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DSNA  
NSW  
Conference

Saturday  
16th August 2008

Four Points by Sheraton  
Darling Harbour

**BE THERE !**

**In your envelope:**

- Newsletter.
- Flyer for half day workshop Tamara Hospital Tamworth.
- Preliminary program for Conference 2008.
- Conference registration form.

**President's Message**

Dear Colleagues,

I trust everyone had a great Easter and enjoyed the break from work. Being so early this year seems to make time pass too quickly and by the time you get this newsletter the school holidays will be upon you and quarter of the year will be gone. Time never stands still!



Our next education session is a half day seminar to be held in Tamworth and a great program is planned covering endoscopy, problems with isolation and distance in a rural area, coping when discharge criteria is not met and post-operative pain management. Sounds like a great day in the country music capital so why not take time out and come along and enjoy networking with your colleagues in Tamworth who have worked hard to arrange a very interesting meeting. They will certainly be delighted to welcome you and will appreciate your support.

We are delighted to also enclose the registration and program for our conference in August so I hope that you have already marked the date in your calendar. Note also that we have an early bird registration so be sure to register early. We are delighted to now be able to accept credit card payment, which will make it a lot easier for you to book your place for the day.

The program is exciting with high quality speakers and it is very relevant to all who work in day surgery regardless of the position they hold. The committee has been very busy organising the event and we would love to see good support for our efforts to make it a very successful day for you. Remember there is always something you can take home to make improvements in your unit. Bring along your family and spend some time seeing the sights in Sydney. The venue is right beside Darling Harbour and there is lots for families to do and see.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at the end of the conference and this is your opportunity to comment and make suggestions that you would like the association to take note of. It is also the opportunity to meet with, and get to know your committee members. As always it is a time to vote in new committee members and we always like to see new faces volunteer to become committee members so why not volunteer to help out and fill the vacancies that occur each year.

I would also like to remind everyone that we are always on the lookout for articles for our Day Surgery Australia Journal. There are plenty of knowledgeable people to help you get an article ready for publication and I know for a fact that nearly every unit will have something that is relevant to them that others would like to hear about. As this journal is purely Australian you could encourage your surgeons and anaesthetists to also prepare an article for publication. As we have overseas members, colleges, and universities who contribute to receive the journal it is a good opportunity to boast about what you do. You can contact Lillian Stibbs or myself if you would like to publish and we will provide all the help you need.

I look forward to seeing you all in either Tamworth or in Sydney in August or even at both meetings.

Best regards, *Celia Leary, President.*

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## For your amusement

A gynaecologist had become fed up with malpractice insurance and was on the verge of being burned out. Hoping to try another career where skillful hands would be beneficial, he decided to change careers and become a mechanic. He found out from the local technical college what was involved, signed up for evening classes, attended diligently, and learned all he could.

When the time for the practical exam approached, the gynaecologist prepared carefully for weeks, and completed the exam with tremendous skill. When the results came back, he was surprised to find that he had obtained a score of 150%.

Fearing an error, he called the instructor, saying "I don't want to appear ungrateful for such an outstanding result, but I wondered if there had been an error which needed adjusting." The instructor said, "During the exam, you took the engine apart perfectly, which was worth 50% of the total grade. You put the engine back together again perfectly, which is also worth 50% of the grade." The instructor went on to say, "I gave you an extra 50% because you did all of this through the muffler."

## DIARY DATES FOR 2008

<b>SATURDAY 24TH MAY</b>	Rural Half Day Seminar Tamara Private Hospital Day Surgery Unit Tamworth - See attached flyer
<b>SATURDAY 16TH AUGUST</b>	State Conference and Annual General Meeting at Four Points by Sheraton, Darling Harbour Sydney - See attached Preliminary Program
<b>MONDAY NIGHT 27TH OCTOBER</b>	Monday Evening Educational Session at Camden Day Surgery Unit Urology. Watch this space

Accompanying Flyers enclosed.

## Hello, from the Editor's desk

Hi There,

Our first educational session for the year was held at Castle Hill Day Surgery on the 11th of February. We have certainly started the year well with excellent attendance for the Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy information night. Welcome refreshments were delicious and we all had the chance to catch up with familiar faces. The presentations were excellent. You need to be there to enhance your practice with valuable information, Before we left for home, we were treated to a tour of the unit. It is very impressive with an average throughput of 50 cases per day.

The next meeting on the calendar is the half day workshop in Tamworth on the 24th May. The staff at Tamara have organised an interesting program around '**Day Surgery in the Bush**'. The weather in Tamworth in May is generally beautiful during the day and a little chilly at night. I grew up in Tamworth and can recommend the country hospitality up there. It will certainly be worth the effort to travel up and see the countryside as well as the seminar and of course networking with our colleagues.

On the conference front, preparations are proceeding well and you will find enclosed the preliminary program and registration form. There has been great support from the trading companies so this promises to be an event that you would be crazy to miss. Put the date in your diary now and remember that scholarships are available and the application form is on the website. So go to it !!  
Cheers for now, Christine Crooks / Editor, DSNA NSW Inc.

