

AANSA



Australian Association of
Nurse Surgical Assistants Inc

Thank you for your support during 2014.

The association has had an eventful year and continues to grow in numbers with our membership now in excess of 70. Events this year included an AANSA, members only, Laparoscopic Workshop following the ACORN Meeting in Melbourne kindly organised by Catherine Smith and hosted by Olympus. It was great to meet some of the AANSA member at the ACORN conference. AANSA has also offered state based activities such as a Suturing Workshop organised by Shirley Lockie in Queensland.

We continue to work with Medicare and the Department of Health and Aging to secure remuneration through the Medicare system. This has been a long and arduous process and we hope to have a resolution by the 2015 AGM. The executive continues to also investigate Tertiary Education options to provide the best qualification to members.

AANSA has working arrangements in place with WorkCover Queensland, Ramsay Healthcare and members are receiving remuneration for active service personnel through Garrison Health. The New South Wales members have begun negotiations with their state Worker's Compensation Board and we look forward to resolution in the near future. AANSA has also recently contacted the Department of Veteran's Affairs to open an avenue of communication regarding remuneration for clinical services for returned soldiers.

Our new website will have the ability to automatically reset a past word for members who forget their current password so this will now be a self-sufficient process. All website enquires should be directed to Liz Hill who has kindly donated her time to launch the new Website. I would also like to thank Andrew Lynn who spent a lot of time and effort with our initial Website which we have outgrown.

The Voting Form for the Executive Team is now available. If you are unable to attend the AGM please submit a vote by proxy.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Executive Team for their tireless effort over the past year. Without these dedicated members we would not have achieved the progress and agreements we have in place for our members. While myself as President, Catherine Smith as Vice President, Lisa Yang as National Secretary and Sharon Kermici as National Treasurer were happy to stand again in our positions for the next 12 months, we have had a flurry of nominations for all of these positions so these current members of the executive team has decided to not re-nominate for our current positions for the next 12 months. We wish the new executive team every success in their new roles.

Regards

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