



## Lead, represent, develop and support Australian critical care nurses

The last couple of years have been extremely difficult for everyone, including the critical care community. During these challenging times the Australian College of Critical Care Nurses (ACCCN) has worked hard to support its members and critical care nurses.

Some of the activities the ACCCN has been involved with include:

- Advocacy through ongoing input into groups such as the National COVID 19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce, the Critical Care Advisory Group (CCAG), and the Critical Care Nursing Workforce Advisory Group;
- Collaboration with other organisations and development of guidelines and published statements such as the ANZICS COVID-19 Guidelines, the “Critical care pandemic staffing framework in Australia”, “ACCCN Position Statement on Adult End-of-Life Care in Critical Care”, “ACCCN Position Statement on Advanced Practice in Critical Care”;
- Work on the Minimum Staffing Framework for intensive care units with other key bodies such as the CICM, ANZICS and NZCCCN;
- Support of nursing colleagues in underdeveloped nations during the pandemic through regular online meetings, donations of educational materials, and setting up a special advisory group to send critical care nurses to these nations to assist with health needs;
- Commentary to the media highlighting the importance of quality critical care nursing response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- Development of eLearning content to assist with the demands of the pandemic.



Throughout the pandemic and recent challenges ACCCN has continued with its business-as-usual activities. *Australian Critical Care* continues to rank very highly amongst international critical care journals with the diligent work of The Editor in Chief and the dedicated team. Advanced life support courses have been available when local health orders permitted and ACCCN was one of the few health professional organisations to host a face-to-face conference for its Annual Education Meeting (AEM) in Canberra during the pandemic in 2021.

With these important achievements we are shifting towards a “new normal” and ACCCN is delighted to announce several scheduled events and courses for 2022. Our dedicated committees and advisory panels continue to work on further educational opportunities in person and online.

## ANZICS/ACCCN Intensive Care ASM

With less than 1 month until the ANZICS/ACCCN Intensive Care ASM the Organising Committee looks forward to welcoming all delegates to Sydney for this much anticipated, long overdue face-to-face meeting. There is still time to register to join colleagues and leading intensive care professionals from Australia and New Zealand - <http://intensivecareasm.com.au/registration/>



[View the interactive program here](#)

## TAS committee member welcome - Michelle Edwards

### What do you enjoy about critical care nursing?

I was offered a position in Coronary Care in the second six months of my graduate program back in 1991, which kick started my love of cardiac and critical care nursing. I have gone on to nurse in ICU, ED and coronary care units ever since. Whilst in Broome - Kimberley in North-West WA, I had a taste of working in the operating theatre - which I also loved. I enjoy caring for such critically ill patients with such a wide range of illnesses, injuries and conditions. Working within the multidisciplinary teams of ED, theatre and ICU domains are a privilege to be a part of.

### Why did you join ACCCN?

I joined the WA Branch of ACCCN back in the late 90's after completing my ICU Certificate, to maintain my knowledge and skills in critical care nursing practices and latest research within related fields. When I moved to the Broome I became a CPR Instructor with ACCCN. I believe it is so important to my nursing practice to be a member of a professional organisation such as ACCCN, thus allowing us to keep up with the latest in all evidenced based practices within nursing in general. The literature, courses and conferences that ACCCN offer are exceptional and offer a vital way to liaise with colleagues whilst being affiliated with a professional body related to my field of practice.



### What do you love about Tassie?

I originally came to Tassie 14 years ago because of my love of yachting and of course the Sydney to Hobart yacht race. I now call this stunning island state home after meeting my husband here. I love the colours of the trees in autumn, especially as you sail down the D'Entrecasteaux Channel, something you don't see in WA. The food, wine and locally made artisan produce is amazing all over Tassie. I think the secret of Tassie is out!

### What do you get up to when you aren't at work?

While it was sailing – racing, cruising and volunteering for the local clubs for 12 years now it is caravanning. Whilst I still love yachting, touring Tassie by road is a little more my speed now in my 50's! Touring and exploring the many secret locations and hidden treasures of Tassie is now on our radar in days off. We take our Fur Baby with us everywhere of course. Travelling overseas is also my love, so many amazing places to visit on this planet, the last being Antarctica (I'm sure it will be pretty hard to beat!!)

### Which / what three or four words or phrases do the other ACCCN committee members use to describe you?

*'Thorough, conscientious, kind and always keen to continue professional development'* – Jenny and Anita

## NSW/ACT Members' Professional Development Fund 2022

Are you an ACCCN member in NSW or ACT? Are you interested in funding assistance to attend the upcoming ANZICS/ACCCN Intensive Care ASM or perhaps another educational activity relevant to critical care?

