



# Australian Wound Management Association Inc

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## **AGM March 2005**

The AWMA held its Annual General Meeting in Melbourne at the Royal Melbourne Hospital on 18 March 2005, at the conclusion of the Wound Management Association of Victoria's education program. AWMA extends a sincere thankyou to the WMAV for their hospitality.

Although Dr Fiona Wood was absent at the meeting an enthusiastic and sustained round of applause acknowledged her Australian of the Year Award. The minutes of the AWMA Special General Meeting, 19 November 2004, Port Macquarie, New South Wales were ratified. At that meeting a motion was passed to amend the present constitution to allow proposed amendments to the Constitution to be voted on by postal vote. In the near future a postal referendum will be held in regards to proposed changes to the constitution.

## **AWMA Committee meeting 19 and 20 March 2005**

### **Initiatives arising from the AWMA meeting**

#### **News release**

A decision was made to provide a News Release of points of interest arising from the meeting. This News Release will be distributed to state representatives, posted on the website and sent to Medical Industry Association Australia (MIAA) for distribution to their Industry members. Important decisions and notice of events will be placed in the News Release. Feedback on this initiative is most welcome.

#### **Membership Kit**

A CD Rom will be produced for new members providing information about AWMA. It will be launched at the Conference in 2006.

#### **Accrediting of Wound Management Courses**

The Education Sub-committee is investigating processes for accrediting Australian wound management courses.

#### **AWMA Fellow**

AWMA is introducing an AWMA Fellowship award for people who have made an outstanding contribution to the AWMA, and wound management. Specific criteria must be met in order to be eligible for the award. Each State Wound Management/Care Association will be asked to forward the names of up to 5 people who have made a significant contribution to AWMA. The criteria for nominations will be available from State associations, the Website and Primary Intention in the near future. All nominations must be reviewed by a State Association prior to being forwarded to AWMA for consideration, by mid June 2005. It is anticipated that these fellowships will be presented at the 2006 conference in Canberra.

#### **Australian Venous Leg Ulcer Guidelines**

AWMA will host an Open Forum in Perth, on the evening of Tuesday ,6 September, 2005 to discuss the need for and benefit of guidelines for venous leg ulcers in Australia. Details of this meeting are yet to be announced.

#### **Tsunami donation**

Following the Boxing Day tsunami in South East Asia AWMA donated \$4000 to Care Australia, which was gratefully acknowledged.

#### **Conference 2006**

Planning of the AWMA Conference Canberra 15-18 March 2006, by the ACTWMA is well underway. An exciting programmed is planned. Calls for Abstracts will be published shortly so please start thinking about what papers you would like to present. Details of the conference can be found on the Association's website [www.awma.com.au](http://www.awma.com.au)

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