



Newsletter



November 2011

Well it is already November and Christmas is just around the corner. The 23rd Annual Conference is over and feedback so far has been very positive. The committee is once again on the hunt for a new location and content for a bigger and better conference program for next year.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- Total Registration - 245
- Full Members - 146
- Corporate Members - 99
- Life Members - 10
- Affiliate Members - 9

We have 14 new members who attended this years conference Scott Partridge Maryborough District Health, John Lakey Ballarat Health Services, Leonie Jardine Bendigo Healthcare Group, Zoe Hawke, Andrew Tempest & Mark Chambers all from HPV, Sarah Mifsud & Stephen Woods from Northern Health, Ernest Groenewald Peninsula Health, Clinton Elliot Southern Health, Alister Healy & Sam Castiglione from St John of God Health Care, Arnold Roxas Western Health, Weerakkody Saltya Frances Perry House Hospital-Ramsay Health and Warren Looham

JOURNAL

The next edition of the *ACQUISITOR* journal will be out before Christmas. Please send any articles, good news stories or information that you believe other members would like to read about before the 18th November 2011 to Rosemarie Robinson rosemarie.robinson@southernhealth.org.au

2011 CONFERENCE

Our 23rd Annual Conference was held on Wednesday 19th to Friday 21st October 2011 at the Mercure Ballarat Hotel & Convention Centre, Ballarat. The AHSPPO committee put together a very informative and topical program titled "Health, Wealth and Supply.... It's all about me..."

Although the news that the President Russell King had taken ill at the last moment sent initial shock waves through the committee, this was to be his last

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conference as president of AHSPPO, we banded together with Barbara Storm heading the troops and taking control confidently.

The conference was again very successful and kept to a tight schedule by fourth time conference facilitator, Mark McKeon. This year we had Brett Cardy a caricaturist roaming around the conference centre drawing many of the delegates, suppliers, speakers and committee members. His sense of fun and humour displayed for all to see and buy, funds going to charity, this year raising \$2000 for United Care Breezeway Ballarat. I think you would all agree that there was not a dry eye in the audience for the first speaker Darren Flanagan. I think a session that I and many more will not forget. Noel Whitaker spoke on the wealth aspect of life and Ray Scicluna inspired us all on fortunes won, lost and won again.

Wednesday night's networking session including the weather that was sensational (even for Ballarat) was enjoyed by all and the side show alley was very entertaining and made for some fierce competition to win the prizes (or should I say bottles of beer). Our thanks to those that dressed in "theme" for the dinner on Thursday night with clever use of costumes that were creative and very memorable. There were lots of very exhausted fruit and vegetables after dancing all night to the incredible new band. Barbara presented Robert Roseburgh with a well deserved life membership certificate and clock and Glenda presented David Pearce with a caricature of himself and some kind words on his retirement.

Thank you to everyone that attended the Exhibitions which were dressed up to the theme with some outstanding quality and props making it hard for the judges! 3M Australia P/L were voted the best stand and took home the perpetual trophy...For those that were unable to



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attend this years conference, information and photos are getting uploaded onto the AHSPPO website.

CONFERENCE SURVEYS AND FEEDBACK

Thank you to those who completed the evaluation sheets that were circulating during the conference sessions. Your feedback is vital to the committee they are used for planning our next conference, workshops and education sessions.

MEMBER MOVEMENTS

We thank Russell King for his time spent serving on the AHSPPO committee and we wish him well in his future endeavours.

Glenda Prewett has been elected to President and Peter D'Costa to committee member and IGL representative.

AHSPPO CALENDAR 2011

Debrief 25.11.2011

EDUCATION

Probity Sessions:

Probity sessions were held at the following sites during August and September.

- Melbourne Health
- Ballarat Health
- Alpine Health
- Southern Health
- Albury & Wodonga Health
- Benalla Health
- South West Healthcare - Warrnambool
- Peninsula Health

CTS Training will be submitting a report to the Department of Health. The committee is keen to organize another session next year; this will depend on numbers of participants. Keep a watch for more details.

Sustainability Road Show - Engaging our Suppliers

The first sustainability road show was held at Bass Coast Regional on the 7th October 2011. Aldo Santo did a great job organizing the event held at the Wonthaggi Hospital. There were some great displays on sustainable and environmentally friendly products, services and packaging from the suppliers. If your

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Health facility site is interested in holding an event at your site, please contact Glenda Prewett. Glenda.prewett@eyeandear.org.au to discuss.

Ideas for future workshops or training sessions

The committee is looking for new ideas for workshops or training sessions that you would like to participate in, so if you have any thoughts on some activities please email Rosemarie Robinson.

COMMUNICATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF EMAILS

All future communication to AHSPPO members will come from Aldo Santo. Aldo is the membership officer and holds all the membership data. The change will be to make sure that all members receive the latest information.

From the Editor

With the 23rd Annual Conference now over, the Melbourne Cup has been run and won by Dunaden, Christmas is next on the agenda. So as this is the last newsletter for 2011, *the committee wishes all members a very Merry Christmas and we hope you and your family have a happy, safe and prosperous 2012.*

MEMBERSHIP FEES

A reminder to all members that your 2012 membership fees are due and payable from 1st January 2012. Please ensure that your email information is up to date with our Membership officer. If you are not sure please contact Aldo Santo