

## 2006 Conference Newsletter

The organization for DSSIG activities in 2006 are well under way. We have inserted the flyer for our next Twilight Education Session which is to be held at Como Private Hospital on Tuesday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006. We encourage you all to attend and meet with your colleagues in the day surgery industry.

The DSSIG Committee is excited to be presenting a Paediatric focused Conference this year. In doing so, we are hoping to ease some of the stresses that many adult Day Surgery nurses experience, when paediatric patients are on their lists. We will be covering a number of topics including paediatric emergencies, the basics of incorporating paediatrics into adult centres, paediatric anaesthetics and what stresses children and parents face when they are booked for surgery. We have already managed to secure some great speakers for you.

You will find a preliminary flyer with this letter and a conference brochure and registration form will follow shortly. This year, we decided to have a ½ day State Conference, as the Australasian Day Surgery Conference is being held, in Melbourne, in November. A ½ day conference allows us to keep costs down, which should allow many of you to put some money towards this additional educational experience, not normally offered.

The Australasian Day Surgery Conference will be a two day event, held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Melbourne on Friday November 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup>.

We will be giving away two Registrations to the Australasian Day Surgery Conference at our State Conference. These are valued at \$395 each. And, of course, there will also be the usual donation of prizes by our loyal Trade for giveaway.

DSSIG is in the process of applying for CNE points for our State Conference. This is an exciting and progressive development as many of our centres are already using a points system as part of our appraisal process.

We are also delighted to be able to release the next set of Best Practice Guidelines for Paediatrics at our State Conference. This is the first time they will have become available and are the result of many hours of dedicated work by ADSNA. They will be available for purchase at a special price at the Conference, which will be a valuable addition to your Day Surgery Best Practice Guidelines.

This will also be followed by the August edition of Day Surgery Australia having a paediatric focus. By the end of this year, we should all be feeling much more confident when we have children attending our centres.

If you have not received or misplaced your calendar with the remainder of our activities for this year, it can be accessed via the website [www.adsna.info](http://www.adsna.info) and following the Victorian link.

Looking forward to catching up with you all through out the year.



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