Welcome to the GENCA e-Newsletter for June 2016. We trust you enjoyed the first edition of the newsletter, we welcome your feedback regarding the newsletter and suggestions for improvement.

The GENCA Board will meet in July, and during this meeting will be discussing the GESA decision regarding the recommendations from the GESA/GENCA Infection Control in Endoscopy Committee – we will keep members informed of developments.

As you will see from the Branch reports in this edition there are lots of full day education meetings in the coming weeks – I hope you can get to a meeting in your state!

We have seen some changes in volunteer positions of late - We welcome a new Regional Manager in Queensland – Kim West. Our thanks to Charlie Vaughan who has been acting in the role while we were seeking expressions of interest for this role. Victoria Daly, from Victoria has filled a casual vacancy on the GENCA Board – we look forward to welcoming Victoria to her first Board meeting in July. Finally, our J.GENCA Editor, Dana Cotton has stepped down from the role - Beth Wardle from Queensland will now fill the role of Editor. Welcome to these new volunteers, and our thanks to those stepping down. Of course we will acknowledge those outgoing volunteers at our Awards Ceremony during AGW in Adelaide in October. We hope many of you will join us at AGW – the nurses program is currently being finalized, and early-bird registration prices finish on 31st July – so be sure to register before that date.

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

Cathy Conway
President
Education Grants

Applications are now open for the July Education Grants. These grants can be used to attend education meetings, conferences, study, assist in financing textbooks, fund the cost of the credentialling exam. To be eligible for an education grant, you must have been a member of GENCA for a minimum of one year. Grants are awarded twice per year – January and July. The amount of the grant is determined by a points scoring system, based upon your contribution to GENCA – this can be in speaking at a meeting, contributing to J.GENCA, volunteering on a committee etc. The application form is available on the website, and applications close on 31 July 2016.

Scholarships

GENCA offers two scholarships – the Dianne Jones Scholarship and the Trudy Rayner Memorial Scholarship. Applications are now open for both these prestigious scholarships, with details available in the April edition of J.GENCA, and also on the GENCA website. Applications for both these scholarships close on 31 August.

Resources/useful links

The GENCA website has a page of useful resources and links to documents, including newsletters from the Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer, which may be of benefit to you and your workplace. These are updated regularly, so remember to check the page often. Most items on this page are short articles and research reviews, giving you an overview of the latest research.

http://www.genca.org/resources/useful-resources/

Around the States

South Australia

Come one come all to another education-filled evening Wednesday 6th of July at the British Hotel, North Adelaide. Enjoy the finer things in life such as learning about leadership, teams and oesophagogastric cancer while taking in the fine British pub culture. If the SA weather is not warm enough for you, prepare yourselves for a weekend in Darwin on the 12th and 13th of August; Fundamentals on Friday, GENCA conference on Saturday then take in the sights on Sunday. Join us for our Winter meetings; you won't regret it. Jeff Bull

New South Wales

NSW will hold a meeting Saturday 30th July at The Sebel Kirkton Park, Hunter Valley - Challenges Ahead - How well are we prepared. The program includes Hepatitis C update, surgical treatment of morbid obesity, dietary workup and maintenance for morbidly obese patients, super bugs and Biofilms, meeting infection control in endoscopy guidelines a slide quiz and much more. Look forward to seeing you all. Arlene McEntee

Queensland

Warm the brain synapses this winter by attending the Queensland Winter Warmer study day being held at Princess Alexandra Hospital. We have included a range of topics to interest nurses from varied fields of GE. So if you deliver care in clinics or wards or procedural rooms, make the most of this opportunity. The open forum at the end of the day will provide you with answers or suggestions to help manage any issues within your local sites. Always a fruitful day so come along for your dose of theoretical, practical and trade insights. Kim West

Victoria

We are challenging our members to answer the question..... Change is coming - Are you ready? Infection Control continues to top the list as the most requested topic. Toss in the looming requirements from AS/NZS 4187 and the GESA decision on drying cabinets and the National standards/accreditation requirements. We have a lot to learn and all need to be on board. This day will have some answers and hopefully you will leave informed and ready to meet the challenges coming our way. Helen Fowler

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What’s on!

State meetings and Fundamentals workshops scheduled in the coming weeks:

South Australia
6 July   |   Evening Meeting   | Adelaide
27 August  |  Fundamentals workshop   |  Adelaide

Victoria
27 August  |  Full day conference   |  Melbourne

New South Wales
23 July  |  Fundamentals workshop  |  Sydney
30 July  |  Full day conference   |  Hunter Valley

Queensland
23 July  |  Full day conference  | Brisbane
19 August  |  Fundamentals workshop   |  Townsville

Western Australia
30 July  |  Full day conference  |  Perth
13 August  |  Fundamentals workshop  |  Perth

Northern Territory
12 August  |  Fundamentals workshop  |  Darwin
13 August  |  Full day conference  |  Darwin

New Zealand
18 August  |  Fundamentals workshop  |  Wellington

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

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