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Connect

Spring 2021

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Happy Perioperative Nurses Week 2021!!!!

Welcome to the bumper Spring Edition of SAPNA connect!

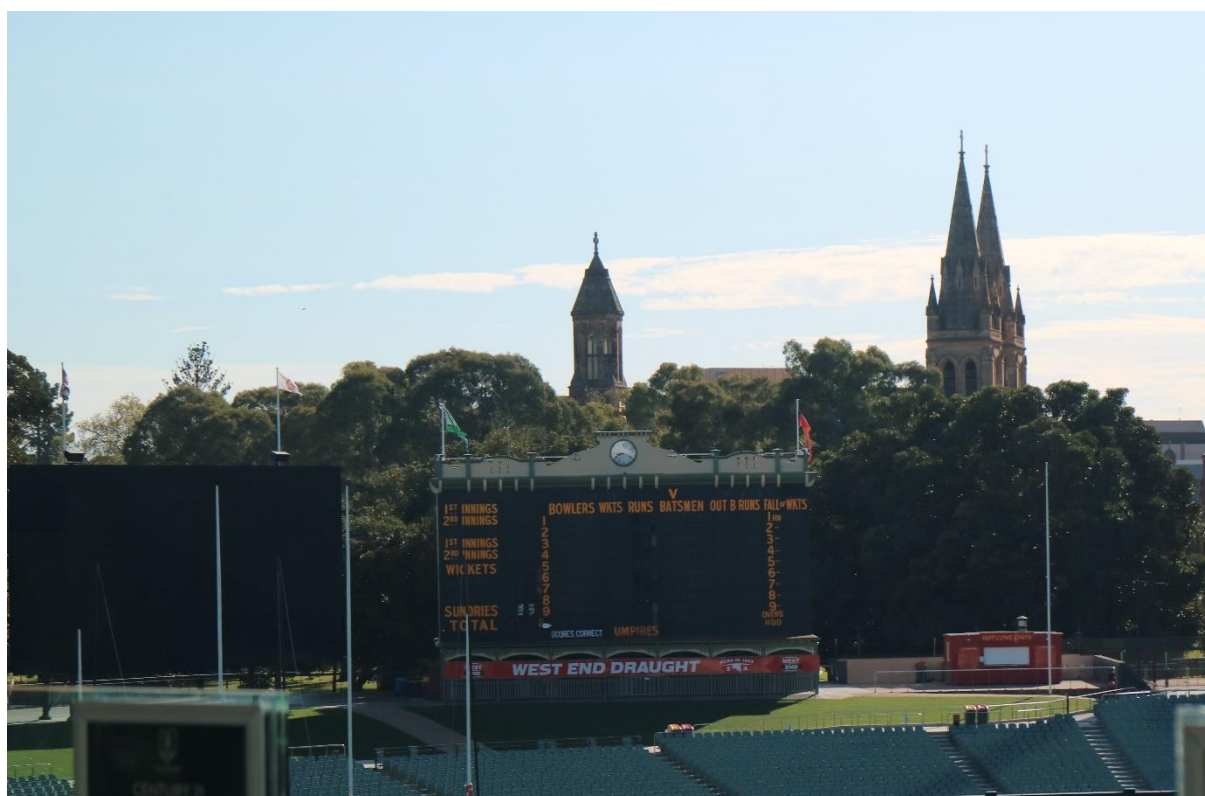
To all our lovely members who attended this years' State Conference – THANK YOU!! We were not sure right up until the last minute that this would go ahead as planned due to the C word but we did it!!! Feedback from the conference has been fantastic with praise for our fabulous speakers and break out presenters as well the Adelaide Oval venue and dinner that was enjoyed by us all. We also had an opportunity to do what we do best – network with our colleagues!

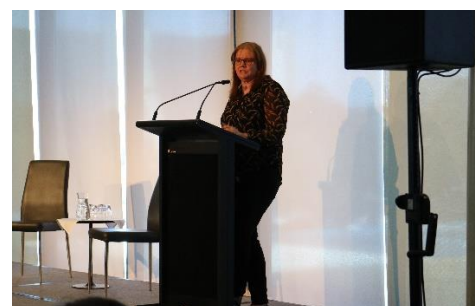
In this issue we look back at photos of our conference and shine the spotlight on some of our members – keep your eye out over the next few issues of SAPNA connect for your spotlight!!!

In the coming months we as a committee will be doing a roadshow around our hospitals to promote our association. We welcome ideas from all our members on how better we can support you and find out what you want from your association. Our committee is made up of volunteers who put a huge amount of time and effort into the association and want it to be the best it can be!

We look forward to the year ahead, welcoming new members, getting together for education sessions and working together as colleagues to promote Perioperative Nursing!









