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March 2021 represents one year from when the impact of COVID-19 first began in Australia. As the vaccination roll-out continues and we are still challenged by small outbreaks, for the most part we are very fortunate to be in Australia.

To reiterate our message one year ago – thank you to all critical care nurses and all medical teams who have continued to provide medical care during all the challenges faced. We thank you for all you do to keep the community safe and well.

The events for 2021 are in full planning mode with some unfortunate postponements – [WA Cardiac Study day will now be held on 19th November](#). Stay tuned for the rescheduled date for the QLD Seminar.

With only 7 weeks to go, we are counting down to [ACCCN's inaugural Annual Education Meeting \(AEM\)](#)! This years' AEM program incorporates a range of workshops. Workshops include - Cardiac Advanced Life Support, Tracheostomy, Resilience, Wellbeing & Empathy, iSimulate's 'Simulation Bootcamp' and Baxter's Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy (CRRT). We also have some exciting planning in progress for the [party night and a pre-AEM celebration](#) for International Nurses Day on 12th May 2021.

If your hospital ICU or critical care unit hasn't already submitted a photo capturing 2020/2021, we encourage you to get involved and have your unit/hospital represented in the opening of AEM 2021!

Thinking of attending the AEM but need some financial assistance? NSW/ACT, QLD & VIC are currently taking applications for [2021 Members' Professional Development Grants](#).

In March, [The Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Foundation](#) announced the opening of the 2021 Research Grant Program with EOI closing on Friday 16 April 2021.

Enjoy the March Newsletter.

ACCCN UPDATES

Queensland

In October 2020, the Paediatric Critical Care Unit (PCCU) at the Sunshine Coast University Hospital (SCUH) together with the Australian College of Critical Care Nurses (ACCCN) were delighted to host and present a paediatric critical care focused seminar. Queensland (QLD) is in a unique situation of having four paediatric intensive care departments in the state and this was an opportunity for us all to come together and share our ideas and experiences. The 2020 theme was around infectious diseases and given we were in the midst of a global pandemic this theme seemed very fitting.

Despite COVID-19 restrictions and the ever-changing climate of border closures and regulations we managed to achieve a COVID-safe seminar. There was attendance from across the state and faculty from all four paediatric intensive care departments in QLD were present. It was a great success with excellent feedback. This united interest has led to the decision that QLD will hold a paediatric seminar annually. Each paediatric intensive care department will be given the opportunity to host the event and select a theme for the seminar day.

Plans are currently in progress for the [2021 seminar day to be held on Friday 16th July that will be hosted by the Queensland Children's Hospital](#). We look forward to what they will serve up next!

By Lauren Morgan

ACCCN QLD committee member & PCCU NUM, Sunshine Coast University Hospital

South Australia/Northern Territory

SA/NT ACCCN branch hosted a Hot Topic Evening on Tuesday 16th March 2021 at the Rydges Hotel, Adelaide. The evening was organised by Allan Perriam and Lisa Thiele and the topic was: Toxicology – 'That wasn't good for me'. A great evening was had by all again.

Presentations included:

- Drs Nakulan Navaratnam & Sam Alfred - Alcohol Toxicity. Nak and Sam gave us some insight into the different types of alcohol that can be toxic, how they can affect the body, diagnosis, and current treatment options available.
- Heather Gray – Local Anaesthetic Toxicity - Erector Spinae Plane Blocks, benefits and what can go wrong.
- Jo Buttery – 'Envenomation- Snake bites' Jo's educating and entertaining presentation on the different types of venomous snakes here in Australia had us either horrified or laughing depending on how you feel about snakes. If you fear snakes, then don't look at the photo.....



And finally, congratulations to Jaqueline Bajut from Flinders University who was awarded the SA ACCCN Critical Care Prize for 2021 (pictured below on the left - award presented by Chantel Sharland, SA/NT State President).

SA/NT ACCCN will host the next Hot Topic in November in 2021.

Don't forget the [SA ICU Seminar Day – 'When the war is over' on Friday 30th July – Registrations now open!](#)

GRANTS & FUNDING

Are you thinking of attending a conference or educational/professional development activity? As an ACCCN member you may be eligible to apply for support to attend conferences, seminars, workshops or other educational events in the field of critical care.

Applications now open for the following state funding opportunities:

NSW/ACT Members' Professional Development Grant

Closing Date – Saturday 10 April 2021

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

QLD Members' Professional Development Grant

Closing Date – Thursday 15 April 2021

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

VIC Members' Professional Development Grant

Closing Date – Saturday 10 April 2021

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information



ANNUAL EDUCATION MEETING 2021



We are counting down to [ACCCN's inaugural Annual Education Meeting](#) (previously ICE) in Canberra at the QT Hotel, 13-14 May with only 7 weeks to go! Please refer to the AEM website for the latest preliminary program and registration information. As restrictions ease, we are now able to host a more relaxed and fun-filled Thursday Party Night (included in full registration)! If you are in Canberra the night before the AEM on Wednesday 12th May, please join us to celebrate International Nurses Day. More details regarding the [social functions can now be found on the AEM website](#).

Part of the 2020 ICE/AEM review included revisiting the type of workshops offered in the conference program. Workshop priorities have changed over the years. [The workshops at the AEM](#) should be responsive to clinician needs, complement the program and expand on presentation content.

The workshops being presented this year are a combination of popular favourites and ones that are topical or meet a clinical need. Two workshops will be delivered by sponsoring companies – iSimulate's "Simulation Bootcamp" Part A & B, and Baxter's "Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy" (CRRT) Workshop. There is also an emerging interest in Cardiac Advanced Life Support, so this has been included. The other two workshops on offer are Tracheostomy and "Resilience, Wellbeing and Empathy in Times of Change". See the AEM website for further information on workshop content.

