

Members' Charter

About The Australian College of Nurse Practitioners

The Australian College of Nurse Practitioners (ACNP) is the peak professional body for Nurse Practitioners around Australia.

ACNP's **mission** is to advance nursing practice and access to health care.

ACNP strives to achieve this through the following **aims**:

- ❖ provide leadership, representation and support to improve the provision of health care to the general community.
- ❖ monitor and make recommendations regarding the ongoing developments of the role of Nurse Practitioner policy and positions.
- ❖ increase the level of awareness in the health care arena and to the general public of the Nurse Practitioner role.
- ❖ provide forums for discussion and dissemination of information.
- ❖ provide consultancy to improve the provision of health care to the general community.
- ❖ support relevant nursing research.

Our organisation is defined by our members and we rely on your views, contributions and active participation in College activities, to influence the decisions and representations that ACNP make on your behalf.

Our Standards

In addition to the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council's professional codes of conduct and ethics, the ACNP Board and all ACNP members are expected to adhere to the expectations set out in the Members' Charter.

Roles and Responsibilities of Board Members

The Board is appointed under Section 18 of the Constitution. ACNP members have representation either directly or through the Chair of their local State or Territory Chapter of ACNP.

The **Board** has the collective responsibility of

- ❖ providing strategic direction, leadership and effective governance to the operations of ACNP in consultation with members;
- ❖ promoting and maintaining the integrity and professionalism of ACNP.

Board members are expected to:

- ❖ act in good faith, honesty and always in the best interest of ACNP in fulfilling their obligations as a Board member.
- ❖ not improperly use their position to derive any gain or advantage for themselves or others
- ❖ declare and avoid any activities that are a “real” or “perceived” conflict of interest.
- ❖ develop, as required, new skills and knowledge to effectively facilitate their role.

Roles and Responsibilities of Members

Members are expected to:

- ❖ contribute to the direction, decisions and representations of ACNP through actively engaging in ACNP activities; and, by voting on important issues, as notified from time to time.
- ❖ contribute and participate in ACNP by accessing the ACNP website, listserv, forums and through involvement in sub-committees
- ❖ appropriately acknowledge and not misrepresent or unlawfully use the ACNP name or reputation.
- ❖ facilitate the mission of ACNP by working in an open and accountable way and by promoting best practice and innovation.
- ❖ share expertise, knowledge and skills to further develop and strengthen nurse practitioner models of care in Australia.

More Information

For more information or to contact ACNP visit: <http://www.acnp.org.au/>

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Helen Gosby, President