[Click here for more information and to apply](#)

Closing date – Sunday 3 April 2022

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## The Australian & New Zealand Intensive Care Foundation

### 2022 Mike Cowdroy Education Grant for Rural/Remote Nurses

[The Intensive Care Foundation \(ICF\)](#) is dedicated to improving the care of critically ill patients by raising funds for clinical research projects as well as the education of health professionals responsible for intensive care. The aim of the ICF is to improve the number and quality of lives saved in Intensive Care Units each year. The Foundation also aims to raise the awareness and profile of intensive care throughout the community, highlighting the life-saving work that intensive care doctors, nurses and researchers perform daily.

The Intensive Care Foundation is now taking applicants for the 2022 Mike Cowdroy Education Grants for Rural/Remote Nurses. The Intensive Care Foundation will award two grants of up to \$2,000 each to assist a rural/remote nurse to attend the 2022 ANZICS/ACCCN Intensive Care ASM.

ACCCN has been nominated to administer the 2022 Mike Cowdroy Education Grant for Rural/Remote Nurses. Applications will be considered for travel, registration, accommodation, meal expenses used to attend the 2022 ANZICS/ACCCN Intensive Care ASM.

To be eligible the applicant must be a Registered Nurse working in rural/remote Australia. Rural/remote areas of Australia are defined as per the Rural, Remote & Metropolitan Classifications ([RRMA](#)): zones 3-7.

#### Closing date - Sunday 3rd April 2022

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for further details, Guidelines and the online Application Form.

Any queries please email [grants@acccn.com.au](mailto:grants@acccn.com.au) or call 1800 357 968.

### 2022 Intensive Care Foundation Research Grant Program

Expressions of interest (EOI) to apply for our 2022 grant program open on Monday 4 April. Our grant allocations focus on early career investigators and projects. The projects do not need to be research-based. Projects focussing on educational or implementation endeavours are also eligible. At least one team member must have held ACCCN/ANZICS membership for 12 months or be a CICM Fellow. ICF strongly encourages ACCCN members to consider applying for the scheme.


Enquiries: [ceo@intensivecarefoundation.org.au](mailto:ceo@intensivecarefoundation.org.au)

Applications open Monday 4 April: <https://www.intensivecarefoundation.org.au/applying-for-a-grant/>

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



**ACCCN Online Journal Club**  
 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022  
 6:00pm – 7:30pm  
 Via zoom, facilitated by NSW Branch

*'The core of patient-participation in the Intensive Care Unit: The patient's views'*




**ACCCN**

***In Case U missed it:***  
***Innovations and Inspiration***

VIC Critical Care Seminar  
 Friday 3 June 2022  
 Oaks on Market, Melbourne

[www.acccn.com.au](http://www.acccn.com.au)




**ACCCN**

**WA Study Day**  
 RECOGNISING & RESPONDING TO  
 THE DETERIORATING CHILD  
 Saturday 18 June 2022  
 Denmark Health Campus  
 8:30 – 17:30

[www.acccn.com.au](http://www.acccn.com.au)




**ACCCN**

**TASSIE TRAUMA DAY**  
 Friday 1 July 2022  
 Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel, Hobart

[www.acccn.com.au](http://www.acccn.com.au)




**ACCCN**

**WA Study Day**  
 RECOGNISING & RESPONDING TO  
 THE DETERIORATING CHILD  
 Saturday 17 September 2022  
 Royal Perth Hospital  
 8:30 – 17:30

[www.acccn.com.au](http://www.acccn.com.au)



## Industry Events & Updates



### 11<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the World Federation of Pediatric Intensive & Critical Care Societies (WFPICCS): 12-16 July 2022.

The local scientific and organising committees are delighted to have the opportunity to collaborate with WFPICCS in planning an unforgettable **virtual congress** based in Cape Town – the Gateway to Africa!

With a unique African flavour, the Congress will be tailored to the entire interprofessional WFPICCS community of physicians, nurses, scientists, and allied health professionals, providing a platform to advance professional knowledge, enhance skills, share experience and network with colleagues and friends from around the world. Together we aim towards improving paediatric critical care across the globe, so that every child has the best chance of survival and quality of life following critical illness or injury. In particular, we hope that this congress will provide the necessary impetus to advocate for improved paediatric critical and intensive care services across Africa, for which there is a pressing need.

