



Message from the Board Chair

I am privileged to be addressing you as Chair of the ANMAC Board. This year has been a challenging for the whole of Australia. In January, many Communities were affected by bushfires. In March, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, changing the way we live. I would like to send a special thank you to all the health workers on the front line.

This year was a special one for nurses and midwives, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared 2020 as the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife, what a year to celebrate nursing and midwifery! It is timely that the WHO is bringing the world's attention to nurses and midwives and our professions' contribution to the care of the community, especially during the pandemic. The nurses and midwives who have continued to provide health care in challenging environments are a testament to their education and preparation.

The pandemic impacted our education providers and their nursing and midwifery students. We have had a strong focus this year on supporting our education providers as they faced many implications presented by the pandemic. We have continued to collaborate with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, to find flexible and workable solutions for our nursing and midwifery education providers to balance the impact of the pandemic, while continuing to operate within the National Law.

Congratulations to all the students in nursing and midwifery programs, it has been a very challenging year for you and all of us at ANMAC recognise the impact that COVID-19 has had on your studies. I would like to congratulate those of you that will graduate this year and wish you all the best in 2021

I am pleased to say that ANMAC's business continued uninterrupted this year. We continued to achieve our strategic objectives and progress our core business activities in accrediting nursing and midwifery education programs and processing skills assessments of nurses and midwives for the purposes of migration.

ANMAC remains committed to providing high value and high-quality services for education providers and overseas applicants. We look forward to working with our stakeholders in 2021.

Board Directors

Resignations

This year, Ann Kinnear was farewelled as the Chair of ANMAC. Ann was the Member Director for the Australian College of Midwives. Ann became a Member Director of ANMAC in March 2014 and was appointed Chair of ANMAC in October 2015. Ann has ensured that we have steered our way through both reviews resulting in another agreement to provide the Independent Accreditation Functions for the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. The Board and staff at ANMAC would like to thank Ann for the work she has undertaken as Chair of ANMAC over the last six years.

We also farewelled Karen Taylor, as Appointed Director with expertise in the VET Sector. Karen was first appointed to the ANMAC Board in 2017 and shared her extensive experience in strategic planning, change management and business development. The Board and staff at ANMAC would like to thank Karen for her valuable contributions to ANMAC.

Appointments

In October, the Board appointed Debbie Blow as the Appointed Director with expertise in the VET Sector. Debbie is the Director of Faculty for Community Services, Health and Nursing and the Executive Leader Health and Nursing at TAFE Queensland.

In October, the Board reappointed Professor Wendy Cross as Chair for a further term. Professor Cross is the Dean of School of Nursing and Healthcare Professions at Federation University. Wendy has been a Board Director at ANMAC since 2013 and is a member of the Board Governance Committee. Wendy is the fifth Chair of the ANMAC Board.

In October, the Board appointed Professor Lorraine Sheppard as the Deputy Chair.

Lorraine is a professor of physiotherapy and healthcare management whose business, management, governance and leadership expertise has benefited universities, government boards, accreditation panels and not-for-profits.

In December, Professor Joanne Gray was appointed as the Member Director for the Australian College of Midwives. Joanne is the current President of the Australian College of Midwives. Professor Gray is a leading midwifery academic and she has been involved in midwifery education in the higher education sector for many years. Joanne's current role is Head, Graduate School of Health at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS).

To meet all our Directors visit our [website](#)

2020 Annual General Meeting

We held our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 27 October 2020.

