

DAY SURGE

Newsletter of the Day Surgery Nurses Association - NSW Inc.

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President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

Just an update newsletter this month!

We only have about 12 weeks till Christmas!

Ok I know it's scary but we still have lots of education events left to go for this year.

One important point is MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL!

I think what has happened is that the small membership forms went out in May in a big envelope with the conference registration forms and because the member form is small it may have been thrown out with the envelope as they were both white.

We've had lots of calls from people wanting forms so possibly this is what has happened. So in future I'm going to put a contents list in the newsletter so you know what's in your envelope. How's that? Because often you receive an envelope with lots of bits of paper so you need to know what you should have.

So in this issue you have the following forms:

- 1. Newsletter**
- 2. AGM Workplace relation education registration form.**
- 3. OTA DSNA joint education registration form.**
- 4. Lismore Education Day registration form.**
- 5. Membership form for those who have not renewed!**
- 6. College of Nursing education flyer and enrolment form.**

I hope this helps all us busy people?

If you have not yet renewed your membership please try and get it finalised in the next month or so.

EDUCATION

16th October. Education day with Di Adamson on team building and work place relations. A short AGM will also be on that day.

27th October. We are holding a joint education evening at the College of Nursing in Sydney.

Registration for members is free, Non-members a nominal fee of \$10 to cover catering costs.

We have got some great topics such as using a Harmonic Scalpel in Gynaecology. Details are in the enclosed registration form

Saturday 6th November. St Vincent's Hospital Lismore is holding an education day. Topics include gastroenterology and education in day surgery. See enclosed registration form for details.

18th – 19th November. Day surgery Nursing course at the College of Nursing in Burwood. See flyer for details.

24th 27th April 2005. 6th International Congress on Ambulatory surgery in Seville Spain.

COMMITTEE AND AGM.

This year we will say goodbye to 4 of our committee members.

I would like to extend a big thank you to Janet Wakefield, Linda West, Marie Chacko and Nadime Roumieh for their effective and committed contributions throughout the year. With this in mind we really need new nominations for committee members so if anyone is interested in joining the committee please let me know. You don't have to be the best professional in the universe to serve on the committee just committed. Jobs are shared amongst the group. We find it extremely fulfilling to serve the Day Surgery membership. At this AGM I would like to honour two of our committee members with life membership. Both Mrs Celia Leary and Mrs Janet Wakefield have made a huge contribution to the Association over many years including being past presidents. So if no one objects to this honour I will award this at the AGM so don't miss it because I would like your support to honour both of these great day surgery women? As this is the final letter of the year I would like to personally thank the membership in trusting me to lead the Association as President this year it has been a complete honour and I will

always treasure the opportunity I have been given.
I would also like to thank in a huge way the Committee from this year for their total dedication and hard work they are a great team and we will sorely miss the four who are not re-standing.
Of course all this would not be possible without the total support of the membership so a huge huge thank you to all our members. Without you there would be no education, conferences, journals, national body, or research into best practice guidelines. I hope you realise the huge contribution you all make to the best Day surgery practices through your support? That legacy continues on. So you all deserve a big thank you from me and from future generations of day surgery nurses.

OK I'm getting sentimental I know but I feel we need to sometimes realise what a huge contribution we all make toward our industry.

Lastly just a reminder again to renew your membership and also that it is open to anyone interested in day surgery.
I've also extended the cut off registration date for the 16th October I think it was a bit short for people so you can still register lunch and refreshments are included and it's only half a day so bring the family and swimmers?

Last of all have a safe and happy Christmas break and I hope 2005 is a great year?
Oh and yes I will stand again as president for 2005 if everyone is happy with my nomination?

Till next newsletter keep safe!

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The Question! From July 2004 newsletter.

**What is the skill mix at your organisation?
Do you extend the role of the EN?**

Lillian from The San day Surgery Hornsby (Which is a freestanding day surgery).

Writes. We have 19 RN's on our roster. Only 1, the NUM is full time, the rest are part – time or casual and there are 4 En's. Many of these staff members work at other facilities as well as at our centre. Some staff work only in specific areas, but we do have 2 RN's who can work in theatre, recovery, admissions or discharge area. Two of our En's only work night duty, which might be about twice a month. One works in the admissions or discharge areas and the other in theatre. One of our night duty RN's is studying to become an RN. The EN who works in theatre is very keen to extend her role and has completed a 1-year peri-operative course run by the San. She works either in anaesthetics or more often now scrubs. She is a very efficient and valued member of staff and I believe she is much more satisfied with her role now she is able to extend it.

Thank you Lillian for your very thorough contribution. If you would like to discuss the information with Lillian contact me and I will forward on your contact details to Lillian

I will ask another topic question next year if everyone thinks it is of value as I do?

This issue I would like you all to think about the kind of topics you would like featured in our state conference, which we have planned for the **10th September 2005**. So far it will be at the same hotel as the recent conference as we felt it was comfortable for our members. The lecture seating will be nightclub style, which includes 6 chairs to a table so you can write in comfort.

I have the evaluation responses from last year's conference so I have gone into bat for you all to improve things from last time. Such as chairs to sit and eat and Noooooo VELCRO not anywhere!

So signing off till next year hope to see you at the AGM?

Jacqueline Hurley

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