sponsored a lunch for new graduates in the Area Health service to promote mental health nursing, due to its success will continue next year. The Central coast is in the planning stages for their conference in August 2003.

The Illawarra (next year we will go south to north) also had a promotions staff at the annual college conference this year. Members of the Illawarra sub branch are involved in a number of research projects and we look forward to hearing more as their research continues.

The Illawarra Sub branch held its first conference, The Seaside Jamboree on the 26th of June this year at North Wollongong Surf Club. The conference included a welcome on behalf of the local aboriginal people by John Bolt and a welcome to “Taranga”.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the conference at Darling Harbour to share, Coming of Age: A Celebration of Mental Health Nursing.

*Jem Masters*
*NSW Branch President*
New Zealand Branch Report

PO Box 83–111, Auckland, New Zealand

Aotearoa/New Zealand Branch: Partnership, Voice, Excellence in Mental Health Nursing, uniquely expressed in this place.

Office Holders of the New Zealand Branch
The New Zealand Branch elected some new members at the AGM in May 2002. The Branch now includes:

President    Christine Palmer (Auckland)
Vice-President Tony O’Brien (Auckland)
Secretary    Anne Tacon (Rotorua)
Treasurer    Christine Lyall (Dunedin)
Councillor  Erina Morrison-Ngatai (Rotorua/Palmerston North)
Committee Members Tony Farrow (Christchurch), Hineroa Hakiaha (Whakatane), Anne McDonald (Auckland), Makere Panapa (Hamilton), Tish Siaosi (Auckland)

The former President, Kaye Carncross, remains very involved in the activities of the Branch through representation on professional nursing committees that meet in Wellington.

The New Zealand Branch has met twice since May and is continuing the work of previous office holders.

National Nursing Organisations (NNO)
A memorandum of Understanding exists between the Ministry of Health and Nursing Groups in NZ. This relationship provides “a vehicle through which the nursing profession in New Zealand can proactively contribute to health policy and the development, implementation and evaluation of government initiatives to improve the health and wellbeing of peoples in New Zealand”. The MOU has been signed by 25 nursing groups. Kaye Carncross is continuing to attend this meeting on behalf of the New Zealand Branch.

Nurse Practitioner Advisory Committee of New Zealand (NPAC-NZ)
The NZ Branch has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the College of Nurses Aotearoa, the National Council of Maori Nurses, The New Zealand Nurses Organisation and the Nursing Council of New Zealand to work collaboratively on matters relating to the endorsement of Nurse Practitioners and the development of the Nurse Practitioner model within New Zealand. Christine Palmer, Erina Morrison-Ngatai and Kaye Carncross will represent the Branch on this committee, which plans to meet in Wellington several times each year.
Nurse Prescribing
The NZ Branch continues to lead the development of nurse prescribing within the mental health nursing scope of practice. Ruth De Souza chairs the working group and has developed a consultation document. We are now pressing ahead with clarifying the range of medicines that mental health nurses will be eligible to prescribe in keeping with the scope of practice. In addition, Tony O’Brien and Christine Palmer will meet with a representative of Janssen Cilag later in September to discuss how they might provide financial support to help complete this process over the next twelve months.

Partnerships in Wellbeing Award
The inaugural Partnerships in Wellbeing Award will be won in New Zealand this year. Eli Lilly (NZ) and the NZ Branch have worked together to advertise and judge the applications. There were 26 applications for a single award of $7,500. ANZCMHN representatives on the judging panel included the National Executive committee and Maori Caucus. The award will be announced at the Sydney conference in October, alongside the awards for Australia.

Responsible Clinician
The Responsible Clinician is “The clinician in charge of the treatment of the patient”. The Ministry of Health published the Competencies for the role and function of Responsible Clinicians in December 2001, making explicit the range of health professionals who may potentially assume this role (previously the domain of Psychiatrists). Following collaboration with the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists and the New Zealand College of Clinical Psychology, Tony O’Brien has written a letter on behalf of the NZ Branch to the Director of Mental offering our expertise to work with the Ministry of Health to develop a process for appointing Responsible Clinicians. We await his response.

