



ANNUAL REPORT

2018-19



About Wounds Australia

Wounds Australia is the peak body for wound care and management in Australia.


We exist to reduce the harm caused by wounds.

We do this by providing our members with access to information, events and resources that support their continuous education.


We also work with governments and industry organisations to improve access to appropriate wound care management, knowledge and resources.

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Chair's Report



It's with pride and pleasure that I present my report for the past year during which we have moved forward as a company in a sound position to grow and develop for the future sustainability of Wounds Australia.

Blake Wilson, the CEO of Wounds Australia joined us in April 2019, is committed to delivering the organisation's key priorities. Three key priorities were agreed by the Board to set the directions for the organisations and to inform objectives the Wounds Australia pursue into the future. The focus of the priorities is to determine the current financial viability, develop responsible initiatives for sustainable financial status and establish strategies to ensure that ongoing financial viability of Wounds Australia.

Despite the challenges associated with the transition to a national entity, I am pleased to note that the

activities of the Wounds Australia continued apace, as evidenced by the achievements outlined in this Annual Report.

The Wounds Australia's Biennial Conference 2018 was considered as the best conference since we became a national entity. Through a joint effort by the conference committees, Wounds Australia Board and Conference PCO, the 2018 conference was a great success - educationally, financially and through beneficial networking.

Wounds Australia has forged a strong and successful relationship with the Commonwealth Government. We will have a major role in the \$2 million scoping study in primary healthcare networks; we had an opportunity to provide Wounds Australia's contribution through a submission to the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) Review Taskforce to review the current MBS items relating to the management of chronic wounds. We were invited to take part in a round table discussion of the draft report

and had the opportunity to further enhance the document to go to the government. Wounds Australia also presented a submission to the Royal Commission on Ageing and as a result we were required to appear before the Royal Commission to give evidence. Another fantastic outcome for our members this year is the completion of the Wounds Australia Credentialing Program to be launched at the AGM in 2019 in Bendigo Conference. A range of benefits for health professionals, patients, community and health services will be achieved with the program. The inception of the program acknowledges the recognition of professional knowledge, experience, and scope of practice in wound management of our members.

The annual “Wound Awareness Week” in July 2018 was a great success. Wounds Australia’s message was proudly delivered with significant media coverage, interacting with politicians and engaging more clinicians in this event around the country.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the previous Chair of the Board Kylie Sandy-Hodgetts and the previous CEO, Anne Buck for their contribution to Wounds Australia.

I particularly would like to thank the Board for their commitment to the governance of the Wounds Australia through volunteering their time and skills, and for their ongoing support of me in the capacity of Chair. I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the Wounds Australia staff who have continued to progress activities towards achieving its goals. In particular I would acknowledge the outstanding assistance given to me and Wounds Australia during the interim period before the appointment of our CEO by Sriyani Ranasinghe and all of the staff in the office to ensure the continued functioning of the company.

As the company moves into another year there will continue to be considerable change as we face transition challenges in a climate of fiscal constraint. I am confident that the members of Wounds Australia, volunteers, Board, and staff will continue to work together to find effective ways to meet our agreed priorities and to remain relevant and effective. I would like to thank the memberships and the board for giving me the privilege of being chairman over the past year. I wish the board every success for the future and I leave the company in good hand with a strong board, an outstanding CEO, Blake Wilson and a dedicated staff and I am confident the future will be one that will bring us much pride.

Associate Professor Geoff Sussman
Chairman, Wound Australia

CEO's Report



It is my pleasure to have the opportunity, as CEO, to introduce the Wounds Australia's Annual Report for 2018-19. While I have only recently joined the team, it is clear to me that the period covered in this report was expressed by

hard work, commitment and strategic groundwork to help the organisation to achieve its full potential.

I joined Wounds Australia in April 2019 and have begun working with the Board to streamline the organisation's operations and build a base from which we can grow.

Three key strategic areas have been identified that will deliver a strong foundation for the organisation's future. The priorities focus on strengthening the organisation's financial sustainability, governance processes and membership value. While much of this work is 'behind the scenes', our volunteers and

members will begin to see results through improvement in efficiency and an increase in member benefits. Above all, our work will help Wounds Australia make a substantive difference to patient outcomes. For the coming year, we will provide our members with increased access to information, events, and resources that support their continuous education. We will also be working closely with governments and industry organisations' to improve access to appropriate wound care management, knowledge, and resources.

I want to acknowledge the significant role of our volunteers in helping to make Wounds Australia a vibrant and robust community focused on improving patient outcomes. I would also like to thank the Wounds Australia Board for their support and leadership guiding the development of Wounds Australia as a national entity.

The National Office team and I are looking forward to working increasingly closely with the membership through our Committees and Working Groups to achieve our mission of reducing the harm caused by wounds.

Blake Wilson
CEO, Wounds Australia



2018-19 HIGHLIGHTS

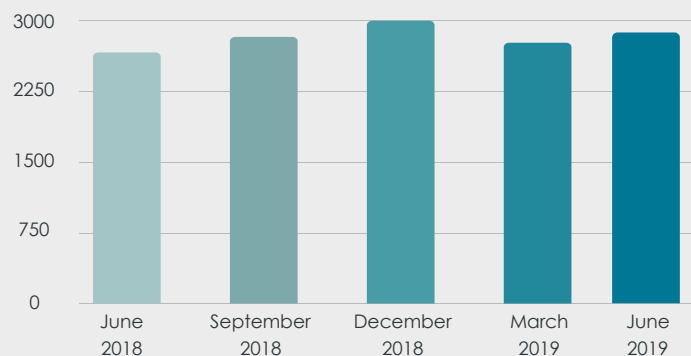
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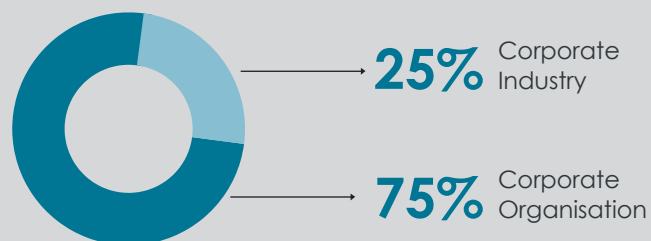
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Members at 30 June 2019

