



## Board Communique #02/2016

The Wounds Australia Board met again on the 6th February to continue to develop the new organizational structures.

We have been informed by our collaboration partner, The Wound Management Innovation CRC, that **Wound Awareness Week** will be held in September this year and not in March when it has traditionally been held. Information and resources will be available closer to September.

The Wounds Australia Board members have been working further on structure and processes and a new national structure will see a revival of some of the previous Key Result Areas into **national portfolios – Education, Research and Membership**.

Each of these portfolios will have a Board liaison member whose task will initially be to re- establish the portfolio and attract participants through an EOI process. We hope that the portfolio member participants will be able to guide the Board on the development of key strategic actions and directions. This is a great way for the Board to be able to hear the voice of members and to respond by shaping strategic direction.

The Board members who will do this work are:

Kerry May – Membership

Jan Rice – Education

Kylie Sandy-Hodgetts - Research

The Wounds Australia Board members are aware that the issue of the future of the **scholarships program** has been of concern to members. We have commenced a process for reviewing all scholarships that have previously been offered by each State. After 30th June 2016, these scholarships will be combined into a national pool of scholarship funding. The named or memorial scholarships and the criteria by which these named or memorial scholarships were awarded will be preserved, but funded from national scholarship funds. For other scholarships, the Board will be increasing the total number offered in the next financial year commencing 1 July 2016. Information on the application for scholarships will be available on the website from 1 July 2016.

As all members should all be aware by now, **2016 November Conference** Registrations are now open. We hope to see you there for a great conference.

We have included a photo from this Board meeting so you can get to know who is who and who we are.



Standing L to R: Geoff Sussman, Kerry May, Sandra Buzek, Jan Rice, Bill McGuinness  
Seated L to R: Kylie Sandy-Hodgetts (Deputy Chair), Helen McGregor (Chair)

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