Nursing Council of New Zealand (NCNZ) – Alternate Pathway for RGONs to RCpN
The NCNZ has developed an alternate pathway for Registered General and Obstetric Nurses (RGON) to achieve Comprehensive Nurse registration (RCpN) without having to undertake an undergraduate nursing degree. RGONs may now complete an approved Entry to Specialty (New Graduate) Mental Health Nursing programme (usually one year in duration), completing both the academic and clinical requirements of the course. At the successful completion of the programme, students sit and pass the State Examination (Mental Health) in order to be eligible for entry onto the Register for Psychiatric Nurses and then the Register of Comprehensive Nurses. The NZ Branch is working with the NCNZ to develop an appropriate State Examination.

Maori Caucus
This active and committed group meets regularly to advance the needs of mental health nurses in New Zealand by participating in initiatives at a national, regional and local level in partnership with all stakeholders. Maori Caucus continues to provide a forum for Maori mental health nurses on matters that concern them, as well as providing leadership for the ongoing professional development of Maori mental health nursing. Main achievement this
year was to hold a two day Wanaanga (strategic planning days) in Auckland reviewing Caucus structure, systems and processes, goal setting priorities for the next 12 months, initiating a working party to determine a 5 year strategic plan, and most importantly the alignment of Caucus with NZ Constitution. Other activities include providing consultation for the Clinical Indicators research for the NZ Standards of Practice; the development of Advanced Nurse Competencies 2002; Rotorua Conference 2003; Nurse prescribing; Nurse Practitioner, Partnership and Wellbeing award.

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Christine Palmer
NZ Branch President
Northern Territory Branch Report

Committee Members

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Treasurer                  Denis Blackford, phone 8922 8572
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Membership

Branch membership numbers continue to be stable – 3 new members were recruited last year, and 2 moved on interstate.

Gerry Hoogenboom, who has given sterling service to the NT Branch over the years, has left us for Queensland. We miss Gerry’s professionalism, commitment and sense of humour very much, and we wish him all the very best in his new life. Our loss is Queensland’s gain!

Winter Symposium 2002

The NT Branch hosted the first ANZCMHN Winter Symposium in Darwin in June, 2002. It was a great honour and pleasure to be received by the Administrator of the Territory for welcome cocktails in the grounds of Government House. The friendliness of this occasion set the tone for the entire event. Our keynote speakers, David Arthur and Eamon Shanley, set the standard for a stimulating and varied program, with a strong focus on cultural issues and partnerships. Social events – informal, in the best NT style – attracted much positive comment.

Over 30 individual registrations were received, and 2 corporate registrations. The event was well received, with a highly positive response to the evaluation questionnaire. The Branch was able to repay Council seeding funding, and emerged with a small but significant surplus, which will be used to underwrite educational activities in the coming year.

We look forward to relaxing and enjoying the winter sun in Queensland at their Tropical Symposium next year in May in Townsville!
**NTNB Re-registration**
Branch personnel continue to raise the issue of Mental Health Nurses not having separate registration in the Territory. So far there has been no formal review of this decision. Branch will consider what further avenues may be explored to protect the interest of mental health consumers.

**NT Nursing Career Structure Review**
There is still concern among members that the proposed model does little to address the aspirations and needs of mental health nurses. Ongoing action is being taken to ensure that mental health nurses are adequately represented in career restructure review and implementation.

**Other Activities**

**Tertiary Education**
Frank Pearson, Denis Blackford and Pat Bradley undertake teaching and marking for undergraduate nursing programs at NTU. Marie Hughes and Pat Bradley are investigating possibilities for offering postgraduate opportunities in the Territory.

Frank Pearson provides mental health education to Registered General Nurses, including RN Graduates.

**NT Government Committees**
Marie Hughes, Pat Bradley, Neil Spencer and Frank Pearson are actively involved in Department of Health and Community Services work groups related to:

- career structure review
- nursing service review
- performance outcome measures for mental health
- nursing re-entry.

Pat Bradley
NT Branch President
Queensland Branch Report

Queensland Branch to July 2002

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary/Councillor
Assistant Secretary
Education Officer
Policy Committee Convenor

Anthony Weller
Geoff Allen
Graeme Browne
John Quinn
Mark Quadrell
Mary Murray
Pam Beavis

North Queensland Sub Branch

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Assistant Secretary

Mick Blair
Andrew Brownlie
Tom Ryan
Mark Quadrell
Richard Lakeman

Gold Coast Sub Branch

President
Treasurer
Secretary

Ian McKenzie
Fiona Whitecross
Phillipa Critchley

Over the 12 months to July 2002, the most significant Queensland Branch activity was the Refugee Mental Health Seminar. It was organised by Branch President Anthony Weller at the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane. Coincidentally it occurred on Federal Election Day (November 10, 2001).

