



Nursing and Midwifery Matters

what matters to you, matters to us....

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Welcome to the third edition of the South Australian Nursing and Midwifery newsletter for 2008.

The last SA Health Clinical Senate meeting was held on 27 March, with the theme of '24/7/365 cover'. Discussion in general was around the level of service (specific skills from a patient safety perspective) required at the four levels of hospital (integrated health services, special purpose, general hospitals, major hospitals). The recommendations made were around redesigning work practices for major hospitals such as appropriate staffing and supervision, consistency between hospitals (including ward layout and minimum skills sets) and improved training pathways. For

Country (integrated health services) the main recommendation was around developing the 'rural clinical support system' model to support sites without 24/7 onsite doctors by using experienced rural practitioners from other locations.

The South Australian Nursing and Midwifery Research Collaborative held a workshop on 8 April to explore possible collaborative research opportunities. The Collaborative will consider outcomes of the workshop at its next meeting.

Thank you to all the nurses and midwives who submitted more than 70 submissions for the Nursing and Midwifery Compendium which is planned for release in May 2008. Further information will be published in future

newsletters for research and practice development projects.

'Delivering the Future—Building a valued and sustainable nursing and midwifery workforce 2008-2011' has been endorsed by SA Health Portfolio Executive and is due to be launched on Monday, 5 May at the Symposium at 2 p.m. This is a very exciting time for nursing and midwifery.

I look forward to seeing you at the Symposium and at the launch of the 'Delivering the Future' document.

Regards
Jenny



Photo: Jenny Beutel

Country Health SA Statewide Clinical Network ...

A workshop for the Statewide Clinical Network chairs, country representatives on the clinical networks, members of the country Clinical Governance Committee and country representatives on the Clinical Senate was held on 4 April 2008, as an opportunity to share information, consider the directions of the Country Health SA Services Plan and identify strategies to improve awareness of

the country agenda within Statewide clinical planning forums. The key outcomes included a commitment for CHSA to:

- Provide broader support to country members participating on Statewide Clinical Networks;
- Offer each Clinical Network to present on the wider directions for CHSA, developments in country SA and clinical

specific directions;

- Host a similar workshop in the future; and
- Engage participants to determine future format, agenda and membership.

For further information please contact **Lauren MacKenzie**, Country Health SA (Port Augusta Office), by telephone 8648 5785 or email: lauren.mackenzie@health.sa.gov.au.

The 2nd Nursing and Midwifery Symposium ...

The Nursing and Midwifery Office are pleased to present the **2nd Nursing & Midwifery Symposium** titled:

'EVERYONE LOOKS BUT NOT MANY SEE ... there is more to Nursing & Midwifery than meets the eye.'

This is a unique opportunity to hear some of South Australia's exciting leaders in nursing and midwifery practice.

The Symposium is being held at 2 p.m. on **Monday, 5 May 2008** as part of the International Midwives and Nurses week of celebrations.

The Symposium will be held at:
The Bradley Forum (UniSA), Level 5,
Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre,
(Building H)
North Terrace City West, Adelaide.

Registrations close on **Wednesday, 23 April 2008**.

To register and for further information please contact the Nursing and Midwifery Office by:
Phone: (08) 8226 0749
E-mail: nursing@health.sa.gov.au

(Note: it is anticipated that the formal part will be completed by 4.30 p.m.)

2008 Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards ...

You are invited to celebrate and recognise the significant contribution and pivotal role that nurses and midwives make to their professions, health care team and the community through their practice by attending the 2008 Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards dinner.

The Awards dinner is being held at the Adelaide Convention Centre, Friday, 9 May 2008.

Tickets cost \$80 which includes meal, entertainment, drinks and lucky ticket prizes.

To purchase a ticket either:
Telephone: 8226 0749
E-mail: nursing@health.sa.gov.au

GET IN EARLY as tickets are limited.
Please note: **Ticket sales close 5pm Friday, 24 April 2008.**



Photo: 2007 Award Recipients

Helping Hand (Aged Care) Offers a Graduate Nurse Program ...

To further demonstrate their commitment to career development, Helping Hand, in partnership with Flinders University, Repatriation Hospital and three other Aged Care Organisations, have implemented a 12-month Graduate Nurse Program. This innovative program seeks to build nursing excellence that is specific to the specialisation of aged care graduates.

Graduates are supported with supernumerary days to undertake special projects, placements in both Residential and Community settings and support to undertake the Repatriation Hospital Transition to Professional Practice program with other graduates from across the state.

For further information, please contact Helping Hand Aged Care by:

Phone: 8366 5400 or
E-mail: careers@helpinghand.org.au



RDNS 'In Pursuit of Excellence' Newsletter ...

The February 2008 edition of the RDNS Research Unit 'Pursuit of Excellence' newsletter is now available at www.rdns.org.au/research_unit/POE.shtml.

The newsletter is a free online newsletter promoting research informed nursing practice. The February edition focuses on 'Palliative Care at Home: Nurses, Carers

and Medications'.

