

NURSING RESEARCH AND POLICY

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NEWSLETTER UPDATE SUMMER 2023



A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

The ACN Foundation continues to lead the nursing profession this year by providing 15 Emerging Research Leader Program grants and up to seven scholarships for the ACN Emerging Policy Leader Program. This is an important area of growth for the ACN's Institute of Leadership.

Nurses in Australia have a long history of delivering high-quality clinical research that improves care and outcomes. In fact, the League of Scholars recently reported that nursing research is the second most impactful area of research in Australia despite being underfunded. We can only imagine what is possible through better investment in nursing research.

Nurses work across a diverse range of settings including in rural, remote, regional and metropolitan areas. The potential impact of nursing research is enormous. Evidence shows that an investment in nurse-led research reduces healthcare costs and delivers a positive, sustained impact on the community. I hope you will consider investing in our nurse research and policy scholarships. You will note from our newsletter that the ACN has been busy, and throughout 2023, the ACN Foundation grew exponentially, awarding 109 nurses with scholarships. Thank you for your ongoing support, I look forward to keeping you informed of the work of the ACN Foundation and how, together, we can continue to support nurses and the nursing profession in Australia.

Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward
RN, MMgt, FACN, FCHSM, Wharton Fellow,
Chief Executive Officer

PAVING THE WAY FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE THROUGH NURSING RESEARCH AND POLICY LEADERSHIP

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) and the ACN Foundation are on a mission to grow the next generation of nurses who will shape the future of nursing knowledge and evidence-based nursing practice and influence how this will inform innovations in care. We do it through the ground-breaking

Emerging Research Leader Program Scholarship Grants and the Emerging Policy Leader Program Scholarships. The programs provide mentorship and practical skill development.

"Nurses are change agents! The ACN Foundation Policy Fellowship has reinforced the notion that nurses are not just caregivers but also catalysts for change. I have learned that nurses can drive reforms, influence decision-making, and pave the way for advancements in healthcare systems." Louise Lommerse - ACN Foundation Policy Fellowship recipient 2023

The vision of the ACN Foundation is to provide scholarships to passionate nurses who want to influence health policy and improve healthcare systems to make a lasting impact on patients and our community. Nurses make up half the healthcare workforce, and it is vital that they advocate healthcare policy in Australia.

"Together, we can help sow the seeds of innovation, where ideas take root and transform into evidence through an investigative research journey, ensuring best practice care at the bedside." Karen Grace National Director Professional Practise

The ACN Foundation urges you to consider investing in nursing leadership supporting our research and policy programs by donating to provide much-needed scholarships to help improve patient care and in turn, strengthen Australian health care.

For more information on the ACN Foundation or donating, please go to www.foundation.acn.edu.au



Emeritus Professor Christine Duffield FACN (DLF) far left and Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN, far right with 2022 Policy Fellowship scholarship recipients



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THE BULLWINKEL PROJECT

LT COL VIVIAN BULLWINKEL STATUE DEDICATION CEREMONY



Nursing history was made on 2 August 2023 with the unveiling of the sculpture of World War II nurse Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel. Wreaths were laid at Vivian's feet in her memory and in the memory of the 21 nurses who tragically lost their lives on Bangka Island. The sculpture is the first of a nurse, and the first of an individual woman, to be erected on the grounds of the Australian War Memorial. The sculpture was proudly funded and commissioned by the

ACN Foundation. The ACN Foundation would like to once again thank all of our supporters and donors who made this happen.

On 16 February 2024 the ACN Foundation will announce the 22 inaugural "Bullwinkel Scholars" at a special event in Canberra. The perpetual scholarships will be in the name of the 21 nurses who died at Radji beach, Bangka Island and one in the name of Vivian Bullwinkel.



His Excellency General the Honourable David John Hurley and Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley



Adjunct Prof Kylie Ward, Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley, His Excellency General the Honourable David John Hurley, Ex ACN Chair Emeritus Prof. Christine Duffield (FACN)



Australian Military Service Personnel



Statue of Lt Col Vivian Bullwinkel at the Australian War Memorial

Thank you to our Founding Sponsors. The ACN Foundation would like to thank all donors. Every donation contributes to ensuring the success of this important project.

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THE BULLWINKEL SCHOLARS

Thank you to all our donors who have donated to The Bullwinkel Scholars Program. Applications for the 22 scholarships have now closed and are being assessed. There were 87 applications in total. The first ever Bullwinkel Scholars will be announced at an official event on 16 February 2024 at Duntroon House, Canberra.