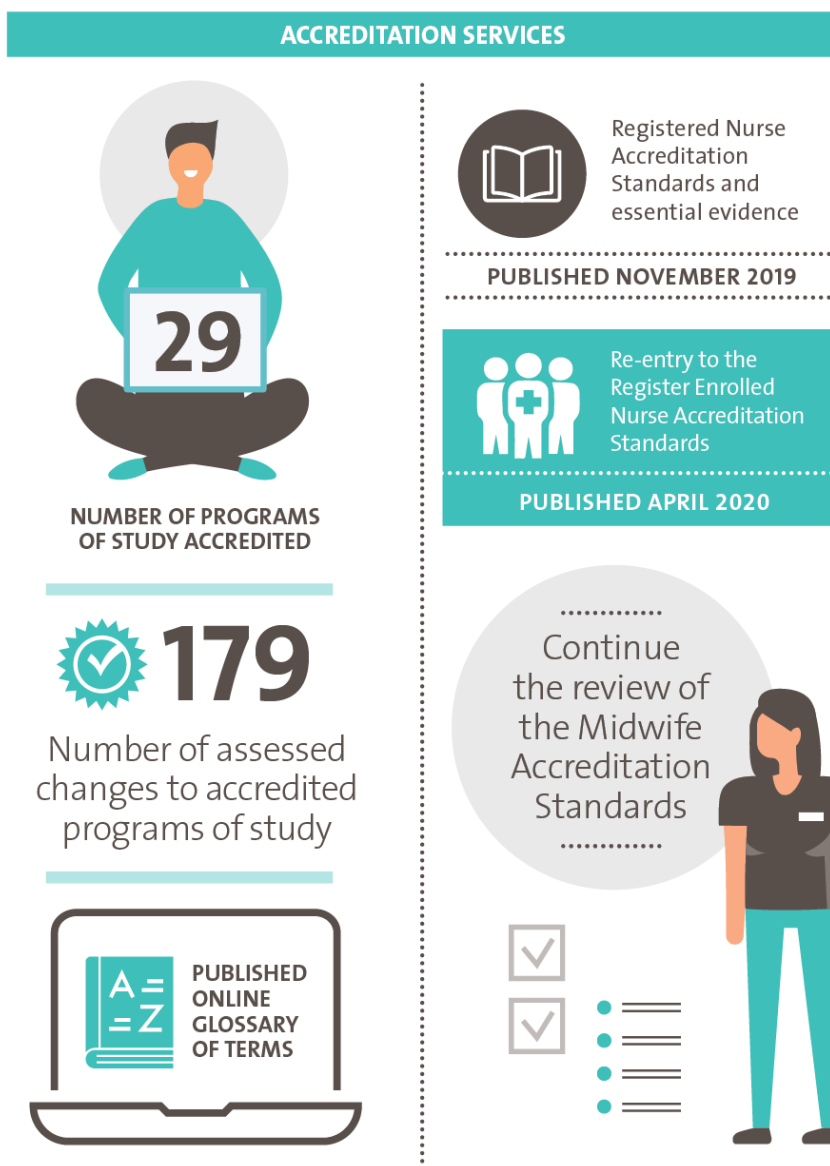
The Members considered the proposed amendments to the Constitution of ANMAC and approved these. The revised constitution is available on our [website](#)

The Members also considered the Annual Report for 2019-20. All Members approved the Council's Annual Report for 2019-20, which included the financial report, the Directors' report and the auditor's report. The Annual Report is available on our [website](#)

Accreditation

Accreditation Services had a busy year completing 29 accreditations, another example of outstanding performance. Since the start of COVID-19, the Accreditation Services team had to implement new ways to work to ensure education programs continued to be assessed. The team has adapted well and is using technology to carry out virtual site visits with education providers. We also continued to monitor 187 accredited programs to ensure they continue to meet relevant accreditation standards.

We published the Registered Nurse Accreditation Standards and essential evidence in November 2019. In April 2020, the Accreditation Services team published the Re-entry to the Register Enrolled Nurse Accreditation Standards. The team also progressed the review of the Midwife Accreditation Standards, three rounds of stakeholder consultation have taken place with the third round closing in August 2020. Draft Midwife Accreditation Standards will be submitted to the NMBA for consideration before the Christmas shutdown.



SMS

Skilled Migration Services continue to see an increase in application numbers. Despite the challenges associated with COVID19, staff have maintained both low wait times and the call centre whilst working remotely. The team remain committed to providing a robust and thorough assessment service and have engaged regularly in both internal and external professional development opportunities to enhance learning and ensure best practice.

SKILLED MIGRATION SERVICES

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Applications received

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COMPLETED 6984 APPLICATIONS
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Processed an average of 30 applications daily

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DECREASING WAIT TIMES TO 3-4 WEEKS
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PROVIDED PROCESS UPDATES AND FEEDBACK AT MIGRATION LAW EVENTS



Facilitated first face-to-face meeting of the Assessing Authorities Network

SEPTEMBER 2019



The Board and staff at ANMAC wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to working with you in 2021.

Please note, our offices are closed from Wednesday, 23 December 2020 and reopen on Wednesday, 6 December 2021.