The seminar was a success for the College. The profile of mental health nurses was raised as a socially conscious group. We linked with community and non-professional interest groups to advance the cause of a disadvantaged minority.

During the federal election, refugees were vilified as queue jumpers who throw their children overboard to make their point. Ken Walsh’s recent guest editorial in our College Journal “Compassion, Prejudice and Mental Health Nursing” IJMHN (2002) 11,69 poignantly captures many of the ideas debated at the seminar.
Another major event over the last year has been the months of sustained attack by the media in Queensland on forensic mental health care. Ostensibly in the ‘public interest’, the attacks were mostly about selling newspapers and fanning stigma and prejudice. Our system may not be perfect, but Queensland has one of the most enlightened forensic systems in the world. Here treatment and care takes precedence over punishment or retribution. The ‘Forensic Phobia’ Queensland Branch College Newsletter, published in June, captured many of the nuances of the forensic care debate with several contributions from key branch members.

Another highlight was the fantastic tropical symposium held by the North Queensland Sub Branch at Yeppoon in May. There was an array of great papers from local nurses at the cutting edge of our profession. Congratulations to the organisers! We look forward to May 2003 in Townsville. The North Queensland website: http://www.geocities.com/HotSprings/8517/nqanzcmhn/ is a tribute to sub branch activity and Richard Lakeman. It is updated regularly with news and events. The Gold Coast Sub Branch Winter Symposium held last August (2001) was also a most worthwhile day.

Annual reports are an opportunity for self-congratulation and reflection. Some time ago, Tom Ryan from Townsville suggested we consider how we develop, nurture and network MHN leadership in the state. Leadership, or more precisely, the lack of it, is a serious impediment to the ongoing development of Mental Health Nursing. At several levels, our College has attempted to assume a leadership mantle. There are many fine examples of MHN leadership in clinical, educational, research or managerial practice. Following Tom’s suggestion we have been progressing various ideas to further advance MHN leadership initiatives including holding management and educational issues forums.

Branch membership has continued to grow. At the time of writing, the Queensland Branch has 370 members and is on track with the goal of having one in five Mental Health Nurses in Queensland a College member! Many thanks to those members who took the membership recruitment folders to their workplaces and asked nurses to join the college!

Finally tribute must be paid to our executive members. Anthony Weller, Mary Murray, Graeme Browne, Geoff Allen, Mark Quadrell and Pam Beavis have all made a significant contribution. Particular gratitude is paid to Graeme who is stepping down after several years as Treasurer, and to Anthony for his role as President. Many thanks must go to the sub branch executives on the Gold Coast (Ian McKenzie, Phillipa Critchley and Fiona Whitecross) and in North Queensland (Mick Blair, Andrew Brownlie, Tom Ryan, Mark Quadrell and Richard Lakeman). We recognise the broader membership for their contribution to the strength and vitality of Mental Health Nursing!

*John Quinn*
*QLD Branch Secretary/Councillor*
South Australia Branch Report

Office Holders 2001–2002

President               Jacky Talmet
Vice president          Pat Barkway
Secretary               Jan Thompson
Treasurer               Jacky Talmet
Councillor              Pat Barkway
Committee               Rob Iverson, Eimear Muir-Cochrane, Marie Brazier, Ann Crago

Branch Activities

The membership of the SA Branch remains stable at approximately 110. However, the number of active members has reduced over recent years. A number of factors have proven it increasingly difficult over the last year to encourage members to become more active within the Branch. The Branch Committee has re-established Branch newsletters and regular mail outs to members to promote participation and has provided opportunities to link with other members on issues or areas of interest both of which have received little response. The Branch Committee acknowledges with thanks the efforts of Jan Thompson, the Branch Secretary in improving communications to members.

Attendance at Branch committee meetings has also been irregular, due to the workloads and other competing demands on Branch committee members. To assist with attendance, meetings are now held every second month with Branch business being conducted by email in between meetings that has increased the efficiency of conducting Branch business.

The Branch has retained a supportive, small core of members involved in College activities with two committee members holding dual positions.

