



Australian Wound Management Association Inc

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Highlights: AWMA AGM 18 May 2007 and AWMA Committee Meeting, 19 & 20 May 2007 held in Adelaide South Australia

AWMA AGM Friday 18 May 2007 at 1715-1815

The Annual General Meeting Australian Wound Management Association Inc (SA) was held in Adelaide in conjunction with South Australian Wound Management Association Conference. All reports were tabled and presented. Jenny Prentice has completed her term as Immediate Past President and has also decided to not continue as Joint-Editor of the Journal Primary Intention. Jenny's excellent work, her attention to detail and enormous contribution to AWMA was acknowledged with sustained applause.

Wound Awareness Week March 26 – 30 2007

This was an exciting initiative and included a national television community service announcement sponsored by the Pharmacy Guild, Smith & Nephew and Shear Comfort. AWMA acknowledges these companies' wonderful support of this venture which ensured its success. A number of community members responded to the WAW website page and provided an insight into community needs. The State and Territory activities, despite the short time frame, were excellent. In 2008 the Wound Awareness Week will be held 31st March to 6 April. AWMA is entering into a contract with the media company that supported the WAW 2007 campaign. This will ensure that a range of activities and materials will be prepared to assist AWMA and the States and Territories to stage this event in 2008

Wound Association Northern Territory (WANT)

On 29 March 2007 an education meeting was held in Darwin NT. The meeting was attended by over 60 people and at its conclusion there was agreement that a Wound Association of Northern Territory would be formed. A committee was formed and Jenni Byrnes was elected President with Christine Clarke Vice President. 12 people attended the first Committee meeting of WANT. 2 further Education Meetings are planned for NT on 2 August (Speaker Tal Ellis) and 31 October 2007 (Speaker Jan Rice). It is hoped that the education meetings can be video linked to Alice Springs and Katherine and the 'how to' is being investigated. AWMA will continue to mentor and support WANT during its establishment phase.

Australasian Wound and Tissue Research Society (AWTRS)

The formation of this Society is occurring under the leadership of Dr Allison Cowin (President) and a committed committee. AWTRS will be supported by AWMA in its formation as a branch of AWMA. It is hoped that a scientific meeting can be held in Darwin immediately prior to the AWMA 2008 Conference.

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

The *Call for Abstract brochure* has been prepared and is available on the AWMA website and will be distributed in the forthcoming edition of the Journal Primary Intention. Therefore it is now time to prepare and submit your abstract before the closing date: of December 2007. Planning for the conference continues with confirmed International and national speakers including Prof Greg Schulz, Prof Mark Ferguson, Dr Keryln Carville, Prof Fiona Wood and Dr Bart Currie. The *registration brochure* is being prepared and will be available shortly. AWMA is pleased to announce that KCI are again the Platinum sponsor for the conference. This will be a stimulating conference that should not be missed.

WUWHS Conference 4-8 June 2008 Toronto Canada

A Call for Abstracts has been made so please consider submitting an abstract to this important International 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.

Call for AWMA Fellow nominations.

The criteria and process for AWMA Fellow nomination has been placed on the web. Nominees do not have to be members of AWMA. Nominations should be forwarded to the AWMA secretary by 30 November 2007. The 2008 AWMA Fellows will be presented in Darwin NT during the 2008 AWMA Conference

Paul Hartman/AWMA Advanced Wound Care Scholarship

In 2008, eight scholarships (one scholarship per each Australian state and territory) will be offered for AWMA members to attend the upcoming Health Education and Management innovations (HEMI) Advanced Wound Care Course. This is an exciting opportunity for AWMA members to advance their wound management skills. To apply for the scholarship you will need to complete and submit a case study documenting your management of a significant or complex wound. Details are on the AWMA website www.awma.com.au. Submission is by email and the entries close on 30 November 2008

AWMA Guidelines and Standards

The VLUGDC has almost completed the Business Plan which will be submitted to NHMRC. When this is accepted NHMRC will support AWMA during the guideline development process. The AWMA Standards of Wound Management are under review and money has been provided to secure a research assistant to facilitate the literature review. The APUAP is exploring options for collaboration with NPUAP and EPUAP on guidelines.

With regards

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