

2000

OCTOBER

Sam Moses writes to the Department of Health to introduce the 'Australian Practice Nurses Association (APNA)'

APNA's first member benefit is launched: the Nurse Support phone service

2001

9 AUGUST

Sam Moses submits paperwork at Consumer Affairs Victoria to have APNA incorporated

First APNA meeting, Gold Coast, QLD, 45 attendees

2002

FEBRUARY

Federal government announces \$104.3 million for GPs to employ nurses in rural and regional areas over 4 years

MARCH

APNA's first website is launched with assistance from the Australian Divisions of General Practice

2003



MARCH

APNA's first annual general meeting

AUGUST

APNA membership = 240



2014



APNA receives funding from the Australian Government Department of Health through the Nursing in General Practice (NiGP) Program
APNA's first 2 nursing networks are set up

2013



MAY

At the 2013 annual general meeting, members vote to change the organisation's name from the 'Australian Practice Nurses Association' to the 'Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association'

2012

APNA Online Learning grows to offer 26 courses



2015

AUGUST

APNA launches 'Member Connect', a monthly, member-only newsletter highlighting membership benefits, opportunities and education offerings

2016

APNA's Best Practice Awards are restructured and renamed the 'APNA Nurse Awards'

2017



There are now 35 APNA nursing networks across the country

APNA adopts a new constitution at the 2017 annual general meeting. The new Constitution facilitates APNA changing from an association incorporated in Victoria to a national company.

In collaboration with Insurance House, APNA launches new member-only professional indemnity insurance for PHC nurses

AUGUST

APNA launches its Career and Education Framework for registered nurses and enrolled nurses

2018

APNA is provided another 4 years of funding in the Federal Budget for the Nursing in Primary Health Care (NiPHC) program



2004



APNA receives a seeding grant for 3.5 years from the Commonwealth Government to establish itself as the peak professional association for nurses in general practice

MARCH

First APNA offices open in Melbourne and Brisbane

AUGUST

First state workshop held in Victoria, followed by workshops in QLD, SA, NSW and WA over the next 12 months

2006

APNA Learning is launched online

APNA initiates its Best Practice Awards

LATE 2006

In conjunction with Mediprotect Australia, APNA develops and offers its members access to professional indemnity insurance

2007

APNA's Continuing Professional Development (CPD) program released



2008



APNA's first full year of being independent of any government funding for core APNA business

SEPTEMBER

The first edition of *Primary Times* is launched

2011

APNA joins Twitter and Facebook

APNA is selected by the Department of Health and Ageing to create and manage the Practice Nurse Incentive Program (PNIP) Change Management Project

2010

APNA is now fully self-funded through membership subscriptions, sponsorship and project grants

MAY

Announcement of the Practice Nurse Incentive Payment in the 2010 Federal Budget

NOVEMBER

APNA's online store goes live

LATE 2010

APNA's CPD Portal is launched

2009

APRIL

APNA's first national conference, 'The Right Stuff', Melbourne

**NOVEMBER**

At a special general meeting, the APNA membership votes to change its membership eligibility from nurses working in general practice to all nurses working in primary health care

2019

**NURSE
2022**

Valued. Visible. Respected.

APNA launches the 'Nurse 2022' campaign to improve the profile and perception of nurses working in PHC in Australia

JUNE

APNA President Karen Booth is appointed to the Primary Health Reform Steering Group to develop the 10-Year Primary Health Care Strategy

2020

MARCH

COVID-19 lockdowns are announced. APNA moves its programs online and develops multiple COVID-specific online learning modules.

APNA supports the development and operations of the COVID-19 Evidence Based Guidelines Taskforce

AUGUST

APNA launches the Student Nurse Placement Program

SEPTEMBER

APNA launches the *Nursing Australia* podcast

DECEMBER

APNA submits its first pre-budget submission to Treasury

2021

Approximately 4,000 nurses participate in APNA's Workforce Survey

2022

MARCH

APNA is invited to provide evidence at the Senate Hearing into the provision of general practitioner and related PHC services to outer metropolitan, rural and regional Australians

MAY

APNA launches its travelling Conference Roadshow with special events in every state and territory

**JUNE**

APNA merges with School Nurses Australia