



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been an eventful few months whilst we are preparing for the 2015 Conference 'The Jewel in the Crown. Keeping it safe in our hands' from September 9th to 11th in Brisbane. The program is available and has been e-mailed to all our members via an e-flash. If you haven't received this please contact admin@anna.asn.au.

Apart from the scientific program which remains an eclectic mix of topics members are interested in ANNA has also sourced presentations from key local Neurology and Neurosurgical Consultants. The social program is, as always, a feature and I am confident you will be relaxed and refreshed whilst networking with colleagues from ANNA.

Importantly this is a time of challenges and changes for associations in Australia. Increasing costs of managing an association and reduced sponsorship increases the difficulties of maintaining an excellent conference reputation. There are currently different strategies being explored which you will see in greater detail in the coming weeks as the Executive distribute reports for members to consider prior to the AGM. The AGM is an important legal activity that sets the direction of the association and provides advice to the Executive on how to act on your, the members, behalf. Please monitor your email and expect to see these reports in early August. A reminder that a member may hold a maximum of 5 proxies that must be declared prior to the AGM. A quorum must be achieved for an AGM to occur and importantly it is a legal requirement to hold an AGM annually so your presence and input is encouraged.

This year Medtronic and Integra are companies that have committed to sponsorship. It is disappointing but reflective of the challenges mentioned above that only these two medical companies will be with us this year. One of the responses indicated that as the surgeons make decisions on equipment, companies were not willing to support nurses. Next time you see a representative from the companies above let them know we appreciate their support.

Both Kylie Wright and I complete our terms of office in 2016 and neither are restanding for election. Consider the skills and attributes you can develop in an executive role within ANNA and join us for our final year so we can nurture skill development and an understanding of managing ANNA.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the extra work assumed by the Executive Committee by having a vacant position (although we hope to have a Secretary very soon) and whilst I have been unwell. That's a bit of an understatement but we will be catching up poolside at the Novotel in Brisbane and I will fill you in then! The executive is always happy for offers of help even if it is proofreading and picking up our spelling errors.

See you in Brisbane

Sharryn

ANNA President





Please note

The Professional Associations Management Services (PAMS Pty Ltd) that manages ANNA's services has some contact changes.

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Branch Delegates

Calling all Tasmanian and New Zealand members, we urgently need new Branch delegates to represent you; all positions are currently vacant, president, secretary and treasurer. Please contact ANNA executive

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**Email to the Editor - Vicki Evans –
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See you in PRINT!

The winner of our Australasian Neuroscience Nurses Day “Funny Patient Quote” Competition and \$100 goes to Ursula Saywell

For the following quote:-

A patient returned from craniotomy surgery and asked "Am I dead?" I pointed to my work ID and smiled saying "If you are dead and assuming we might be in heaven, then I need to know why I'm still working" and the patient laughed.

Other entries that made us laugh included:-

Written in patient's progress notes by a nurse following a long night shift!

*“Patient reported a snake came out of the air vent and slithered across the floor. As of 0600hours there has been no further sightings of the legless creature”
Christine Holland NUM St Vincent's Hospital, Victoria*



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The Novotel, Brisbane
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FUNDING GRANTS FOR WOMEN IN THE HEALTH CARE SECTOR

At the recent announcement of the National Industry Scholarship Grant Initiative that will support the development of women leaders in the health care sector, the hon. Julia Gillard praised the national initiative for its important role in enabling the advancement of women into higher levels of leadership.

Following an overwhelming response from health care sector women to a preliminary release of scholarship funding in March this year, the initiative will now be rolled out nationally across 2015 and 2016.

From July 1st 2015 the initiative will provide women in the Health care sector with grants for leadership development. More specifically, grant applications are open to women employed in the Health care sector at two levels. Please click on the preferred program link for program and Grant Application details.

1. Senior level and high potential women leaders can apply for \$12,000 Individual Grants to undertake the [Advanced Leadership Program](#).

2. Emerging and mid-level managers can apply for \$4,500 Individual Grants to undertake the [Accelerated Leadership Performance Program](#).

The National Scholarship Committee advises that interested parties should submit applications at their earliest convenience. Should you wish to discuss the initiative in more detail please contact Shreya Aggarwal at the office of the National Industry Scholarship Grant Program, Australian School of Applied Management on 03 9270 9000 or via SAggarwal@asam.edu.au