

# Australian Faith Community Nurses Association



## - Facilitating Faith Community Nursing in Australia

Faith Community Nursing offers a unique approach to addressing many current problems in health, aged, disability and community care, by mobilising the many gifts and strengths of local churches in innovative ways to address contemporary health and social issues.

A Faith Community Nurse (FCN) bridges the gap between the person or family and the health and community care systems, by connecting the person with local support that can improve their whole health and promote wellbeing.

### **AFCNA:**

- is a professional organisation
- prepares and supports Faith Community Nurses
- promotes the benefits of Faith Community Nursing
- supports churches to promote whole person health and provide compassionate care

### **AFCNA provides faith community nurses with:**

- information, education, resources and support to perform their role
- networking and mentoring
- standards of professional faith community nursing practice
- liaison with comparable professional bodies locally, nationally and internationally

### **AFCNA provides faith communities with:**

- information and consultancy
  - resources and education
  - networking opportunities
- to enable them to commence, nurture and sustain an FCN ministry

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# Faith Community Nurse

- your partner in whole person health



**A Faith Community Nurse (FCN) can provide:**

## Health promotion

- ♥ promote whole person health
- ♥ promote family and community health
- ♥ empower self-care and support self-management



## Education and counselling

- ♥ help people understand their health issues
- ♥ support individuals, families, groups and community with health education via print, seminars, groups and personally
- ♥ brief health counselling



## Advocacy and Referral

- ♥ enable people to navigate the health system
- ♥ locate resources, obtain referrals, source health support
- ♥ advocate with services if necessary



## Listening and visiting

- ♥ discuss health, social and spiritual concerns
- ♥ visit at home, residential care, hospital and after discharge
- ♥ enable people to stay connected to family and community



## Training and Coordination

- ♥ develop health and pastoral care volunteers to ensure quality support in all activities
- ♥ care coordination and case management support

## Hope and Spiritual Care

- ♥ sustain spiritual growth and healing
- ♥ prayer and spiritual support
- ♥ provision of pastoral care

**All FCN functions are undertaken to promote HEALTH, HEALING and WELLBEING of the WHOLE PERSON - body, mind and spirit.**

The FCN role is always undertaken under the governance of an employing faith community which supports the ministry with resources and prayer.