



Australian Wound Management Association Inc

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AWMA Co-hosted Conference, Committee and AGM Meeting Highlights

AWMA Co-hosted Conference Canberra 15-18 March 2006

Congratulations to the ACT WMA for hosting a stimulating, informative, interesting and well organised conference that provided many highlights to the 500 delegates who attended. The Conference was an exciting event with a mix of scientific and practice based presentations as well as workshops that further developed skills in wound management, encouraged confidence in critiquing articles and writing for publication or sort opinion from participants on the recently begun review process of the documents: the AWMA Standards in Wound Management and Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Prediction and Prevention of Pressure Ulcers.

The Trade Exhibition and participation was outstanding. Industry representatives provided a wonderful opportunity for delegates to network and extend knowledge on various products and their appropriate use. The international and national guest speakers including Professor Sue Bale, Mr Paul Banwell, Professor Fiona Wood, A/Professor Keryln Carville, Mrs Susan Morris, Professor Keith Harding and A/Professor Gerrit Mulder stimulated thoughts on a wide range of topics within the theme 'Matrix'. On a lighter note the conference dinner provided delegates with a sunset tour of Canberra and an opportunity to view parts of the magnificent New Parliament House.

AWMA AGM

The Annual General meeting was held and all reports tabled. A motion to increase capitation fees to \$20 per member was passed. The new AWMA committee was elected, with Michael Woodward the new president. Jenny Prentice is the Immediate past President and received a standing ovation for her work on the committee over the past four years.

AWMA Fellow

The Inaugural AWMA Fellowship Awards, developed to recognise people who have made an outstanding contribution to the AWMA, and wound management in the Australian and Asia Pacific regions were presented. The Inaugural recipients were: Keryln Carville, Tal Ellis, Jenny Prentice, Jan Rice and Geoff Sussman. All nominations received for this Award were of an outstanding quality. Further nominations for the AWMA Fellow Awards will be sought during 2007 for awarding at the 2008 AWMA Conference in Darwin NT.

Paul Hartmann / AWMA Advanced Wound Care Scholarships

This was a wonderful opportunity for AWMA members to be able to be fully sponsored by Hartmann's to attend the HEMI Advanced Wound Management Course in June 2006. The winners, 1 from each Australian state and territory were: TAS Bebe Brown; WA Laurie Foley; SA Susan Paech; VIC Gordon Bingham; NSW Catherine Alexis; ACT Sharon Gibbins; QLD Marcia McCullough; NT Jennifer Byrnes. The 21 entries from AWMA members were of a very high standard and the judging panel had a very difficult task in selecting the winners. This exciting opportunity for AWMA to join with Paul Hartmann to further knowledge of wound management at an advanced level in Australia will be offered again in 2007 for 2008.

APUAP

The AWMA announced the Chair appointments to the subcommittees of the APUAP (Australian Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel). They are: Governance: A/P Keryln Carville; Education SC: Tal Ellis; Policy/Guidelines SC: Jenny Prentice; Research SC: Bill McGuinness.

National Institute Clinical Studies

AWMA have considered the opportunity to support a NICS Fellowship in wound management for 2007 however at this time AWMA is not in a financial position to be able to do this.

AWMA Risk Management Plan

A Risk Management plan has been adopted and complements the AWMA Business Plan. This will enable AWMA to easily identify areas of risk within its business operations and determine appropriate management strategies.

AWMA Conference May 2008

The 2008 Conference will be held in Darwin NT 7-10 May 2008. The theme of the Conference is 'Evolving Landscapes: Dreams, Diversity, and Disasters'. Ms Jenny Byrne, Dr Gary Lum & Ms Chris Clarke from the Northern Territory have joined AWMA Conference sub committee to facilitate conference arrangements. A Professional Conference Organiser has been appointed and 1st announcement postcards were distributed to those attending the Canberra conference. They will also be inserted in the next Journal of Primary Intention. A website link will be established in the near future. This is a conference not to be missed so place it in your diary now.

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