

President's Report, September 2023



It has been an honour to be elected PANDDA President at the 2022 AGM and to serve as President over the last 12 months. PANDDA's advocacy, leadership and strategic activity, as outlined in the Strategic Plan, continues apace. Our membership pattern remains similar to previous years where some older members are not renewing their membership but gaining new and more diverse members.

Below is a summary of our activities and achievements over the last 12 months.

Membership

As is described below, PANDDA's membership is changing and although the overall 2023 numbers look like a 30% reduction on last year, there are several renewals being processed now and so these data will change in the coming week, or so. Crucially, although PANDDA is attracting new members, old members are not renewing. Potential reasons for these members not renewing (i.e., not being aware of the new "retired" category) should be explored with strategies developed to retain members. WA and the NT remain areas where PANDDA has not managed to generate reach or interest.

	2022	2023
Total	91	62
NSW	50	36
VIC	21	12
QLD	11	7
SA	2	2
ACT	2	
TAS	5	5
NT/WA	0	0
New Members		18
Life Members	14	15

National Health Workforce Data Collection (AHPRA)

As I reported last year, “disability nursing” was added to the AHPRA annual health workforce survey after some targeted advocacy by PANDDA. Macey Barratt is giving an overview of these data at the conference and a journal manuscript is being prepared for submission to an appropriate journal by Dr Peter Lewis. This will be important and it will summarise this workforce for the first time since AHPRA was initiated.

Australian College of Nursing (ACN)

In 2021 PANDDA began working with the Australian College of Nursing to develop a specialist study subject in Intellectual and Developmental Disability Nursing.

In 2023 a single unit of study titled “Principles of Intellectual and Developmental Disability Nursing” was finalised and is now available as an elective subject within The Graduate Certificate in Aged Care Nursing and The Graduate Certificate in Community and Primary Health Care Nursing at the Australian College of Nursing.

This unit of study is designed for nurses who work with people with intellectual and development disability across their lifespan in a variety of settings from the home to hospital. The content covers the integral role of the nurse in building therapeutic relationships with the person and their support network. Students learn about the aetiology and epidemiology of various intellectual and development disabilities and how to support people living with them from diagnosis and as they transition to adulthood and older age.

The unit was written by specialist nurses, including some PANDDA members, for nurses. Students will be supported by a team of clinical experts, working within the specialty. This is a fantastic opportunity to build skills in this specialist area of nursing.

For further information please visit: <https://www.acn.edu.au/education/single-unit-of-study/principles-of-intellectual-and-developmental-disabilitynursing>

Council of Nursing and Midwifery Organisations (CONMO)

PANDDA continues to attend CONMO meetings and provide written reports across the year about PANDDA’s activities. There has been a drop off in meeting activity due to both COVID and the change of federal government, but meetings are now several time per year. I gave a presentation at the last CONMO meeting, specific to the Every Nurses Business project, as well as advocating for PANDDA. Ongoing membership of CONMO is important for PANDDA as we sit alongside most of the Australian specialty nursing colleges/associations.

CPD Webinars

PANDDA members are continuing to be offered access to free CPD opportunities, in addition to the annual conferences. These are also available to PANDDA members to view via their member number on the PANDDA website. Rhonda Beggs has been leading this work in 2023, below is a summary:

Future 2023 Webinars

19 October 2023 – Maria Heaton Palliative care needs of people with intellectual disability and their families

7 December 2023 – Dr Seeta Durvasula Ageing and dementia in people with intellectual disability

2024 webinars include topics relating to:

The CHAP

Dental and oral health

Intellectual disability and health literacy

PANDDA webinars– Views since video first uploaded (as at 11 September 2023)

Webinar 20: 31st August 2023

Nursing assessment tools to support NDIS, Rhonda Beggs

Booked: 26 Attended: 13 Views: 0

Webinar 19: 20th July 2023

Disability and wellbeing framework, Prof Hannah Badland

Booked: 12 Attended: 6 Views: 7

Webinar 18: 27th April 2023

Gastrostomy, Michelle Ebzery

Booked: 15 Attended: 8 Views: 14

Webinar 17: 17th February 2023

Epilepsy, Peter Jones

Booked: 21 Attended: 10 Views: 5

Webinar 16: 8th December 2022

Diabetes care and NDIS, Jayne Lehmann

Booked: 8 Attended: 7 Views: 9

Webinar 15: 27 October 2022

Restrictive Practice and Clinical Holding, Sharon Paley

Booked: 8 Attended: 7 Views: 9

Webinar 14: 18 August 2022

Primary Care Health and the Role of the GP, Heather Miller

Booked: 8 Attended: 5 Views: 10

Webinar 13: 16 June 2022

Inclusive Communication: Improving health outcomes for people with Down syndrome, Naomi Lake and Kylie Preston

