

ACMHN Governance Plan

Annual General Meeting 29 November 2021

Governance enables implementation of the ACMHN Strategic Plan

The ACMHN is a Not for Profit (NFP) incorporated association registered under South Australian State legislation.

Clarity of mission, purpose and direction is critical

Corporate Governance then works to achieve these goals and manages the relationship among the all of the stakeholders including the board of directors and our members.

Not for Profit (NFP) governance structures need to enable optimal performance within an effectively managed acceptable risk profile.



ACMHN Strategic Plan - 2021-2026

The Australian College of Mental Health Nursing (ACMHN) is the lead organisation representing mental health nursing. Its members include those working as clinicians and therapists, educators, managers, public servants and other administrators, researchers, and students. The ACMHN sets standards for practice, supports mental health nursing research and provides a forum for collegial support, networking and ongoing professional development for its members. The ACMHN also works to promote public confidence in and professional recognition of mental health nursing.

A mental health nurse holds specialist qualifications in mental health nursing and is registered as either an enrolled nurse (EN), registered nurse (RN) or nurse practitioner (NP). Taking a holistic approach, guided by evidence, the mental health nurse works in collaboration with people who are living with mental ill-health, their family and community, towards recovery as defined by the individual.

The scope of practice of mental health nurses in Australia encompasses a wide range of nursing roles, functions, responsibilities, accountabilities, activities and creativities, modalities, and innovations. It is founded upon a process of ethical decision-making and compassionate care underpinned by personal and professional reflection. This diversity is fundamental to promoting optimal physical and mental health, prevention of physical and mental illness, and providing therapeutic interventions and treatment to support the physical and mental health preferences and needs of individuals, communities, and population groups.

Our mission

To set and promote standards for excellence in mental health nursing capabilities and therapeutic practice. These standards will solidify the drive towards recognition of mental health nurses as a nursing speciality and attract respect and dignity for mental health nurses and the consumers they work alongside. The ACMHN Constitution outlines further objects for which the College is established.

Our vision

Advancing the profession of mental health nursing to enhance the mental health and wellbeing of all those living in our communities. Members work together to ensure the ACMHN is contemporary, thriving, and striving for excellence.

Our values

The ACMHN is committed to a high level of professional behaviour from Board Directors, staff, volunteers and all who represent the College. We value integrity, compassion, professionalism, and aspiration.

Priorities

- Expand the ACMHN membership including further development and support for local branches/networks and ACMHN Special Interest Groups (SIGs).
- Work towards achieving improvements in the national regulation for mental health nursing and further lobby for increased pathways into the speciality.
- Provide professional and strategic leadership focused on advocating for and advancing the needs and unique contributions of the mental health nursing workforce across local, state, and Commonwealth jurisdictions.
- Offer a range of professional development opportunities for members that will contribute to the growth and continuous learning of mental health nurses and their scope of practice.
- Strengthen governance provisions that ensure a robust and sustainable ACMHN that is capable of further engagement with and collective contributions of the members.

Not for Profit (NFP) Governance Structures Ten Principles

- Clarity of mission and purpose 
- Well-managed organisational capacity and capability to deliver on mission and meet the organisation's strategic objectives 
- Solid foundations to assure sound governance and management of the organisation 
- A board that is well-structured, well-populated and well-managed to properly perform its function and to add value 
- Promotion of ethical and responsible decision making 
- Respectful of the rights of members, and good engagement and effective communication with stakeholders 
- Consistently achieve regulatory compliance and reporting requirements 
- Safe guardianship of the organisation's financial standing, integrity and sustainability 
- Good recognition and management of risk 
- Strong benchmarking and reporting against these principles 

ACMHN BOARD

(Elected Directors & Appointed Directors)

CEO
Stephen Jackson

PUBLIC OFFICER (SA)
Bernie Stefan-Rasmus

COLLEGE STAFF

PEAKS & PARTNERSHIPS
COMMITTEE
Board Chairpersons:
Mike, Donna & Stephen C

MEMBERSHIP & WORKFORCE
COMMITTEE
Board Chairpersons:
Donna & John

FINANCE, POLICY & RISK
COMMITTEE
Board Chairpersons:
Monica & Vicki

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT &
ACCREDITATION
COMMITTEE
Board Chairpersons: John & Mike

