

MISSION STATEMENT

(statement of purpose and values)

ARNA sponsors advancement of the practice of Rehabilitation Nursing to promote optimal wellbeing for people who require rehabilitative nursing care. ARNA achieves this by leading the development of the profession through advocacy, education and research.

ARNA strives to drive systemic change that values and strengthens Rehabilitation Nursing as an integral part of the continuing development of rehabilitation services in Australasia.

AIMS and OBJECTIVES

(to accomplish mission + responsibilities to members)

ARNA structures its responsibilities, functions and activities within four domains that enable the achievement of its objectives.

Leadership and Professional Development

Objective:



To sponsor and support the continuous development of the speciality of Rehabilitation Nursing in order to promote optimal rehabilitation and wellness outcomes for patients and their families

The objective is supported by the following documents, activities and functions:

- ARNA National Conference
- Study days
- Education activities
- Research - development, dissemination and utilisation
- Scholarships
- JARNA
- Advocacy
- Representation on peak bodies – health system and professional
- Rehabilitation Nursing Standards and Competencies
- Position Statements

Corporate Governance

Objectives:

- ★ To establish and maintain systems and practices that ensure compliance with all relevant legal, professional and business regulations.
- ★ To ensure responsibility and accountability to the members by competent administration and financial management of the Association.

The objectives are supported by the following structures, documents, activities and functions:

- Chapter Committees
- National Committee
- Executive Committee
- Company
- Constitution
- Mission Statement

Administration and Financial Management

Objective:

- ★ To develop and maintain responsive and accountable member-centred services that support the functions of the Association and maintain financial diligence and sustainability of the organisation.

The objective is supported by the following structures, activities and functions:

- Finances
- Administration (PAMS)
- Audit
- Annual Report
- Insurance

Membership and Marketing

Objective:

- ★ To develop and maintain services, systems and activities that link the Association with its members and the broader health community.

The objective is supported by the following activities and functions:

- Internet information
- Publicity & promotion
- Dialogue with other professional groups

CONTEXT and ORGANISATION

ARNA Inc is registered in NSW and is organised into State and Territory Chapters and Speciality Nursing Chapters.

ARNA membership comprises:

Voting members – nurses working in a broad range of general and specialised rehabilitation areas.

Non-voting members – corporate members and other health professionals associated with rehabilitation

Office bearers of Chapters and the National Committee are ARNA members who work on a voluntary basis to advance ARNA's mission.

ARNA's administrative functions are supported by PAMS whose office is located in Melbourne.

ARNA publishes a quarterly journal:

Official Journal of the Australasian Nurses' Association – JARNA – [ISSN1440-3994].

This journal includes both peer-reviewed and non-refereed papers relating to research, clinical issues, education and practice development, along with Chapter reports, and professional development information.

ARNA supports members' participation in education and research activities in the form of scholarships.

Education and professional development activities are organised at both Chapter and National Committee levels.

ARNA organises an annual national conference that features national and international presentations related to Rehabilitation Nursing.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Benefits of ARNA membership include:

- ✓ membership of Australasia's peak rehabilitation nursing body
- ✓ access to education scholarships and grants
- ✓ registration savings at the annual ARNA National Conference
- ✓ affiliation with Royal College of Nursing Australia and The College of Nursing
- ✓ access to a wide network of colleagues
- ✓ free subscription to JARNA - refereed rehabilitation nursing journal
- ✓ access to educational materials
- ✓ opportunities to attend Chapter education forums
- ✓ opportunities to form special interest nursing Chapters