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VICTORIAN ASSOCIATION OF
PRINCIPAL NURSE TEACHERS COLLECTION
ACCESSION NO. 94 133

PROVENANCE NOTE:

The VAPNT was formed in September 1983 following a meeting of Principal Nurse Teachers from Victorian teaching hospitals in June. The initial meeting was in response to the developing interest in moving basic nurse education from hospitals to Colleges of Advanced Education (CAE). The meeting was called to discuss 'in a positive and constructive way the practical realities of the matter', including the need for Nurse Education Centres in Hospitals; employment opportunities for nurse teachers; clinical supervision/teaching of CAE students of nursing in the acute hospital setting.¹

The Association adopted its name and a Constitution establishing it as an autonomous body (that is, not affiliated to the ANF or other nursing bodies) at the meeting of 9 September. Its aims and objects were:

- a) to promote and maintain a high standard of nursing skills, education and educational administration.
- b) to encourage and develop future leaders in nursing education.
- c) to act in an advisory role in professional affairs providing information relating to all forms of nursing education in keeping with the professional organisation's goals for nursing.
- d) to maintain an active interest and to make active representation in regard to the professional and industrial welfare of nurse teachers.
- e) to maintain a liaison between education, service and administrative areas.
- f) to maintain a liaison with other nursing and professional groups and other organisations.
- g) to promote membership of the Royal Australian Nursing Federation.²

These aims and objects remained current until the Association disbanded in 1990.

During its active life the Association worked through an Executive Committee of President, Vice President, Honorary

¹ Agenda for meeting 8 June 1983, VAPNT Minutes, Item 1/1, VAPNT Collection, University of Melbourne Archives (UMA).

² Constitution 1983, Item 41, VAPNT Collection, UMA.

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Secretary and Honorary Treasurer plus no more than four other members. General meetings for all members were held three times per year as well as an Annual Meeting no later than September each year.

Members of the Association voted to disband at a meeting of 28 June 1990. As they saw it, the VAPNT's work of supporting School of Nursing Administrators (formerly Principal Nurse Teachers) during the phasing out of hospital based general nursing had been completed.³

At the same meeting the Association considered joining the ANF (Victorian Branch) Nurse Administrators Special Interest Group. They had been considering joining the ANF (Victoria) in some capacity for many years, but in the end decided against it and simply disbanded. The records were directed to Archives via Dianne Temby, and have now been deposited in the University of Melbourne Archives. The remaining funds of the Association were directed to the Florence Nightingale Committee.

DATE OF TRANSFER: 12 August 1994

TRANSFEROR: Dianne Temby, for the VAPNT which is defunct.

ACCESS: Open.

SIZE: 12cms (one box).

DATE RANGE: 1983 - 1990

RELATED COLLECTIONS: All Nursing Collections held at the University of Melbourne Archives.

³ Invitation to AGM, 1 June 1990, in Item 1/3, VAPNT Collection, UMA.

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Archivist
23 November 1994