Welcome to the post conference edition of Suite Talk. In this edition we will reflect on our 2016 Conference themed “To count or not to count. That is the question”. The theme remembered the 400th anniversary of William Shakespeare’s death, with our rooms being named after some of his more famous works.

This edition will show photos of delegates, executive and speakers throughout the conference including our trade partners. These photos and reports will hopefully remind you of what you learned, the friends you reminisced with and the new friends you met at the 2016 NSW OTA Conference.

Anne Robertson announced at the conference that the secondment position of Project Coordinator for the Transition to Perioperative Practice Program had been advertised. This role has been a long time in the planning stages. We need to thank NSW Health for funding this position. Once the person has been seconded the NSW OTA will be passing on the transition programs we have access to and names of people who would like to be involved. If any member would like to volunteer to be involved in the program development please contact info@ota.org.au and we will pass on your details. We will bring you updates as the project progresses.
As this edition of SuiteTalk hits your inboxes and Mailboxes planning is underway for all the Professional Education Days across the NSW and the ACT for this year. Why not make it to one or two this year. They are great days and you can earn valuable CPD hours for your registration.

I now have a list of “thank you’s” to everyone who made the conference possible. Thank you to our Bronze Sponsors Covidien for your continued support of the NSW OTA. Thank you to the trade for their continued support, and Big Green and Statina for running sponsored workshops. I would like to thank the conference committee for organizing the conference and associated Professional Education Days for all their hard work and preparation throughout the year. Thank you to the state and zone executive for their time and effort in attending the conference making everything run smoothly.

I look forward to seeing you at our 2017 Conference Celebrating 60 years of the NSW OTA.

Hayley
2016 NSW OTA Conference

Hello Everyone,

This year’s event was a shorter than usual program – 2 days rather than three -held alongside a Management focussed Professional Education Day. Again, we enjoyed a wide range of topics relating to leadership, peer to peer education, and company workshops.

Thank you to all of our delegates, presenters, sponsors, and trade partners for your support. You are all instrumental in the making of a successful ‘OTA Conference’, and I extend my appreciation to each of you.

Over the three days our presenters shared a wealth of knowledge. Our guest speakers included Kim Bryant, Deputy CEO of NSW Nursing and Midwifery Council, Dr Jed Duff, ACORN President, Debra Thoms, Commonwealth Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer, and Anne Robertson, Acting NSW Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer who each gave interesting presentations that I have no doubt were useful to our conference delegates, to take back to their workplace to share with colleagues.

I express my gratitude to our Subcommittee members and Michelle, the OTA Secretariat for their tremendous efforts in putting the conference together. Organising our conference is quite an undertaking. The Subcommittee and Michelle devoted a great deal time of over the preceding months, much of it behind the scenes to ensure the three days delivers what our delegates expect – to help them achieve excellence in patient care.

The 2016 OTA Education Program was released at Conference. The first Professional Education Day (PED) has a focus for operating theatre Educators and those with an interest in this area. The PED will be held on 23rd July, 2016, at Rydges, Parramatta. Registration details are on the website, and I encourage you all to join us. Two further Professional Education Days will be held; for Anaesthetic and Recovery Room nurses on 3rd September, and for Instrument and Circulating nurses on 29th October – program details will be posted on the website as the events draw near, and, we’ll also be in contact by email.

With Regards,
Rodney
Treasurer’s Annual Report

Mary-Anne Renshaw
NSW OTA Treasurer

The operating surplus for this financial year amounted to $33,274 (2014: $12,533). This surplus was not subject to income tax following the Association changed status in 2014 to a Registered Charity.

The conference produced a surplus of $23,228 which was slightly more than 2014 ($19,936). This surplus was mainly due to the Executive cost cutting strategies as revenue from delegates was down $12,237 and also trade revenue decreased by $10,350. With regard to trade it needs to be noted that this appears to be a reflection of current global economic trends and a positive change is not expected in the foreseeable future.

