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**In your envelope:**

- Newsletter
- Flyer for half day seminar and AGM
- Nomination form for election to committee
- Constitution

## President's Message

Dear Members,



Spring is almost here and I do hope that most of you will have missed out on that dreadful Flu that has been doing the rounds. As one who does not like the cold of winter I am looking forward to slightly warmer weather and Spring is a lovely time of the year.

It is also that time of the year when our focus is on planning for our Annual General Meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September at Sydney IVF. I cannot emphasize enough just how important the AGM will be this year. We need to have as many members attend as possible as there are two very important agenda items to be dealt with.

The first one will be to present our updated Constitution to you for acceptance. The committee have worked very hard on this and are pleased with the outcome, however it needs to be accepted by you, the members, to come into force. You will find a copy enclosed and it is important that you read through it and note any questions you may have for the AGM. The changes are mainly the addition of the Introduction, more information relating to ADSNA representatives, minor changes to wording in the body of the document and reformatting. Please bring your copy of the Constitution along with you to the AGM.

The second issue will be the forming of a new committee. As you know all positions become vacant at this time and for the last twelve months I have consistently mentioned the need for volunteers to become part of the committee. Over the past year we have carried on with only six committee members and this is definitely not enough to be a fully effective committee. The current committee has been tremendous and we have accomplished the goals that we set last year. We all have other lives outside of day surgery but what we have in common is a love of our specialty and a great deal of pride and satisfaction in being able to provide educational and networking opportunities for our members.

Now I have to be very blunt. Some of the current committee have indicated that they will not be standing at the next election for Office Bearers or committee members. To be fully effective we need a committee of twelve volunteers prepared to give a little of their time to keep our association running. The implications of not having enough volunteers is that the DSN Inc NSW will have to be dissolved. This would mean that you would no longer have a newsletter, state educational evenings, workshops or a state conference. You would be able to become a direct member of ADSNA and therefore would receive the journal.

It would be a great pity if the largest state in Australia had to dissolve the association through lack of interest. This is a very real issue unless we can have an increase in committee members. I therefore urge you to seriously consider being part of the committee and returning the nomination form prior to the AGM. Management Committee

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Meetings are held bi-monthly on a Monday evening from 7 – 9pm and are usually held at Concord RSL, who kindly provides a meeting room free of charge.

If we are not able to form a committee we will be required to set a further date for a special meeting to deal with dissolving the association.

This is a very serious matter and not to be taken lightly. The decision will be entirely up to you “the members” to decide the future of the Day Surgery Nurses Association Inc NSW.

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE COMMITTEE!**

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the seminar and AGM.

Best regards Celia Leary / President. **Email:** [cdleary@zip.com.au](mailto:cdleary@zip.com.au) **Telephone:** 9603 1182

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**DIARY DATES FOR 2007**

**Saturday the 22nd of September 2007 1/2 day Seminar with AGM.**

**Venue:** Sydney IVF Centre

**See accompanying Flyer for all the details.**

**Monday night Educational meeting, the 5th of November 2007**

**Time:** 1830 hours **Venue:** Ophthalmic Surgery Centre Chatswood

**Topics** - To be announced closer to the time and flyer will be mailed to members.

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Hello Members,

If you would like to participate in shaping the future of day surgery nursing, then there is a place for you on our committee. Being part of a group dedicated to the ideals of day surgery nursing is a very fulfilling experience, not to mention, it can be added to your curriculum vitae. It is not hard work, in fact the nursing camaraderie is second to none. We meet bimonthly and the rest of the time we use email to manage business.

We need 12 people to form an effective working committee. This will mean only a small amount of time per person instead of a few doing a lot of work. Make a positive decision to nominate for the committee now, you won't regret it.

I have really enjoyed being part of the DSNA committee and will re-nominate for my position for 2007— 08.

So, there's no such thing as a free lunch!! Take advantage of the free registration and come to our half day Seminar in September. We will be serving lunch after the AGM. The program looks great and we will have the opportunity to catch up and network over lunch. See you there !!

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

