



2014 AHSPPO PRESIDENT MESSAGE



Dear AHSPPO Members

Firstly, if you have a few minutes in your busy schedule, take a look at our website for the conference presentations and photos that we have uploaded so far.

Steven Melynk Education sessions

The Association is excited to release the Procurement Skill Set workshops for 2015, which will be held in February and March. As mentioned at this year's conference, the program has been endorsed by Health Purchasing Victoria (HPV), they will align to the new Health Purchasing Policies, covering the full end to end process of procurement. The sessions will be delivered by Registered Training Organization - CTS Contracting & Tendering Services a division of UNE Partnerships Pty Ltd.

Attendees will have the flexibility to choose enrolments options, this is all detailed in the flyer. Please feel free to pass on the Flyer to your colleagues. To register act now by emailing your full contact details to email@ahspo.com.au

27th Annual AHSPPO conference

Plans are currently underway for the 27th Annual AHSPPO conference, stay tuned for more details.

Finally, from all the Executive Committee of your professional "Association of Healthcare Supply & Procurement Officers Incorporated" we wish you and your family a Merry Xmas and a safe and Happy New Year, we look forward to catching up with you in 2015.

Thank you to everyone that has supported us during 2014.

Dear AHSPPO Members (Post Conference)

This year we were certainly blessed with the weather! Our 26th Annual Conference was Themed Winds of Change, Mountains of Opportunity, today, towards tomorrow in the beautiful surrounds of Creswick.

Thank you to all the delegates that attended we had a record number, which was fantastic, along with 46 exhibitors, the trade stands were all dressed up with Parker Healthcare taking out the perpetual trophy for Best Stand. Thanks to Mun (Australia) our Diamond Sponsor, Gold Sponsor Terumo and Silver Sponsor ConvaTec and all our 2014 Bronze sponsors. The association values your continued support.

Opening this year's conference was Mayor Don Henderson from Hepburn Shire. Don provided some great local information telling us how Creswick was built on the proceeds of rich gold deposits mined from the 1850s. Far from being a mining town, Creswick has rich heritage John Curtin 14th Prime Minister was born in the town, as did artist Norman Lindsay. Great opening on the lawns of the venue.

Andrew Gill was this year's host and certainly came prepared. Andrew had a lot of tricks up his sleeve not to forget, the VFL Richmond jumper, judges' wig and Aladdin's lamp, our delegates were kept entertained and the conference run on time. In this journal you find some photos and articles about our great speakers.

Special thank you to Peter Lack AHSPPO Life Member for his Life Member welcome on Thursday. Peter's experiences in Health & Industry, provided a great start with Peter telling us stories of his life going back to his trade, VHA trading days, his many clinical and technical roles, he also mentioned his mentors that have attributed him through changes and opportunities as well as his time with our association AHSPPO. The Association is very lucky to have our life members participate, Peter is a great mentor himself and supporter to AHSPPO.

Speaking of Life Members, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Judy Bart for her long-time commitment and contribution to AHSPPO. The association also recognized Judy's efforts with a Life Membership award, Judy has given many years of valuable and admirable service. We wish Judy all the very best for the future and hope she will still come back and still contribute to the Association.

Thank you also to all our other presenters at this year's conference

- Morris Miselowski, Business Futurist, a great start to the conference, very powerful and unforgettable presentation that I think really stirred our thinking of what we do and can achieve. Never sit back, look forward and keep your eye on the future.
- Clinical Product Advisors: Michelle Killick, Mardi Durling and Elizabeth Graco
- Zdenka Fuller, Project Manager Purchasing & Packaging Food Services, NSW Healthshare
- Peter Thomas, Director Strategic Procurement, University of Melbourne
- Nicole Peck, Chief Financial Officer, Barwon Health
- John Rosen Managing Director Omnicell USA
- Nicole Black, Consultant Carefusion
- Valentino Bulaon, Manager Catalogue and Procurement information, Healthshare NSW
- Eileen Keane Director Change and Innovation, Health Purchasing Victoria
- Greg Mancey. Manager Strategic Procurement Melbourne Health
- Tom Ingham, Consultant Litmus Group
- David Walker Executive Director New Bendigo Hospital
- Len Kennedy, Logistics Manager, Cabrini Health
- Mick Shaddock, General Manager for Emerging Technologies Device Technologies
- Vanessa Hicks, Executive Director Australian Health Services Financial Management Association.

Vanessa's presentation was a great reminder to us all of what we do! We may be ordinary people working in Healthcare in the Shared Supply Chain area, but we do contribute in so many ways and we do our very best to deliver.

Amid all this, just when everyone was about to yawn and expect another speaker who would have thought that we would be beating the procurement drum. By mutual acknowledgement with the lead drummer each delegate participated and listened to the sound of the drums. It was relaxing and fun, we filled the whole room with rhythm! Well done everyone.

Our chosen charities this year, were presented by Justine Bradley – Heart to Heart foundation and Chris Tyrell – Lola, an HIV specific orphanage Filipino Childrens fund. Justine & Chris are both special people, they shared their stories, their commitment and enthusiasm where they have played vital roles that have helped improved the quality of life for others. In true spirit and generosity our AHSP0 members pulled together to support these great charity groups. It is always very heartening and makes you feel very proud to be involved with such a great group of caring people. Both Justine and Chris were very thankful.

Welcome to two new committee members, Sharon McNulty and Nicholas Storey, we all look forward to working with you. Thanks to Aldo for returning to the Vice President role and special thanks to Rosemarie Robinson for electing to take up the Secretary position. Thanks also to the rest of the Committee for all their assistance throughout the year. Once again, I must put in my usual appeal in....please consider a position on the committee next year, if you are unsure of the commitment please don't hesitate to contact me or any other committee member to have a chat about what's involved.

Tabled at this year's Annual General Meeting, we presented the Associations Strategic Plan. Thanks to all the members who took the time to provide feedback. The Strategic plan will be used to focus our energy, measure our successes and enable us to strengthen the association.

Next year's calendar is not available at this stage, please keep an eye open for our communications on events and news. We would also be very interested to hear from you if you are interested in sharing a case study at any of our events.

Finally, on behalf of the Committee, we wish you all a safe and Merry Xmas and we look forward to catching up with you in 2015.

Kind regards

Glenda Prewett

President