Welcome to the first Newsletter of the ADSC. This newsletter outlines the role of the ADSC in the day surgery world and introduces member organisations and members of the Executive who will guide the Council over the next two years. Meetings of the Council will occur three times a year and the Executive will meet monthly.

The role of the ADSC is not to replace member organisations. The Council will provide advice that is based on multidisciplinary input from Managers, Owners, Doctors and Nurses involved in day surgery. This advice will be given in conjunction with member organisations.

The ADSC will provide information to individuals involved in day surgery through our website and regular email newsletters distributed mainly through our member organisations.

The Australian Day Surgery Council (ADSC) was established in 1985 to advise on standards and other relevant matters pertaining to day surgery in Australia. It operated under the auspices of the Royal Australian College of Surgeons (RACS) and the Australia & New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA) with other organisations involved in day surgery attending bi-annual meetings of the Council.

It is important to recognise the work of the original members of the former ADSC. In particular we would like to acknowledge 2 members who have been Australian Representatives on the International Association of Ambulatory Surgery (IAAS); Dr Lindsay Roberts and Dr Hugh Bartholomeusz. Lindsay was a founding member of the ADSC and retired in 2010 to enjoy his latest ‘hobby’, restoring old ships as a volunteer with Sydney Heritage Fleet. Hugh has only just retired from ADSC where he has been a member since 1999. He was the Australian Representative on the IAAS from 2002, President of the IAAS congress in Brisbane in 2009 and ADSC Chair for the last 2 years.

(for a complete review of the history of the ADSC see http://www.adsc.org.au/history/)

**MEMBER ORGANISATIONS (as at October 2011)**

- Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS)
- Australian Day Hospitals Association (ADHA)
- Australian Day Surgery Nurses Association (ADSNA)
- Australian Nursing Federation (ANF)
- Australian Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery (AOHNS)
- Australian Private Hospitals Association (APHA)
- Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS)
- Department of Health & Ageing (DoHA) ex-officio
- Gastroenterology Society of Australia (GESA)
- Joint Accreditation System-ANZ (JAS-ANZ)
- Private Hospital Association of Queensland (PHAQ)
- Royal ANZ College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists (RANZCOG)
- Royal ANZ College of Ophthalmologists (RANZCO)
- Royal College of Nursing Australia (RCNA)

**REPRESENTATIVE**

- Karen Linegear
- Debra Pearce
- Chris Guidotti
- Michelle Birks
- Darcy Economos
- Anne Crouch
- to be advised
- Lynne Giffin
- Mark Stephens
- to be advised
- Lucy Fisher
- Richard Smith
- Wendy Adams

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International Association for Ambulatory Surgery (IAAS)
The ADSC is a member of the International Association for Ambulatory Surgery (IAAS). Only one peak body per country is permitted to be a member and the ADSC satisfies the eligibility criteria. This enables representatives to attend the annual General Assembly meeting.

The IAAS is a dynamic group, represented by 22 countries, and is involved in a number of projects and publishes both a regular newsletter and an Evidence-Based Practice in Ambulatory Surgery Journal. Copies of the newsletter and journals, along with information on its various projects, are available on the IAAS website www.iaas-med.com.

Wendy Adams has been appointed recently to the IAAS Executive and is the first nurse to be appointed to this position. Wendy will provide an update after each meeting which will be available on the ADSC website.

The IAAS newsletter may also be downloaded from www.adsc.org.au. A link to the journal is on the same site.

Representative on the IAAS Council

Darcy Economos is a Otolaryngologist, Head and Neck Surgeon in Adelaide. He has been a visiting consultant at the Royal Adelaide and Modbury Public Hospitals for over 20 years. He has special interest in ENT day surgery and also represents the Australian Society of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery as previous state chairman and on the ADSC.

WEBSITE www.adsc.org.au

The main method of communicating with day surgery professionals will be via our website which will be regularly updated and will contain information from varied sources and more importantly links to organisations with an interest in day surgery. Already there are several pages on the history of day surgery in Australia stretching back to the start of the Australian Day Surgery Council in 1985.

If you have any suggestion as to links or information that you would like to see included please send an email to info@adsc.org.au

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ADSC EXECUTIVE

The ADSC Executive (listed on the following page) is elected from the representatives of each Member Organisation on the Council for a 2 year period. The Executive will meet monthly by teleconference to plan ongoing activities of the Council, coordinate full Council meetings and generally oversee the running of the organisation. Other Council members will either join in on the teleconference or be consulted as required.

ADSC COUNCIL

The ADSC Council will meet face to face three times a year. For the next 12 months meetings will be held on a Saturday morning in Melbourne with the first meeting for 2012 scheduled for February 11th. The Council meeting will consider various matters including feedback from consultations held with a variety of regulatory bodies and will report on matters pertaining to day surgery arising from their parent bodies. Smaller groups or taskforces will be formed from within the Council members as the need arises to consult on day surgery matters or to prepare a consolidated response to any relevant consultation documents.

Any opinion that arises from the Council will be submitted to the relevant parent organisation (s) for comment prior to distribution.