Contribution to External Committees/Working Parties

Branch Committee members have contributed to various working parties of key nursing bodies or stakeholders in the state including:

* Nurses Board of SA Forum *Prescribing Medication and Diagnostic Investigations*, 13 February 2002.
* Department of Human Services *Clinical and Admitting Privileges Committee Committee Member.*
* Department of Human Services *Nurse Practitioner Project*, Member of the Working Party.
* Department of Human Services/ ANF *Recruitment and Retention Committee.*
* Flinders University *Advisory Group to the Graduate Diploma of Mental Health Nursing.*
Educational Initiatives of the Branch in Collaboration with Eli Lily During 2001–2002

Associate Professor Eimear Muir-Cochrane has the responsibility of organising Branch educational activities. The purpose of these initiatives is twofold. Firstly, to raise the profile and visibility of the College amongst current and prospective members and secondly to provide educational opportunities for clinicians. Initiatives during the past year are:

• *Partnerships in Coping*. Half day Symposium with Eamon Shanley, 10 October 2001.
• *Crisis What Crisis? Dealing with Acute Presentations*. One day symposium on mental health in A&E departments, 7 June 2002.

Jacky Talmet
SA Branch President

Pat Barkway
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**Tasmania Branch Report**

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**Branch Activities**

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The Tasmanian Branch meets monthly in Hobart, providing video conferencing facilities for members in the north and northwest of the State. Also assisting with enhancing communication with members, an extensive email address list has been developed for distribution of minutes and other relevant information.

Branch activity during the last year has included:

1. The provision of two very successful educational one-day seminars, attracting delegates state wide from a variety of government and non-government work places. The themes were “Schizophrenia, putting the pieces together” and “Prisons, Mental Health and the Community”. The programs included Professor Colin Holmes, David Whealing and Dr Roy Sugarman.

   The profile of the College has been raised by the significant media coverage of the seminars.

2. The objective of the College to represent the profession and provide expert advice continues within the branch with representation on a range of bodies in the state. These include Nursing Workforce Planning Group, Tasmanian Association of Mental Health, Information Advisory Group, Liaison committee with TSoN and Mental Health Nursing Education reference group – Partners in Health.

   Jim Pearson and Cecily Pollard represented the branch at the public hearing for the Senate Inquiry into Nursing.

3. The first draft of the Branch By-Laws has been developed.

4. The membership for the branch continues to steadily increase by approximately 10 new members per year.
Planned Activity for 2003

1. Commencing in March 2003 will be the pilot program for Credentialing of practicing mental health nurses in Tasmania. Credentialing articulates standards of practice at an individual practitioner level. Members of the steering committee are Jim Pearson, Chair; Jon Chesterson, Project Consultant; Dr Gerry Farrell, TsoN; Moira Laverty, NBT; Coral Muskett, DON, Mental Health; Cecily Pollard, State President; and Stephen Elsom, Council representative.

2. On October 23, 2002 Professor Ruth Gallop will be conducting an one-day workshop in Hobart on “Trauma and Personality: Working with the challenging client who is diagnosed with Borderline Personality Disorder.

I acknowledge the commitment of current members who put a great deal of time and energy into the business of the Branch.

Cecily Pollard
TAS Branch President
Victoria Branch Report

The office bearers for the Victorian Branch for the year 2001–2002 were:

President               Wendy Cross
Vice President          Ian Munro
Secretary               Kay McCauley (from 1/11/01)
Treasurer               Greg Miller
Councillor              Steve Elsom
Professional Development Officer Julie Hercelinskyj

The newly elected office bearers for 2002–2003 are:

President               Ian Munro
Vice President          Kay McCauley
Secretary               Charanjit Singh
Assistant Secretary     Stephen Elsom
Treasurer               Julie Hercelinskyj
Councillor              Phil Maude
Alternate councillor    Kay McCauley
Professional Development Officer Julie Sharrock

The most significant event in the 2001–2002 year for the Victorian Branch was the 2001 ANZCMHN conference in Melbourne. This event was a tremendous success for the College and for the Branch and is reported in more detail elsewhere in this Annual Report. The remainder of the year was somewhat less hectic but nevertheless busy and productive. Regular professional development sessions continued and, despite low attendances, provoked interesting discussions.