BALFOUR-OGILVY,
Elaine Lenore SX10596

BEARD, Alma May WX11175

BRIDGE, Ada Joyce
NX76284

BULLWINKEL, Vivian
F31029, VFX61330

CASSON,
Florence Rebecca SX13418

CUTHBERTSON,
Mary Elizabeth VX38746

DRUMMOND,
Irene Melville (Matron)
SX10594

ELMES, Dorothy
Gwendoline Howard
NX70526

FAIRWEATHER,
Lorna Florence SX13431

FARMANER,
Peggy Everett WX3438

HALLIGAN,
Clarice Isobel VX47776

HARRIS, Nancy NX76285

HODGSON,
Minnie Ivy WX11174

KEATS,
Ellen Louisa SX11647

KERR, Janet NX76279

MCGLADE,
Mary Eleanor NX76275

NEUSS, Kathleen Margaret
NX70527

SALMON,
Florence Aubin NX70991

STEWART,
Esther Sarah Jean
NX70936

TAIT, Mona Margaret
Anderson NX76281

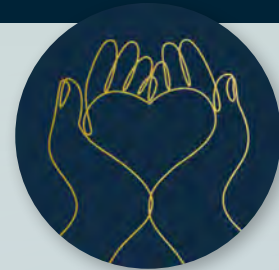
WIGHT,
Rosetta Joan VX61329

WILMOTT, Bessie WX3439



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SCHOLARS PROGRAM



CONSIDER A SUB-FUND OR LEAVING A LEGACY WITH THE ACN FOUNDATION

The ACN Foundation continues to facilitate charitable giving and the distribution of funds across ACN's programs and pillars supporting nursing. One of the options we offer is the opportunity for donors to set up their own named sub-fund to make a valuable and lasting contribution. Sometimes these are known as endowment funds.

A sub-fund allows a person, family, business, organisation or group of contributors to create substantial ongoing impact. This allows them to identify and support a particular interest with a financial commitment.

Setting up a named sub-fund is a simple option for an individual or family who want to give in perpetuity without the cost and legal requirements of setting up a Private Ancillary Fund or Family Foundation. Donations can be made at any time and many people can contribute.

A named sub-fund gives you the opportunity to assist at a direct and personal level. It is an effective way of supporting your area of interest in nursing, or to commemorate a special someone.

The ACN Foundation can help you identify the right projects for maximum impact.

You may also like to consider leaving a legacy to the ACN Foundation in your will.

To learn more about ACN Foundation sub-funds or leaving a legacy in your will, contact Julijana Trifunovic – Director of Philanthropy at info@acnfoundation.org.au



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VIETNAM STUDY TOUR

The ACN Foundation provided eight scholarships valued at up to \$5000 to provide an opportunity for Fellows and Members to enhance their learning and professional skills by attending the Jon Baines Nursing Study Tour to Vietnam in October 2023

The scholarship recipients visited and met with nurses, who provided excellent insights into nursing, health care and society in Vietnam. Visits included Bach Mai Hospital in Hanoi, Quang Hop Integrative Medicine Clinic and Kim Long Charity Clinic, both in Hue, to learn of the work carried out by its volunteers and nurses, providing free healthcare and support to impoverished rural populations. Adjunct Prof. Kylie Ward led the professional programme. It was balanced with a wide range of cultural visits, including opportunities to experience Vietnam's beauty, cuisine, culture and history. For many who attended, this tour was educational and life-changing.



ACN Study Tour scholarship recipients with Tour Leader and ACN CEO Adjunct Prof Kylie Ward with staff from Bach Mai Hospital and clinics in Hue.



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JOHNSON & JOHNSON FAMILY OF COMPANIES ARE A PROUD PARTNER OF THE ACN FOUNDATION

Johnson & Johnson, in partnership with the ACN Foundation, is proud to sponsor 21 fully-funded Nursing Graduate Certificate scholarships in 2023. The significant investment in these scholarships support Australian nurses to complete further studies in several areas of community need, aligning with Johnson & Johnson's commitment to health equity and to supporting healthcare workers.

In August 2023 at Parliament House in Canberra, together we recognised the important role Australian nurses play in our community. Four scholarship recipients joined ACN CEO Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN, along with members of Parliament, Senators and Johnson & Johnson to celebrate the awarding of their scholarships. Cancer Nursing scholarship recipient Catherine Gillam spoke about the importance of ongoing education and her role in supporting patients and their families throughout cancer treatment, echoed by the late Peta Murphy MP, a breast cancer patient herself.

Other scholarship recipients recognised at the event included Elizabeth Ferrier, a Nursing Team Leader with the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia, and Prasanth Nair, a Nursing

Unit Manager, both studying Management and Leadership, as well as Donna Davenport, who is studying Community and Primary Health Care, complementing her ICU and disability sector experience.

Several scholarship recipients, including Elizabeth and Prasanth, accessed scholarships reserved for Regional and Remote applicants, and First Nations peoples. Congratulations to all recipients of Johnson & Johnson nursing scholarships!

Below is Sue Martin Managing Director J&J Aus&NZ MedTec, Donna Davenport, Cath Gillam, Milton Dick MP, Elizabeth Ferrier, Prasanth Nair, and Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward.



ACN PACIFIC ISLAND NATIONS NURSE SCHOLARSHIPS

"ACN has been working closely with our Pacific Islands nursing colleagues for more than five years." Adjunct Professor Ward said.

The ACN Foundation further strengthened their links with the nursing profession in the Pacific Island Nations by providing two nurses from the regions, scholarships to participate in the ACN's Institute of Leadership Nurse Executive Program. Amelia Nasetava from Fiji and Ulisese Tapuvae from Samoa came to Sydney in September 2023 to meet the ACN team and attend face to face modules as part of the six month program.

Pictured L-R: ACN President – Adjunct Prof. David Plunkett (FACN), Amelia Nasetava, Ulisese Tapuvae and ACN CEO Adjunct Prof. Kylie Ward

