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President's Report

My first year as President of the Australian Day Surgery Nurses Association has been an exciting but challenging year.

I am pleased to say that we have achieved many things for our members and am conscious that I have been in the fortunate position of pulling together many things that committee members have been working on over the past few years.

The greatest achievement for this year has been the publishing of the 4 guidelines and the response has been fantastic. Copies have been sent to Health Departments, Auditors, Unions, Public Hospitals, Private Hospitals, and Doctors surgeries.

The new look journal has continued to become more and more impressive with its increased number of articles and peer review. This has enabled an increase in the number of advertisements, which has lessened the financial burden of the journal.

I believe that we have raised the profile of ADSNA significantly within Australia with 3 ADSNA on the ADSC and subsequent input to the Day Surgery handbook and close involvement with the national conference organization, the great response to the guidelines, the increased use of the web site and the journal.

We have also raised the profile of ADSNA internationally with our Poster presentation in Boston and my invitation to represent Australia on the IAAS. We have been able to continue to pursue affiliation with international organizations and have one international member to date.

The state conferences this year have been a great success and a credit to their state committees. I have enjoyed attending 3 of them and look forward to attending more in the future.

Next year should also be an exciting and rewarding year with our involvement with the National conference along with Denise O'Brien's visit, further guidelines being published, more journals, more articles and more meetings!!

My challenge to the incoming committee is to put processes into place so that the workload can be more evenly shared so we can balance work, family and ADSNA commitments more effectively.

I would like to acknowledge the work that Rhonda Williams has done as secretary over the past 2 years. (not to mention the catering and transporting for us when we are in Adelaide) I wish her all the best with better health and hope we can catch up at state and/or national conferences.

Finally, many of us have had difficult times personally as well as professionally throughout the year. I would like to thank each one of you who have supported me both personally and in this role as President and I look forward to working with the new committee in the coming year.

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