For the year of 2015:
- Income from member subscriptions was up $14,314 from the previous year;
- Income from Professional Education Days was up $6,518 offset by an increase in costs in the provision of these PED days.

The cost of scholarships and grants was borne by the Judith Cornell and Covidien Grants at a total of $6,390.

The Association also managed to reduce its costs by $7,699 as the Executive Committee takes this responsibility seriously and is constantly looking at cost effectiveness measures.

As members are aware, the Association’s objectives are to promote excellence in patient care by representing the professional and educational interests of perioperative nurses in NSW and the ACT. We continue to provide these opportunities through your membership support from annual subscriptions and attendance at Professional Education Days and conferences.

The Executive would like to thank you, the membership, for your continued support.

Next year is the 60th year since a small group of nurses gathered together in Sydney to develop a unified vision for patient focused best and safe practice and to promote excellence in perioperative nursing that has progressed over the years to a national one.

We would ask you to encourage your colleagues to join and attend the conference next year as a mark of respect and thanks to that small group of visionaries who gathered 60 years ago! Thank you.

Mary-Anne Renshaw
EDITORS NOTES

Hi, if you attended the OTA Conference in March, I hope you enjoy reminiscing…. the subject matter, meeting and mingling with colleagues, even if it was for just a day! A question I pose to those who attended; have you had the opportunity to reflect upon what you’ve learnt that’s useful to you in your workplace? And, did you share that with colleagues? what did they think?

If you’re a perioperative nurse and never attended an OTA Conference, then you have missed out on tremendous learning opportunities that you may not be exposed to in your workplace. Attending the conference provides opportunities to increase your knowledge, meet and mingle with delegates, and, maybe form friendships with those who have similar interests and experiences. Discuss products with trade at their display stands, and experience hands on practice sessions. Not to mention those valuable CPD points.

Where else could you have had the opportunity to hear from nursing leaders?

Following is a brief summary of a few speakers that I had the opportunity to hear, and a little on the subject matter:

Debra Thoms, Commonwealth Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer, spoke about the nursing workforce, and in particular, the leadership role that nurse leaders play in delivering high quality patient services and outcomes. Nurse leadership is a concept not just applicable to those in management positions, as nurse leaders are found at all levels of the healthcare system.

Anne Robertson, Acting NSW Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer, speaks of her nursing journey and how she developed her love of midwifery; advocating for nurses to develop management and leadership qualities that contributes towards excellence in patient care.

Pat Nicholson, President, Victorian Perioperative Nurses Group spoke passionately about author Dr Brené Brown’s book “Daring greatly: How the courage to be vulnerable transforms the way we live, love, parent and lead”. Vulnerability becomes a strength when it is incorporated into safety in the complex operating room environment. Patients expect high quality and provision of care when they access healthcare facilities.

Ruth Melville, President International Federation of Perioperative Nurses presented on how perioperative nurses have a role to play in ensuring our future role in the World Health Organisation strategy – Universal Health Coverage, a unifying agenda for all – it’s not just about delivering access to healthcare but delivering quality healthcare.

Kim Bryant, Deputy Executive Officer, Nursing and Midwifery Council of NSW spoke of the legislative framework for managing complaints about nurses, an overview of the national regulatory framework for health professions, and described the functions of a protective jurisdiction.
Jed Duff, ACORN President initially presented an update on ACORN. Later in the afternoon session he discussed methods for implementing change and translating research evidence into routine clinical practice where research has shown 30-40% of all patients do not receive healthcare based on current evidence, with a percentage actually receiving unnecessary or harmful care.

It is impossible to attend every presentation, as concurrent sessions provide the opportunity for delegates to choose subject matters of relevance to their own interest and practice, or perhaps gain an introduction to an area of interest with the notion of working or taking on a project to gain further exposure. It’s all a part of your nursing journey!

