



## Board Communiqué #03 / 2016

The Wounds Australia board met again on the 16<sup>th</sup> March. Items from the meeting of interest to report include:

### **Development of the national organizational budget for 2016 / 2017.**

This is a major item for the Board and work is continuing on defining our accounting restructure, developing forward projections and planning. While this may not seem like a glamorous piece of work, it is essential to our business operations and for planning to be able to drive the nationalized organization into strategy building, allow for organizational positioning as a peak body and for member growth and benefits.

### **Development of Strategies and Business Plans**

Again, not the highest profile of actions to many, but essential to the Board and the organizational functioning. We have underway: finalization of the board business plan, development of the communications strategy and marketing strategy, and the organizational risk management plan. We are also moving as quickly as possible on the Terms of Reference and EOI process for the national portfolios as mentioned in the last communiqué. We don't want to lose any of the enthusiasm of members or the opportunities to engage in the development of Wounds Australia as a national body. When the portfolios commence their formation and activities and new State bodies are formed, I hope to be able to give a Podcast on the new ways that members of Wounds Australia can become part of our organizational development process.

### **Development of document templates**

We have developed the first of our Wounds Australia document templates and are trialing it with the Aseptic Technique committee who are writing a position statement. We have developed an initial draft of a preamble descriptor of Wounds Australia to be included in this type of documentation and a structural guide for the document. The aim is to standardize the style of Wounds Australia document outputs as part of developing recognition of Wounds Australia through our official communications as a peak body.

### **Conference update**

Hopefully many of you are already registered for the 2016 Conference or are considering coming. Just a few figures on how things are progressing:  
Registrations are at 338 with 53 exhibitor booths and 16 sponsors. The program including the workshops is completed and we have an outstanding group of invited speakers from both overseas and Australia. Abstract submission is open until April 7<sup>th</sup> so there is still time to send in an abstract to talk about your area of interest. Congratulations to the Wounds Australia conference organizing committee and the conference organizer for achieving such great results early in the registration period.

Don't forget that the Wounds Australia AGM is part of the conference program and I encourage you to attend to see what we have achieved and where we are going. We hope to see you in November for a great conference.

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