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Merry Christmas

Good Health

and Happiness

in 2008

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President's Message

Dear Members,

The end of the year is fast approaching and I expect everyone is looking forward to a bit of a break over Christmas and thinking of all the tasks that need to be done before then both for work and home. Every year it seems to come around more quickly.



I would like to thank Robin Martin and her staff for assisting, and allowing us to hold our AGM and half-day workshop at Sydney IVF on 22nd of September. We had a great day and were really pleased to have such a good turn out. I would also like to thank the trade who supported us and Clifford Hallam who provided morning tea and lunch. We had very good speakers and I believe that everyone who attended enjoyed the event.

I am delighted to let you know that we now have a full committee:

President: Celia Leary

Secretary and ADSNA Councillor 1st Rep:
Lillian Stibbs

Treasurer: Karin Gillett

Education: Julianne Thynne

Editor / Publishing: Christine Crooks

Administrative Assistant: Julie Neal

Other Committee members:

ADSNA 2nd Rep: Patricia Goh
Jacqui Hurley

Alison Anderson

Kate Austin

Rhonda Williams

Pauline Godbolt

As you can see Lillian and Patricia will be representing NSW on the ADSNA Committee for the next 2 years and I am confident that they will be great representatives for us.

Welcome back to our members from last year and a special welcome to our new members who have made it possible to continue providing you with on-going education.

Since the AGM, the committee has been working very hard to organise a venue and a date for a state conference next year and you will find notification of this in your envelope. Make sure you note the date in your diary and come along and support your association. Over the next few months we will be working hard on the programme and are keeping in mind all your comments from last years survey.

An educational evening was held at the Epping Eye Surgery Centre on 5th November (see report from Chris Crooks) and I thank Lynn Davis and her staff for their hospitality and support.

Make sure you note all the dates for future events in 2008.

The new constitution that was passed at the AGM, with a few minor alterations, is now available from Julie Neal. Fax or Email as above to Julie, with your particulars and member number. This was a very big task and we are pleased that it is now completed.

As always, we are seeking articles for our Day Surgery Journal, and I know that nearly all of you are doing some great and exciting things in your units, so please, consider publishing and share what you are doing with all of us, after all improving what we do is by learning from others and is essential for us all in providing a first class service to our

patients. You will also see in your journal that Chris Crooks has published a 'Showcase' formula for those who are proud of their unit and what they do and would like the opportunity to do a bit of marketing. We all like to know about other units.

If any units would like to host an evening or half-day workshop please contact Julianne Thynne, our Education Officer.

Have a wonderful festive season and a nice break to recharge your batteries.

Happy Christmas and New Year to you and your families!

Take care. *Celia Leary, President.* Email: cdleary@zip.com.au Telephone: 9603 1182

DIARY DATES FOR 2008

11th February — Evening Educational Session — Castle Hill Day Surgery

24th May — Rural Half Day Seminar — Tamara Private Hospital Day Surgery Unit Tamworth.

**16th August — State Conference and Annual General Meeting
— at Four Points by Sheraton, Darling Harbour Sydney.**

More information and
Flyer closer to the time.

See accompanying Flyer enclosed.

Hello, from the Editor's desk,

The half day Seminar and Annual General Meeting held in September was a great success. Thank you to the members and nonmembers who attended. The venue was excellent and easy to access. 48 interested professionals enjoyed the presentations. The AGM was lively. We managed to elect 12 to the committee for the coming year - congratulations to you all and I hope you have a very rewarding year serving your fellow Day surgery Nurses.

Our last educational session for the year was held at the Epping Eye Surgery Centre 5th November. It was well attended with extra chairs needed to seat everyone. Welcome refreshments were available and networking was in full swing before the presentations.

The presentations were excellent. You really have to be there to get current up to date information that you can utilize in your own units. For example, Lyn Davis, [Facility manager Epping Eye Surgery Centre] also an ACHS surveyor , gave an excellent presentation on discharge screening and planning including falls risk assessment etc. Lyn also threw in lots of tips regarding accreditation processes. As a quality coordinator I really appreciated this.

Debbie Abbot [Director of Resolutions [Int] Pty Ltd], was an absolute mine of information when it comes to best practice for coding, legislation and standards in managing health information i.e. Medical Records in Day surgery. No wonder they call Debbie an expert. Very interesting and also lots of tips for accreditation junkies [That's me].

Last but not least was Bev Sainty's eye wick trial / Overview and Results at the Eye Surgery Centre. The Centre had presented a poster at the last eye conference. They are using the eye wick with success at the Eye Surgery Centre. The bottom line is that there is effective dilatation of the pupil / patient comfort ++ / Minimal systemic side effects and very time effective for nursing staff.

Well, the big excitement for next year will be our state conference in August. There is plenty of time to save and plan a great weekend in Sydney town to catch up with faces you haven't seen in a while. We are confident that you will be delighted with the program so make sure you put the date in your diary. Remember that scholarships are available and the application form is on the website.

May I wish you all, the compliments of the season and a very happy 2008

Cheers for now, Christine Crooks / Editor, DSNA NSW Inc.

