



# Australian Wound Management Association Inc

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## **AWMA Committee Meeting 19 & 20 November 2005**

### **Matters arising from the Meeting**

#### **Open Forum: Inaugural Venous Leg Ulcer Consensus Meeting**

Over 90 people attended the AWMA's Open Forum Inaugural Venous Leg Ulcer Consensus Meeting in Perth on 6 September, 2005. The attendees were representative of nursing, medical, allied health, industry and consumers with a special interest in leg ulcers. The meeting confirmed by majority view the three consensus statements put forward at the meeting. Subsequent to the Forum the AWMA committee will establish a subcommittee whose responsibility it will be to develop a business plan to progress the development of guidelines for the assessment, management and treatment of venous leg ulcers.

A synopsis of the meeting including the consensus statements will be available on the website shortly. Speakers and panel members included: Mrs Jenny Prentice AWMA President, A/Professor Michael Woodward AWMA Vice President, Professor John Fletcher, A/Professor Keryln Carville, Professor Gary Sibbald (Canada), and Professor Helen Edwards. The AWMA extends their sincere thanks for their participation during this important meeting.

#### **AWMA Constitution**

A postal referendum of the entire membership was conducted allowing all members an opportunity to review proposed changes to the Constitution. The results, which have been posted on AWMA website, were in favour of adopting the revised Constitution. The AWMA is now working within the framework of the revised Constitution.

#### **AWMA Co-hosted Conference Canberra 15-18 March 2006**

The Conference program and registration brochure have been posted to members and is available on the Association's website [www.awma.com.au](http://www.awma.com.au). Early registration ends on 16 December 2005. Accommodation bookings close 17 February 2006. An exciting program has been planned. Confirmed international and national guest speakers include Professor Sue Bale, Mr Paul Banwell, Professor Fiona Wood, A/Professor Keryln Carville, Mrs Susan Morris, Professor Keith Harding and A/Professor Gerrit Mulder. There is a mix of plenary and concurrent sessions including workshops that will provide a program that meets registrant's interests as well as stimulating debate. The conference dinner which will be loads of fun is included in the registration fee. If you have not already booked your flights do so now due to the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne.

#### **AWMA Fellow**

The AWMA Fellowship Award has been developed to recognise people who have made an outstanding contribution to the AWMA, and wound management in the Australian and Asia Pacific regions. A presentation to the Inaugural AWMA Fellows will occur on Friday 17 March 2006.

#### **Paul Hartmann / AWMA Advanced Wound Care Scholarships**

Nominations for these Scholarships, one to be awarded in each State/Territory, close on 30 December 2005. The Committees of each Association in conjunction with the AWMA Education Subcommittee will determine the successful applicants. Winners of these Scholarships will be announced at the AWMA Conference in Canberra 2006. This is an exciting opportunity for AWMA to join with Paul Hartmann to further knowledge of wound management at an advanced level in Australia.

#### **APUAP**

The AWMA has formed a subcommittee to progress appointments of Chairs to the APUAP (Australian Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel). The AWMA aims to announce and present the successful Chairs (Governance, Policy, Education and Research) at the AWMA Conference in Canberra March 2006.

#### **National Institute Clinical Studies**

Ongoing negotiations are continuing as to how the AWMA may collaborate with NICS in supporting a NICS Fellowship in wound management.

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**AWMA Risk Management Plan**

A Risk Management plan is being developed to complement 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**

Planning will commence shortly for the 2008 AWMA Conference which will be hosted by the AWMA in Darwin, Northern Territory. The theme of the Conference is 'Evolving Landscapes: Dreams, Diversity, and Disasters'.

The objectives of the Conference are to assist the Northern Territory to establish itself as an independent branch of AWMA and to generate additional income that will allow the AWMA to expand the services it provides to the community. Ms Jenny Byrne and Dr Gary Lum from the Northern Territory are members of an AWMA Subcommittee to facilitate conference arrangements.

**Jenny Prentice**  
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