MEMBERS BY QUARTER (2018 - 2019)



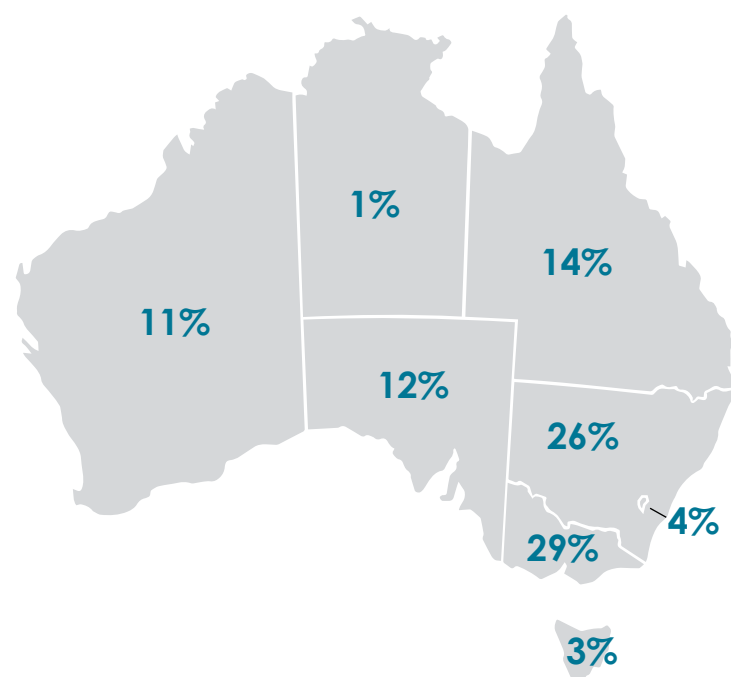
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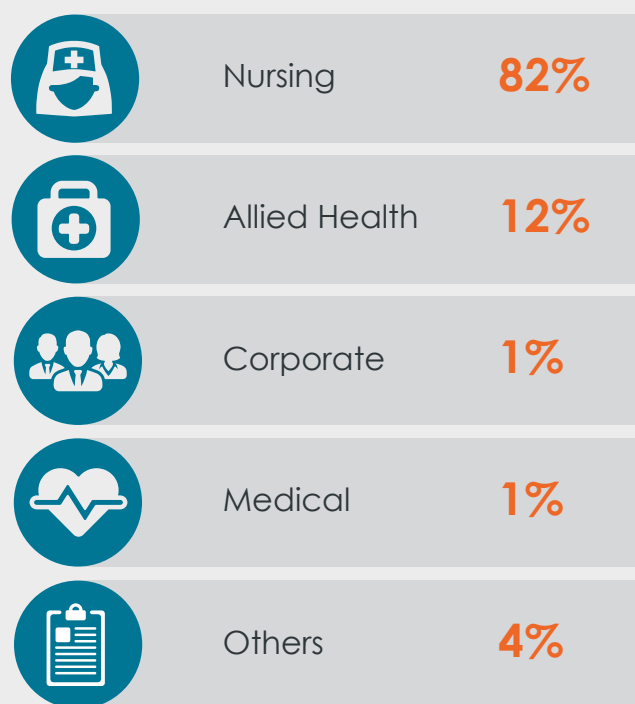
MEMBERS BY MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY



MEMBERSHIP BY STATE



BREAKDOWN BY PROFESSION





PUBLICATIONS

Wound Practice and Research Journal

4 Issues

11 Evidence summaries

24 Articles



EVENTS

23 Events - 17 Education Evenings
7 Seminars

2910 Attendees



SCHOLARSHIPS

20 scholarship recipients received \$31,714 in funding

July 2018 Cohort - 5 awards
Conference Award - 2

Jan 2019 Cohort - 9 awards



WEBSITE AND COMMUNICATION

Deepestissue - 4 editions
Facebook - 5,054 followers

Website hits - 3.8 million



WOUND AWARENESS WEEK 2018

Wound Awareness Kits - 2,500
Social Media Reach - 176,800

Website page views - 7,694



Research Portfolio Report

The aim of the Wounds Australia Research Portfolio is to be recognised as the Quality Leader for Research. The portfolio facilitates Wounds Australia to develop and support wound-related research activities for the benefit of all Wounds Australia members.

The Research Portfolio has now become the Research Committee, with all Portfolio members continuing on in the new Committee. The terms of reference are being reviewed. There are currently 12 members, but Charne Miller has flagged that she will resign in July 2019, to concentrate on her role as head of the Scientific Committee for the 2020 Wounds Australia National Conference.

The Committee held 3 teleconferences in 2018/19 and there was a face to face meeting in Adelaide.

Three 2018 biennial research grants (\$20,000 in total) were awarded at the 2018 National Conference. The results will be presented at the 2020 Annual Conference, and will also be published in Wound Practice and Research. A member of the Committee will act as a mentor to assist the awardees in achieving milestones.

