



In December 2020, MCAFHNA voted to become a single entity as a company limited guarantee. It has submitted the appropriate paperwork to the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) to register our new Company.

The new MCAFHNA Constitution states that our principle purpose is to *“promote and advocate for optimal health and wellbeing of Young Children and their families in their communities through the specialty of maternal, child and family health nursing”*. We will pursue this goal through a range of activities and services that include:

- a) representing and advocating to influence both **national and state** policy and practice in the area of maternal, child and family health nursing;
- b) developing and promoting best practice standards;
- c) promoting and facilitating education, professional development and networking opportunities for Members and those working in the area of maternal, child and family health nursing;
- d) collaborating with other groups and organisations;
- e) initiating and supporting research activities; and
- f) doing anything ancillary or incidental to the Principal Purpose.

The MCAFHNA Board will meet every month to progress the new national structure for MCAFHNA and its members.

What a national organisation means for you?

- You will become a member of MCAFHNA
- A new MCAFHNA website will offer you the opportunity to renew your membership directly with MCAFHNA. The new website will go live within the next couple of months
- MCAFHNA will have a national scholarship fund that you can access to attend professional development
- MCAFHNA will have a series of national 'Community of Interest' groups such as Research, Rural and Remote, Education, Policy and Practice or other topics of interest and you will have the opportunity to participate in them.
- You will have access to access training / seminars organised across Australia

What does this mean for State/Territory Associations?

- Your State/Territory Association will cease to be members of MCAFHNA
- Your State/Territory Association will have the option to deregister their organization
- If your State/Territory Association chooses to deregister, as per individual State/Territory Constitutions, it can nominate MCAFHNA to receive any remaining funds
- MCAFHNA can preserve a small portion of funds for specific projects related to a specific State/Territory Association for a period of 2 years i.e. education, scholarships, current project/s or scheduled seminars

The MCAFHNA Board welcomes your interest in your national professional organisation.

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