The workshops are complimentary for in-person delegates. Please note that they do not form part of the virtual program. You can nominate your preferred workshops when registering, but you do not have to attend a workshop as there is plenty on offer in the presentation streams. We will endeavour to allocate preferences where possible, but numbers are capped due to venue capacity.

And what a great time of year to visit Canberra!

With a variety of excellent exhibitions on at the same time as the AEM, why not plan a few days before or after to explore the wonderful capital city of Australia!

Check out the [AEM website – What's on in Canberra](#) for more details.



BE INCLUDED IN THE AEM 2021 PHOTO MONTAGE!

We are creating a montage of images for the opening of the Annual Education Meeting (AEM) to be held in Canberra, 13-14 May 2021. Calling all Australian ICUs and critical care units to submit a photo that captures 2020 for them. What did 2020 look like in your unit/hospital?



If you missed the opportunity to snap a photo in 2020, it's not too late. We want to include ICU photos representing both public and private ICUs in all states, even if it's 2021.

Are you creative? Take a photo at an interesting angle that includes the name of your unit. How about one of staff in PPE? How did humour help you through? Did you have any interesting signs or quirky slogans that circulated in your unit? A snapshot of these would be great as well.

[CLICK HERE](#) to upload your photo now!

Photo - Joondalup Health Campus – the fantastic team of nurses and doctors in the cohort COVID ICU. The staff were amazing, positive, enthusiastic and motivated despite having to wear PPE for 12 hours

2021 EVENTS CALENDAR

**REGISTER
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WA Study Day – Recognising & Responding to the Deteriorating Child

Albany Health Campus
Tuesday 20th April 2021

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WA Study Day – Recognising & Responding to the Deteriorating Child

Denmark Health Campus
Wednesday 21st April 2021

REGISTER
NOW

AEM (Annual Education Meeting)

QT Hotel, Canberra
13-14 May 2021

REGISTER
NOW

VIC Hot Topic Evening – Webinar

Zoom Webinar
Tuesday 25th May 2021

REGISTER
NOW

TAS Study Day – Recognising the Deteriorating Patient

The Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel
Friday 2nd July 2021

REGISTER
NOW

QLD Paediatric Seminar – Kids on the Mind

Queensland Children's Hospital
Friday 16th July 2021

REGISTER
NOW

SA/NT Critical Care Seminar – When the War is Over

SAHMRI, North Terrace, Adelaide
Friday 30th July 2021

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WA Study Day - A Change of Heart: The Deteriorating Cardiac Patient

Hyatt Regency, Perth
Friday 19th November

INDUSTRY NEWS & EVENTS



Webinar
Nasal High Flow use during a pandemic: Implications for clinical practice

Wednesday 28th April, 2021
6pm AEST/ 8pm NZST

Moderator:

Dr Stephen Warrillow

Director of Intensive Care at Austin Health and Immediate Past-President of the Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Society

Speakers :

Associate Prof. Dr Jie Li
Associate Professor, Rush University,
Chicago, USA

Prof. Gerard Criner
Professor, Thoracic Medicine and Surgery,
Temple University, Philadelphia, USA

Topic: Risk of bio-aerosolisation
with NHF therapy

Topic: HFN therapy for Hypoxemic
Respiratory Failure in COVID-19

Register Here

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The Australian & New Zealand Intensive Care Foundation

The Foundation's 2021 Research Grants Program is now open. The foundation will award up to A\$250,000 with one grant of up to A\$100,000 being offered.

The Chair of the Foundation, A/Professor David Gattas has announced the opening of the 2021 Research Grant Program, during the 23rd Annual Meeting on Critical Trials in Intensive Care.

"The Foundation is delighted to announce that the 2021 program will see a total of A\$250,000 being awarded, with one grant award of up to A\$100,000. 2020 marked the 30th Anniversary of the Foundation and since its inception the Foundation has awarded nearly A\$4M to over 100 research projects in Australia and New Zealand."

For full details covering the 2021 Granting Program, including making an application are contained on the Foundation website - <https://www.intensivecarefoundation.org.au/>
Expressions of interest close on Friday 16th April 2021.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Addison Home Care is a private nursing agency. We have been looking after patients in their homes for the last 18 years. Run by Nurses for Nurses.

Qualified Registered Nurses and or ICU Nurses, required to look after a Ventilated, Quadriplegic patient in his own home in Randwick, from 10am until 2pm; 7 days on a rotating roster. The Registered Nurses MUST have experience with the following:

1. How to operate and use a RESMED Ventilator
2. Tracheostomy Care and Tracheostomy change
3. Suctioning experience
4. Administer injections as required
5. Change SPC monthly or as required
6. Current AHPRA registration
7. PI and PL Nursing Insurance

If you fit ALL of the above criteria and would like to join our team of nurses, in making a difference in someone's life, by enabling them to live at home, then please send your resume to hayley@addisonhomecare.com.au or call Hayley Addison on 0421 00 88 33.

- Contract length: 12 months
- Application Deadline: 31/03/2021
- Expected Start Date: 01/04/2021
- Salary: \$65.00 – \$70.00 per hour
- Schedule: Day shift/Rotating roster
- Supplementary Pay: Penalty rates
- Experience: ICU: 2 years (Required)
- Licence: Registered Nurse (RN) (Required)
- Work Eligibility: Permitted to work permanently with no restriction on hours (e.g. citizen, permanent resident) (Required)

