Welcome to the GENCA e-Newsletter for February 2019!

I can’t believe we are almost through the first two months of the new year already. 2019 is shaping up to be another big year for GENCA, our education calendar is already filling up with state/regional meetings, Fundamentals workshops, the National Conference and AGW dates on the calendar already. Work is underway to plan the webinars we will be offering during 2019 – these will be added to the calendar in the near future.

The GENCA Board met just last weekend, for a full day meeting, with another full agenda. We reviewed the responses to the 2018 Member satisfaction survey. Thankyou to all the members who completed the survey – it is very useful input into planning the future direction of the College. Congratulations to the three lucky winners of the pre-paid Visa gift cards – these were drawn randomly from those who completed the survey and provided their name/email address. The winners were; Kim West, Qld; Lindsay Rowsell, NSW and Jumin Huynh, NSW. Your gift cards will be posted to you very soon.

As you will see from the newsletter, there is lots happening in the coming weeks, and I encourage you to get involved and make the most of your GENCA membership.

Cathy Conway
President
2019 GENCA National Conference

The program for the 2019 GENCA National Conference is close to being finalised. The conference theme ENGAGE, EXPLORE, EMPOWER – invites you to come to the conference – ENGAGE with delegates, trade representatives and speakers, EXPLORE new ideas and information, and leave the conference feeling EMPOWERed.

To be held at the Pullman Melbourne Albert Park from Friday 31 May to Sunday 2 June, the program will offer a range of topics with both plenary and concurrent sessions, networking opportunities – and of course a wonderful social function.

View the program here.

Details are on the website and registrations are now open. We look forward to another wonderful conference, and hope to see you there.

Call for abstracts - Novice Presenter Award – AGW2019

Are you a budding presenter?

GENCA is hosting a Novice Presenter session at this years AGW, in Adelaide. 8-10 September, 2019. An award of $500 will be presented to the best paper presented in the session, as judged by the Education Committee. To enter, you must be a GENCA member, who has not previously presented at a national or international conference. The presentation should be no more than 10 minutes in duration and the topic must relate to gastroenterology nursing – it may be clinical, management, leadership, technology or education focused.

Submit your abstract (up to 250 words) by email to admin@genca.org by 5.00pm Friday 3 May 2019.

NB: All presenters selected to present in this session will be responsible for their registration and travel costs to attend AGW.

Education Grants

Congratulations to those members who applied for an Education Grant in the January 2019 round of grants. Letters and contracts will be issued to you in the next two weeks – keep an eye on your emails, and we trust your learnings are of great benefit to your knowledge and practice and that you share the learning/education with others – by way of an article for J.GENC, presentation at a State/Regional meeting, talk at your workplace.

The list of grant recipients will also be available on the GENCA website.

The next round of grant applications will close on Wednesday 31 July.

See you at SIES!

Registrations are now open for this year’s Westmead Endoscopy Nurses Workshop, Wednesday 13th March, part of SIES (Sydney International Endoscopy Symposium). See the program and register at www.sies.org.au

GENCA will have a display table in the exhibition area for the Nurses Workshop on Wednesday – come and say Hi!

For all enquiries, please contact the GENCA National Office on 1300 788 155 or admin@genca.org
IBD ‘IGNITE’ Foundation School

We are excited to announce the 2019 GENCA-IBDNA ‘IGNITE’ IBD Nurses Foundation School. The school is being held alongside the 2019 GENCA National Conference and will provide an opportunity for nurses new to IBD nursing or interested in becoming an IBD nurse, to network with colleagues and develop their skills and knowledge to prepare them for practice as an IBD Specialist Nurse.

Applications are invited from:

- IBDNA members with less than 18 months full time or 24 months part time experience as an IBD nurse, at time of application,
- GENCA members with an interest in IBD nursing or who provide backfill into an IBD nurse position, or who have a career aspiration to work as an IBD nurse.

Full details of the program and how to apply are on the GENCA IBD webpage, and on the flyer attached to this newsletter.

The IBD IGNITE Foundation School is sponsored by AbbVie.

What’s on!