You may also like to check the [What's New](#) page for details of a new book 'Community Nursing in Australia', information about the 'Health in Transition: Researching for the Future' conference that is planned for August 2009 (www.healthintransition2009.org.au/) and details of a forum on **Hoarding &**

Squalor in April 2008.

For further information please contact Natalie Howard (Research Coordinator/Conference Administrator), Royal District Nursing Service (RDNS) Foundation of SA Inc by:

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Nurses Board of South Australia Upcoming Annual Renewal for 2008 ...

If you have moved address and have not notified the Nurses Board of South Australia (nbsa) of your new address, the Board has requested that you provide them with the information as shown on the **Change of Address** form by completing the form available from the:

- nbsa website
www.nursesboard.sa.gov.au

- What's New in the April 2008 edition of the nbsa Bulletin

or

- e-mail their new address to registrations@nursesboard.sa.gov.au

For further information relating to the 2008 Annual Renewal process please visit the nbsa website at www.nursesboard.sa.gov.au.

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To prepare for 2008 Annual Renewal of your registration or enrolment

Please ensure nbsa has your current postal address

If you have moved and not advised nbsa of your change of address, please complete this form and return it to nbsa by Monday 2 June 2008.

OR

Email your change of address details to: registrations@nursesboard.sa.gov.au

Surname or Family Name _____
Given Name/s _____
Registration or Enrolment Number _____ Date of Birth _____
Current Postal Address (to be placed on Register) (Rd) _____ Postcode _____
Current Home Address (if different from above address) _____ Postcode _____
Signature of Nurse or Midwife _____ Date _____

Return to: Registration Services Officer
Nurses Board of South Australia
PO Box 2009, Kent Town SA 5011

Office Use Only
Date amended on NBS _____ / _____ / _____
Staff Person Initials _____

The Clinical Supervision Survey ...

The Clinical Supervision Working Party (CSWP) is currently overseeing the implementation of clinical supervision for publicly employed Mental Health Nurses in South Australia. CSWP is a statewide initiative of the Nursing & Midwifery Office in South Australia.

The CSWP is currently conducting a survey for the purpose of gathering information about who has undertaken clinical supervision training, what the level of uptake has been and any barriers to implementation. The survey will be conducted over 4 weeks commencing in April 2008.

The survey will be utilising an online survey tool. The data collected will be completely anonymous. There will be a number of ways of taking part in the survey. Mental Health Nurses who have completed clinical

supervision training and supplied an email address will receive a direct invitation to take part in the survey. Others may participate by accessing the survey from a web address. These participants will need to supply their first name, last name and a valid email address. Again complete anonymity in data collection is guaranteed. The details of the web address will come via an organisational e-mail or memo.

If you have not received an electronic invitation to the survey and you have undertaken clinical supervision training please go to the web address and register for the survey.

You will be asked to submit your name and a working email address and the link to the survey will then be emailed to you.

To access the survey click the link below or

cut and paste the following link into the address bar of your browser

www.supervisionblog.com/limesurvey/index.php?sid=68916&lang=en

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Upcoming Events and Conferences ...

ANF (SA Branch) International Midwives & Nurses Days Celebrations

In recognition of International Midwives & Nurses Days, ANF (SA Branch) will host a celebratory breakfast on Monday, 12 May 2008 from 7.30 am at their new Ridleyton office. Guest speakers will include Dr Debbie Kralik and Ms Christine Cornwell who will highlight the valuable contribution made by nurses and midwives in community settings. Book early as seats are limited. More details can be obtained from www.sa.anf.org.au

CSHISC Making A Difference...2008 Conference

The Community Services and Health Industry Skills Council (CSHISC) titled **Making A Difference...2008** Conference will be held on 15-16 October 2008 at the Adelaide Hilton in South Australia. Register your interest at www.cshisc.com.au/conference/

3rd National Conference for Emergency Nurses titled **Networking: Crossing borders** will be held 28 – 30 August 2008 at the Sheraton Perth Hotel, Western Australia. Registration forms and further information is available at www.cdesigne.com.au/cena2008

National Forum on Safety and Quality in Health Care is being held 29-31 October 2008 at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

Please contact Annabel Holliss with any questions by telephone to (08) 8274 6050 or by e-mail to aholliss@sapmea.asn.au. Registration forms and further information is available at www.sapmea.asn.au/conventions/forumsqhc2008/index.html

RCNA's 'Celebrating Professional Excellence in Nursing' is being held on 25—27 September 2008 in Perth, Western Australia. Information can be obtained by contact Emma Rice, Events Administrator on 1800 061 660 or conference@rcna.org.au

'Leadership and Practice Development in Health: Quality and Safety through Workplace Learning' is being held on 27—28 November 2008 in Hobart, Tasmania. Further information is available at www.cdeseign.com.au/leadership/

'Health in Transition: Researching for the Future.' The Royal District Nursing Service (RDNS) of South Australia, in collaboration with the International Conferences on Community Health Nursing Research (ICCHNR) are pleased to present the 4th ICCHNR Conference that is planned for August 2009. For further information is available at www.healthintransition2009.org.au/