The professional development sessions for the year were:

- July 2001: Dr Jan Horsfall – Cunningham, Dax lecture – “Gender issues relevant for mental health consumers and mental health nurses”.
- November 2001: The new level 4 and 5 clinical nurse educators and consultants formed a panel of guest speakers to discuss issues associated with their new roles.
- July 2002: Associate Professor Don Gorman, Cunningham Dax lecture – “Multicultural aspects of mental health nursing in Australia”.
The 3rd Victorian Collaborative Psychiatric Nursing Conference was held on the 12th and 13th of September 2002 in Melbourne. This annual event involves a collaborative effort between the Victorian Branch of the ANZCMHN, the Centre for Psychiatric Nursing Research and Practice, the Australian Nurses Federation and the Health and Community Services Union. The conference has become a major event on the Victorian mental health nursing calendar and is strongly supported by employers. Over 180 delegates enjoyed a quality program of presentations from clinicians, educators and researchers. This year was particularly successful as a recruitment strategy for the Victorian Branch with several new members joining at the conference and many more nurses expressing interest in finding out more about the College. Needless to say, Branch officials will be following up vigorously.

The new Branch Committee held a strategic planning meeting on 20th September 2002 to look at various issues including a recruitment drive for the Victorian Branch, the College profile in Victoria, and educational/professional development issues.

Other notable Branch activities for the year included:

- Representation on the Nurses Board of Victoria’s working party addressing the mental health/psychiatric nursing component of Bachelor of Nursing programs. The report has since been released and the Branch has commented.
- Representation on several university curriculum committees and on the Advisory Committee of the Centre for Psychiatric Nursing research and practice.
- Participation in the DHS working party developing guidelines for clinical supervision in mental health nursing.

Branch bank accounts are currently with auditors but the provisional financial report indicates a reasonably healthy balance. Under the leadership of the new Branch President, Dr Ian Munro, Victorian Branch members look forward to a productive year ahead.

*Steve Elsom*
*VIC Assistant Secretary*
Western Australia Branch Report

The year is progressing well with the Branch on track to meet the objectives of the business plan in all areas with the exception of a percentage increase in membership.

Branch Committee (at July 2002)

President        Chris Bone
Vice President    Eamon Shanley
Secretary         Gary Phillips
Treasurer         Michael Finn
Committee         Michael O’Kane, Dr Tin Tse, Debra Moen, Maureen Jubb
Branch Councillor Michael Finn

Membership

The branch has been unhappy with the maintenance of membership lists for some time. We have only received lists on request and as a result we receive a significant number of complaints from nurses who have signed up and received no contact from the College or WA Branch.

We have started to put together a package for new members and will consult with the College Council before implementation.

Inquiries

The WA Branch presented submissions to both the Senate Inquiry into Nursing and the National Review of Nursing Education. College members also presented independent professional submissions.

External Representation

The Division of Mental Health in WA has a strategic planning group that includes nursing representation. While the nurse represents Mental Health nursing, the person is a College member and the College was asked to provide a reference for the applicant. Having direct access to the strategic planning group does allow us as the professional body to have some useful input into Mental Health and Mental Health Nursing issues. The college has also assisted in providing a communication network for this for dissemination of information to and from the Strategic Planning group.

Nurses Board Western Australia (NBWA)

We were able to participate in a review of the curriculum for the re-registration program, along with Clinical Mental Health nurses from other work places. It was pleasing to note that all nurses participating in this review were college members.
The college was also represented during the drafting of a position paper produced by the NBWA on the Use of Patient Restraint. This was initiated by the Guardianship and Administration Board and involved a wide variety of non-nursing key stakeholders.

The College was formally involved in working with the NBWA in providing feedback on the Draft National Competencies for Mental Health Workers Document.

General Meeting
We have continued to have our general meeting usually with excellent support by Eli Lilly. The meetings have been breakfast meetings as we have found this attracts a larger audience. Attendance has been good and the guest speakers interesting. I would like to thank Eli Lilly for their continued support.

Education
We have had good responses to education sessions we have run. The annual symposium last year, with a series of workshops, were very successful thanks to the hard work of our education coordinators.

In conjunction with Fremantle Hospital and Health Service, Alma Street Mental Health Service, Nick Bowles was invited from England to present workshops on Brief Intervventional Therapy (Solution Focused Therapy) and Clinical Supervision. These were very well supported by Mental Health professionals and we wish to thank Claire Goodson at Alma Street for supporting the workshops.