With so many topics of interest, from Root Cause Analysis, Infection Control, Caring Counts, Simulation of Practice, Anaesthetics and Antiemetics, Enhanced Recovery after Surgery, The Real Anzac Girls: Recounting WW1 Nurses Experience…. and so forth…. All delivered by passionate nurses with interest in their areas of expertise! I thought Melinda Hicks presentation on A Psychological Framework for Why Never Events Continue to Happen was of particular interest. Melinda presented the three psychological frameworks that help to explain the human factor in work patterns and organisations that lay the foundations for ‘never events’ to occur. Why experienced front line workers and departments ‘work around’ policies and procedures put in place to ensure patient safety.

When you see flyers for the 2017 NSW OTA Conference later this year take the opportunity to make a note in your diary, it will be special as it is the 60th anniversary! Negotiate a study day or two, some may be fortunate to have their attendance fee paid, but remember it is tax deductible, and it forms part of your ongoing professional development! Remember there are Professional Education Days that you can attend in Sydney as well as the Zones, and look forward to seeing you at the 2017 Conference!

Hilary Kloczko,
SuiteTalk Editor

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NSW OTA Calendar 2016

✈ 25 May 2016 ACORN Biannual Conference, Hobart, Tasmania
✈ 4 June – Zone 6 Professional Education Day, TBA
✈ 23 July - NSW OTA Professional Education Day with Perioperative Education Focus, Parramatta
✈ 23 July – Zone 7 Professional Education Day, Canberra
✈ 27 August – Zone 4 Professional Education Day, Wagga Wagga
✈ 3 September - NSW OTA Professional Education Day with Anaesthetic and PARU Nurse focus, TBA
✈ 15 October – Zone 6 Professional Education Day, TBA
✈ 22 October - Zone 7 Professional Education Day, TBA
✈ 29 October - NSW OTA Professional Education Day with Instrument and Circulating Nurse Focus, TBA

NB: All State and Zone education days are open to all perioperative nurses with an interest in the topics regardless of employment.

Visit our website for all Perioperative State, National and International Related Perioperative Education and Conference Dates
2016 PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION DAYS
INVITATION TO PRESENT

The New South Wales Operating Theatre Association (NSW OTA) welcomes submissions to present topics at our 2016 Professional Education Days. We will hold three Professional Education Days in Sydney in 2016:

- Educators’ Focus – 23 July 2016
- Anaesthetic/PARU – 3 September 2016
- Instrument/Circulating – 29 October 2016

If you have a clinical or research based topic that you wish to share with your perioperative colleagues, then we warmly invite you to be a part of these events. Please fill in the contact details below if you'd like a member of the Education Team to contact you with further information.

Your name: ____________________________________________

Email: ________________________________________________

Phone number: _________________________________________

Topic (optional): _______________________________________

Alternatively, you are welcome to send a description of your presentation along with a professional profile that includes:
- Presentation title and abstract (maximum of 250 words)
- Authors’ and presenters’ names
- A biography or professional profile (max 50 words) for each presenter and/or author.
- All submissions should be emailed to info@ota.org.au

Closing dates for submissions are:
- Educators’ Focus – 14 May 2016
- Anaesthetic/PARU – 25 June 2016
- Instrument/Circulating – 20 August 2016

For further information visit the website www.ota.org.au, email info@ota.org.au or phone 02 9799 9835.

Please note:
- This information may be used in conference literature, Professional Education Day flyers, advertised on the NSW OTA website and electronic announcements.
- Registration fees are waived for presenters at Education Days.
- NSW OTA regrets that it cannot meet the travel or accommodation costs of presenters.
Professional Days 2016

23rd July
EDUCATORS FOCUS
NSW OTA 2016 CONFERENCE

Hayley McIntosh, President

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NSW OTA 2016 CONFERENCE DINNER
Professional Days
2016

3rd September
ANAESTHETIC &
POST ANAESTHESIA
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29th October
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