Welcome Message

Welcome to the GENCA e-Newsletter for June 2017.

We have a bumper edition of the newsletter for you, with lots of photos from our National Conference in May. The conference was a great success, with 348 people attending over the two days.

The second half of 2017 is now fast approaching, and the GENCA Board will meet in August just prior to AGW – we will keep members informed of developments.

I would also like to welcome our new Industry Development Manager - Andrea Wintrip. Andrea will be an additional resource for GENCA in the Association Professionals office, working 2 days per week with the editorial committee and board to develop and enhance the services we provide to members.

In education news, an exciting new series of webinars will start very soon. The webinars promise to be a relaxed way to learn about current practice and issues. See further details later in this newsletter.

I hope many of you will be joining us at AGW in August – early-bird registration prices have closed, but you can still register to attend at the nurses’ rate.

We welcome your feedback, contributions, photos and suggestions for improvement regarding the newsletter – these can be sent to our National Office – admin@genca.org

Cathy Conway
President

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GENCA National Conference 2017

Congratulations to the Program Committee for putting on another terrific conference! Held at fabulous Sea World on the Gold Coast, people patted the dolphins, chatted with seals and took many opportunities to update or learn about new skills.

Thank you to all presenters and attendees for making it such a success. More details from the conference will be in the next GENCA journal. In the meantime, speaker presentations are now available to download on the GENCA website: http://www.genca.org/education/2017-national-conference/speaker-presentations/

AGW & AGM 2017

Call for submissions

Nurses interested in submitting an abstract for AGW should email details to the GENCA National Office: admin@genca.org before Friday 30 June.

Registrations

Registrations are open for the 2017 AGW, which will run from Sunday 20 – Tuesday 22 August. The GENCA AGM will be held on Tuesday 22 August, and will be followed by our annual awards presentations. To register or for more information (including the program), visit the GESA website - https://www.gesa.org.au/

Nurse Registration Fees (Excluding GST)

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**IMPORTANT:** please select concessional rate during registration

Nurses Night – A Touch of Gold

Nurses Night is on again. The theme is ‘A Touch of Gold’ and you can expect there to be a touch of glamour, too! Always a fun night, your ticket includes dinner & drinks, a band & dancing. Nurses - get your gold on, and come dressed to thrill – there will also be a photo booth for some happy snaps!

The evening is subsidised for GENCA members and costs just $20.00 - a saving of more than $100 per ticket. Will yours be the golden ticket? Register for the event online: https://www.genca.org/_events.registration/step1/eventid/510

For all enquiries, please contact the GENCA National Office on 1300 788 155 or admin@genca.org
GENCA Education Grants – applications closing 31 July

Applications are now open for the July 2017 round of Education Grants. Education Grants 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 for the July round close 31 July 2017. The application form is available from the GENCA website - http://www.genca.org/about-genca/scholarships-grants-awards/education-grants/

Volunteers

Did you know?

GENCA has more than 100 volunteers throughout Australia who contribute actively each year. Our mission statement is to promote excellence in gastroenterology nursing practice through:

- The professional development of our members
- Increasing our public profile as a resource for best practice
- Supporting research in gastroenterology
- Influencing national and international standards of practice.

How you can get involved

Are you keen or do you have the skills to help GENCA achieve its mission? You could join:

- The Editorial Committee
- The Education Committee
- Your state committee
- Board of Directors

For all enquiries, please contact the GENCA National Office on 1300 788 155 or admin@genca.org.

Position Statement – Infection Control in Endoscopy

A hot topic for discussion at the May conference was infection control, with many members wondering if GENCA had a position statement on how endoscope users can best prevent infection.

GENCA released a statement in March this year, and it can be found on our website: http://www.genca.org/public/5/files/Infection%20Control%20in%20Endoscopy_2017-%20FINAL(2).pdf

Webinars

Stuart Miles - FreeDigitalPhotos.net

This initiative is a fabulous new way of learning. You can participate wherever you have an internet connection - even from the couch!

Free - GENCA member exclusive

The first three webinars are free and available only to GENCA members. Each webinar gives you one CPD point, and you will receive an attendance certificate.

Date TBC | 8pm AEST
Presenter: Dr Chris Hair
Topic: Update in Capsule Endoscopy

Register your interest on the GENCA website: http://www.genca.org/about-genca/what-we-do/

If you can help in another way or would like to nominate someone to be featured in J.GENCA, contact the national office by email: admin@genca.org.
What’s on!

State meetings and Fundamentals workshops scheduled in the coming weeks:

**New South Wales**
- 24 June | Fundamentals workshop | Scone
- 15 July | Fundamentals workshop | Windsor
- 22 July | Full day education meeting | Canberra

**Queensland**
- 1 September | Fundamentals workshop | Cairns
- 2 September | Full day education meeting | Cairns

**South Australia**
- 28 June | Evening education meeting | Adelaide
- 29 July | Full day education meeting | Adelaide
- 12 August | Fundamentals workshop | Adelaide

**Tasmania**
- 11 August | Fundamentals workshop | Latrobe

**Victoria**
- 24 June | Full day education meeting | Geelong

**Western Australia**
- 29 July | Annual full day education meeting | Wembley

**New Zealand**
- 17 August | Fundamentals workshop | Wellington

For a full listing of 2017 events or to register for meetings and workshops visit the GENCA website –
https://www.genca.org/education/find-an-event/

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**Fundamentals Facilitator Training Day**

The GENCA Fundamentals of Endoscope Reprocessing workshops have been very popular. Due to the demand, we will run a train-the-trainer day on 12 August in Sydney for a group of GENCA members who had previously expressed an interest in facilitating these workshops.

Places are already full for this training day, but if you’re interested in becoming a Fundamentals Facilitator in the future, please contact the GENCA national office by email admin@genca.org

Meeting the dolphins - Cathy Conway, GENCA President National Conference 2017: Dolphin Beach – Sea World Gold Coast

Shaking hands with a seal - Networking Function National Conference 2017: Sea World Gold Coast