



AAQHC Newsletter

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“Strive for continuous improvement, instead of perfection”.

Kim Collins

President's Message

The shared Learning forum is now operational allowing all AAQHC members to network and contribute to discussion forums. The forum also enables members to ask advise from other members and to share your views and experiences. I encourage all members to look at the site. You can also advertise any events happening in your area.

VHQA held a successful conference in Melbourne on May 7 and 8 and in the next few weeks many of the slides will be available on the website.

Membership renewals are now being sent out. The membership fee has been maintained at \$185.00 for the coming year.

Remember there are still scholarships available for the Fellowship and Associate Fellowship credentialing.

Sincerely

Robyn Quinn

A personal experience of the AAQHC Mentor Program by Kathryn Anderson.

I started my safety and quality journey from an allied health background and worked in a collaborative team with great support structures and networking through the state. I then transferred to a health service both geographically isolated and dynamic in staff-structure and leadership, which I found challenging.

Being able to have a mentor has assisted in



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bridging this gap for on-going and consistent support and feedback on my development. My mentor both understands and is aware of my current position and has facilitated my continued development in safety and quality. This has provided me with a positive outcome from the mentor program, not only for information-sharing, but at times for reassurance.

I would like to thank my mentor who has encouraged me to continue pursuing further qualifications in this field and I look forward to meeting her in-person one day!

Thank you to the AAQHC for providing me the opportunity and support. *Kathryn*

How do you know a change is an improvement?

Do you use run charts to measure data over time? For more information check out the Clinical Excellence Commission's free information on run charts at the web address below:

<http://www.cec.health.nsw.gov.au/quality-improvement/improvement-academy/quality-improvement-tools/run-charts>

Australian College of Nursing

A component of our affiliation with the Australian College, AAQHC is able to offer to a member 1 free membership for the year to the College.

We are also able to offer 1 free registration to the National Nursing Conference in August.

If you would like to apply for one of these please email aaqhc@aaqhc.org.au and state why you would benefit from either of these offers.

Remember as a member of AAQHC you are entitled to any of the

ACN courses. These courses gain CPD points. You do not have to be a nurse to attend the courses.

Please email AAQHC for any further information

Have you connected to AAQHC on LinkedIn? Build your professional network and stay up to date with current events and items of interest.

On the Radar. *On the Radar* is a summary of some of recent publications in the areas of safety and quality in health care. You can subscribe to On the Radar at the web address below:

<https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/publications-resources/on-the-radar/>

COMING EVENTS

Institute *for* Healthcare Improvement and BMJ International forum on Quality & Safety in Healthcare. Melbourne 10-12 September 2018. Early Bird booking - save \$155 if you book by 9th July 2018. Group savings also available.

<https://internationalforum.bmj.com/melbourne/>

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