



Australian Wound Management Association Inc

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**Highlights: AWMA Committee Meeting,
2&3 August 2008 held in Adelaide South Australia**

Wound Awareness Campaign:

The WAC (3) sees the AWMA President and Vice President continuing to meet with prominent Australian politicians regarding wound product access. MWC are to continue political lobbying with relevant ministers and health and medical professionals. Also MWC to follow-up television networks to ensure CSAs are still placed on rotation. The petition is still growing and everyone is asked to encourage people to write or submit online.

The website. www.elephantintheroom.com.au will continue to be used in the current campaign.

Wound Awareness Week – 30 March -5 April 2009

AWMA Trust

The AWMA Trust has now been established and the Trustees are Michael Woodward, Tal Ellis, Judith Manning and Paul Philcox. The trustees will be considering ways of raising money and encouraging donations. The purpose of the trust is to enable research to be undertaken in Australia into wound management for the benefit of the community.

Wound Infection Position Statement

A small working group lead by Sue Templeton will progress a position document “Microbial impact of wound healing: From contamination to infection”. The document will be launched at the AWMA Conference in Perth March 2010.

Copyright Licence

Renewal of the Copyright Licence has been obtained from June 2008 to May 2009.

Accreditation of Courses

Criteria for accreditation of educational courses have been developed by the Education and Professional Development subcommittee in the following areas - introduction to wound management, leg ulcers, pressure ulcers and acute wounds. They have been forwarded to Cambridge Media for formatting. A pressure ulcer program is to be assessed first. New accreditation criteria will be developed for oncology, diabetes and debridement.

AWMA Membership CD Rom

This will be sent to all states and territories electronically and will be made available in the near future.

Skin Tear Subcommittee

A new subcommittee has been established to develop a position statement on the management of skin tears which is expected to be launched at AWMA Conference in Perth March 2010.

Fundraising Subcommittee

A new subcommittee has been established to raise funds for AWMA to support WAC, AWMA trust and AWMRF and to increase the profile and activities of AWMA.

With regards

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