The over-arching theme of the Congress is “**Ubuntu**” –an Inguni term roughly translated as “**I am because we are**”– it speaks to the belief that we are defined by our compassion and kindness toward others. In this spirit, the Congress organisers have made the difficult decision to once again hold the event virtually, considering the Covid 19 pandemic currently raging across the world, which would prevent many colleagues from attending in person. The virtual event will enable delegates from across the world to attend and benefit from the excellent programme, without personal risk and at considerably reduced financial and environmental cost.

WFPICCS 2022 will deliver a high-quality scientific programme, sharing the latest developments in paediatric intensive and critical care across the spectrum from basic science to the bedside and beyond to global health challenges and opportunities. The program will include daily plenary sessions, pre-congress workshops and “round-table” discussions, with opportunities to meet (using state of the art virtual technology) and discuss specific and diverse topics with experts in the field, from a range of professional and sociogeographic backgrounds across the world. There will also be scope for emerging researchers to share their work and generate discussion and critical review. In addition to the stimulating academic programme, we will host various fun social activities online, to give delegates an opportunity to relax, get to know one another better and experience a virtual taste of South Africa’s rich and diverse heritage. This is an exciting opportunity not to be missed!

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

# COMMUNIQUE

NATIONAL  
COVID-19  
CLINICAL  
EVIDENCE  
TASKFORCE

**Edition 60, 17 March 2022**

## Taskforce publishes new risk classification tool

With multiple drug treatments now available for adults with mild COVID-19, the Taskforce has developed a [risk classification tool](#) to guide clinicians making decisions about which people are most likely to benefit from these drugs.

The available evidence is not sufficient to enable the Taskforce to determine which individual patients are most likely to benefit from treatment. However, the recommended drugs are likely to be most effective in preventing severe illness and mortality in those people who are at highest risk of these outcomes.

The risk of developing severe illness is considered to be higher in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as a result of inequity arising from social determinants of health.

The examples in the matrix are based on the clinical expertise of the Taskforce and are not definitive nor exhaustive. Clinicians should also consider whether people are unlikely to be able to access higher level care due to geographical remoteness or other factors.

**Edition 61, 24 March 2022**

## New recommendations on the use of Evusheld

Following access to the clinical study reports for TACKLE and STORMCHASER, the Taskforce has made six new recommendations on the use of monoclonal antibodies tixagevimab plus cilgavimab (Evusheld)

For more detailed information please refer to [National COVID-19 Clinical Evidence Taskforce Communique: Edition 61, 24 March 2022](#)

## Invitation to Participate

### Registered Nurses enteral feeding practice: The RN FEED study

Researchers at Griffith University are seeking registered nurses who provide to critically ill adults and children to be involved in this research study.

Participation is open to registered nurses working in Australia and New Zealand and who are involved in the provision of care to critically ill patients - this can include direct patient care, education, research and administrative roles. The online survey takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. Your views are highly valued and participation is completely voluntary and anonymous.

The research is being led by Professor Andrea Marshall, Dr Shelley Roberts, Dr Emma Ridley, Associate Professor Fenella Gill, Associate Professor Rachael Parke and Ms Maggie Cowan.

This study has been approved by the Griffith University Human Research Ethics Committee (GU ref no: 2022/058).

For more information regarding the research please read the [Participant Information Sheet](#)  
If you are interested in participating in the survey please [CLICK HERE](#)



## Decision making when transitioning ICU patients from active to end-of-life care

*Have you cared for an adult ICU patient who has transitioned from active to end-of-life care?*

A research team led by Monash University invite you to participate in an interview. We are recruiting ICU nurses from across **Victoria** who work in adult ICUs who have had at least one experience in this process.

This study will consist of an interview, where we will discuss your experience(s) when transitioning patients from active to end-of-life care.

For more information, follow the link to the study's [Explanatory Statement](#) or contact Emma Tadgell at [etad0002@student.monash.edu](mailto:etad0002@student.monash.edu)

Participation is entirely voluntary and a voucher of \$25 will be sent to you for generously donating your time.

If you are interested in participating, please follow this [link](#) register your interest.

Please share this email with your colleagues - [click here](#) for a flyer

## Employment Opportunities



### Expressions of Interest - Position available with ACCCN SA/NT Branch

The ACCCN SA/NT branch is seeking applications for the role of South Australia/Northern Territory Course Coordinator/ALS Course Convener.

For Position Description and Selection Criteria, [click here](#).

