

NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2011

2011 is nearly over! As our lives get busier the years seem to be getting shorter and Christmas comes around far too quickly. 2011 has been a busy and exciting year for the Day Surgery Nurses Association as we continue to enjoy steady membership and increasing numbers at our education sessions.

2012 is shaping up as another great year for DSNA. The committee is organising next year's education program, and we are planning three education evenings through out Sydney and an education day in rural NSW. Planning is well underway for our conference "Embracing Change" on Saturday 25 August at the Sydney Masonic Centre, so put the date in your diaries, and this coincides with DSNA's 20th birthday.

10 September saw us at the Sydney Masonic Centre for our Saturday education seminar. This year we decided to have a longer education session and give our members the opportunity for more CPD hours. This very successful education day was a sell-out, with 150 delegates and 9 trade displays, and 5 CPD hours awarded from the College of Nursing.

The AGM was held during the education session and the updated constitution ratified. As I have said on many occasions, the members of DSNA are very privileged to have a cohesive team in their committee. At the AGM all the committee members were re-elected and we welcome Tanya Bennett from Liverpool Day Surgery to the team. It is very important to have new faces on the committee, with new ideas and enthusiasm to move forward and remain relevant to our members. You don't have to wait for the AGM to join the committee!

The last education evening for 2011 was held at the Medica Centre Hurstville on 7 November where Nicholas Edwards and his team showcased their modern, state-of-the-art facility. Dr Leong spoke on the latest in knee reconstructions, Juliet Hull from Mölnlycke presented theatre packs, Wendy Elson from Censitrac discussed the latest in Instrument tracking, and our host Nicholas Edwards presented The Digital Hospital – all were very thought provoking. We finished with a tour of this amazing facility, and overall it was a very successful evening which gave us a lot to take back to our own facilities.

The evening was also an overdue opportunity for the committee to catch up with Celia, who bought her OAM to show us. Celia then took us for a tour of the facility she commissioned, so it was a very special evening for all.



Julie Neal, Stephanie Hunter, Julianne Thynne, Tricia Goh, Lillian Stibbs & Christine Crooks with Celia and her OAM at the Medica Centre

The Australian Day Surgery Nurses Association (ADSNA) council meeting and AGM were held in Sydney on Saturday 12 November. The ADSNA committee was very excited to be in Sydney, so Nancy Broer organised a bridge climb for the Friday afternoon – which was a great success. Hopefully the photos will be in the journal next year. This was my last ADSNA meeting as NSW first Representative, and my four year term is complete. I have enjoyed the experience as the NSW representative on our national committee, and I am pleased to introduce Julianne Thynne as the new NSW second representative. Nancy will continue as the NSW first representative and was elected Treasurer. The ADSNA committee is planning the first national day surgery nurses' conference "Under the Southern Cross" on 12-13 October 2013 in Melbourne, and the review process for the Guidelines will begin for their relaunch at the conference. The ADSNA committee with the new President, Robyn Sheather from Queensland, has a good mix of new and longer serving members, to ensure this group is well equipped to move forward.

On behalf of the DSNA committee I would like to wish all our members and their families a very happy Christmas and safe 2012.

Patricia Goh

EDUCATION PROGRAM 2012

Date	Time	Type of Meeting	Topic	Venue
Monday ? 26/3/2012	18:00 – 21:00	Evening Education	TBC	Norwest Private
Saturday 28/4/2012	09:00 – 15:00	Education Day	TBC	Wagga Wagga
Monday 25/06/2012	18:00 – 21:00	Education Evening	TBC	Canterbury Public Hospital DSU
Saturday 25/08/2012	09:00 – 17:30	Conference	<i>Embracing Change</i>	Sydney Masonic Centre
Monday ? 29/10/2012	18:00 – 21:00	Education Evening	TBC	Maroubra Day Surgery