Booked: 11 Attended: 7 Views: 1

Webinar 12: 28 April 2022

Palliative Care Capacity Building for the Disability Sector, Sally Brown and Kathleen Menzies

Booked: 14 Attended: 11 Views: 4

Webinar 11: 16 February 2022

Keys to Bowel Success, Andrea Barber

Booked: 16 Attended: 8 Views: 30

Webinar 10: 2 December 2021

Disability Nurse Navigator, Rhonda Beggs

Views: 1

Webinar 09: 26 August 2021

Reducing and Eliminating Restrictive Practices, Sharon Paley

Views: 12

Webinar 08: 24 June 2021

Pain Assessment and Management, Virginia Howie

Views: 6

Webinar 07: 22 April 2021

Pressure Injury - Environments and Activities Influencing Outcomes, Michelle Kersten

Views: 9

Webinar 06: 18 February 2021

Medication administration and disability: It's place in legislation, Natalie Duckworth

Views: 29

Webinar 05: 13 October 2020

Mens Sheds: Mentoring Programs for Unemployed Young Males with Intellectual Disability, Nathan Wilson

Views: 4

Webinar 04: 21 July 2020

Urinary Catheter Care and Problem Solving, Joby Alex (No video available)

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Webinar 03: 14 May 2020

NDIS and Diabetes Care, Jayne Lehmann

Views: 7

Webinar 02: 30 April 2020

Considering Restrictive Practices, research and evidence, Sharon Paley

Views: 0

Webinar 01: 5 March 2020

CPR and basic life support for everyone, Elisha Deegan

Views: 2

Every Nurses' Business - NDIS mainstream health system capacity building project

PANDDA remains a leading strategic partner on the "Every Nurses Business" project, which was extended through to July 2024. Led by Professor Andrew Cashin (Southern Cross Uni) and myself (Western Sydney Uni), this partnership also includes the Australian College of Critical Care Nurses, the College of Emergency Nurses, the Association of Primary Nurses, and the ANMF. PANDDA committee members have been supporting the online synchronous learning sessions and this continues to earn PANDDA some much-needed money.

National Roadmap on the Health of People with Intellectual Disability

PANDDA is represented on the Roadmap Implementation Governance Group (RIGG) and the Education Advisory Group, where I am a member of both.

The National Centre of Excellence has been awarded to a consortium led by UNSW, and PANDDA looks forward to working with the Centre into the future.

PANDDA Position Statements

The Committee acknowledges that the current position statements are potentially dated and need to be reviewed, but that there would be other areas that need to be explored as topics that may require their own position statement. Next steps will be consultation with PANDDA members and identification of writers. Below is the summary list that the Committee has drafted:

1. Research in NURSING in IDD care and Support
2. Credentialing Nurse in IDD
3. Reasonable Adjustments)
4. Role of the Nurse in IDD (we have Position Statement just needs updating)
5. Person Centred Practise (being the foundation of what we do)
6. End of life care
7. Emergency departments
8. Decision-making and informed consent for PWIDD
9. Nurse education
- 10 Restrictive Practices

Funded Research: Oral History Project

This is an important PANDDA funded project led by Dr Peter Lewis from WSU. Future funding of research projects will likely rely on grants and/or future income sources but should remain a core goal of PANDDA.

PANDDA BN Honours Scholarship

Re-advertised ready for a 2024 commencement – currently no applicants.

Newsletters

The excellent newsletters continue to be overseen by Jennifer Bur, with input from a team of contributors. PANDDA has now moved the newsletters to e-News – feedback welcome!

Annual PANDDA Conference

The annual conference is PANDDA's major event of the year. Last year's 33rd annual conference was the first face to face opportunity to get together since COVID and

was a great success. The PANDDA Committee is committed to providing this opportunity to meet, interact, laugh and talk about nursing together under the one roof and hear from a diverse range of passionate presenters and experts annually, and the committee will continue to explore strategies to keep the event affordable and sustainable.

Victorian Networking Group

Jennifer Bur has led some informal meetings with Victorian members of PANDDA and these continue. Members from other states wishing to create a state-based networking group should seek some advice from Jennifer about setting these up.

Social Media

PANDDA is on Facebook and X (Twitter) and several members are on LinkedIn.

PANDDA respects that not everyone is a social media user by choice, social media is a great way to keep in contact, share information, promote events, grow networks, and widen audiences.

PANDDA is inviting you join us on social media and contribute to PANDDA meeting a wider audience, increase our membership and promote our events.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2026284754055481/>

<https://x.com/PANDDAnurses>

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2. PANDDA members who worked with ACN on the unit of study.
3. PANDDA Committee volunteers for the Every Nurses' Business project who attended monthly online synchronous sessions on behalf of PANDDA.
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Professor Nathan Wilson, President

26th September 2023.