State meetings and Fundamentals workshops scheduled in the coming weeks:

**New South Wales**
- 2 March | Fundamentals workshop | North Sydney
- 23 March | Fundamentals workshop | Armidale

**Queensland**
- 27 February | Evening meeting | Logan
- 29 March | Fundamentals workshop | Springwood

**South Australia**
- 21 February | Evening meeting | Adelaide
- 30 March | Half day meeting | Adelaide

**Victoria**
- 23 February | Full day meeting | Melbourne
- 2 March | Fundamentals workshop | Glen Waverley
- 16 March | Fundamentals workshop | Bairnsdale

**Western Australia**
- 25 February | Evening meeting | Nedlands

**New Zealand**
- 29 March | Fundamentals workshop | Auckland

Registration for all meetings and workshops can be made via the GENCA website – [www.genca.org](http://www.genca.org)

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The Gastroenterological Nurses College of Australia (GENCA) and IBD Nurses Australia (IBDNA) are excited to announce the 2019 GENCA-IBDNA ‘IGNITE’ IBD Nurses Foundation School.

School Aim
Provide an opportunity for nurses new to IBD nursing or interested in becoming an IBD nurse, to network with colleagues and develop their skills and knowledge to prepare them for practice as an IBD Specialist Nurse.

Topics Covered
- IBD Nurse Standards, Roles & Responsibilities
- Etiology & Pathophysiology of IBD
- Evidence Based IBD Treatment Options
- Assessment & Monitoring of IBD Patient
- Biologic Applications – PBS and Compassionate

Applications
Applications are invited from:
- IBDNA members with less than 18 months full-time or 24 months part-time experience as an IBD Nurse, at time of application
- GENCA members with an interest in IBD nursing or who provide backfill into an IBD nurse position, or who have a career aspiration to work as an IBD nurse

CLOSING DATE: 31 MARCH 2019

Venue
Pullman Melbourne Albert Park, 65 Queens Road, Albert Park VIC 3004

For more information, full terms, conditions and application forms, please visit the GENCA website at:
Membership/Special interest Groups/Inflammatory Bowel Disease SIG/IBD Nurses Foundation School 2019
Program

Friday 31 May 2019: 5.00 – 6.30pm – Welcome drinks at Pullman Melbourne Albert Park

Saturday 1 June 2019

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| Session 2                | 10.45am – 12.30pm | • IBD Nursing Standards – Australian Standards and N-ECCO guidelines and role and service provision  
                          |                           | • IBD Overview – A+P, phenotypes, basics and complications             |
|                          | 12.30pm – 1.30pm | Lunch                                                                 |
| Session 3                | 1.30pm – 3.20pm  | • IBD Therapies (including medications and screening):       
                          |                           |   – 5-asa/Steroids                                                   
                          |                           |   – Screening/IMM                                                    
                          |                           |   – Screening/Biologic                                               
                          |                           | • Diet/EEN/TPN                                                       |
|                          | 3.20pm – 3.50pm  | Afternoon Tea                                                         |
| Session 4                | 3.50pm – 5.30pm  | • Patient assessment, including assessment tools                   
                          |                           | • Monitoring/blood results and interpretation                        |
|                          | 6.00pm – 9.00pm  | Networking Function                                                  |

Sunday 2 June 2019

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| Session 5                | 8.30am – 10.00am | • Workshops                                                          
                          |                           |   – PBS Paperwork                                                    
                          |                           |   – Compassionate Applications                                       
                          |                           |   – Helpline Calls                                                   |
                          |                           | • Case Studies                                                       
                          |                           |   – Helpline calls that result in biologic application                
                          |                           |   – Recommendations for ongoing education                             |
|                          | 10.00am – 10.45am | Morning Tea                                                          |
| Session 6 (GENCA National Conference Session) | 10.45am – 12.15pm | Keynote Presentation                                                 
                          |                           | Leadership & Conflict Resolution Presentation & Workshop             |
                          |                           | Mark McKeon                                                          |
|                          | 12.15pm – 1.30pm | Lunch                                                                 |
| Session 7 (GENCA National Conference Session) | 1.30pm – 2.10pm | Standards in Healthcare                                              |
|                          | 2.10pm – 2.45pm  | 20:20 Talks                                                          |
|                          | 2.45pm – 3.00pm  | GENCA National Conference Closing Address                            |

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Note: Program subject to change.