

NEWSLETTER MARCH 2011

2011 is shaping up to be another exciting year for DSNA. Our first evening education session was on 28 February. Tanya Bennett at Liverpool Day Surgery organised an excellent program presenting Anaesthetics and Pain Management in Shoulder Surgery.

The next education evening will be held on 6 April at Epping Surgery Centre. The topics will be Eye Emergency Manual and Paediatric Anaesthetics. You will find information on this and other education events on the NSW page of the ADSNA website.

Membership has further increased and we now have over 250 members! Our continued success has enabled us to assist four members to attend the IAAS Congress in Copenhagen via our scholarship program. We look forward to their presentations on the Congress when they return.

If any members would like to apply for assistance to attend any of DSNA's education meetings, interstate conferences or an education grant for a day surgery course, application forms are available from the website.

The committee is proud to unveil the new look DSNA logo. The original logo was developed in 1995 by the then members of the committee to coincide with the incorporation of the association. This logo has served DSNA well but the committee felt that a revamp to a more contemporary style was due.

Ali Duncan, graphic designer, carried forward the colour theme from the original logo but modernised this to a simple yet stylish form emphasising the name of the association. We hope the simplicity and elegance of the new design will be easily recognisable and also be more web friendly.

The Australia Day Honours list this year included our past President and founding member, Celia Leary. Celia was awarded OAM general division for services to nursing particularly in the field of day surgery. This is a great honour for Celia and all those who have worked with her to promote and support day surgery nursing at our state level and the national levels. Congratulations Celia!

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming education meetings and hope that you have a safe and enjoyable Easter.

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EDUCATION PROGRAM 2011

Date	Time	Type of Meeting	Topic	Venue
Monday 28/02/2011	18:00 – 21:00	Evening Education	Anaesthetics and Pain Management in Shoulder Surgery	Liverpool Day Surgery
Wednesday 06/04/2011	18:00 – 21:00	Education Evening	Eye Emergency Manual Paediatric Anaesthetics	Epping Surgery Centre
Saturday 25/06/2011	09:00 – 15:00	Education Day	Anaesthetic Cardiac Procedures Admissions	Royal Newcastle Centre
Monday 15/08/2011	18:00 – 21:00	Education Evening	Gynaecology in Day Surgery Patient Satisfaction	Ryde Public Hospital
Saturday 10/09/2011	09:00 – 13:30	Education Day/AGM	Macular Degeneration Fred Hollows Foundation Portfolio Update	Sydney Masonic Centre
Monday 07/11/2011	18:00 – 21:00	Education Evening	Information Technology in Day Surgery	The Surgery Centre Hurstville

INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP FEES

After many years we have had to increase our membership fees, and due to an increasing number of members who pay by credit card and the increase in surcharges placed upon us by our financial institution we have had to also place a surcharge of \$2.00 on all credit card transactions. Members paying by cheque or money order will not incur an added fee.

Commencing July 1, 2011	Application for membership:	1 Year	\$80.00
	By credit card		\$82.00
	Membership renewal:	1 Year	\$70.00
	By credit card		\$72.00

Three year memberships will no longer be available. If you have previously paid for 3 years you will not receive a reminder until those 3 years has expired. Existing members and new members will receive a new membership card that will now last forever (as long as you keep paying your fees of course). By doing this we will speed up the process between the time you make your payment and the time you receive your receipt.

SCHOLARSHIPS

This year we were able to assist 4 members to attend IAAS in Copenhagen in May.

To be eligible for scholarship funds you must be a current financial member of the NSW Day Surgery Nurses Association. A short report will need to be submitted within six weeks of attendance at conferences to be included in our journal. That's it; simple really!!

So much to choose from; keep your eyes out for our half day education sessions in 2011 and why not support our member states who have regular education days as well.

If there is a conference you would like to attend – just download the Scholarship Application Form from the ADSNA website www.adsna.info and click on NSW. Beware of the closing times for applications.