Website
With the assistance of a new college member, the WA Branch has developed its own website. We are actively using this to keep members informed of relevant news and information. We can be contacted at: www.users.bigpond.com/perenti/anzcmhn/

As a result of this development and the desire to have the constitution online, we have reviewed the constitution and are currently advertising to have minor changes made at the Annual General Meeting in October 2002.

Chris Bone
WA Branch President
27th International Conference Report (Melbourne 2001)

The 27th conference was an exciting, provocative and successful event which showcased the innovative work being performed by mental health nurses across a variety of settings and from several countries. Over 300 delegates enjoyed a packed program of high quality presentations interspersed with informal networking and an exhausting social program.

Over half of the delegates completed evaluation forms and this information informs the remainder of this report and will be used to ensure the continued improvement of the ANZCMHN conference in future years.

Scientific Program
The conference theme was New Insights. The content of the program was very well received and was the subject of excellent feedback.

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. The program consisted of 3 keynote speakers, 5 further plenary sessions presented by invited speakers and a total of 84 papers delivered in concurrent sessions. The evaluation data indicated that the most popular keynote speech was delivered by Sally Goold, Chairperson of the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses.

Social Program
The welcome reception at the magnificent Hotel Sofitel received very positive feedback from delegates. It was a great networking opportunity and a positive beginning to the conference. During the reception and throughout the conference the food and service was very impressive.

The conference dinner dance was attended by approximately 250 delegates who enjoyed good quality food and entertainment.

Sponsorship and Marketing
Sponsorship in excess of $70,000 was raised as cash commitment, which included a $20,000 State Government Grant. Overall there was good support for the conference with all the original advertised sponsorship opportunities being secured. Special thanks go to all of our sponsors, in particular, Eli Lilly (Australia).

Summary
The ANZCMHN 2001 Conference was deemed to be a great success by both delegates and the hard-working committee and organisers involved in the project from conception to reality. Final delegate numbers were not as high as our original expectations but the combination of the terrorism and the collapse of Ansett were factors beyond anyone’s control which inevitably affected attendance.
Madeleine Schneider and the team from ICMS Pty Ltd are to be commended for the excellent work they did in the 2 years prior to and during the conference. This event simply would not have been the success it was without their professional services.

Finally, the organising committee would like to thank all delegates and all the people who worked behind the scenes to bring the conference to fruition. We look forward to relaxing in Sydney 2002 while others take on this daunting but most rewarding task.

**Organising Committee**

- **Convenor**: Wendy Cross
- **Program Convenor**: Phillip Maude
- **Council Representative**: Stephen Elsom
- **Social Program Convenor**: Kerry Brennan
- **Exhibition/Sponsorship Convenor**: Donna Saunders
- **Sponsorship Support**: Ekura Emery
- **Conference Management Services**: ICMS Pty Ltd
29th International Conference (Rotorua New Zealand 2003)

The New Zealand Branch of the Australian and New Zealand College of Mental Health Nurses is host branch for the Colleges 29th International conference to be held in Rotorua on 9 to 12 September 2003.

On the behalf of the branch and the 2003 organising committee it is my pleasure to extend an invitation to all college members to come to Rotorua in 2003. The uniqueness and innovations on show will make this an event not to be missed. Rotorua as host city, is a destination uniquely New Zealand; is internationally renowned for the richness and culture of its people, its explosive landscape, and outdoor activities. The conference Theme ‘Earth Sky and Number 8 Wire’ embraces this sense of wider community and aims to give voice to the profession of mental health nursing and innovative practice in a manner uniquely Aotearoa/New Zealand and Rotorua.

The central theme will be explored through two major focus areas: Practical Solutions to Practice Issues and the Changing Context of Mental Health Nursing. Planning for the conference is well advanced, Eli Lilly will again attend the conference in 2003 as principal sponsor. Five international keynote speakers have been confirmed. Major national and college speakers will be invited to present workshops on and around the theme.

Further information about the conference, and the ‘Call for abstracts’ can be gained by visiting the College stand at the Sydney conference or by contacting our conference manager Joy Mehlhopt, phone: 03 3790460, fax: 03 3790460 or email: joy@conference.co.nz or visit our conference college website link or at: www.conference.co.nz/anzcmhn2003.

Tio Sewell
2003 College Conference Convenor
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