



## **Presidents Report to members 17 August 2017**

**AHSPPO has had an exciting year and as always the Committee have worked diligently on your behalf. I could not have carried out my role without them**

**For those of you who may not be familiar with the Committee, let me take the opportunity to introduce them all.**

### **Robert**

**As Vice President he is always on hand for me to liaise with and his support is greatly appreciated. He is also not afraid to tell me when I'm being too passionate about something and to pull me back in line. Again, Robert does a lot of work behind the scenes and I thank him for this. Cheers Robert**

## **Rosemarie**

**Rosemarie is not just the Secretary, but also the Journal editor, which means she completes a lot of work unseen from view. She does this without complaint and we may not say it often enough, but thank you. She is always looking for material to go into the Journal, so let us know if you have any ideas. Heartfelt thanks to you Rosemarie.**

## **Ron**

**Ron is currently the Treasurer and this year has been pivotal in organising the Diploma in Procurement training, as well as the Probity training online that has a certificate of completion. Make sure you have a look on the website, if you haven't already!! A huge thankyou to Ron, our only Life member on the committee.**

## **Michelle**

**Although Michelle is secretly my Executive Assistant, she has done a fantastic job in maintaining communications with members, as well as Suppliers, in the role of Communications Officer. I hope you have felt more engaged with the Association, thanks to her input and quick responses to queries. Thank you Bella**

## **Pragasen**

**Pragasen is the Chairperson of the Industry Liaison Group and has taken the role in his stride this year, even with a move to a new organisation. He has worked with our Industry representatives –**



**Peter Lack, Cath Mahony, Helen Cameron, Andrew Norris and Ross, in ensuring that Suppliers are given an avenue of communication within Procurement. Thanks to you all for your support.**

### **Linda**

**Linda is currently the Membership Officer and has continued the work started by Robert in renewing the updated registration software. She will soon be swapping to role of Treasurer, which I'm sure she will complete with the same high level of detail. Thank you Linda.**

### **Sharon**

**Sharon has continued to support the committee as a member, during a very busy year within her own organisation with the opening of the new Children's Hospital at Monash Health. I am appreciative that she has maintained communications with the committee, even when she could not attend meetings, due to work priorities. Many thanks Sharon.**

### **Nick**

**Nick is also a committee member who has also had a busy year out in Bendigo with their new facility and I am so grateful that he has taken time out to either travel to meetings, or embrace technology and link in via Skype or phone conferencing. We hope he will volunteer for the Membership post and continue to pitch in without hesitation. Thank you Nick.**

**To those of you in the room, who I call for advice, I also pass on my thanks. Your input is valued every time.**

**Going back to the Probity Training, which we launched this year, we have already had over 350 completing the online training and receiving their certificate of completion. We have received feedback from different organisations on how valuable this training is. It is good to remember that this training is available to everyone, not only you as members but to work colleagues of yours, across public and private health. Our suppliers have also accessed the training and even some non-healthcare organisations have heard about the training and accessed it. This module is provided by UNE (University of New England) and is refreshed every 6 months.**

**I will also take this opportunity to thank Valentino, who is our Web designer, as he has continued to complete all that I have asked of him.**

**UNE also partners with AHSPO for the Diploma in Procurement, which you would have heard about earlier today from Tim. We have held some very successful workshops that support the Diploma earlier on this year and plan to do more of these across Metro and Rural areas in the coming months.**

**We also have created new position within the executive the Education Officer.**

**Within the Association you may have noticed that membership registrations are now an online system, which has made things much easier for everyone. As previously mentioned, the website**



**has evolved throughout this year and hopefully we can keep moving forward with this.**

**And now to the exciting reveal**

**For our 30<sup>th</sup> Conference Anniversary, we will be holding the Conference at a brand new facility at Cape Schanck on the Mornington Peninsula, just 75 mins drive from Melbourne CBD. Details for the Suppliers will start to come out around October/November time and Delegates will have information around February/March time. Keep an eye on the website as well, as this has become much more interactive.**

**Finally, from the Committee and myself, a big thank you to you all. The ongoing support you give to this Association grows stronger and stronger every year and this can only benefit us all, Suppliers and members alike.**

**Please go back to your workplaces and continue to spread the word about the Association of Healthcare Supply and Procurement Officers and we look forward to seeing you in 2018.**