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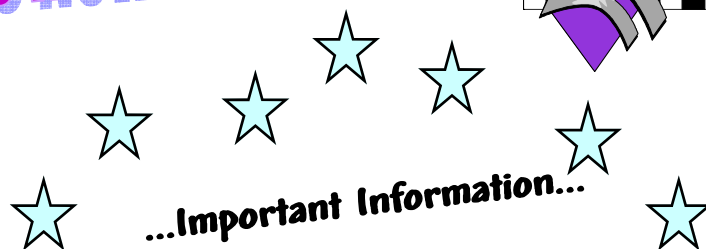
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...Important Information...

- ♣ Membership renewals are now due.
- ♣ Address nominations for 2006/7 committee to the secretary.
- ♣ The program for Amsterdam is now online at www.adsna.info



President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

It's times like this that it feels good to be Australian. Our Socceroos did us proud and so too our nurses.

Of course dearest to my heart are the day surgery nurses who not only do a fine job every day but also are the ones who think of new ways of doing it.

One of the best ways to be innovative and at the forefront in day surgery is to attend education sessions.

This is where the DSNA NSW can help. Our main focus is for the further education of day surgery nurses and we are pleased to be a part of this industry.

At present we are calling for committee nominations, the election of the new committee will take place at the AGM & education day on the 12th August at Westmead. You will find a flyer enclosed in your envelope.

Our recent education evening was at Blacktown Hospital. I was unable to attend but have been told that it was very interesting and well attended. A big thank you to Micheal Parini and the team at Blacktown.

Later in the year I encourage you to attend the Australian Day Surgery conference in Melbourne on the 10th – 11th November. This conference is jam packed with great topics so don't miss it. **Don't forget you can apply for a scholarship if you are a member.**

Speaking of members it is that time of the year when annual membership is due. Renewal for the year is \$60 but for those who wish to take advantage of the discounted 3 –year fee it is \$165.

Once again I would like to express my pleasure at being involved in the DSNA NSW again this year and would like to extend a big thank you to your very hard working committee and to those who have organised education sessions for us this year.

So until we meet again keep safe!

Jacqueline Hurley.



**Sign up a friend
working in Day
Surgery and help
to make our
association strong!**



In your envelope:

1. Membership renewal forms
2. Flier

Education Evening 19th June 2006

The June Education evening was held at the Day Procedure Unit at Blacktown Hospital. Thank you to Michael Parini and staff, who provided the venue and made everyone welcome, offering food and drinks to refresh us as we arrived from all areas, after a busy days work.

Speaker, **Dr Peter Haertsch, Plastic Surgeon**, presented a snapshot of life in Bangladesh, where he travelled with a team from Interplast Australia. Interplast was founded in 1983 by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and Rotary International District 9800.

Interplast Australia is a non-profit organisation, which provides voluntary medical teams to undertake programs of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery in neighbouring developing countries, where this aspect of modern surgical practice is not available to those in need or where the local resources are inadequate to meet local needs or where Interplast Australia has been asked to assist with local medical and nursing education.

Dr Haertsch's topic was: 'deliberate chemical burns'. The presentation was very graphic but also very interesting and demonstrated the cultural differences that lead to events that affect the lives of women in Bangladesh.

Chemical burns are caused by acid, [usually battery acid] which is thrown at the victim [usually a woman] to retaliate for not agreeing to demands, e.g. marriage, sex, dowry problems, jealousy by family members etc. The perpetrators are not arrested or charged and the victim is left to die, or fight for her life and if she survives, endure massive damage and contractures where the acid has contacted with her body.

Dr Haertsch and the Australian Interplast team, travelled to Bangladesh, set up a clinic to assist in treating some of these victims. The role of the team was to educate the medical / nursing staff there, demonstrating methods of treating / nursing the burns.





Later this year Doctors from the clinic there will come to Australia to assist Dr Haertsch and further learn more techniques in treating burns, releasing contractures and other plastic procedures. It is hoped that this program will allow Bangladeshi Doctors to improve outcomes for their patients.

It is Admirable that Dr Haertsch and his team have volunteered their time to mentor colleagues in less fortunate countries.

Report by: Christine Crooks, R.N. Quality Coordinator Theatres Camden / Campbelltown Hospi-



Diary Dates for 2006

	12th August	AGM and Education Day	Topic: Faciomaxillary surgery	
			Venue: Westmead Hospital	
	4th November	Education Day - Topic TBA	Newcastle	
	10/11th November	7th Australasian Day surgery Conference	Grand Hyatt Melbourne Victoria	