

ADF NURSES INFORMATION

NEWSLETTER - July 2005

The Directorate remains busy as always.

DDFN MOVEMENTS

DDFN attended the 15th Asia Pacific Military Medicine Conference in Hanoi, Vietnam in May 2005. Colonel Wright represented ADF Nursing by presenting 2 papers and chairing a session at the Conference. DDFN also attended the OP Sumatra Assist Lessons Learnt Workshop at HMAS WATERHEN, in Sydney June 2005 and is currently meeting with senior representatives of the US Army Nursing Corps at Tripler Army Medical Centre in Hawaii.

DDFN Directorate personnel have participated in Deployments to Iraq, Ex Talisman Sabre and Ex Kakadu.

ADF Nursing Officers continue to support Operational Deployments overseas. As the Directorate receives newsletters from deployed areas, we will endeavour to promulgate them on the website for your information.

ADF NURSING OFFICER CAREER STRUCTURE

The three Services could not agree on the generic document for the way ahead for ADF Nursing. Therefore the ADF Nursing Officers' Career Structure proposal has been rewritten to reflect a single Service approach.

The ADF Nursing Officer's Career Structure concept paper will now be presented to DGPERS-A, DGPERS-AF and DGNPT for further comment.

ADF NURSING OFFICER CREDENTIALLING DATABASE

The Credentialling Database still requires your assistance to complete and update the database and has been successfully utilised to credential personnel identified to support Operational Deployments Overseas.

This Database needs to be annually updated with information such as Post Graduate nursing courses and BLS assessments completed each year as per State Registration authority requirements. There is no need to complete the entire form again, just complete any new information that needs to be entered onto the Database.

JOANNA BRIGGS NURSING MANUAL

The Joanna Briggs Manual Project has been successfully implemented and as a result all ADF Health Facilities now have access to both hard copy and electronic copies via the DSN Network.

The responsibility for the promulgation and use of the Joanna Briggs Nursing Manual has been transferred to the DDFN Directorate from JHSA. LT Vanessa Pilla has been appointed the SO4 Joanna Briggs Project within the directorate to manage the contract and assist ADF personnel accessing and using the differing forms of the manual. Please contact LT Pilla on (02) 6266 2528 or vanessa.pilla@defence.gov.au with any concerns you have regarding this manual.

MILITARY NURSE PRACTITIONER

The Military Nurse Practitioner project continues to gain momentum and is waiting the outcome of the ADF Nursing Officer Career Structure, which influences its implementation.

The Military Nurse Practitioner (MNP) project has a new Project Manager - LTCOL Beth Mahar (USAF R). The project is progressing slowly and still awaits the outcome of the ADF Nursing Officer Career Structure for implementation. As new developments occur DDFN will keep you informed.

ADF MENTORING PROJECT

The ADF Nursing Officer Mentoring Project has been successfully completed utilizing the existing RAANC Nursing Officer Mentoring Program guidelines. All three Single Services have endorsed the Mentoring Program and the Program will be implemented soon.

THE ADF NURSING OFFICER'S CONFERENCE

Preparation for the 4th ADF Nursing Officer Conference 9-11 November 2005 is progressing and the Directorate has already received applications from overseas Military Nursing Officers interested in attending and presenting at the Conference. The theme "Go There with Resolve, Competence, Confidence and Ethics" looks at the Australian military nurse and the professionalism they demonstrate when performing their duties wherever they are.

All abstracts submitted will be accepted and presenters will be notified if their abstract has been accepted for a podium or poster presentation by 14th October 2005.

The Call for Abstracts, Requirements and Tips for Posters and Registration Form have been enclosed below.

4th AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE
NURSING OFFICERS' CONFERENCE

***"GO THERE WITH RESOLVE, COMPETENCE,
CONFIDENCE AND ETHICS"***

09 - 11 NOVEMBER 2005

R1 THEATRETTE
RUSSELL OFFICES, CANBERRA



The Director of Defence Force Nursing is convening the 4th Australian Defence Force Nursing Officers Conference on 09, 10 & 11 November 2005.

