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1st August, 1978.

TO Midwives Sections/Special Interest Groups (all interested Midwives) in all Branches of the Royal Australian Nursing Federation.

And to all RANF Branch Secretaries.

re: National Midwives Association - Royal Australian Nursing Federation.

I wish to advise that the National Midwives Association was formed on Saturday 22nd July, 1978. In attendance at the meeting were representatives of Branch Sections of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and South Australia. An apology was received from a Midwife in Western Australia.

The National Association has been formed as a means of interchange of ideas within Australia and through the International Confederation of Midwives on a national basis. Many members of RANF will be attending the International Confederation of Midwives Congress in Israel this year and the National Delegates will propose to the authorities that Australia be the host country for a future ICM Congress.

This Association has been formed within the Royal Australian Nursing Federation thereby maintaining its formal links in nursing to the National Nursing Association, which is of course a member of the International Council of Nurses. In the September Journal details of Rules of the Association will be published. Could you please advise as to the possibility of Midwives in the Branches of W.A., Tasmania, N.T., and A.C.T. formating Midwives Sections or whether membership will be by personal application to (at present) the Interim Executive Committee of this Association.

Of interest to all Midwives will be the first General Meeting and first National Seminar to be held in Adelaide in late April, details of which will be released later.

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