An additional \$5,000 grant for a document scoping research gaps and methodologies to address these resulted in a final report (28 August 2018), published in Wound Practice and Research (2019; 27(2):62-107). This will now be considered by the Committee to set research priorities and ways the Committee can support research in Australia and our region. A draft 5-year plan has been developed.

Fundraising remains a priority and the Committee is working closely with the Wounds Australia Board to enhance this. Our relationship with industry remains pivotal in this endeavour.

Associate Professor Michael Woodward AM
Chair, Research Portfolio

Current Members

Michael Woodward AM (Chair)

Nikki Frescos	Kathleen Finlayson
Bill McGuiness	Charne Miller
Paul Philcox	Peta Tehan
Carolina Weller	Eugene Salole
Shan Bergin	Jill Campbell
Marianne Cullen	Ann Marie Dunk <i>(retired November 2018)</i>

Project Reports

Pan Pacific Clinical Practice Venous Guideline for Prevention and Management of Venous Leg Ulcers

Wounds Australia in collaboration with our partnering organisations are currently in discussions to complete the work required to finalise the Pan Pacific Clinical Practice Guideline for Prevention and Management of Venous Leg Ulcers 2nd edition.

A Business Plan and Budget has been developed by the Guideline Development Group with the aim to

launch the 2nd edition at the Wounds Australia National Conference in Brisbane 2020.

Judith Barker (Chair)

On behalf of the Guideline Development Group



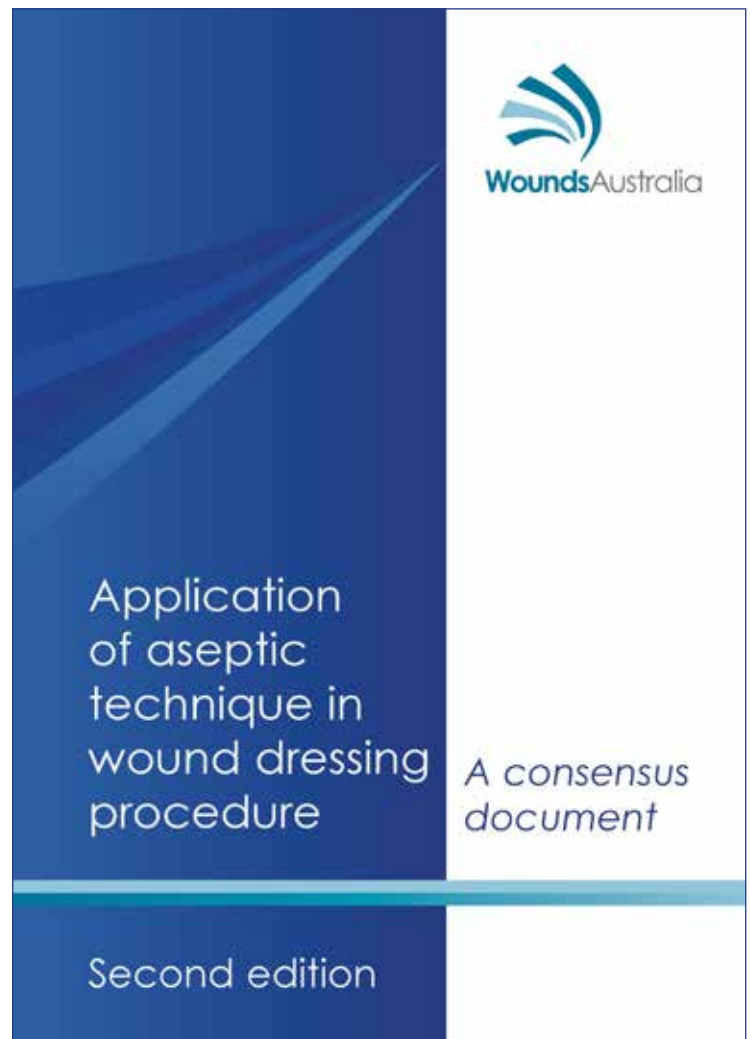
Wounds Australia Aseptic Technique Technique Project

Aseptic technique committee was dedicated to updating the second edition of the publication during this financial year. The second edition was published in October 2018. The document was presented at one of the workshops held at the Wounds Australia National Conference 2018. The following feedback received from the workshop is being incorporated into a revised version.

- Development of educational resources to support and guide clinicians in implementing the Wounds Australia Aseptic Technique in Wound dressing procedure consensus document into clinical practice.
- The educational resources should include the PowerPoint presentation that facilitates the delivery of standardized key messages.
- The educational resources should also include two posters providing graphics and necessary supporting text on Open-but-unused dressings and washing of a limb.

The consensus document is currently being reviewed in order to incorporate the feedback received from the workshop. The revised document will further support to members and clinicians to optimize outcomes for persons who receive wound care.

The sub-committee would like to thank the delegates who attended the workshops on Aseptic Technique in Wound Dressing Procedure at the Conference and the attendees who have evaluated the posters.



Current Members

Lyn Thomas (Chair)

Liz Howse
Judith Barker
Tabatha Rando
Sue Templeton
Clarissa Young

Pam Morey
Kylie Elder
Terry Swanson
Stephen Yelland
Gillian Butcher

(resigned on 15 January 2019 after appointment as a Board Member)

Wound Practice and Research Journal

Wound Practice and Research is the official journal of Wounds Australia and publishes original peer-reviewed papers that address the issues that underpin wounds, wound healing and tissue repair.

