

Board Communiqué

March 2017

The Wounds Australia Board met by teleconference on 22 March 2017. At this meeting, the Board considered the following matters.

National Office administration of membership services

The Executive Officer reported that the National Office has been managing Wounds Australia membership services, from the beginning of March with services from PAMS ceasing at the end of February. With this new arrangement, the National Office team is now able to assist members with any membership issues and other queries. The board would like to acknowledge the efforts of Anne Buck, Katherine Guerin and Shiree De Silva in managing this transition – a significant milestone for the organisation.

Financial updates

The Board reviewed the financial reports for Wounds Australia to 28 February 2017. From 1 March 2017, the National Office has full management of Wounds Australia financial administration. The Board noted that this will lead to increased insight into the financial sustainability of Wounds Australia activities and projects and membership metrics to assist in providing member services in metro and regional areas.

International Wound Practice and Research Conference

Due to the unforeseen postponement of the IWPRC conference, The Board discussed potential arrangements to manage the impact of deferring the International Wound Practice and Research Conference, including arrangements with IWPRC sponsors and exhibitors.

Venous Leg Ulcer Guidelines – project update

The Venous Leg Ulcer Guidelines project update was considered by the Board. This project has now entered the public consultation phase. All members and other interested parties are able to submit their feedback until 21 April 2017. The Board acknowledged the significant amount of work undertaken by the Guideline Development Group under the Chair, Judith Barker.

Aseptic Technique Working Group update

The Aseptic Technique Working Group also provided a project update and submitted the document “Application of aseptic technique in wound dressing procedure: A consensus document” to the Board. The Board acknowledged that there is great interest in this work and more information about the release of the document and other resources will be made available as quickly as possible.

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