

Board Communiqué

January 2017

The Wounds Australia Board met by teleconference on the 18 January 2017. Items from the meeting of interest to report include:

National Office Establishment

The establishment of a National Office in Canberra is progressing rapidly. Wounds Australia intends to manage our membership services and financial administration internally. This will allow Wounds Australia to be more responsive to members needs and better support the work of Wounds Australia branches.

Anne Buck our Executive Officer is overseeing this transition and has recruited a Finance Officer and Membership Officer who will commence on 23 January 2017. Anne is also working closely with PAMS to organise a smooth transition of the services they currently provide.

Wound Credentialing

Wounds Australia has been working in partnership with the Wound Management Innovation CRC over a number of years to develop a Wound Credentialing Program. This program is now in its final stages of development. The Board considered a proposal from the CRC to establish discounted access by Wounds Australia members to the program.

Financial Update

As required by the Wounds Australia Constitution the Board reconfirmed the appointment of the Wounds Australia Finance and Audit Committee members: Sandra Buzek (Chair), Helen McGregor, Kerry May and Kylie Sandy-Hodgetts.

The Finance and Audit Committee will focus on developing a suite of financial policies for Wounds Australia. The first of these policies were approved by the Board in December:

- Financial Delegations policy
- Operating bank accounts policy
- Reimbursement policy

The Board also reviewed financial reports to 30 November 2016 and acknowledged that some state associations are still working through the legal requirements to de-register their organisations.

Next meeting

The Board will hold a face to face meeting in Brisbane in February. At this meeting, we will receive an update on the International Wound Practice and Research Conference and meet with representatives of the Wound CRC.

Helen McGregor

Chair – Wounds Australia Board