This year the journal has continued its primary purpose of publishing high quality, peer-reviewed articles that reflect the interest of its readership which is primarily around education, wound care in the community and the aetiology of acute and chronic wounds. This year also saw one of our themed issues highlight the outcomes of research that was undertaken by awardees of Wounds Australia research grants. The purpose of these grants is to support studies in the areas of prevalence and cost-effectiveness research, impact on quality of life, risk factors for delayed healing, support surfaces and pressure injury prevention, compression therapy, dressings and innovative new therapies, and infection and symptom management.

By publishing these studies in Wound Practice and Research their outcomes can be easily disseminated to our readership of Wounds Australia members and more broadly through exposure through online search engines including CINAHL, Google Scholar and Informat. Additionally, every article published in WPR is now given a Digital Object Identifier (DOI) which is a unique alphanumeric string assigned by a registration agency (the International DOI Foundation) to identify content and provides a persistent link to its location on the internet. Our publisher, Cambridge Media, now assigns a DOI to every article that we publish. DOIs allow the efficient management and accurate tracking of an article, as well as helping our articles gain visibility, and therefore value, enabling authors to disseminate their



research and instigate new collaborations with partners in our community.

The Coloplast Biatain Literary awards for 2018 have been judged by our ever supportive and hard-working Editorial Board. The winners and runners are:

Original Research Article	Literature Review	Case Study
<p>Winner: T Fernandez, XL Strudwick, S Al-Bataineh, RD Short, AJ Cowin, Whittle JD <i>Smith LE Surfaces to enhance matrix deposition for wound healing</i></p> <p>Runner up: Finch K, Osseiran-Moisson R, Carville K, Leslie G & Dwyer M <i>Skin tear prevention in elderly patients using twice-daily moisturizer</i></p>	<p>Winner: Murray RZ, West ZE & McGuiness W <i>The multifactorial formation of chronic wounds</i></p> <p>Runner up: Haesler E, Frescos N & Rayner R <i>The fundamental goal of wound prevention: recent best evidence</i></p>	<p>Winner: Vallejo A, Wallis M, Horton E & McMillan D <i>Low-frequency ultrasonic debridement and topical antimicrobial solution Polyhexamethylene biguanide for use in chronic wounds: a case series</i></p> <p>Runner Up: Jepsom T, O'Hara T Monaro <i>Collaboration across the care continuum to improve the patient experience.</i></p>

The awards will be presented to the recipients at 2019 State events and we gratefully acknowledge the support of Coloplast for their continued support of the journal and its authors.

Continuing our quest for greater exposure for the journal, the Board and Wounds Australia are currently investigating the development of an online journal website that will allow easier access to published articles, additional online content, instructions to authors and information about our Editorial Board members. We are keen to progress this as a key strategy over the next 12 months to increase the international profile of our journal.

The journal has also continued to have a strong and productive relationship with the Wound Healing and Management node of the JB Institute. Each issue we are fortunate to be able to include high quality Evidence Summaries that are thorough, peer reviewed and well received by the readership. The Editor and Board would like to extend grateful thanks to the WHAM node and its authors for their incredible hard work in preparing these summaries and for allowing us to publish them within Wound Practice and Research.

Finally, this year we also, for the first time sent out an expression of interest for new members to join the Editorial Board. The aim was to provide transparency and opportunity for Wounds Australia members who were interested in increasing their involvement in editorial processes.

There was an overwhelming response of very high-quality applicants whose proposals were assessed by a sub-group of the Board. I am very pleased to announce our new Board members are Dr Kathy Finlayson, Dr Sharon Latimer, Dr Peta Tehan, Dr Robyn Rayner and Dr Zlatko Kopecki. As Editor, I am looking forward to working with these new and existing Board members over the next 12 months.

Professor Allison Cowin
Editor, Wound Practice and Research



Wounds Australia National Conference 2018

Advancing Healing Horizons: Towards cutting edge in wound care



The Wounds Australia National 2018 Conference was held from 24 to 26 October 2018. The event had more than 900 delegates over 3 full days of pre-conference workshops, plenary and concurrent sessions and social activities.

The 2018 National Conference has been described by many as the best Wounds Australia conference to date. The event provided excellent education and networking opportunity for all the attendees.



Attendees

900



Trade Displays

50



Speakers (including international speakers)

15



Abstracts

171

Wound Awareness Week 2018

Wound Awareness Week 2018 was carried out between 15 – 21 July across Australia. The website, media, eBlasts, social media and using promotional kits were used to spread the awareness

The scope of the project was to conduct Wound Awareness Week in 2018 to support Wounds Australia's strategic priorities in the awareness and advocacy domains, identify key messages and a call to action that is consistent with the awareness and advocacy priorities.

Promotional Kits

We sent out over 2,500 promotional kits to all over Australia, 260 of these were sent to pharmacies, 400 were sent to primary health care networks in SA and the remaining were sent to existing Wounds Australia members, previous members and supporters of the campaign.

Website Statistics

We managed to completely rebuild the website in-house and a great deal of general information on wounds was incorporated. The number of website visits increased from 800 to 7694, which was a 301% increase.



Media

We engaged the PR Company 50Acres to help deliver a highly targeted media strategy. This targeted a mix of mainstream and niche/trade media.

Political Engagement

A five-point-plan calling on the government to help reduce the burden of chronic wounds was released at the beginning of Wound Awareness Week. A number of politicians shared their support for the campaign throughout the week on social media.

Social Media

Over 176,800 people saw posts on social media from the campaign as compared to only 58,839 people in 2017. The number of followers on Facebook increased by over 1,000 during the week..





Wounds Australia Scholarships

Wounds Australia provides scholarships to our members annually. These scholarships support members to access and participate in professional development.

