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## Meet the ACCCN Board

### Malcolm Green, ACCCN National Vice President & NSW/ACT National Representative



Malcolm started working in Intensive Care in the late 1990's and joined ACCCN as part of his professional development whilst studying for a Master of Nursing (Critical Care). Supported by inspiring nurse mentors, Malcolm had the opportunity to attend and present at the ANZICS/ACCCN Annual Scientific Meetings (ASM) and enjoyed the learning almost as much as the social events!

Malcolm successfully nominated to join the ACCCN NSW/ACT Branch in 2015 and now works with an amazing group of passionate critical care nurses to advocate for our fellow members. After trying his hand at various branch roles, he took on the responsibility of National Representative. Malcolm was elected to the ACCCN Board of Directors in 2017 and has worked

alongside Alison Hodak as the National Vice President since 2019.

Malcolm's day job is with the NSW Clinical Excellence Commission as Principal Lead, Patient Safety Improvement Programs. In this role he is responsible for state wide initiatives to improve the early recognition and response to deteriorating patients, sepsis management and the prevention of harm from falls and pressure injuries in the NSW Public Health System.

His seemingly conflicting interests of resuscitation and organ donation have seen him work for both the Australian Resuscitation Council and the NSW Organ and Tissue Donation Service. Malcolm undertook the Institute for Healthcare Improvement year-long Improvement Advisor Program, graduating in September 2017, and he continues to teach Quality Improvement Science at a local and national level.

## ACCCN Position Statements

ACCCN continues to publish [Position Statements](#) relating to all elements of critical care.

Position Statements help provide practical guidance to critical care nurses in the provision of care to patients in intensive care.

Recent publications now freely available:

[ACCCN POSITION STATEMENT ON ADVANCED PRACTICE IN CRITICAL CARE](#)

[ACCCN POSITION STATEMENT ON ADULT END-OF-LIFE CARE IN CRITICAL CARE](#)


*Australian Critical Care* recently published the National Position Statement on adult end-of-life care in critical care – <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.aucc.2021.06.006>

**POSITION STATEMENT**

**A national Position Statement on adult end-of-life care in critical care**  
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Join the ACCCN End-of-Life Advisory Panel where Associate Professor Melissa Bloomer and Dr Kristen Ranse will discuss the *National Position Statement on Adult End-of Life Care in Critical Care*. (see below for further details)

## 2021 Upcoming Events

### ACCCN End-of-Life Advisory Panel Webinar – ‘A National Position Statement on Adult End-of-Life Care in Critical Care’



ACCCN End-of-Life Advisory Panel Webinar  
**‘A National Position Statement on Adult End-of-Life Care in Critical Care’**  
 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2021  
 6:00pm – 7:00pm

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The provision of end-of-life care is a core feature of critical care nursing. For this reason, ACCCN supported the development of a position statement to provide nurses with clear practice recommendations to guide the provision of end-of-life care, and which reflect the most relevant evidence and information associated with end-of-life care for adult patients in Australian critical care settings.

Associate Professor Melissa Bloomer and Dr Kristen Ranse will host this webinar and provide an overview of:

- the research methodology and outcomes of the literature review used to inform the position statement; and
- practice recommendations developed from the literature

The position statement is intended to provide practical guidance to critical care nurses in the provision of adult end-of-life care in Australian critical care settings.

During the webinar, participants will be encouraged to ask questions and the Advisory Panel hope participants use this webinar not only as an opportunity to contribute to their professional development, but to also guide and inform their clinical practice.

