Welcome Message

Welcome to the GENCA e-Newsletter for December 2017, and our last for the year!

With just under a week until Christmas, we will soon be celebrating GENCA’s 40th year – 2018. We wouldn’t be the fantastic College we are, providing education and knowledge, and promoting excellence in gastroenterological nursing, without the dedicated volunteers who contribute to the organisation – sourcing speakers for conferences and meetings, sourcing and reviewing journal articles and planning the future of the organisation. Volunteering as part of one of our committees is a rewarding and satisfying thing to do – I know personally I have gained much from my time volunteering in various roles across GENCA.

There are a variety of ways in which you can contribute – I encourage you all to consider contributing to your professional body in some small way. There is plenty of support provided to our committees from the National Office, making it much simpler to get straight to the ‘good stuff’! If you are interested in hearing how you can contribute, contact the GENCA office idm@genca.org.

The GENCA National Office will be closed from Friday 22 December, reopening on Monday 8 January, 2018.

Wishing you all a very safe and happy New Year!

Cathy Conway
President
GENCA Planning

The Board met for a two-day meeting in late November and were joined by GENCA Regional Managers for a very productive planning meeting on the second day.

We have dates for the GENCA National Conference - to be held 28 and 29 April next year, in Canberra. We will have more news early next year on the program and speakers - please mark the dates in your diary.

Discussion forum

How to start a new query

In this first episode of a series, you will learn how to post a new query on one of the GENCA Discussion forums.

Step one – Log in and navigate to the discussion forums

Step two – Choose your forum and click the ‘topics’ button

Step three – click on the ‘post a new topic’ button

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For all enquiries, please contact the GENCA National Office on 1300 788 155 or idm@genca.org
Step four – post your query

1. Give your query a title
2. Write your query in the ‘Body’ section
3. Attach a file or photo if you would like to
4. Read the Conditions of Use and tick the box if you accept them
5. Click the ‘Post New Topic’ button

What’s on

State meetings and Fundamentals workshops scheduled in the first weeks of 2018:

New South Wales
10 February | Fundamentals workshop | Griffith
21 February | Evening meeting | Parramatta

Queensland
10 February | Half-day education meeting | Maryborough

South Australia / Northern Territory
15 February | Evening meeting | Venue TBC

Victoria / Tasmania
24 February | Full-day education meeting | Melbourne
3 March | Fundamentals workshop | Melbourne

Western Australia
12 February | Evening meeting | Nedlands

For a full listing of events or to register for meetings and workshops visit the GENCA website – www.genca.org/education/find-an-event/

Happy New Year!

In 2018, GENCA will be 40. We’re looking forward to a year of opportunities, recognition, and celebrating the ways GENCA has contributed to positive change in the field of gastroenterological nursing. We hope you join with us to celebrate this fantastic milestone!

Season’s Greetings

Education Grants

Have you always wanted to attend a National or interstate meeting? - An education grant may help you get there!

Applications are closing 31 January 2018 for the next round of GENCA Education Grants. These grants provide financial assistance to members to assist with attending a GENCA conference, interstate meeting, AGW, undertake education, or receive assistance with the credentialing exam or Cert IV training.

To be eligible to apply for an Education Grant you must have been a GENCA member for one year. The application form is available from the GENCA website - http://www.genca.org/about-genca/scholarships-grantsawards/education-grants/

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