COMMITTEE OF SIGs
Board Chairpersons:
Vicki & James

COMMITTEE OF BRANCHES
Board Chairpersons:
James & Monica

MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT &
GROWTH

NATIONAL CAMPAIGNS
e.g. Registration

WORKFORCE FORUMS

POLICY & PROCEDURES

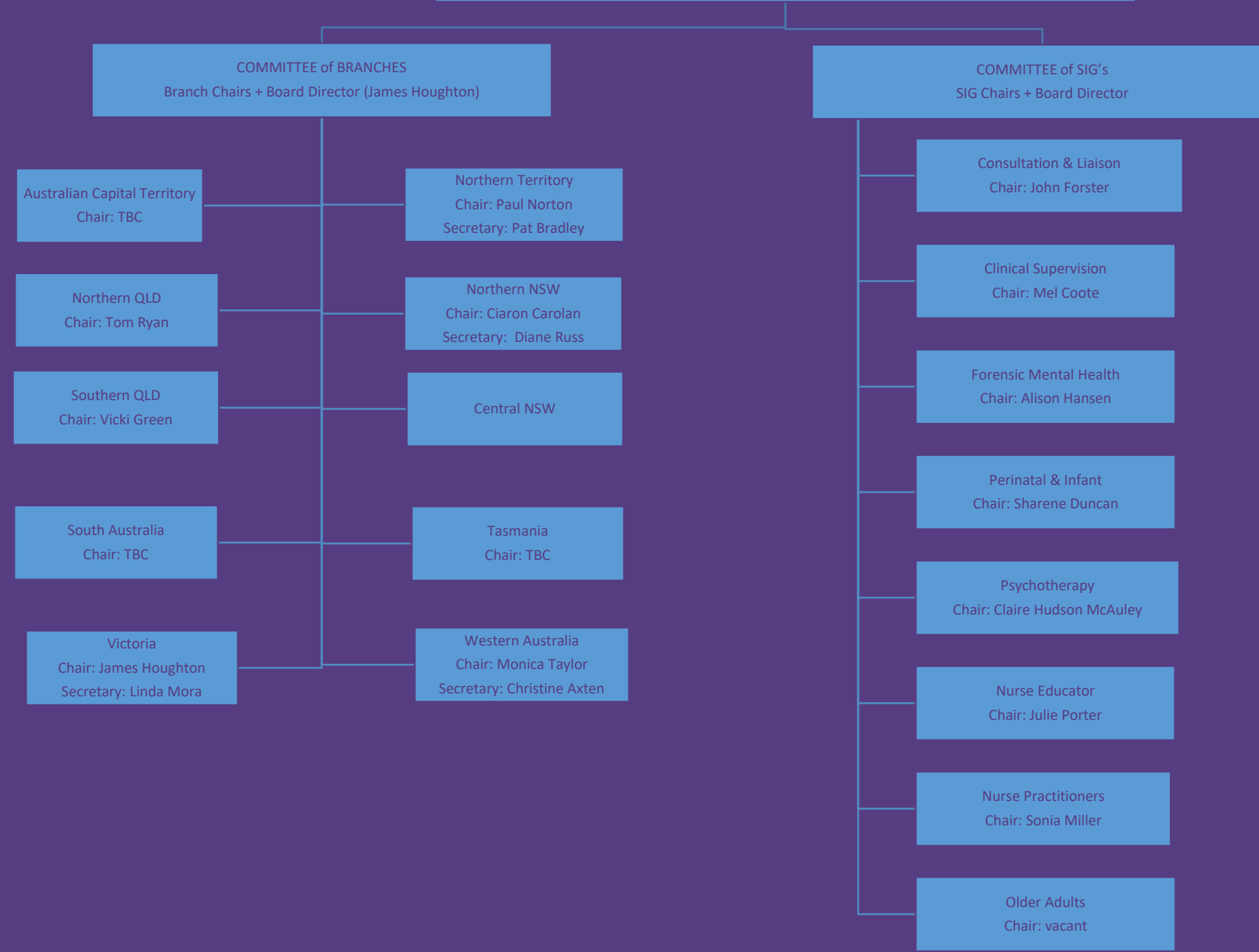
RISK REGISTER

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

ACCREDITATION & EDUCATION
COMMITTEE

CREDENTIALLING COMMITTEE

ACMHN BOARD



ACMHN Proposed Board Leads

Priority	Proposed Lead	Timeframe
Peaks & Partnerships	Mike / Stephen	2022
Membership & Workforce	Donna / John	2022
Finance, Policy & Risk	Monica / Vicki	2022
Professional Development & Accreditation	John / Mike	2022
Committee of SIGS	Vicki / James	2022
Committee of Branches	James / Monica	2022

Questions?



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