



Board Communique #04/2016

The Wounds Australia Board met by teleconference on the 27th of April. Items from the meeting of interest to report include:

Preparation of Wounds Australia Budget 2016/2017.

Preparation of the next financial year budget is well advanced with just some outstanding information to be added as the states/territories wind up processes are completed. This complex task has been undertaken by Board member Sandra Buzek and we are very grateful to Sandra for her skill, tenacity and personal time spent on reviewing and setting up our financial reporting systems for the future. I know there are some items that Sandra is still working on but it has been a huge benefit to Wounds Australia to have someone with such a high level of expertise on our Board.

CEO

We are moving to recruit for this vital position with a Position Description and KPI being finalized to assist recruitment. We are targeting 01/07/16 to have the CEO in position but if it takes a little longer to get the best person with the right attributes and capabilities then the timeline will be a bit more flexible.

Scholarships

Progress continues towards streamlining the management of the scholarship application and awarding processes. The Board is aware that members need this information as soon as possible but we want to get these processes to a clear, equitable and well defined position before they are implemented. Board member Kerry May has undertaken this project for the Board.

New Structure, Portfolios, States

Please see the Wounds Australia website (NEWS) and a recent eblast to Members for a Webinar recording regarding the Wounds Australia Structure and establishment of the 3 portfolios of Membership, Education and Research. An EOI for members to join the portfolios will follow. The recording and accompanying documents also describe the functions for the states/territories to continue to provide services locally. Despite this being a period of organizational change, we are getting reports of wonderful events continuing locally with most states and territories holding education events recently or planning for events through the year.

Conference update

Conference planning and registration is progressing well. Register soon to join us for a wonderful event. Don't forget that the Wounds Australia AGM is part of the conference program and I encourage you to attend to see achievements so far and future strategies. We hope to see you in November for a great conference.

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Chair – Wounds Australia board