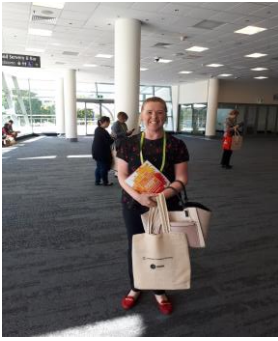


## THE NATIONAL NURSING FORUM – GOLD COAST 28 – 30 AUGUST 2018.

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This is me -an annoyingly happy, proud and passionate about our profession Nurse Educator who has worked across the NHS for 25 years and now Queensland Health for the past four years...Thank you! I was incredibly thrilled to accept this great prize 😊

As my hubbys birthday fell in the middle of the conference, I was unable to stay over at the stunning Gold Coast, however the opportunity of three full days to myself, listening to TED talks whilst driving in each morning is not to be diminished 😊

I was here to fill up my nursing cup, spend time networking and looking forward to the learning opportunities ahead!

### **Highlights – so many to fit on this page...**

In keeping with my own nursing values, the individuals I met must take first place in terms of highlights of the conference and so in no particular order;

- Ms. Shauna Wilson touched my heart by sharing her incredible journey, describing how she overcame many barriers as a transgender woman who is clearly a person centered and passionate nurse.
- Veronica “Ronnie” Croome was our MC, who brought humor and real fun to the proceedings, I’m thinking a stand-up show should be in this lady’s future.
- Dr Micheal Riordan moved me to tears with his address. Dr Riordan spoke with real heart, care and attention about why kindness is the most important human value and the life blood of nursing...the pride in the role he played in Nurse to Patient ratios, and Nursing Guarantee was palpable. For me the critical moment of his speech was when he told the story of bravery, of the South Australian nurse Kirsty Boden who was killed last year in the London Bridge terrorist attacks...clearly a man who pays attention to what matters to nurses.

### **Best Practice - Inspirations and Ideas for the future!**

- Clinical Partnership Program - Townsville Hospital. A fantastic step forward in how we can really impact the experience of undergraduate students in clinical practice and bring “Every Nurse is a teacher” to reality.... great work! Simplified a more hands on experiential learning opportunity that aims to replicate real work life context of nursing to gain a prepped and immersed workforce.
- Human Factor in Registered Nurse medication administration errors – Ms. Jillian Thomson. An excellent research study that Jillian completed as part of her MSc. Human factors have always been of interest to me, as I believe very few nurses attend work each day intending to do anything other than their very best...so why do we have medication errors every day? Jillian talked about the Cognitive Hook and ways in which we can support nurses to remain mindful in practice.
- Entrepreneurship in nursing? This topic had me hooked...Emeritus Professor Laurence Gillin was fascinating and has encouraged me to think differently about many aspects of nursing and learning from mistakes. User Valued Innovations - if humans don’t care about an outcome it won’t change.
- Aaron Jones left me with optimism that to be tech savvy in 2018 supports being clinically savvy and that true leadership is solution focused. The Clinical Analytics Framework is a useful tool!
- Dr Ann Woods from Walters Kluwer was an educators dream...it was like watching a live TED talk! Evidence translation into practice made easier using supporting tools, such as Lippincott and CKN.

A fabulous event that has reminded me... how awesome is our profession!

Thank you very much AQNML for the opportunity  
(p.s the food and drinks were delicious too 😊)

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