

ADF NURSES INFORMATION

NEWSLETTER - September 2004

The Directorate continues to be busy over the last 3 months.

The Nursing Officer's Career Structure concept paper was presented to the PSG (Personnel Steering group) 20 July 04. The PSG has requested that a formal business case be developed., this together with a capability matrix will be put before the PSG in Nov 04. Overall the Army and RAAF agree that there are retention issues, the RAN 's position is different in that all RAN Nursing Officer billets are filled. The business case will address funding issues in relation to professional development and mandatory postgraduate training as well as demonstrating current capability.

Preparation for The 3rd ADF Nursing Officer Forum in November continues. Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir, the Governor of NSW has accepted our invitation to open the Forum. The Military Nurse Practitioner project continues to gain momentum and is on a par with State Registration Authorities. The Credentialling Database is near completion but needs your assistance. DDFN has presented at several conferences and has been invited to Canada to celebrate the centenary of the Canadian Nursing Service. With the increased operational tempo of the ADF many of our ADF nursing colleagues continue to serve in Australia and overseas.

THE ADF NURSING OFFICER'S FORUM

Preparations for the Forum are progressing at a hectic pace and the theme is "Collaborative Practice". The Forum has been extended to 3 days, Wed 10 to Fri 12 November, due to the many expressions of interest, in fact we have arranged concurrent sessions within R1 (Russell Offices) for that very reason. The deadline for abstracts is 30th September so that I can get the book of abstracts published in time for the Conference. As mentioned the Governor of NSW has accepted our invitation to open the Forum and we are very excited. The Venue will be

at the R1 Theatrette, Russell Offices, ACT and the Dinner will be at the ADFA Officers Mess Wednesday 10 November. Costings have been negotiated @ \$100.00 Registration fee for the Forum and \$60.00 for the Dinner. Personnel are advised to book their accommodation at respective defence messes within the Canberra region early as these will fill quickly @ \$6.00 pp. Thursday night has been left free for colleagues to enjoy as they see fit. Request any Units that intend dining out any individuals, please let DDFN personnel know so that we can assist in making arrangements and presentations at the Dinner. Please find a copy of the Registration Form, which needs to be completed to register for the Forum. Receipts will be given to you at the Registration Desk in November. Payment can now be made by Cheque made out to DDFN, Credit Card and by Unit transfer of funds by Roman. Details are included on the Registration Form.

The ADF Nursing Consultative Group (Chairs Update)

The NCG has reviewed and contributed on a number of policy and equipment issues, active membership of the group currently stands at 40 .The group is always looking for new members and an open invitation stands for all interested ADF Nursing Officers to join. The application process is quite simple, submit a single page bio to the chair (david.collins3@defence.gov.au).

The chair has recently become involved in N3ET and it would be reasonable to expect in the next six months that members of the NCG will be asked to assist in some form The N3ET is a reform process that will have implications for all areas of nursing

The chair is planning a meeting of available members at the Forum in Nov .The proposed format is for a breakfast meeting at ADFA on the morning of the 12 Nov 04. Cost should be about \$5.00 per person.

3rd AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE NURSING OFFICERS FORUM



“Collaborative Practice in action”

REGISTRATION FORM

10 - 12 NOVEMBER 2004

R1 THEATRETTE

RUSSELL OFFICES, CANBERRA

3rd AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE NURSING OFFICERS FORUM

General Information for Attendance;

Please note that partners are welcome to attend the Dinner.

Accommodation;

There is limited Service accommodation available at HMAS HARMAN, ADFA and RMC Duntroon. We suggest you book early.

Transport;

A shuttle bus service will be running for attendees - picking up from Service accommodation and some major hotels. (Please advise DDFN personnel of the pick up address).

The above service will also be available for the Forum Dinner. (Please advise DDFN personnel by phone or email if you require this service).

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

THE 3rd ADF NURSING OFFICER FORUM

“The Future Belongs to Collaborative Practices.”

REGISTRATION FORM

Theatre 1, Building 1, Russell Offices. CANBERRA
10, 11 & 12 November 2004

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 david.collins3@defence.gov.au

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

REGISTRATION:

Title/Rank: PM Keys

Surname: First Name:

Mailing Address:

Suburb/City: State: Postcode:

Telephone: Fax: Mobile:

Dress for the Forum is uniform of the day (military) or neat civilian clothing for others.

FORUM DINNER:

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

COST: Registration Fee \$100(GST Inc) Dinner Cost \$ 60 (GST Inc) Total Cost \$160 (GST Inc)

Credit card payment. Please debit my: Bankcard, Mastercard, Visa Card Number:

Card holder's Name

Card Expiry Date: Total Authorised Amount: \$_

Signature

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

Unit payments can also be made into DDFN Costing Code 147200 & Account Code 21926.

ADF NURSING OFFICER CAREER STRUCTURE

The career structure project continues to move forward. The project team together with the DGDHS recently briefed FASPERS who has expressed support for the initiatives. The next significant step of the project is a conceptual presentation to the Personnel Steering Group (PSG). In June and July members of the project team will be travelling to Sydney, Brisbane, Townsville and Darwin in order to brief ADF Nursing Officers on the details of the proposals. Travel dates and locations will

DDFN MOVEMENTS

COL Wright is currently in the USA presenting at the International Military Medicine Conference in Washington. She will also be attending the Centenary of the Canadian Health Services dedication in late September.

The AMMA Conference will be in Canberra 23 October and many other conferences around the country, too numerous to mention here, are available to Nursing Officers. Details have been sent through respective Nursing Service Heads and hard copies have been archived by SO3.

DDFN is currently in the USA attending and presenting at the XXXV International Congress on Military Medicine, Arlington, Virginia, 12-17 Sep 04 and the OPMED 2004 Conference in Canada 26-30 September 04.

This year has provided the opportunity for ADF nursing to continue to advance the profession of nursing.

OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENTS

Nursing Officers have been Operationally active in Timor and the MEAO the over the last 3 months.

EXERCISES

Nursing Officers continue to play an important role in exercises within the ADF. Nursing Officers participated in EX Predator's Gallop and EX Pitch Black over the last 3 months.