Scholarship Experiences

JANE SNEATH

Clinical Nurse, Atherton Wound Management Service, Community Health, Atherton

In March 2019 I was awarded a Professional Development scholarship from Wounds Australia. This support enabled me to travel from Cairns to Melbourne to attend the Wound Comprehensive Package short course offered by La Trobe University in Melbourne from May 13th to May 17th.

The five-day program offered Wound Fundamentals on the first day, with Wound Comprehensive 14th to 16th, and Wound Debridement on the final day.

Fifteen healthcare professionals attended on this occasion including two podiatrists, an orthotics specialist and a neonatal intensive care unit nurse. We had come from workplaces that included private practice, Residential Aged Care, Community Health, Correctional Centres, Outpatient Clinics and Hospital wards. Three nurses had travelled from overseas to attend. My flight from Cairns to Melbourne of three hours and thirty minutes did not warrant mentioning!



I'm please I attended the five consecutive days. The Wound Comprehensive Package incorporates the latest research in wound healing and at a time when new information, new technologies and new products abound, the systematic comprehensive five-day structured approach served to steadily guide me through the complexities of wound care.

The week began with wound physiology and assessment, progressed through management principles and decision making, went on to complex aetiologies which included a visit to the hyperbaric chamber, then followed with lower limb ulceration and investigations, finishing with debridement on the last day. (Insert photo 2)

The program was delivered by presenters with an abundance of knowledge and experience, some experts in their fields, Melinda Brooks Nurse Practitioner, Dr Bill McGuinness Associate Professor/Wound CNC. All presenters were engaging, all encouraged us to contribute to the sessions with our own experiences and case studies. Despite a full timetable, there was time taken to address individual questions with many of these opportunities generating whole class discussions.

An unplanned highlight of the five-day course for me was an opportunity to catch up with Allan Donnelly, of Qcity Podiatry and Healthcare. Many of you will remember Allan for his presentation at the Wounds Australia Adelaide National Conference. Allan was the 2018 winner of the Innovation Tank Award for his work on developing a simple affordable technique to produce moulds that facilitate the production of orthotics for high risk foot patients. Allan, attending the short course also, willingly shared his years of experience and wealth of knowledge with the group adding an extra dimension and perspective to our case study discussions.

Attending the short course at La Trobe University enabled me to update and consolidate the knowledge and skills underpinning my scope of practice supporting me in my role as Clinical Nurse Atherton Wound Management Service. I look forward to not only sharing the information and materials from the course with colleagues, to promote education, support team members and update clinical practice guidelines in our workplace, but also with patients to

ensure they receive best care in wound prevention and management.

Thank you to Wounds Australia for your ongoing support, I would not have got there without your assistance.

LUSI SHEEHAN

The Pharmacy 777 Healthy Leg Club Education Day

Healthy Leg Club Education Day for the Community of WA

(Held on 25th of July 2019 at Melville Recreation Centre)

The Pharmacy 777 Healthy Leg Club Education day, sponsored by Wounds Australia, increased awareness in the community on updated wound care, how to identify for chronic wounds and lower leg conditions. We, as pharmacists; Lusi Sheehan and Aaron Chan (Intern) informed about healthy skin and wound care, venous leg symptoms and compression therapy. We also shared resources and videos from Wounds Australia to spread key messages.

Our local podiatrist, Kate Thomson, provided education around checking your feet and footwear to protect and prevent from wounds and injuries. Finally, our local physiotherapist, Madeleine Stockden, spoke about lymphoedema, exercise and different types of compression therapy. Models and samples were used to demonstrate the concepts.



After the talk we provided morning tea and attendees were given the opportunity to meet each other and the presenters and ask any questions they had. We received very positive feedback on the day from the attendees and some of the testimonials (from feedback forms) include;

“The information on wound healing and lymphoedema were very helpful and clarified a lot of myths”

“I learnt new and useful information about care and management of swollen limbs through pharmacist, podiatrist and physio-therapist”

“The education day reinforced the need to walk more and the importance of compression”

“The education day and all speakers were clear, informative and fantastic”

“I liked being able to ask questions of committed health professionals and get understandable answers”

KIOWA LOGAN

Thankyou again for this opportunity, it was very much appreciated.

A big thankyou to both Woundsa and the Janet Vincent Scholarship for the amazing opportunity, that was facilitated for myself to attend the Ausmed wound management, 2 day course at the gorgeous lakes resort hotel in west lakes. It was a practical guide seminar that really was just that.

Being given the opportunity to stay the night was idyllically relaxing as to enable reflection on all that was covered by Sue Templeton, nurse practitioner for wound management with RDNS and Greg Duncan a senior research fellow.

The course was jam packed with up to date, clear information, keeping your interest and very much open to questions. It looked at the vast array of wounds but also of the person as a whole. Looking at the big picture. Keeping it simple with best practices and principles. A fantastic refresher in order to increase your confidence to make informed choices.

Wounds Australia Volunteers

Wounds Australia would like to thank all our volunteers for their hardwork throughout the year.

We couldn't have done it without your constant support.



