



Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council

NATIONAL NURSING & NURSING EDUCATION TASKFORCE

Message from the Chair

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It is hard to believe that just over two years have passed since the National Nursing and Nursing Education Taskforce (N³ET) was established by State, Territory and Australian Government Ministers for Education and Health.

Upon reflection, the Taskforce has achieved a great deal in a short space of time. Our work has involved many key stakeholders and we are proud of our collective achievements. As we are currently in the process of finalising our work program and completing stages of work, you will see many documents posted on the website in the next few weeks. There are already a number of documents on the [Publications page](#) of our website, which I hope have been informative, useful and challenged thinking. Keep watching the website for new documents/reports.

I understand that the Ministers have almost all signed off on the two reports on *Scholarships for Nurses and Midwives* and *Re-entry Programs for Nurses and Midwives* and I anticipate these being available in the near future.

Some of our work will be ongoing (eg, Governance Standards for Specialist Nursing and Midwifery Organisations – an important piece of work undertaken in partnership with the ANF and the National Nursing Organisations) and we are in the process of establishing arrangements for continuing work to be supported and resourced so that nursing and midwifery can continue to build on the legacy of networks now established. Our website will provide details of the ongoing work and relevant contacts.

We are also in the process of writing a Final Report, which will contain project summaries and incorporate all the work undertaken by the Taskforce. This will be a good resource and I anticipate its release in August 2006.

In addition, on behalf of the Taskforce, I would like to take this opportunity to wish Adjunct Professor Kathy Baker much happiness in her recent retirement, and I would like to say how much I appreciate and value her continued input to the Taskforce.

In closing, without the support of our partners and many stakeholders, the Taskforce would not have been able to achieve what it has. There is some truly good work being produced and there is evidence that it is informing and stimulating change. I am conscious that we are pushing boundaries, challenging established processes and thinking and testing the patience of many! Thank you to all who participated in our work and to those not directly involved, who take the time and trouble to read our work and provide feedback.

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