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President's Message

Dear Members,

As some of the Committee are going off overseas over the next couple of months I thought it would be best to send this Newsletter a little earlier than planned. Julianne and Julie are off to the IAAS Congress in Amsterdam and Chris will be off to the UK shortly afterwards. These three girls are vital for publishing and posting so I don't want to give them too much work too soon before they leave or when they return. It always takes some time after overseas trips to get back in to the swing. I want to wish them a very safe trip and have a great time! We can look forward to hearing all about the Congress when they return. "Bon Voyage!"



Chris, Lillian, Trish and myself traveled up to Newcastle for our first workshop of the year and you will see from Chris's report that it was extremely successful and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day. Many thanks to David Mitchell for all the hard work in organising this and thank you to Big Green and In Vitro for their continued sponsorship of our association.

Please note the date for our next evening education session at National Day Surgery in Kogarah is the 25th June. This facility only opened last year so come along and have a tour of the unit and network with your colleagues. Also note the date for our AGM and 1/2 day Seminar. Further details on topics will be in the next newsletter. We are in the process of updating our Constitution and the changes will need to be passed and accepted by members. You will receive a copy of the new Constitution well before the event so it is vital that you attend if possible to register your vote.

We are planning to hold a conference in 2008 and would like to encourage some new committee members to help organise the event and make it a good one. We will be taking in to account your comments from last years survey and hope for a really good turn out.

By the time you receive this, Easter will be over and the school holidays will have started, so please take care and enjoy any time off that you may have with family and friends.

Best regards,

Celia Leary / President. Email: cdleary@zip.com.au Telephone: 9603 1182

DIARY DATES FOR 2007

Monday night meeting, the 25th of June 2007

Time: 1830 hours **Venue:** National Day Surgery / Level 1 / 1 Derby street / Kogarah

Topics to include: Showcasing of their new unit / Shoulder surgery

Saturday the 22nd of September 2007

1/2 day Seminar with AGM.

Venue: To be arranged.

More information and flyer will be issued closer to the time.



Half Day Education Session Saturday 10th February 2007. - Report by Christine Crooks

Hamilton Day surgery Centre hosted an education session in February for the DSNA.

It was well attended with interested professionals from Newcastle and surrounds, plus some who had made the journey from Sydney. We weren't disappointed.

David Mitchell, Chief Nurse at Hamilton Day Surgery Centre, welcomed us and commenced the session showcasing his unit. He also explained the pain interventional techniques used by Dr Russo [the Centre Specialist and owner], to relieve chronic intractable pain.

This was followed by an overview of Linguard Hospital Day Surgery. Global-Mark ISO 9001 quality systems were explained. Discharge criteria for day surgery was discussed.

A hearty morning tea was served during the break and everyone got to do some networking and review the latest medical equipment, which was great.

After morning tea, Celia Leary NSW President gave an ADSNA presentation, explaining the links from ADSNA [the national body] to the state associations and the advantages for day surgery nurses of belonging to their state associations.

It was a totally informative and enjoyable day. These days involve planning and thought to put together an interesting program. Therefore thanks must go to David Mitchell, the education team and the speakers for bringing it all together.

The day was sponsored by Big Green [Antony Bennett] and In Vitro [Benoit Kergrohen]. Thank you so much to these two companies for supporting Day Surgery education and to Antony and Benoit for working on a Saturday.

Last but not least a vote of thanks to Celia's husband Barry and my husband David who willingly served as our 'roadies' on the day. Thanks guys for your assistance.

So if you missed this one, **then don't miss the next one**. National Day Surgery at Kogarah will be showcasing their brand new unit on Monday night the 25th of June, when the DSNA will be holding an evening education session there. It will be a chance to peak into 'day surgery future' with this state of the art facility. There will also be other riveting topics, so make the journey. Networking alone makes it worthwhile.

Patricia Goh is assisting Julianne Thynne with education, so if you would like to hold an education session and showcase your unit, please contact Patricia Phone: **9588 5700** or Julianne Phone: **4226 6955**



The original DSNA NSW Logo



Some members have been asking about the meaning of our original Logo. The following was in our September 1996 newsletter.

The 'checkered flag' bar symbolises the faster pace of surgery and recovery/discharge in the day surgery setting. The colour purple is a caring, holistic and spiritual colour befitting our specialty. The triangle pointer facing forward and upward reflects our thinking and progression as a specialty. The tip of the triangle signifies the high standards we seek to achieve in patient care delivery. The parallel bars represent the team work between the medical and nursing professions, both heading in the same direction.

Comment: Now of course we have incorporated the national logo with the state logo to signify our unity.