Applications close **22 April 2022**

Please forward enquiries or applications to: [sa@acccn.com.au](mailto:sa@acccn.com.au)



### Registered Nurse (Grade 4B) - ICU Outreach

Part Time Ongoing

The ICU Outreach Nurse acts as a resource for ward medical, nursing and allied health staff in managing adult patients through the acute phase of physiological instability. The ICU Outreach nurse supports staff involved in managing patients with complex care needs, including the deteriorating ward patient.

[To view the full position description and to APPLY NOW, click here](#)

Any queries, please contact: Dacielle Johnstone, Nurse Manager, Tel: 0418 172 544

**Closing date: 1 April 2022**

## Gold Coast Health



### Registered Nurses & Clinical Nurses (Emergency Department)

Experience everything the Gold Coast has to offer while working in one of our world class facilities alongside a diverse multidisciplinary team, based in Southport. Submit your application for a Registered Nurse position within Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service today!

For further information on our health service, please watch our corporate video:

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/A8EtQFMm9XE>

#### About Us

The Gold Coast University Hospital (GCUH) Emergency Department (ED) provides tertiary level 6 services to the Gold Coast community and surrounds. The GCUH ED delivered comprehensive care for on average 350 patients per day. This ED was established in 2013 and includes a separate Children's Emergency Department, based at Southport.

#### Registered Nurses (Emergency Department)

##### The Role

An opportunity has become available for several Registered Nurses (Emergency Department) to join Gold Coast Health (GCH) where the focus of our 10 000-strong team is on providing world-class health care to people living in the Gold Coast, and northern New South Wales region of Australia.

- Permanent full time, permanent part time (several positions, minimum of 48 hrs p.f)
- Base salary ranging from \$74 281 - \$95 278 p.a., \$37.46 - \$48.05 p.h.

Click [APPLY](#) to submit your application by Friday, 1 April 2022

#### Clinical Nurses (Emergency Department)

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- Permanent full time, permanent part time (several positions, minimum 48 hrs p.f.)
- Base salary ranging from \$96 909 - \$103 768 p.a., \$48.87 - \$52.33 p.h.

Click [APPLY](#) to submit your application by Friday, 1 April 2022



### Registered Nurse - Intensive Care Unit

We currently have permanent full time and part-time opportunities for Critical Care Registered Nurses with postgraduate qualifications. Seeking candidates with demonstrated critical care experience; with a Post Grad in Critical Care. Your demonstrated experience within an ICU environment will see you flourish in our critical care environments.

#### How to Apply

Applications will only be accepted via the Monash Health online Mercury System only.

Email applications will not be considered.

[To view the full position description and to APPLY NOW, click here](#)

Closing date: 26 April 2022





## Health Western NSW Local Health District

### Nursing Opportunities available at Dubbo Health Service

Dubbo Health Service (Western NSW LHD) is a major rural referral hospital providing critical care, specialist medical inpatient and outpatient services, surgery, mental health and many specialized allied health and medical outreach services.

We are currently undergoing a major transformation to provide expanded and upgraded clinical services to the people of Western NSW and therefore have an increased requirement for nursing staff including **Enrolled and Registered Nurses, Clinical Nurse Educator and Nursing Unit Manager** across a range of specialties.

These positions are based at Dubbo, New South Wales and both full time and part time opportunities are available.

If you interested in knowing more, please email Lisa White, Deputy Director of Nursing at [lisa.white1@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:lisa.white1@health.nsw.gov.au) for a confidential discussion.

View currently advertised positions at <http://www.dubbohospitalcareers.com.au/current-vacancies/>

Find out more about living and working in Dubbo at <https://dubbo.com.au/live>.

Come join the team at Dubbo Health Service!

**Clinical Nurse Educator – Emergency Department – [click here to apply](#)**

Closing date: 26 April 2022

**Clinical Nurse Educator – Intensive Care Unit – [click here to apply](#)**

Closing date: 26 April 2022



### Registered Nurse - Critical Care (Dandenong)

Full Time and Part Time Permanent

We currently have several opportunities for suitably experienced Registered Nurses holding a Graduate Certificate in critical care nursing to join our team in providing excellent care to our complex patients. Working across a rotating roster (24 hours / 7 days) we have both full time and part time positions available on an ongoing basis to commence as soon as possible.

Bringing your passion and genuine interest for critical care nursing along with demonstrated experience in high standards of patient care will ensure your success within our team. You will have access to resources to support your work in ICU enabling you to advance your career whilst demonstrating nursing excellence.

#### How to Apply

Applications will only be accepted via the Monash Health online Mercury System only.

Email applications will not be considered.

**[To view the full position description and to APPLY NOW, click here](#)**

**Closing date: 6 June 2022**