

### Dear AHSPO Member,

Firstly, thank you for taking the time to support the Association and for looking through this Journal, which is provided for you as part of your membership. AHSPO also has information on Education opportunities available via the website, so I encourage you to take a few moments from within your busy schedule to head over to the website and have a look at what is happening.

### Steven Melynk Education sessions

The Association has focused this year on workshops to compliment the new Diploma in Procurement course. These workshops were held in March, with 37 healthcare personnel attending. As mentioned at last year?s conference, the Diploma course and Workshops have been endorsed by Health Purchasing Victoria (HPV) and align to the new Health Purchasing Policies in covering the full end to end process of procurement. The two sessions on Contract Management and Tendering were delivered by UNE Partnerships Pty Ltd, who are the registered training organisation that AHSPO has partnered with. The attendees gave positive feedback on the sessions and we hope to promote more dates via the website and communiques to members.

### 29th Annual AHSPO conference

To register for this year conference act quickly by emailing your full contact details to email@ahspo.com.au There are very limited number of places for members? single figures - so don?t miss out!!

Thank you to all the delegates that have registered to attend, we have a record number again this year, which is fantastic. We have over 50+ exhibitors in attendance this year, so look forward to the trade booths being imaginatively decorated to the Conference theme ?Building the Supply Chain of the Future?

Opening this year?s conference will Richard Riordan MP Member for Polwarth . Richard is the local Member for Lorne and is delighted to be asked to open the 29th Annual AHSPO Conference for us. Many thanks to Cardinal Health, our Diamond Sponsor, to Mun Australia our Gold Sponsor and Terumo, our Silver Sponsor, as well as all our 2017 sponsors, both new and seasoned. The Association values your continued support.

### 30th Annual AHSPO Conference.

Plans are currently underway for the 30th Annual ASHPO Conference, so with this milestone anniversary to come, stay tuned for more details. There may be clues to next year?s location given during the Conference!!

Once again, thank you to everyone that has supported us during 2016/17, and the Committee and I look forward to working alongside you all into 2018.

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