



Australian Wound Management Association Inc

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Highlights: AWMA Committee Meeting, 24 & 25 February 2007

AWMA AGM Friday 18 May 2007 at 1715-1815

Annual General Meeting Australian Wound Management Association Inc (SA)

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in accordance with the Constitution of the Association. The venue is the Adelaide Hilton International, South Australia. Entrance to the Meeting will not be permitted after 1715 hours.

Order of Business: The ordinary business of the Annual General Meeting will be conducted according to Rule 6 of the Constitution.

Special Business: Any other business than that identified under Rule 6 (i-vi) shall be deemed Special Business. No Special Business will be considered at the Annual General Meeting unless written notification of the business or the relevant motion(s) is received by the AWMA Secretary by 5pm, Friday 30th March.

For further information please contact the AWMA Secretary Judith Manning at awma@ozemail.com.au

Wound Awareness Week March 26 – 30 2007

This is an exciting initiative and will include a national television community service announcement sponsored by the Pharmacy Guild, Smith & Nephew and Shear Comfort. AWMA's logo will appear at the end of the announcement. The public will be asked to visit the AWMA website and comment which will provide AWMA with a client perspective and also assist AWMA to shape the 2008 Wound Awareness Week. Each state/territory association has been invited to support the national campaign and the dates of the state's activities will be found on each state's website and the AWMA website.

AWMA website Stage 1 and 2 of the redevelopment of the AWMA website is complete. A new feature is the company link page and each site provides quality information. The FAQ page is almost complete and will make the site more efficient for visitors to the site. Be sure to visit the website and give AWMA feedback on other features you would like to see on the site. The address is www.awma.com.au

AWMA Education Survey

This survey was circulated in the Nov/Dec Journal of Primary intention and over 100 have been returned. These responses are now being collated. If you have not responded it is not too late however AWMA would appreciate their return ASAP. Each responder is entered into a draw for a free registration to the 2008 AWMA Conference in Darwin.

Wound Association Northern Territory (WANT)

The formation of an AWMA branch in the Northern Territory is an exciting opportunity that is being well supported by the Territorians. An education evening will be held in Darwin at the Royal Darwin Hospital on 29 March, 2007 with presentations from A/P Keryln Carville and A/P Michael Woodward. Keryln's topic is 'In search of the Holy Grail in Wound management, Myths, Mysteries and Mastery in Wound Care and Michael will talk on the benefits of forming a local association.

AWMA Conference: Evolving Landscapes: Dreams, Diversity & Disasters. Darwin NT 7-10 May 2008.

Planning for the conference continues. Confirmed International and national speakers include Prof Greg Schulz, Prof Mark Ferguson, Dr Keryln Carville, Prof Fiona Wood and Dr Bart Currie. The call for Abstracts will occur in March/April 2007 with closure, November 2007. The registration brochure is being prepared and will be available mid 2007. It is now time to begin planning your opportunity to participate in the conference by presenting your wound management research and preparing an abstract. More conference information is available via the AWMA website conference link.

WUWHS Conference 4-8 June 2008 Toronto Canada

AWMA has signed an agreement to support and participate in the WUWHS Conference in 2008. A Call for Abstracts has been made with closure of submissions, June 2007. Notification of acceptance will be in November 2007. Therefore it is time to start thinking about the opportunity to present your research internationally in 2008. Please consider submitting an abstract and attending this important conference. Be sure to visit the website www.wuwhs2008.ca where information on the themes of the conference and the program plan can be found.

AWMA Publications

In order to facilitate the availability and use of the AWMA Standards of Wound Management and Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Prediction, Prevention of Pressure Ulcers (the latter in 3 formats: Full Abridged, and Pocket Guide) will be shortly be available as PDF read only/ download on the AWMA website. Please read and use these Guidelines and Standards. An order form link is available for you to purchase a professionally prepared copy for a small fee.

Advanced Notice: Call for AWMA Fellow nominations.

The criteria and process for AWMA Fellow nomination will be placed on the web in May 2007. Nominations will close on 30 November 2007. The 2008 AWMA Fellows will be presented in Darwin NT during the 2008 AWMA Conference

With regards

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