Welcome Message

Welcome to the GENCA e-Newsletter for January 2017. As always, we welcome your feedback regarding the newsletter and suggestions for improvement.

We trust you have enjoyed the Festive Season and are getting into the swing of things for 2017. Our education program is looking great for 2017, with lots of meetings and workshops planned. Details of upcoming meeting dates are in this newsletter, and always keep an eye on email updates as well as the GENCA website.

Have you completed the 2016 member satisfaction survey? The Board use responses from this survey to set the direction for GENCA for the coming year, so it is a great way to have your say! We will also be drawing out the names of 3 lucky members who complete the survey, who will each receive a $50.00 Visa card. Survey closes on 31st January.

A reminder that applications for the January Education Grants are closing 31st January – further information is in this newsletter.

We are also calling for Expressions of Interest for Fundamentals Facilitators and Assessors – and will be holding a “train the trainer” workshop in Sydney on 18 March 2017 – further details in this newsletter, with Expressions of Interest closing Friday 3rd February.

We welcome contributions of news items for this newsletter – these can be sent to our National Office – admin@genca.org

Cathy Conway
President
GENCA National Conference 2017

We extend a warm invitation to you to attend the GENCA National Conference to be held on the Gold Coast, 27-28 May 2017. The Program Committee are working on finalizing the program, and promise to bring an education program over the two days which will offer something for everyone.

The conference is also a great opportunity to share any experiences, research or projects with your GENCA colleagues by way of a submission for the free paper sessions. We encourage you to consider submitting an abstract for consideration by the Program Committee – further information is available here - [http://www.genca.org/education/2017-national-conference/abstract-submission/](http://www.genca.org/education/2017-national-conference/abstract-submission/)

Conference registration is now open - ensure you are ready to embark on what promises to be an exciting two-day conference – register now to secure your place at the early bird price!

We have a number of sponsorship opportunities available for the conference, the Sponsorship Prospectus is available on the GENCA website.

GENCA Education Grants – applications closing 31 January

Applications are now open for the January 2017 round of Education Grants. Education Grants can provide financial assistance to members to attend a GENCA conference or interstate meeting, attend AGW, undertake relevant educational courses, assist with the Credentialing exam or assist in achieving the Cert IV in Training/Education. To be eligible to apply for an Education Grant you must have been a GENCA member for one year. Applications close 31 January 2017. The application form is available from the GENCA website - [http://www.genca.org/about-genca/scholarships-grants-awards/education-grants/](http://www.genca.org/about-genca/scholarships-grants-awards/education-grants/)

GENCA Fundamentals Facilitators – EoI

Nurses interested in applying to become a GENCA Endorsed Fundamentals Facilitator must:

- Hold a current AHPRA RN registration
- Be a current financial member of GENCA
- Have obtained the Endoscope Reprocessing Certificate of Completion
- Be a Credentialed Gastroenterology Nurse
- Be available to deliver the Fundamentals workshops nationally — with availability to travel as required to meet requests for workshops
- Possess an advanced and broad level of knowledge related to endoscopes, disinfectants/sterilants, cleaning solutions and techniques, and automated endoscope reprocessors.
- Have proven organisational skills

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• Be currently involved in the reprocessing of endoscopes
• Hold a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment or equivalent
  (or be working towards this)
• Be available to attend facilitator training and workshop in
  Sydney in March 2017

Applications close COB Friday 3 February 2017 Email your
expression of interest addressing the criteria above, with a copy
of your current CV to: GENCA Office admin@genca.org

What’s on!

State meetings and Fundamentals workshops scheduled in the
coming weeks:

New South Wales
11 February | Fundamentals | Rydges, North Sydney
18 March | Fundamentals | Wagga Wagga

Queensland
11 February | Half day meeting | Maryborough
25 February | Fundamentals | Rockhampton

South Australia
28 February | Evening meeting | Adelaide

Victoria
25 February | Full day meeting | Melbourne (Parkville)
4 March | Fundamentals | Melbourne (St.Kilda)

Western Australia
13 February | Evening meeting | Subiaco

New Zealand
31 March | Fundamentals | Auckland

Registration for all meetings and workshops can be made via
the GENCA website – www.genca.org

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