



Australian Wound Management Association Inc

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Highlights: AWMA Committee Meeting, 24th & 25th October 2009 held in Adelaide

Collaborative Research Centre (CRC) for Wound Solutions

The CRC for Wound Solutions, with AWMA as a partner, has been short listed as one of twelve. An interview will be held 1st December 2009 in Canberra and representatives from Queensland Uni of Technology, the lead in the CRC, and other partners will attend. This is a great opportunity for AWMA as it would provide an opportunity to further many of our aims including collecting national data on wound incidence, available resources, cost and cost effectiveness.

AWMA Conference and AGM in 2010- Perth

Plans are progressing for the conference to be held in Perth 25-27 March 2010. The AGM of AWMA will be held on Thursday March 25th 2010. The next issue of Wound Practice & Research, the Journal of AWMA, will contain a nomination form, proxy voting form and notification of the AGM. The nomination form can be used to nominate the following positions for AWMA committee – President. Vice president, secretary, treasurer, membership secretary, allied health representative, medical representative, nursing representative, website manager and journal editor. These forms are also available on the AWMA website.

Wound Awareness Week (WAW)

This is actually 2 weeks next year, with week two largely occupied by the Perth AWMA conference. States and Territories are encouraged to have events during the first week of WAW – 15-21 March 2010. Please encourage as many people as possible to sign the petition to increase the 10,000 signatures already gathered as the petition will be used to lobby the Federal Government of the need for a wound management subsidiary scheme.

International Lymphoedema Initiative (GIWLC)

Jan Rice Nursing Representative on the AWMA Committee attended a three day conference of the GIWLC in Geneva in early October. There were 30 representatives from 20 countries and the Australian representatives have been asked to raise the profile on lymphoedema in the Asian region.

Jan is a member of the Advocacy Fund raising group which is to raise \$500,000.00, the first \$50,000.00 to be raised in 6 weeks to establish a secretariat.

During the conference the group has undertaken a name change and will now be known as “World Alliance for Wound and Lymphoedema Care” (WAWC), the head quarters for the group will be in Geneva. The next meeting will be in 6 months time, it is planned to have 2 meetings per year, one face-to-face and the other a teleconference.

AWMA Structure

Work continues on the preparation of the tender document for a company to assist with a potential restructure of AWMA. The tender is to be advertised in The Australian newspaper during November.

Visit from President of New Zealand Wound Care Society (NZWCS)- an AWMA affiliate

Wayne Naylor spoke about the work which the NZWCS undertakes which is similar to AWMA. The society has 400 members, offers 9 scholarships per year for education in wound care and provides \$10,000.00 in research grants each year. The committee meetings are teleconferences and held bi-monthly. It is hoped that NZWCS and AWMA will work together on projects and share information on leg and pressure ulcer guidelines which NZWCS have already developed.

With regards

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