## VIC Hot Topic Webinar Evening – ‘Global pandemic nursing: The lived experience’



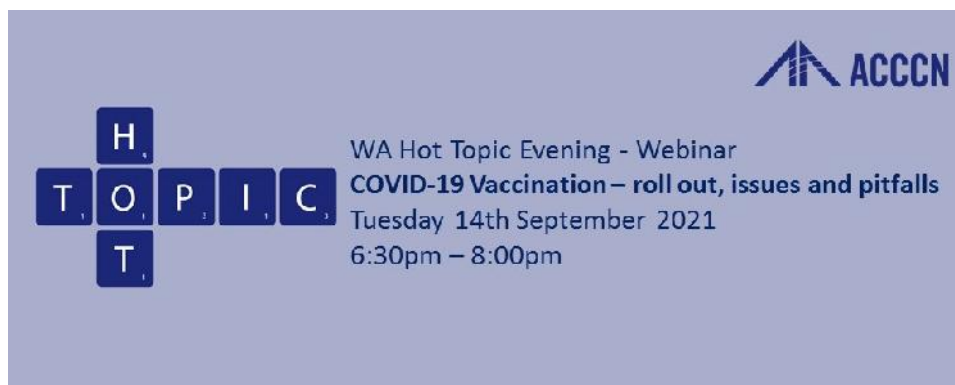
This webinar brings together international nurses reflecting upon their experiences thus far during the COVID-19 Global pandemic. Hear from their perspective what nursing has entailed; the contrasts across the world, planning, management and advice moving forward. Join us celebrating the comradery between nurses internationally. Countries represented include Sweden, Canada and the UK.

Proceeds will go to the Royal College of Nursing UK (RCN) to support those struggling in the UK. Each speaker, listed below, will speak for 15-20mins and there will be time for discussion, questions and answers.

Julie Levine - Stokes UK  
 Erin Sloane - Canada  
 Sophie-Mae Lawson - Southampton UK  
 Jennie Farrell - Stockholm



## WA Hot Topic Webinar Evening – ‘COVID-19 Vaccination – roll out, issues and pitfalls’



You will hear about the COVID-19 vaccination program roll-out in Western Australia (WA), from initial roll-out to current plans.

The speakers will be:

Lara Jackson - Operational Lead COVID-19 Vaccination Program, WA State Health Incident Coordination Centre (COVID-19 Response)  
 Associate Professor Christopher Blyth - Paediatrician, Perth Children's Hospital, Infectious Diseases Physician and Clinical Microbiologist, Telethon Kids Institute.

A panel discussion will be held after each speaker's presentation allowing the participants to ask questions, and the speakers to clarify points and share their insights on the COVID-19 vaccination.

## TAS Hot Topic Evening – Recongnising the Deteriorating Patient ‘Take my Breath’



Presented by Cardinal Health, Mr Kevin Holliday will be discussing how to recognise the signs of clinical deterioration, particularly respiratory. Safe monitoring of patients will also be presented.

## QLD Critical Care Seminar – ‘Management of Complex Respiratory Failure in ICU’



This seminar will explore the complex ventilation and rescue therapies required to manage patients with complex respiratory disorders. Exploring what the numbers and wave forms really mean and how to support decision making, including exploring when to prone, use nitric oxide and how to best wean these challenging patients.

## VIC Critical Care Seminar – ‘In Case U missed it: Innovations and Inspiration’



“In Case U missed it: Innovations and Inspiration” exploring contemporary changes occurring within the Intensive and Critical Care environment by examining our past as we look to the future.

Influential Victorian policy makers and leaders will open this seminar by presenting innovations and futuristic concepts improving intensive care practises and outcomes. The program will showcase clinical advancements in renal replacement therapies, therapeutic plasma exchange, fluid therapy in sepsis. New techniques and principles in ventilation strategies will be presented, and the role of ECMO as a mainstream treatment modality in both metropolitan and regional health settings will be explored. The program will conclude with inspirational discussions underpinning environmental, end of life patient dignity, and career sustainability. There will also be an engaging trade display for participants throughout the day. The Victorian State Committee looks forward to welcoming you to celebrate this long overdue face-to-face event

### SA/NT Spring Symposium – ‘Advanced Ventilation’



The ACCCN SA/NT Committee are excited to announce their Spring Symposium on *Advanced Ventilation*. The Symposium will be held at Rydges Hotel, Adelaide from 8am to 12noon and will have a combination of medical and nursing presenters.