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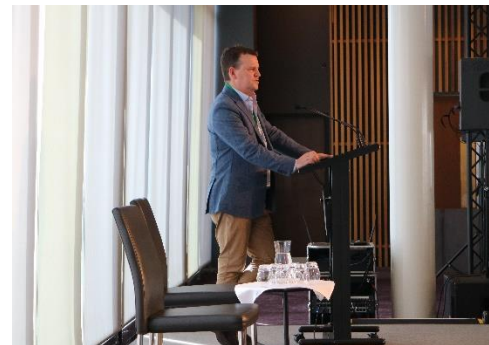
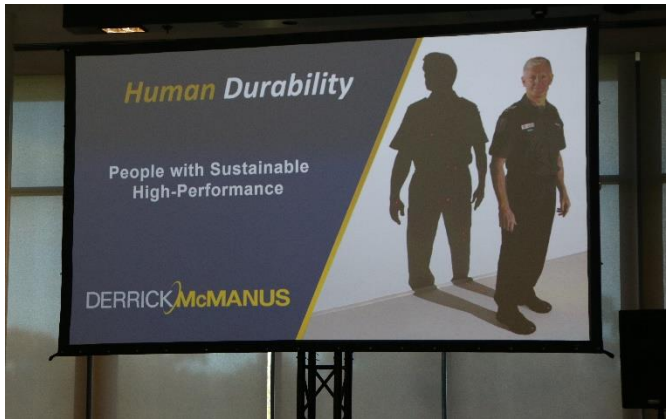
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Congratulations to our membership milestone recipients:

Five Years:

<i>Belinda Green</i>	<i>Andrea Jones-Price</i>	<i>Lisa Pearson</i>
<i>Marilyn Jacques</i>	<i>Ellen Schumann</i>	<i>Rachael Baker</i>
<i>Jacqueline Ireland</i>	<i>Heidi Schulze</i>	<i>Linda Wong</i>
<i>Alison Kelly</i>	<i>Kelly Keating</i>	<i>Tracy Webb</i>
<i>Bai Li</i>	<i>Naomi Kingscott</i>	<i>Dianne Altus</i>
<i>Danelle McIlvar</i>	<i>Sandy Williams</i>	<i>Fiona Thompson</i>
<i>Linda Howsam</i>	<i>Sharon Liefrink</i>	<i>Margie Heap</i>
<i>Claire Gordon</i>	<i>Putheary Pedoulas</i>	

Ten Years:

<i>Birgit Andrews</i>	<i>Vanessa Wiesmeyer</i>	<i>Linda Chapman</i>
<i>Jane Sparks</i>	<i>Jinju Kappattiyil Rajogopalan</i>	<i>Joanne Case</i>
<i>Alison McGlinchey</i>	<i>Josephine Perry</i>	<i>Tania Simpson</i>

Fifteen Years:

<i>Debbie Bywaters</i>	<i>Cathy Cross</i>	<i>Janet Lyle</i>
<i>Sonja Pappagallo</i>	<i>Katharine Tonkin</i>	<i>Gwen Usher</i>
<i>Sue Hammerling</i>	<i>Rachel Short</i>	<i>Michael Georgiou</i>

Twenty Years:

<i>Joy Booth</i>	<i>Anne-Marie Stevenson</i>	<i>Alison Smith</i>
<i>Heather Crosby</i>	<i>Mardi McLeod</i>	<i>Ross McIlwraith</i>

Twenty five years:

<i>Sharon Mewett</i>
<i>Judith Aiston</i>

Thirty Years:

<i>Melissa Viney</i>
<i>Therese McDowell</i>

Thirty five Years:

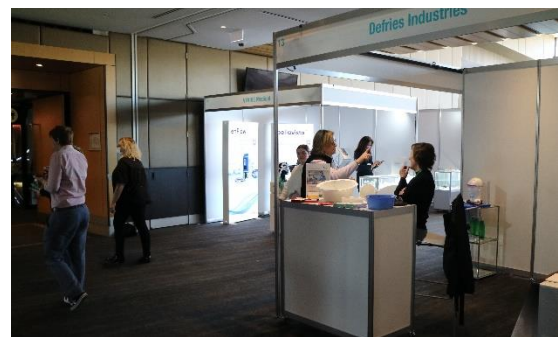
<i>Lee-Anne James</i>
<i>Allyson Mulraney</i>

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Life member awarded to: Sharon Mewett:



Our conferences couldn't go ahead without the support of our Trade delegates: A big thank you to all who attended and supported.



Our 2021 Judith Berry Award Recipient

Kasey Irwin



Care

Kasey was a key driver in the trial of the now approved ACORN practice audit tools (PATs) which she implemented within the perioperative suite, undertaking quality & safety audits from which she would post the results, implement improvements and changes to enable the perioperative setting to see growth in achieving a safe and quality service for patients.