Marissa Bakker Judith Barker Judy Blair Ann Marie Dunk	Olivia Dyrw Danielle Harding Cassie Luke Alicia Spacek
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Linda Cloete Nicky Fenner Nicole Flannery Annette Kady Mark Keating	Tomas Magalaa Fleur Trezise Allyson Waird Heidi Weber
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Kerrie Coleman Helen Edwards Ozlem Ertan Kathleen Finlayson Maree Francis Jodie Gordon	Sarah Hylton Erin James Kim Kaim Cathy Kindness Jane Sneath Marg Stanley
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Jan Cook Rebecca Daebeler Sara Driver Mariela Edgar Sue Templeton	James Hobbs Margi Moncrieff Heather Nicolas Rosa Stewart
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Biljana Ansted Daniel Baker Glennis Barnes Jess Beattie Cassie Bramston Tanya Buchanan Vickie Callaghan Ange Cousins Michele Daly Andrew Ellis Maria Fox Lisa Hewitt Catherine Hirst Tania Hobbs Toni Howells Camille Koh Jenny Love	Nicole McFarlane Judi Mead Andrea Minnis Gabrielle Munro Donna Nair Robyn Nuske Nicholas Puli Linda Raymond Sandra Reidy Jan Rice Heather Street Nicole Taylor Marita Ticchi Kate Waller Liz Wallis Toni Wilson Stacey Worsnop
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Deborah Carpenter Christine Duniam Michelle Emin Anne Jong	Bill McGuiness Jane O'Brien Clarissa Young Lea Young
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Education Portfolio

Melinda Brooks
Sharon Boxall
Kylie Elder
Emily Laszuk

Catherine Leahy
Lynette Rodriguez
Shauna Smith



Research Portfolio

Shan Bergin
Jill Campbell
Marianne Cullen
Ann Marie Dunk
Nikki Frescos

Charne Miller
Paul Philcox
Eugene Salole
Carolina Weller
Michael Woodward



Membership Portfolio

Sharon Bradshaw
Chloe Jansz
Daniel Kim

Lee McLean
Louise Webber



Aseptic Technique Portfolio

Liz Howse
Pam Morey
Tabatha Rando

Lyn Thomas
Stephen Yelland



VLUG Portfolio

Julie Betts
Judith Barker
Catherine Hammond

Emily Haesler
Juliet Scott



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Elfie Ashcroft
Georgia Cairns

Emma Munro



2020 Conference

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Shan Bergin
Rebecca Christensen
Jenny Kitchen
Saraid Martin
Kerry May
Lucia Michailidis
Charne Miller
Lachlan Mulquiny

Daniel Oxlee
Christina Parker
Geoff Sussman
Terry Swanson
Peta Tehan
Shay Walters
Annie Walsh
Damian Williams



2018 Conference

Melinda Brooks
Trudi Collet
Meredith Kilpatrick

Jane Martin
Jan McGregor
Sue Poulson



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State Reports

Australian Capital Territory

Wounds Australia (ACT) 2019 has continued to function through the time and expertise provided by a small band of volunteers. I would like to thank them for their commitment and look forward to working with them in the future.

Membership numbers this Financial Year stand at 110 which has remained stable from previous years. Our AGM will occur within the next couple of months.

Education

The previous ACT Twilight event “Translating Evidence into Practice” was a successful evening with over 100 people attending the event. Nurse Educators at ACT Health, Tara Kuleas and Dimity Walsh discussed their Quality Improvement Project, focusing on growing confidence in Graduate Nurses in Wound Management Practices.

Judith Barker, Nurse Practitioner at ACT Health presented the clinical update based on the recent publication on Aseptic Technique in Wound Dressing Procedure. There was also be a panel discussion on multiple Wound Challenge Case Studies. Panel Members included Alicia Spacek (Community Nursing Clinical Nurse Consultant), Cassie Luke (Community Nursing, Senior Nurse) and Anne Wilson (Plastics Advanced Practice Nurse).

The case studies facilitated quality discussions between panel members and the audience.

ACT is hosting a Two-Day Symposium on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th December 2019, Old Parliament House Canberra. The symposium will include the launch of the 2019 NPUAP/EPUAP and PPIA International Pressure Injury Guidelines. The theme of the event is to "Protect your skin through thick and thin as well as overcome the barriers and transfer the evidence when preventing and managing pressure injuries." Registrations are currently open.

Other activities

Wound Awareness Week saw many areas throughout ACT Health promote awareness through flyers and posters from the Wounds Australia promotional kit. The Canberra Hospital had numerous trade displays as well as a Wounds Australia table allowing both companies and committee members to engage with both the public and staff. The trade display tables allowed staff the opportunity to come and have a tactile look, ask questions and better understand the wound aetiology relevant to product use as well as product application and technologies. ACT Committee members promoted Wounds Australia membership, Standards for Wound Prevention and Management document and other evidence based practice.

Marissa Bakker

Chair, ACT Committee

New South Wales

The NSW committee consists of a hardworking group of volunteers who, once again, provided Education Evenings and a State Conference to its membership for 2018 / 2019.

An Educational Evening on 'Burns Wound Management' was held at the Macarthur Clinical School at the Campbelltown Hospital in November 2018. The education content covered the assessment and management of burns and their impact on living with and caring for patients. The presentations included case studies and resources that were transferable into clinical practice. The NSW Committee would like to acknowledge and thank our major sponsor, Smith & Nephew, presenters Siobhan Connolly, Anne Quilala and Carolyn James and our delegates who attended a very successful evening.

In February 2019, the NSW Committee held an evening session at the University of Newcastle, Ourimbah Campus, on the Central Coast titled 'Local

Research Related To Wound Management'. The event was well received and feedback was overwhelmingly positive from nurses and allied health care practitioners. A total of 10 industry partners provided ample options and opportunity for delegates to mingle as well as update themselves on the latest innovations and products available. The research presentations by Anne Purcell, Linda Cloete and Peta Tehan were refreshingly different and provided some delegates with the interest and motivation to be more involved in future studies.



The NSW State Conference was held in Wollongong on Friday 17th May, 2019 with plenary sessions and workshops and was supported by Industry partners. Evaluation forms from delegates surveyed at the event were analysed by Di Carr with overwhelmingly positive feedback on the overall event. Wounds Australia NSW is currently in the planning phase for the next 12 months with a rural education event considered for early in 2020.

