

## Presidents Message . . .December 2016

It's hard to believe that 2016 is drawing to a close! As I reflect on this year it has been busy, the last education day for 2016 has been held and the zones and city executive already have dates set aside for the 2017 education calendar. The NSW Executive held a planning day in November and reviewed our constitution requiring changes as ACORN has changed their constitution.

The conference committee has been working hard to offer a great conference program to help celebrate the 60th birthday of this professional organisation. Our first President, Pat Solomon will be there, and the NSW Chief Nurse & Midwifery Officer, will also join us at conference.



ACORN will hold their Annual General meeting at our conference, providing a great opportunity for you to meet the new board members. So please read the program and set aside the 3rd & 4th March. I encourage you to apply for study leave or a day off and come to the conference. There is a lot of great work being done by perioperative nurses and there is still time to nominate them for a perioperative award.

Have you ever thought about joining the executive committee? I have found my time on the committee to be a rewarding experience and I encourage you to give back to this great profession. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who have contributed to the NSW OTA and for the support they have given. The presence of nurses in the operating suite benefits patients and contributes to good patient outcomes. We need to ensure our knowledge is current and in this ever-changing world there is always more to learn. Attending the conference or professional education days is one way of achieving this.

It is exciting to see the work that Deb Burrows as Project Officer and many perioperative nurses has done and the tools being developed that will help our new generations of perioperative nurses.

On behalf of the NSW Operating Theatre Association executive I would like to wish you a safe and joyous festive season and a successful 2017.

*Kind regards,*

*Jenny Cubitt,  
President*