This is a preliminary notice and a call for abstracts.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS.

The deadline for the receipt of abstracts is Friday 30th September 2005. The abstract should if possible have some affiliation to the conference theme but all submitted abstracts will be considered. The text must be no more than 250 words, highlighting the main points to be communicated and include a presenter profile.

Applicants will be notified if their abstract has been accepted by 14th October 2005. Abstracts and expressions of interest to attend the Conference can be submitted by Email to robin.barrett@defence.gov.au or vanessa.pilla@defence.gov.au

Surface mail, (please include a copy on disk or CD)

LEUT Robin Barrett, SO3 Nursing Projects, CP2-7-011, Defence Health Service Branch, Campbell Park Offices, Canberra, ACT 2600. Ph: (02) 6266 4001, Fax: (02) 6266 3784

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE NURSING CONFERENCE POSTER SESSION

In anticipation of the large number of abstracts being submitted, for The 4th Annual ADF Nursing Officers Conference this year, the opportunity exists to run poster presentations as well as podium presentations. Presenters will be notified if their abstract has been accepted for a podium or poster presentation and the poster sessions will be held throughout the conference. The principle presenter on the abstract will be notified of when they will need to present their poster.

Poster sessions will provide an intimate forum for exchanging information by the facilitation of informal discussions between presenters and their audience. A well-constructed poster will be self-explanatory so that the presenter is free to supplement and discuss particular points of interest.

Requirements

- Posters should be on a poster, 85cm x 20cm.
- Limit of 1 poster per presentation
- Recommend laminating posters
- All accepted abstracts will be reproduced in a “book of abstracts”

Tips for Posters

- Provide adequate coverage of your material
 - In addition to title/author label and abstract, successful posters provide brief statements of introduction, methods used, subjects, procedures, results and conclusion if appropriate
 - Ask “What would I need to know if I were viewing this for the first time?”
- Provide clarity in the presentation
 - Is the sequence of information evident?
 - Is the information communicated clearly?
 - Keep it simple
- Extensive, imaginative use of captioned illustrations, photographs, graphs or other types of visually appealing material is the point of a poster presentation.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

THE 4th ADF NURSING OFFICER CONFERENCE

“Go There with Resolve, Competence, Confidence and Ethics.”

REGISTRATION FORM

Theatrette 1, Russell Offices. CANBERRA
09, 10, & 11 November 2005

Address registration with payment enclosed to the:

Directorate of Defence Force Nursing
CP2-7- 011
Campbell Park Offices
Canberra ACT 2600
Telephone: (02) 6266 4001 Fax: (02) 6266 3784
Email: robin.barrett@defence.gov.au or vanessa.pilla@defence.gov.au

REGISTRATION & TAX INVOICE when payment is made. ABN: 68 706 814 312

Title/Rank: PM Keys
Surname: First Name:
Mailing Address:
Suburb/City: State: Postcode:
Telephone: Fax: Mobile:
E-Mail:.....

COST:

Registration Fee \$110 (GST Inc) Dinner Cost \$ 70 (GST Inc) Total Cost \$180 (GST Inc)

FORUM DINNER:

I will be attending the Forum Dinner: YES NO WITH PARTNER

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT: YES NO

Please debit my: Bankcard, MasterCard, Visa Card

Number: - - -

Card holder's Name

Card Expiry Date: Total Authorized Amount: \$.....

Signature

CHEQUE PAYMENT: YES Amount NO

Please return your registration form and cheque payable to DDFN ADF Nursing Officer Forum.

UNIT PAYMENTS: YES Amount _____ NO

Units must pay by Roman into DDFN Costing Code 147200 & Account Code 21926.

Provide your unit's financial information:

Costing Code _____ Account Code _____

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