



Board Communiqué

April 2017

The Wounds Australia Board met face to face in Melbourne on 29 April 2017.

Membership renewals

Currently Wounds Australia membership is based on a fixed membership period, based on the financial year. With a fixed membership period, members who join in the middle of the membership period don't receive a full 12 months of membership.

The Board approved a change to the Wounds Australia membership period. From 1 July 2017, the Wounds Australia membership period will be 12 months from the time a new member joins.

This change won't affect current members – you will receive your renewal notice in the second half of May.

Corporate governance workshop

As a charity, the Wounds Australia Board of Directors must comply with governance standards set by the charity regulator. As part of its commitment to good corporate governance, the Board participated in a workshop on conflicts of interest. The Board is reviewing its conflict of interest policy and procedures to ensure we are meeting all our legal and ethical obligations.

Wounds Australia planning for 2017-18

Continuing the work undertaken at the February meeting, the Board finalised the Wounds Australia strategic plan. This is now available on the [Wounds Australia website](#).

The Board also reviewed the Wounds Australia Operational Plan and Budget for 2017-18 presented by the Executive Officer. The operational plan outlines the activities that Wounds Australia will undertake in 2017-18. The budget has been developed to ensure Wounds Australia has the resources to deliver the operational plan.

The priority areas for Wounds Australia in 2017-18 are:

- Growing the membership base
- Redeveloping the website
- Developing corporate partnership strategies.
- Continuing to build organisational governance frameworks

The Executive Officer will be responsible for implementing the operational plan.

Portfolio and State branch reports

The Board noted the reports submitted by each portfolio and state branches and acknowledged the ongoing contribution of these volunteers. Consistent with the delegation of operational matters to the Executive Officer, the Board agreed that quarterly reports from portfolios and state branches will be submitted to Executive Officer. The Executive Officer will be responsible for advising the Board of any issues arising from these reports for Board consideration. This will assist the Board to focus on Wounds Australia's performance from a strategic and corporate governance perspective.

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Chair – Wounds Australia Board