Wound Awareness Week was well celebrated and campaigned throughout the state and NSW. The Committee would like make a special mention to the

winners of the national competition for Wound Awareness Week activities from the Murrumbidgee Local Health District entrant.

Nicole Flannery

Chair, NSW Committee

South Australia

The Wounds Australia Branch has had a year of transition following our valued long serving Chair and Secretary stepping down and not seeking re-election. We sent them off in style at our December education evening and thanked them for all their hard work and contribution.

Aside from a nomination and election of Financial Liaison, there were no nominations for any other positions other than general committee members. We were delighted to welcome Mariela Edgar as our newest member.

This atypical committee format has made for an interesting year however with great enthusiasm, excellent communication and a truly collaborative approach between all committee members, our local Wounds Australia members were not affected. We managed to organise 4 successful education evening events including the inaugural recorded session "THE BIG B.A.S.H" for streaming onto the Wounds Australia website. Our commitment to providing high quality education has been our priority and focus for the past financial year. Where required we have rotated as a committee to provide state representation.

With the very hard work of the National Organising Committees, we welcomed many of our local members to the Biennial Wounds Australia Conference here in Adelaide last October. It was a great opportunity to travel interstate for similar occasions. Thank you to all the organisers and contributors, both from

the Wounds Australia and Corporate Industry who made it such a success. We hope all speakers and delegates travelling to Adelaide for the first time enjoyed our beautiful city.

The following summarises our education events for 2018-2019 financial year.

Wednesday 22nd August 2018 – 'Burning Issues'

- Presented by Stuart Harper (NP Candidate – RAH Burns Unit)
- Covered the first aid, assessment and management of Burns.

Wednesday 5th December 2018 – 'Workshop Wonderland'

4 workshops presented by the different members on the Wounds Australia SA Committee. These workshops covered Basic dressings, Advanced wound products, Cavity wounds and Wound cleansing.

Wednesday 20th February 2019 – 'Love the skin you're in'

- Presented by Bronwyn Overall (Stomal Therapist – RAH) and Tanja Klotz (OT – RAH Burns Unit)
- Bronwyn presented on Incontinence Associated Dermatitis and covered definition, cause, prevention and management.
- Tanja presented her Masters research into moisturisers. This covered mode of action, product constituents and product range and efficacy.

Wednesday 15th May 2019 – 'The Big B.A.S.H'

- Presented by Sue Templeton (NP Wound Management – RDNS SA) and Margi Moncrieff (NP Wound Management – Flinders Medical Centre)
- Topics covered were definition, assessment, prevention and management on blisters, abscesses, skin tears and haematomas.

Sue Templeton

Chair, SA Committee

Queensland

The Queensland Branch started its year with the election of its current committee in November last year, followed quickly by a planning meeting and the start of a very busy 2019. Queensland runs 4 education events a year: 3 in the southeast corner and one regionally. This year's regional event was held successfully in Hervey Bay. All up so far there have been 235 attendees and all events have been profitable with the final event for the year and the Annual Meeting to be run in November. Interestingly, we have noted that around half of all attendees at the education events are non-members.

We have also continued with running information tables at events relevant to wound management with great interest shown on these days and hundreds of email addresses collected throughout the year.

We continue to build on our strengths with our industry partners and continue to have excellent support from our local sponsors. We will continue to encourage greater involvement and work together to improve events for attendees and sponsors alike.

We have had a large and very involved volunteer committee this year. We hold face-to-face meetings every second month and conduct most business over email between meetings. Many of our committee members are also on other Wounds Australia committees, such as those preparing for the 2020 National Conference.

Sue Templeton

Chair, SA Committee

Victoria

The Victorian Branch hosted two professional development evenings throughout the past year. The Committee strive to deliver education sessions within 1 hours drive of all Victorian Member's

homes, enabling access to networking and education opportunities these events bring.

Twilight education seminars were held in August 2018, March 2019 and July to coincide with the 2019 Wounds Awareness Week.

The August Twilight titled "Buruli Ulcers" was presented by Associate Professor Daniel O'Brien and live streamed to 18 regional sites across Victoria. The March Twilight topic "Atypical Ulcers" was presented by Professor Rodney Sinclair, Melbourne Dermatologist and Professor at Melbourne University. Attendance for the event reached record numbers and was streamed to 18 regional sites across Victoria including over 25 trade exhibitions at the Melbourne event. The July Twilight event presented a panel discussion titled "Wound Warriors: Wound Aware Through Team Care." An expert panel consisting of a Diabetes Educator, a Clinical Nurse Consultant, a Dietician, a Podiatrist, and a Pharmacist was convened by Committee member Nick Puli for an engaging, multidisciplinary discussion surround case studies and approaches wound care. The Committee was thankful for the experienced clinicians Michelle Robins, Marianne Cullen, Ann Pantalleresco, Claire Ackland, and Associate Professor Geoff Sussman providing their insight and expertise for the evening. Prior to this event, the Committee engaged the services of new audio-visual technology to record the evening to make the information available to all Wounds members Australia wide. We look forward to utilising this technology going forward.

The upcoming 2019 State Conference plans to be the highlight of the education calendar with the theme "Stepladder to Success." The Conference will be held in Bendigo, showcasing some of Victoria's outstanding practitioners. We are privileged to have the Conference convened by Jan Rice and Andrea Minnis, two exceptional clinicians with a history of heavy involvement in Wounds Australia over the years.

The recipient of the Wound Ambassador Award for 2019 was Marg Ryan. Marg provided ongoing support of Wounds Australia through regular attendance of education seminars and demonstrates our organisational values through her tireless work in the community.