Vision

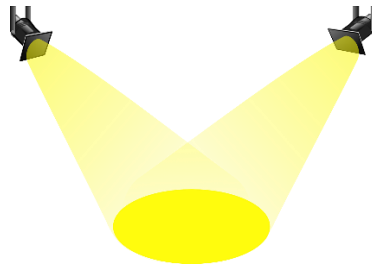
Kasey is currently undertaking her PhD researching the impact perioperative staff engagement has on the design of operating rooms and has acted in several senior roles including the Elective Surgery Strategy Coordinator role demonstrating not only her own vision for nursing and the image of nursing but that of the organisation and staff in addition.

Kasey was a committee member for the 16th edition of ACORN standards and co-authored the (ACORN) Standard for Perioperative Nursing Australia; Antimicrobial Stewardship, in 2020.

Kasey has been a clinical facilitator for the University of South Australia and a lecturer at TAFE teaching budding nurses, a role she held for several years. Kasey is also a volunteer at Make- A-Wish Australia.

Excellence

Kasey has a proven history in demonstrating excellence in clinical practice and management as evidenced above to which I can vouch as her previous employer. Kasey's dedication to the profession of perioperative nursing is exemplary, she leads by example and sets a high but achievable standard for developing nurses and managers to practice by.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

GET TO KNOW SOME OF YOUR COLLEAGUES DURING
PERIOPERATIVE NURSES WEEK 2021!

NAME: NICOLA BUTLER

ROLE: RN

WORKPLACE: CNAH

BEST THING ABOUT PERIOPERATIVE
NURSING:

WORKING IN A VARIETY OF AREAS
AND WORKING AS PART OF A TEAM

NAME: FIONA WIRTH

ROLE: CN/M

WORKPLACE: WCHN
ANAES/RECOVERY

BEST THING ABOUT PERIOPERATIVE
NURSING:

CARING FOR PEOPLE AT THEIR MOST
VULNERABLE TIME OF LIFE

NAME: KAREN HOWARD

ROLE: RN / ANAESTHETICS

WORKPLACE: ASHFORD

BEST THING ABOUT PERIOPERATIVE
NURSING:

WORKING WITH MY COLLEAGUES
AND ENJOYING PATIENT CONTACT/
DAYS OFF!!!! 😊

NAME: TANIA SIMPSON

ROLE: ANAESTHETIC NURSE

WORKPLACE: CHNA

BEST THING ABOUT PERIOPERATIVE
NURSING:

WORKING IN A GREAT TEAM
ENVIRONMENT!

NAME: DANI SAFTA

ROLE: EN SCRUB/SCOUT

WORKPLACE: ST ANDREWS

BEST THING ABOUT PERIOPERATIVE
NURSING:

HELPING OTHERS IN TIME OF NEED

NAME: APRIL PAECH

ROLE: RN
RECOVERY/ANAE

WORKPLACE: SAH

BEST THING ABOUT PERIOPERATIVE
NURSING:

SUPPORTING PATIENTS AT THEIR
MOST VULNERABLE

NAME: SARAH TWINN
(TWINNY)

ROLE: CN GYNAE SCRUB/SCOUT

ROLE 2: THERMOMIX CONSULTANT
FACEBOOK #THERMONURSE 😊

WORKPLACE: FPH

BEST THING ABOUT PERIOPERATIVE
NURSING: TEAM WORK (SECOND
FAMILY) SATISFACTION OF PATIENT
OUTCOME.

NAME: KIRSTY JENKE

ROLE: CLINICAL NURSE

WORKPLACE: FPH

BEST THING ABOUT PERIOPERATIVE
NURSING:

THE PEOPLE I WORK WITH AND
MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN
PATIENTS EXPERIENCE!

NAME: CHARLOTTE

ROLE: ANAESTHETIC NURSE

WORKPLACE: FLINDERS PRIVATE

BEST THING ABOUT PERIOPERATIVE
NURSING:

THE STAFF AND THE HOURS

NAME: JACKIE IRELAND

ROLE: SCRUB/SCOUT

WORKPLACE: MEMORIAL/KEMP

BEST THING ABOUT PERIOPERATIVE
NURSING:

HOLDING BAY - TALKING TO
PEOPLE

NAME: LUKE ROWLANDS

ROLE: THEATRE ASSISTANT
IN NURSING - SOON TO
BE TPPP RN!

WORKPLACE: ASHFORD

BEST THING ABOUT PERIOPERATIVE
NURSING: Variety, new experiences
and lots of learning - great team
environment.

NAME: CATHY MURDOCH

ROLE: SCRUB NURSE

WORKPLACE: ADELAIDE DAY
SURGERY AND MEMORIAL

BEST THING ABOUT PERIOPERATIVE
NURSING:

FLEXIBILITY OF HOURS

NAME: ALICIA CHEAH

ROLE: RN

WORKPLACE: FMC

BEST THING ABOUT PERIOPERATIVE
NURSING:

THE ABILITY TO WORK AS A TEAM,
NURSES AND SURGEONS AS A
TEAM.

