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Moving interstate?

If you are a financial member of the ANF, QNU or NSWNA you can transfer your membership by phoning your union branch.

Don't take risks with your ANF membership - transfer to the appropriate branch for total union cover. It is important for members to consider that nurses who do not transfer their membership are probably not covered by professional indemnity insurance.

ANF NT Branch Recruitment Roadshow

ANF NT Branch Organiser Angela Wallace and ANF Vic Branch Recruitment Officer Maggie Ormerod hit the road in March taking the ANF to members and informing non-members of the benefits of membership.

Gove, Katherine, Darwin, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs all welcomed the new concept of a road show for the NT Branch.

The ANF Victorian Branch generously donated merchandise - a luxury the ANF NT Branch has not been able to offer in the past - to give to our current members and new members mementos.

Maggie had a cultural insight to nursing in the NT, which she found very enlightening and was very impressed that the NT Branch, even though very small, covers such a vast area with limited resources.

The ANF also had a chance to introduce their new member service - Members Equity (ME). Steve Buethke, NT Manager ME, joined Angela and Maggie on the road show and introduced members to their new bank.

The bank offers Super Member Home Loans, Interest ME Savings Account and low interest credit cards.

Other services highlighted were HESTA, Virtual

The retention of current members was probably the most successful part of the expedition, as the need to inform and update the membership of day-to-day issues across the NT is a huge task.



Angela Wallace (2nd from right back row) with members at Tennant Creek Hospital

Communities and the services already offered through the ANF NT Branch.

The road show gave members a chance to meet their ANF Organiser face to face and discuss their issues. Forty new members were recruited and we welcome them.

ANF NT Branch would like to thank the job delegates who helped us throughout the road show. Your time and knowledge of your work areas was invaluable.

Given the positive feedback from members on the road show, the ANF hopes to continue it on an annual basis.

ANF public sector EBA

The ANF NT Branch EBA 'draft log of claims' was been developed with input from ANF members in DH&CS workplaces across the NT.

The log of claims was endorsed by the ANF NT Branch Council on 12 May 2003.

At the time of writing, member meetings were being held around the NT to enable the claims to be endorsed by members.

Following member meetings, our claims will

be forwarded to the Commissioner for Public Employment. The negotiation process with the Commissioner will commence around the first week in June 2003. This will entail a week of intense discussion on the claims between the ANF negotiating team and the Commissioner. Following the meetings, the Commissioner will then, with his team, cost the claims. The Commissioner will then meet with ANF officials informing them on what has been agreed and not agreed.

Further ANF meetings around the NT will then take place to inform members of the outcome of these negotiations.

visit our new website: www.anfnt.org.au



May Day celebrations

ANF members joined in the May Day celebrations and march on 5 May. The May Day theme acknowledged 'strong women' and their contribution to the union movement. The concert was a tribute to the late Elinor Boyd who was very involved in development of aboriginal music and fought for women's rights in the workplace. Yothu Yindi played at the concert, and were a great attraction. Special thanks to all job delegates and councillors who contributed to the banner and flag making.

A special thanks to Kay Stevens, RDH, for the major contribution to the flag making, and Angie Williams, DPH, and partner for donating the rods to hold the ANF banner.

International Nurses Day 12 May

Territory nurses celebrated International Nurses Day with various activities, including sausage sizzles and a chocolate day. Thanks to those job delegates and councillors who contributed to the event.

ANF NT Branch election

Three nominations were received for the position of ANF NT Branch Secretary: Marie Land; Frank Pearson; and, Denis Blackford. The ballot opens on 14 May and closes on 4 June.

Public sector on call allowance

The on call rate in the public sector was increased from \$1.00 to \$1.25 in March 2003. Members have indicated that the increase is inadequate. On call is again in the EBA claims. As part of the EBA process we wish to see a working party set up with ANF representation from areas where nurses do frequent on call, eg: remote area nurses, theatre nurses, Xray nurses, mental health nurses and palliative care nurses.

Shave for a cure

Nurses from the Alice Springs Community Health Centre joined in 'shave for a cure' at the Alice Springs Plaza on 15 March 2003. In the process of receiving haircuts, \$1200 was raised for the cause. The ANF congratulates you all.



Above: Participants pre-haircut L-R Emma Corcoran, Penny Abbingtion Blanch and Ann Burrows
Below: Participants post-haircut L-R Penny Abbingtion Blanch, Emma Corcoran, Ann Burrows, Fred Miegel and Del Hird

ANF NT Branch Job Delegate Conference 9-10 May 2003

The NT Branch held a very successful conference with excellent guest speakers providing delegates at the conference with very useful information for the forthcoming EBA negotiations in both the public and private sector. Four delegates were endorsed to attend the National Job Delegates Conference in Hobart in October 2003: Angie Williams; Frank Pearson; Wendy Corkill; and, Libby Clegg.

Resolutions were tabled and accepted to be part of the National Conference Agenda, once they have been endorsed by Branch Council.