### WA Deteriorating Cardiac Patient Study Day – ‘A Change of Heart’



The day examines acquired and congenital cardiac disease in both the paediatric and adult cardiac patient, which can sometimes lead to the need for ‘A Change of Heart’, especially for the acutely unwell and deteriorating cardiac patient.

Participants will be introduced to the latest research around caring for ‘dead’ hearts, and the recognised need to maintain viability of the heart in readiness for transplant. They will also hear a very personal recounting of a heart transplant recipient’s experience, as well as be presented with incredible case studies from both the adult and paediatric streams. The heart-warming story of being a parent of a child with a cardiac condition will be presented in the paediatric stream.

Participants will be able to move between the two streams according to their preference, as both the adult and the paediatric streams will be running concurrently throughout the day.

## ANZICS/ACCCN Intensive Care ASM 2022



We are pleased to confirm that the next ANZICS/ACCCN Intensive Care ASM will be held from **27-29 April 2022** at the **International Convention Centre, Sydney**.

The Annual Scientific Meeting will be the preeminent critical care conference in Australasia for the calendar year and will be an important platform that will allow doctors, nurses and allied health practitioners to meaningfully connect and discuss new developments and research in the field of intensive and critical care

The theme of the meeting is “**Harbouring Excellence in Intensive Care and Beyond**” and will focus upon the excellence and innovation achieved in the intensive care sector throughout Australia, New Zealand and the world.

For further information please visit the [ASM website](#).

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## NSW/ACT grants and funding

Are you ACCCN member in NSW or ACT? Are you interested in funding assistance to attend an educational activity relevant to critical care?

**NSW/ACT Members' Professional Development Grant - now open for applications!**

**Closing date – Sunday 26 September 2021**

For more information and to apply - <https://www.acccn.com.au/grants-awards/state-funding>

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## Employment Opportunity

Registered Nurse – Monash Newborn

Permanent, ongoing contracts for those with neonatal postgraduate certificate qualification (or above) OR fixed term contracts to undertake post graduate studies, with a view to permanent employment upon successful completion of neonatal postgraduate certificate qualification.



Please apply online through Mercury e-recruit (see link below) as email applications will not be considered.

<https://monashhealth.mercury.com.au/ViewPosition.aspx?Id=hOdr5yAgong=&k=49105&E=0&C=0&J=0&P=0&l=0&L=0&jbc=ere>

## Women & Leadership Australia Scholarships

### ADVANCE YOUR CAREER WITH A HEALTHCARE SECTOR WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Partial scholarships of \$1000-\$5000 per person are available for women for world-class leadership courses. Courses are available for women in all management levels.

For further information and to register your interest - <https://www.wla.edu.au/health.html>



## continulus

Continulus is a video-learning platform bringing you fortnightly lectures with leading critical care researchers and educators from around the world. All lectures for ACCCN members are FREE and come with a certificate and CPD - <https://www.continulus.com/acccn>

If you can't make the live presentation, the recording will be available shortly after!



#### Ward rounds and family involvement

**Claire Kydonaki, RN**

Live webinar: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021 @ 10pm AEST



#### Anxiety management among critically ill mechanically ventilated patients

**Breanna Hetland, Ph.D., RN**

Live webinar: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 @ 10pm AEST



#### Psychological Recovery

**Prof. Suzanne Bench**

Live webinar: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021 @ 10pm AEST



#### Nutrition & mobilisation in critically ill patients in the ICU (and during recover on the ward) through family engagement

**Prof. Andrea Marshall**

Live webinar: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021 @ 10pm AEDT



#### Evidence-based implementation in the ICU

**Deena Costa, RN**

Live webinar: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 @ 1am AEDT