Welcome Message

Welcome to GENCA’s 40th year! What an achievement! We hope you can get involved with GENCA during this celebratory year.

We trust you have enjoyed the Festive Season and are getting into the swing of things for 2018. Our education program kicks off in February for 2018, 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.

We are again seeking your input into benefits and services provided by GENCA – we encourage you to complete the 2017 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 10th February. Click here to complete the survey - https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/58GMV3F

A reminder that applications for the January 2018 Education Grants are closing 31st January – further information is in this newsletter.

Did you know that there are approximately 80 volunteers involved on GENCA committees, - have you considered volunteering on one of our many committees – there are many opportunities – whether it is assisting with the journal, organizing education programs, or stepping onto the GENCA Board – if it is something you have thought about doing, please be in touch. More information later in this newsletter.
Have you attended a GENCA webinar yet? These are a fantastic way to hear the latest on a relevant topic, from the comfort of your own home, and are FREE to GENCA members! The next webinar is on Therapeutic Bronchoscopy, presented by Dr Farzad Bashirzadeh on Tuesday 13 February. Register via the GENCA website.

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 2018

We extend a warm invitation to you to attend the GENCA National Conference to be held at the Hotel Realm, in our national capital, Canberra, 28-29 April 2018. The Program Committee are currently working on 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/2018-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 many sponsorship opportunities available for the conference, the Sponsorship Prospectus will be available on the GENCA website in the coming days.

Get involved with GENCA

Our members are essential to the growth and sustainability of our profession and to GENCA, and we encourage you to contribute. Members who volunteer are in integral part of GENCA and a valuable part of the gastroenterological nursing community.

There are lots of ways you can get involved. We have opportunities to match your experience, interest area and availability.

• Join the GENCA Board – the Board is responsible for the overall governance and direction of GENCA. The Board meets 4 times per year face to face, as well as teleconferences between these meetings
• Join the Education Committee – responsible for planning our national conference program, the AGW nurses program, webinar topics and speakers – all meetings are held by teleconference
• Join a Regional Committee – these committees plan and organize education meetings in their state/territory
• Join the Editorial Committee – source and review articles for our quarterly publication – J.GENCA

If you are interested, or would like some more information, please call the GENCA office - 1300 788 155 or email admin@genca.org

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GENCA Education Grants – applications closing 31 January

Applications are now open for the January 2018 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 2018. The application form is available from the GENCA website - http://www.genca.org/about-genca/scholarships-grants-awards/education-grants/ and should be emailed to education@genca.org

What’s on!

State meetings and Fundamentals workshops scheduled in the coming weeks:

National
13 February | Webinar | At your computer
28-29 April | National Conference | Canberra

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

Queensland
10 February | Half day meeting | Maryborough

South Australia
15 February | Evening meeting | Adelaide

Victoria
24 February | Full day meeting | Melbourne (Parkville)
3 March | Fundamentals | Melbourne (Glen Waverley)

Western Australia
12 February | Evening meeting | Nedlands

New Zealand

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

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