NAME: JULIE CRANE

ROLE: RECOVERY NURSE

WORKPLACE: FEC/FMC PACU

BEST THING ABOUT PERIOPERATIVE
NURSING:

Love the challenges it holds. Great to work
with a great team of people and see patients
comfy going back to the ward post op post
medication to get them comfortable.
Educational hospital so ongoing learning!



NAME: KAREN BOYD

ROLE: RN

WORKPLACE: FMC

BEST THING ABOUT PERIOPERATIVE
NURSING:

VARIETY, TEAMWORK, CARING

NAME: LISA OLIVER

ROLE: ANUM THEATRES

WORKPLACE: FMC

BEST THING ABOUT PERIOPERATIVE
NURSING:

AMAZING COLLABORATIVE
TEAMWORK WITH SOLE FOCUS ON
PATIENT CARE.



Introducing committee member, conference convenor, pseudo treasurer and all round treasure!!!!

Fiona Davies

I started my nursing career straight out of school in 1990 at the RAH. I was lucky to be in the last year of hospital-based nursing – I was group 902. That year there were 6 groups of students and from memory there were about 200 places with around 3000 applications. I completed my training in Feb 1993. Competition for GNP programs was hard, and I was lucky to get a GNP place at the Women's & Children's Hospital for July that year. I did 6mths of agency nursing seeing the other side. I enjoyed my time at the W&CH, but found the hardest part was not the children, but dealing with the parents. As one does when their contract is coming up, I applied for a position at the RAH. During my 3yrs training we all did a stint in the OR. I did enjoy my time in theatres and my performance review was obviously positive enough for me to get an interview. I was a young 21yr old nurse and keen to learn. I was given an interview with Judith Berry who had lined me up for a position that was going in the Cardiothoracic Theatres. I met with Judith and was then taken over to the East wing to meet with Von Cummings the CNC of Cardiac Theatres. As anyone that is looking for a permanent job does, I was thinking if I get the job and hate it, I can always move once I am in the system. I was offered the job, but my dilemma was that I still had 4 months to go on my GNP at the W&CH but the RAH wanted me to start straight away. So, I resigned from GNP place to start in theatres at the RAH. I commenced with the obligatory 3-month rotation introduction to the OR, 1 month in OR, 1 Month in Anaes and 1 month in Rec – then I was off to Cardiac theatres. For me this was such an opportunity and I loved working in the cardiothoracic theatres. I spent 4 yrs working in Cardiac theatres until I got the Clinical Nurse job in the Flinders Medical Centre Cardio Thoracic Theatres. This for me was a great opportunity to expand my skills and included teaching. I loved the work, the people, and the experiences. I then got married and started a family and made the tough choice to resign my position to focus on my family. During this time between kids – I have 4 of them- I did go back and do agency work doing Anaesthetic Nursing. This was a great opportunity to get out of the house and regain my skills. Agency nursing takes a lot of courage as you are constantly having to learn new hospital procedures, equipment, computer programs and paperwork! I have now been working agency for the last 15 yrs and love the flexibility, variety and challenges that agency brings. It also suits my life now.

My other passion is SAPNA. I joined SAPNA when I started in Cardio Thoracic Theatres at the RAH in 1994. I joined the committee a few years later and have been involved ever since. In 2009 I was awarded life membership. Over the years I have done most positions on the committee and for the last 10 yrs have been involved in the conference side. This is something that I really enjoy seeing an event come together. There is so much work that goes into these events and it is a mammoth task undertaken by the committee, but everyone works together to make the event happen. One thing that I would ask all members to remember is that the committee are all volunteers, and we all do this because we believe in the perioperative profession. I would encourage more members to join the committee – it is a great opportunity to expand your skills, work with some wonderful people and help to ensure that Perioperative Nursing continues to grow. undertaken by the committee, but everyone works together to make the event happen. One thing that I would ask all members to remember is that the committee are all volunteers, and we all do this because we believe in the perioperative profession. I would encourage more members to join the committee – it is a great opportunity to expand your skills, work with some wonderful people and help to ensure that Perioperative Nursing continues to grow.

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Useful Websites

[ACORN](#) is our national body and provides great resources and education opportunities for perioperative nurses.

[Ausmed](#) offers a free online CPD service (courses and documentation) and this can be expanded to unlimited access with a subscription that is tax deductible. A great way to keep all of your documented CPD in one place in case you get audited.

[Ansell](#) has 10 courses accredited by ACORN, available online.

[Medline University](#) has unlimited access to over 200 free continuing education courses for healthcare professionals.



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