CURRENT CONSULTATIONS & COMMITTEES THAT ADSC IS PARTICIPATING IN

The ADSC is in a unique position in that as a Council we are able to provide multidisciplinary advice to external bodies. As far as member organisations are concerned this advice is complementary to advice provided by member organisations that may represent sectional interests of the day surgery community.

- **ACHS** General and Specialist Clinical Indicators
- **ACSQHC** National safety & Quality Health Service Standards—Draft Guide for use in Day Procedure Services Representation on Private Sector Committee Consultation on other draft documents of relevance to day surgery as may be released from time to time
- **DoHA** Continued advice on banding related matters for new day surgery item numbers
- **JAS-ANZ** Membership of Technical Committee

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CHAIR
Wendy Adams
Wendy Adams has been involved with day surgery since 1999 as a Manager of several day hospital facilities. Her passion is quality in day surgery and has published many articles, presented at conferences both local and international; and written a day surgery component of a distance education package for a post graduate certificate. She has been on working parties for ACHS and the development of the National Safety and Quality Standards. Currently she is a Lead Auditor for ISO, auditing over 50 day surgeries per year throughout the country.

VICE CHAIR
Anne Crouch
Anne is currently the CEO and Director of Nursing at Eye-Tech Day Surgeries in Brisbane. Anne has extensive knowledge of the Private Hospital Sector. Her key areas include strategic planning and implementation, safety and quality management, contracting, management problem solving and accreditation. Anne is the Day Hospital representative on the APHA Council and also is on a wide range of committees with PHAQ, ADHA, DOHA and a member of the Private Sector Committee of ACSQHC.

SECRETARY
Mark Stephens
Mark, as a gastroenterologist has been involved in day surgery since 1985 when he opened a endoscopy centre in Melbourne. He was initially involved with the Australian Association of Day Endoscopy Centres and has been a Councilor for APHA over the past 9 years. He has also been on the full Council of the ADSC for the same period of time. In 2001 he opened a new day hospital catering for both endoscopic and non endoscopic procedures.

TREASURER
Lucy Fisher
Lucy has been a Senior Association Executive in the health care arena for over 20 years and is currently Executive Director of the Private Hospitals Association of Queensland a position she has held since 1999. Lucy represents the private hospital sector on numerous State and National Industry Committees and has a comprehensive knowledge of health care issues both within Australia and overseas. She is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management & Member of the Australian Society of Association Executives.

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS
Debra Pearce
Debra Pearce has been the Manager/Director of Nursing at Spring Hill Specialist Day Hospital in Brisbane since 2007. Debbie has been a Registered Nurse for 31 years with the majority of her time being spent in the perioperative environment. She has held positions as a Clinical Nurse in the Perioperative Suite followed by 3 years as the Educator, Perioperative Services in a major tertiary facility and spent 3 years as the Risk and Quality Services Manager of the same facility followed by another 3 years as a Medico Legal Risk Manager for one the largest medical defence organisations in Australia prior to taking up her current position.

ADSNA Representative
Chris Guidotti
Chris Guidotti is a registered nurse with many years of experience in Day Hospitals as a Consultant healthcare Business Manager and Director of Nursing. She will be representing the Australian Day Surgery Nurses Association (ADSNA) which provides state based and national representation for nurses working in the day surgery environment (both public and private) and has been a long term member of the ADSC.
The ADSC is a body established in 1985 to advise on day surgery/procedure standards and other matters that concern day surgery/procedures. The ADSC also acts as a portal for information about day surgery/procedures. As a multidisciplinary entity the ADSC is in a unique position to provide advice that is drawn from a wide range of day surgery providers.

**THE ROLE OF THE ADSC IS TO:**

**INFORM:** member organisations about the latest information available across all spheres of Day Surgery / Procedures from the point of view of Facility Owners, Health Professionals, Accrediting Bodies Regulators and Educators

**INFLUENCE:** Decision makers involved in Day Surgery / Procedures including Regulators as well as learned bodies e.g. Professional Colleges and Specialist Societies.

**INSIGHT:** member organisations will gain insight as to the thoughts of other professional bodies who are members of the ADSC

**INDICATORS** The ADSC will continue to provide working party members to advise relevant bodies about Day Surgery Indicators in conjunction with relevant Specialist Medical Colleges & Associations

**INTERNATIONAL** The ADSC will maintain membership of the International Association for Ambulatory Surgery to inform members about relevant international day surgery matters.

Each member organisation will be able to inform other members about issues under consideration by their respective organisation.

The Council will continue to seek representation on a wide range of external bodies that are involved in Day Surgery. Such representation will therefore provide members with alternative input to decision makers as well as direct representation by the particular member organisation.

The ADSC role does not include writing standards of care although it may maintain multidisciplinary guidelines with the assistance and agreement of member organisations.

The ADSC will not run conferences or be involved in activities that could place member organisations at a financial risk.

The ADSC will maintain an active website as a Portal where information may be obtained about all aspects of Day Surgery / Procedures. Where member Organisations have developed either standards or guidelines information will be provided via links to the particular page containing such standards or guidelines.

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