



September / October 2010

**THE INJURED NURSES  
SUPPORT GROUP**

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**PATRON: JUDITH DURHAM, OAM**

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**INSG September 2010 Meeting**

**Date:** Tuesday, 21 September 2010  
**Time:** 11.00am – 12.30pm  
**Location:** 3rd Floor Boardroom, ANF House, 540 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne  
**Speaker:** Member meeting, with time to discuss members' issues

**INSG October 2010 Workshop**

**Presenter:** Laurie Lacy – physiotherapist, yoga teacher and ergonomist  
**Date:** Tuesday, 19 October 2010  
**Time:** 10.00am – 2.00pm  
**Location:** 7th Floor, ANF House, 540 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne  
**Cost:** \$5 per person, includes lunch  
**Bring:** Writing materials, any pillows, cushions etc that will assist your comfort

**PLEASE NOTE EARLIER STARTING TIME OF 10.00AM**

Please complete the attached registration form and forward it to the Australian Nursing Federation (Vic Branch) OHS Unit by Tuesday, 13 October 2009

**THIS WORKSHOP REPLACES THE OCTOBER MEETING**

**INSG November 2010 Meeting**

**Date:** Tuesday, 16 November 2010  
**Time:** 11.00am – 12.30pm  
**Location:** 3rd Floor Boardroom, ANF House, 540 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne  
**Speaker:** Member meeting, with time to discuss members' issues

**INSG December 2010 End of Year Function**

**Date:** Tuesday, 21 December 2010  
**Time:** 11.00am  
**Location:** 7th Floor, ANF House, 540 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne  
**Speaker:** Member function

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SUPPORTING INJURED NURSES ♦ PAIN & INJURY MANAGEMENT  
♦ RETURN TO WORK PROGRAMS ♦ WORKCOVER ♦ MEDICO-LEGAL ISSUES  
♦ RETRAINING/REHABILITATION ♦ INTERPERSONAL PROBLEMS

## Workers' Compensation Changes

Peter Moylan, ANF (Vic Branch) OHS Officer, discussed the changes with members at our 17 August 2010 meeting.

The Victorian Parliament in March 2010 passed amendments to the Accident Compensation Act.

Changes from 1 July 2010 effect Return to Work (RTW) obligations of employers which are to:

- Provide pre-injury or suitable employment
- Plan a worker's return to work
- Consult about a workers' return to work
- Appoint a Return to Work Co-ordinator
- Make specific return to work information available

A nine month transitional period commenced on 1 July 2010 and ends on 31 March 2011. If an employer with an existing claim is compliant with their return to work obligations under the previous legislation and continues to remain compliant they will be deemed to be complying with their new obligations.

WorkSafe has developed guidance on the new RTW arrangements which is available at [www.worksafe.vic.gov.au](http://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au)

As a result of legislative improvements to payments, the WorkCover Top Up insurance, which has been part of ANF member benefits, no longer delivered a benefit and this policy will not apply for work related injuries incurred after 1 May 2010.

Attached to the WorkCover Top UP Insurance was the Journey Insurance. The ANF Branch Council has decided not to retain the Journey Insurance, due to the poor member usage.

## National Registration And Accreditation Scheme

Marcia Gleeson, Professional Officer, ANF (Vic Branch) at our May meeting outlined changes for Nurses and Midwives under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme which came into effect from 1 July 2010, including the new professional development requirements.

Further information is available on [www.afnvc.asn.au](http://www.afnvc.asn.au) and [www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au](http://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au)

## Nursing and Midwifery Health Program, Victoria

Glenn Taylor, CEO, discussed the Program with members at our 15 June meeting.

Funding has been allocated to the Program for a further 3 years.

About 750 attended the inaugural Nursing and Midwifery *Wellness Conference* held on 10 September 2010.

Further information is available on the Program is available at [www.vnhp.org.au](http://www.vnhp.org.au) or on 9415 7551.

## ANF Policies

The ANF also now has a Federal Policy on *Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation for Injured and Ill nurses and Midwives* - available at [www.anf.org.au](http://www.anf.org.au)

## ANF (Vic Branch) No Lifting Conference and Expo

The *ANF (Vic Branch) No Lifting Conference and Expo* scheduled for Friday, 22 October 2010 will explore strategies for decreasing musculo-skeletal injuries through the No Lifting approach to patient handling.

An Expo of patient handling equipment will be on display for Conference attendees.

Janet Cregan-Wood will attend this Conference and Expo on behalf of the INSG.

INSG Webpage

The INSG Webpage with details of upcoming meetings, the INSG membership application form and contacts for members is at [www.anfvic.asn.au/sigs](http://www.anfvic.asn.au/sigs)

Contact Annie or Joan

1300 760 602 (Monday to Friday 10.00am – 4.00pm)

This is the number for INSG members. The landline caller cost is the local call cost. Mobile charges depend on the mobile contract

Regards

Annie



INSG October 2010 Workshop Registration

I would like to register to attend the workshop to be facilitated by Laurie Lacy on Tuesday, 19 October 2010

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Return by Tuesday, 12 October 2010 to:

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