



AAQHC Newsletter

A Voice For Safety and Quality

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President's Message

Dear Members

The past couple of months have been busy for the members of the Council with the following activities:

VHQA

The Victorian Healthcare Quality Association (VHQA) is undergoing liquidation. This will be completed in the next couple of months. For those who were members of AAQHC and VHQA, your membership will not be affected as the membership remains with the AAQHC. We assure those members, you will continue to enjoy all the advantages of membership, including the free webinars, Fellowship and Associate Fellowship Credentialing and the Mentor programme..

AAQHC Constitution

The Council has been reviewing the AAQHC constitution in line with best practice. The constitution has not been reviewed since 2014 and during this time there have been many changes within the healthcare system. Significant changes will be recommended for membership consideration to reflect contemporary best practice.

A copy of the draft constitution will be circulated to all members to encourage comment and feedback on the proposed changes.

Please feel free to email any comments / suggestions on the constitution review to aaqhc@aaqhc.org.au. Your input is welcomed as we aim to ensure the Association is relevant for all members.

Webinars

All the slides from the webinars are posted to the Forum tab on the [AAQHC website](#). Details on how to access the Forum are noted later in the newsletter.

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Cheers

Robyn Quinn
President

*Quality in a service or product
is not what you put into it.
It is what the client or
customer gets out of it.”
~Peter Drucker*

Contact us at
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Applying for Fellow or Associate Fellow Credentialing

Applications are now being accepted for the program in 2019.

This is a great way to receive recognition for your role in quality

In recognition of the vital role of safety and quality professionals in health systems the AAQHC credentialing program which is *unique* and *Australian designed*, provides for personal recognition at Associate and Fellow levels. The objective of both awards is to increase the recognition and value of these safety and quality roles.

Current and new members are eligible to apply for credentialing as a Fellow or Associate Fellow. Go to <https://www.aaqhc.org.au/> click on the Credentialing tab and you will find all that you need to know about becoming a Fellow or Associate Fellow. If you would like more information, please contact aaqhc@aaqhc.org.au and one of the Credentialing committee members will contact you.

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KEEP THE DATE

Free Webinar for AAQHC members

Date: Tuesday, 23 August 2019

Time: 10am to 11am

Topic: Standard 6, Communicating for Safety

Presenter: Sandy Thomson

Please register at aaqhc@aaqhc.org.au to attend.

Promoting Your Quality Initiatives – Publish in the AAQHC Newsletter

Publication of articles in the AAQHC Newsletter is a great way to promote quality initiatives that have made a difference to the patient/consumer and/or family and promote your/your team's great work to a wider audience.

The Newsletter is a mechanism to share ideas between staff involved in quality across Australasia, however it needs your input to be successful.

If you have a great idea, thoughts on patient safety/quality and or an example of a quality initiative, put pen to paper and send it through to the following address:

newsletter@aaqhc.org.au

Australian College of Nursing Affiliation

AAQHC has established an affiliation with the Australian College of Nursing. The benefits to members of AAQHC include:

ACN Bronze Affiliates receive the following:

- Discounted Affiliate membership rate for all nurse employees/members (a saving of \$78 per *General* membership)
- 5% discount on all CPD courses
- Partner logo on ACN Affiliate webpage