



13 September, 2011.

Dear Fellows and Members,

As you will be aware from our Member communiqués over the last 12 months, the College's Board of Directors has been meeting with the Board of Directors of Royal College of Nursing, Australia with a view to creating a unified entity. These discussions have progressed through due diligence processes with both Colleges having engaged Pricewaterhouse Coopers (PwC) to manage the unification project. As a result there will be a membership vote on unification by the end of 2011.

Our College was to have held an election prior to the Annual General Meeting in October this year. Given the close proximity of the election (October) to the impending member vote (late November), the Board of Directors felt that an election at this point in time would be an unnecessary expense.

After seeking legal advice, the Board of Directors of The College of Nursing unanimously passed the following resolution at the August 2011 Board meeting:

"That due to the intention of the Board of Directors to hold a member ballot to propose the unification of The College of Nursing and Royal College of Nursing, Australia prior to December 2011, the Board of Directors resolve to extend by one year the term of office of the following Directors – Maryann Curry, Ann Davies, Joan Englert, Leanne Morton, Kay Richards and Patricia Thornberry.

It is also resolved that in the case of the membership voting against the proposed unification that the election process be commenced within 3 months of that member ballot and that the abovementioned directors will retire from office at that time."

As a result the College has not sought nominations for Directors at this time. As outlined in the resolution, if the members do not vote in favour of unification in late November, the College will undertake to hold an election as outlined in the above resolution.

I look forward to seeing you at our AGM next month.

Yours sincerely,

**Adjunct Professor Kathy Baker AM
President**