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WA delegates at the 2018 OHNNG conference.



OHNNG executive and state coordinators setting up for the 22nd annual conference at the Crown Perth Convention Centre. From Left Judith Redpath (ACT) Krystal Wang (NSW metro) Cheryl Kelly (President) Pauline Kennedy (Treasurer) Virginia Thomson (Secretary) Megan Green (QLD) Karen Mahoney (SA). (WA, TAS, NSW Hunter and NT coordinators absent).

The 22nd annual OHNNG conference was held in Perth at the Crown Convention Centre from Friday March 9th to Sunday, March 11th. A very busy two and half days of ENT head and neck content with 30 speakers and 28 presentations. 101 delegates attended and benefited from world-class up to date information on a variety of topics. If you attended I hope you have

returned to your workplaces with a greater sense of an ENT nursing community and a bit of motivation to change, adapt or contemplate improvements in your practice. At the very least I hope you have discussed the merits of the conference with your workmates. The 2019 conference will be held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre from Friday, March 22 to Sunday, March 24 and promises to be just as, if not more so, packed of quality information and networking opportunities. Many of the written evaluations submitted this year mentioned the benefits of networking and creating relationships with like-minded nurses. I hope to offer at least one or two more social activities on the 2019 program to ensure ample opportunities to meet interstate and overseas nurses with similar interests and of course similar challenges.



OHNNG life membership is traditionally awarded at the annual conference. The honour is a recognition of dedication to the group and the greater ENT community in the recipient's workplace or state. It bestows the respect the OHNNG executive and committee have for the recipient's contribution. This year life membership was awarded to two very worthy members - **Brenda Roberts** from Royal Perth Hospital and **Virginia Thompson** who works at St John of God Hospital Geelong. Congratulations to both of these outstanding members and I thank them sincerely for their ongoing allegiance to the group and their colleagues.



As mentioned previously we benefited from all 30 speakers on the conference program. OHNNG encourages and values nurse speakers at all our events. *Please consider contributing in this way at a future OHNNG conference or event.* As in previous years, we ask our conference audience to assess the nurse speakers on the program and I am delighted to announce the 2018 winners.

Geoff Sharpe – Best speaker award – [Tracey Nicholls](#)

Kym Tyrell Encouragement Award – [Cathy Doidge & Gabe Jackson](#).

Best Novice speaker – [Amanda Richardson](#)

Congratulations and many thanks to Tracey, Cathy, Gabe and Amanda for taking the time to research their topic and deliver such high-quality presentations.

Conference Evaluations

I thank all conference delegates who submitted a conference evaluation forms. Your responses give us a balanced view of how the conference felt to those sitting in the audience. All your considerations - positive and negative are 'taken on board' and will assist with next years event.

The conference evaluations are available for your perusal also. They are on the conference page of our website https://www.ohnng.com.au/national_conference I have submitted a conference report to our webmaster over the Easter break and I'm sure he will upload it in the coming days. If you wish to forward any other thoughts relating to the 2018 or 2019 conference are most welcome to do so....president@ohnng.com.au

As you may be aware - the 2018 conference was recorded and will be available to

revisit in the coming months. It is currently being edited and will be made available to conference delegates when complete.

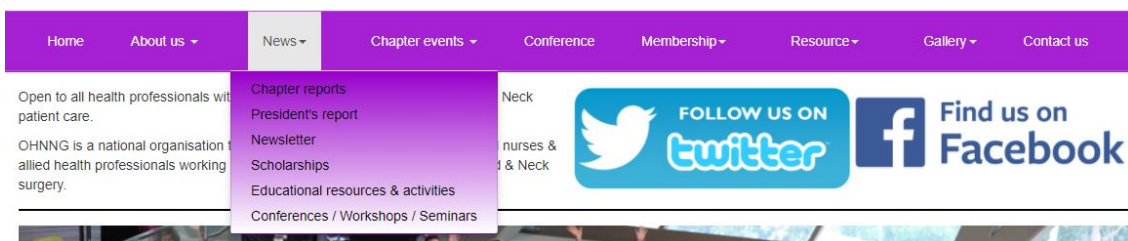
WORLD EDUCATION ALLIANCE

Access to CPD points is inconsistent across public and private health facilities. Public hospital nurses have a great many opportunities to attend or access education through their workplace. Private sector or private practice nurses are not so lucky. It was proposed at our recent AGM that we look at signing up to the World Continuing Education Alliance which is touted as an International Council of Nursing initiative. Through the Alliance, member associations will have access to an extensive variety of CPD programs from national and international organisations. (The international CPD programs are confirmed to be rated 'equal' and in value to Australian content and absolutely transferable). The proposal was carried at our AGM and you will soon see some advertising and training around this program. It will be available directly through our website via a member only login. Just another reason to keep your membership up to date and spread the benefits of OHNNG membership to your colleagues.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Keep an eye on the **NEWS** tab on the OHNNG website menu.

I have posted a number of significant national events from now through to the end of the year and will be updating the page as new events come to light.

The OHNNG state events will be listed under **CHAPTER EVENTS** but events such as symposiums and conferences will be outlined on the **NEWS** menu. Events in this area will all be specifically focused on ENT and Head and Neck topics. They are listed by date so don't forget to scroll down to the bottom of the page - there may be something happening at the end of the year that suits your interest. And remember, if

you have been a member for two consecutive years you are eligible to request OHNNG sponsorship to attend any of these events. Why not have a look now.....https://www.ohnng.com.au/conferences_workshops_seminars

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Our online membership software installed through 2017 (and occasionally still being tweaked) is functioning well and is easy to use. Your payment is automatically directed to the Pay Pal website to ensure your financial security. You do not need a pay pal account to submit your payment - you can easily use your preferred credit card.

I have distributed this email to current OHNNG members and to some addresses that in fact may have lapsed or are close to their renewal date. If you are unsure of your anniversary date and think you may need to renew please send an email enquiry to our secretary Virginia Thomson at virste@bigpond.com and she will be able to tell you your renewal date. Your OHNNG membership is professionally worthwhile and the best way to keep up with new practices and updated ENT, head and neck information.

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