The Committee welcomed Elizabeth Wallis and farewellled Kate Waller, who retired from the position of Chair of the Victorian Committee. Kate was involved with the Committee since its amalgamation from AWMA and provided a significant contribution to the organisation during her time involved. We thank Kate for her enormous contribution.

Cassie Bramston

Chair, VIC Committee

Western Australia

Wounds Australia WA had a busy year and was able to provide many opportunities for members to attend clinical updates and study days to enhance knowledge and skills and network with colleagues. Wounds Australia events are made possible by the dedicated group of volunteers who give generously of their time and expertise. I would like to acknowledge the commitment of all committee members and thank them for their ongoing support of the association and look forward to their continued support.

Wounds Australia currently has 256 members across both metropolitan and country areas of Western Australia. Membership includes a range of disciplines including nurses, podiatrists, occupational therapists, pharmacists, and corporate representatives.

Education over the past financial year included 2 study days, including a country study day, and 3 clinical updates. The theme for the country study day, held in Bunbury, was back to basics with topics including wound assessment and management, burns, pressure injuries lower leg ulcerations and managing wound infections. Workshops included the assessment and management of patients with pressure injuries and dressing selections. The study day was supported as usual by our dedicated corporate representatives.

Our metropolitan study day was focused on preventing acute wounds becoming chronic and included a variety of topics from experienced presenters on wound infection, venous leg ulceration, pressure injuries, high-risk foot ulcerations, and debridement techniques. Again, the day was well supported by our corporate colleagues who provided information and support with their respective wound products and devices.

Clinical updates included the following topics:

- Legal Practicalities in Wound Management
- Assessment and management of burns, and
- Management of scarring

Attendance at Wounds Australia events in WA is consistent with an average of 80 delegates per event. I would like to thank Wounds Australian members for their ongoing support of the organisation and their attendance at our local events. The evaluation that is provided following each event remains positive and is essential for future planning to ensure we are meeting the needs of our members. Additionally, we invite suggestions for future direction in relation to professional development opportunities.

We have had some changes with our committee over the past financial year and would like to thank past committee members for their contribution to meetings and WA events.

Wounds Australia WA committee members are well underway with planning and organising this current

financial years events which to date includes a clinical update on surgical reconstruction and an exciting opportunity to partner with Foot Forum WA for a study day focused on the high-risk foot which will include both local and international speakers.

Margaret Edmondson

Chair, WA Committee

Tasmania

The Wounds Australia -Tasmania has operated with a small band of enthusiastic committee members. Regions and varying work places were actively involved in Wound Awareness Week.

Our annual education event is scheduled for November 29th-the theme is 'Prevention is Better than Cure' -with Benjamin Franklin's (1736) quote "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" underpinning the day. This original quote was in reference to fire safety, but very apt for encouragement of prevention and wellness in the wound arena. The day will be a very practical event as per our members feedback with key topics focused around feet first; enablers and barriers to best practice and keeping the skin you're in.

There is continued activity in terms of education at a local and workplace level.

We welcome Jane O'Brien to chair of Wounds Australia-Tasmania as well as Bill McGuinness to the committee and farewell Anne Jong and Serah McMahon.

Margaret Edmondson

Chair, WA Committee

Northern Territory

Wounds Australia NT appears to be going through a period of transition.

We are calling out for interested candidates to join the committee. The committee holds a meeting four times a year. The aim of the meeting is to create education program tailored to the needs of our members. This could take the form of a face to face seminar where we might invite a Speaker. It could be a webinar or a workshop.



Plans for the future therefore will be to have a fully robust committee, working together to take Wound Australia NT to the next level. My hope is that we could impact the NT and the members with current evidence-based information, which they will look forward to enjoying.

So far, we have had a few education sessions which has proven interesting and well received. We set up a number of stations, to demonstrate the importance of skin care; for instance, the peter peach station was to show how easy shearing could occur in a bed ridden Client. The rationale here was to prevent pressure injury. We had some pizza to illustrate the different wound-bed and also discussion about treatment. We also enjoyed a quiz and prizes given to the winners.

I hope that you could come on board to create some fun education.

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Chair, NT Committee

Financial Summary

Statement of profit or loss for the year ended 30 June 2019

Revenue (\$)	2019	2018
Advertising and publications	20,282	22,134
Conference and event income	684,567	337,947
Donations and sundry income	60	85,290
Interest received	8,975	14,242
Project income	-	12,000
Subscription from members	243,936	305,210
Total Revenue	957,820	776,823

Expenses (\$)	2019	2018
Administrative expenses	-753,740	-600,014
Conference and event expenses	-99,549	-172,827
Credentialing	-37,088	-2,106
Marketing expenses	-11,778	-21,812
Other project expenses	-7,456	-28,341
Scholarships and grants	-42,022	-28,156
Wound Awareness campaign	-40,219	-97,748
Total Expenses	-991,852	-951,004
(Deficit) for the year	-34,032	-174,181
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	-34,032	-174,181

Assets (\$)	2019	2018
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,342,020	1,238,837
Trade and other receivables	73,019	55,647
Other assets	37,098	59,592
Total Current Assets	1,452,137	1,354,076
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Liabilities (\$)	2019	2018
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	27,273	15,821
Employee benefits	22,054	15,052
Other financial liabilities	119,494	6,049
Total Current Liabilities	168,821	36,922
Non-Current Liabilities		
Employee benefits	700	506
Total Non-Current Liabilities	700	506
Total Liabilities	169,521	37,428
Net Assets	1,282,616	1,316,648

Equity (\$)	2019	2018
Retained earnings	1,282,616	1,316,648
Total Equity	1,282,616	1,316,648



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