

President's message – October 2018

Dear Colleagues,

You don't want to miss this!

Scrubs by the Sea Relax, Refresh, Reconnect

NSW OTA Annual Conference
17-18 May 2019
Crown Plaza - Terrigal

We are so excited! We have just held our half yearly planning day and our number one priority was planning for the 2019 Conference to be held in May at the Crown Plaza Terrigal. It is a fabulous venue and location for the conference and it is the perfect venue to bring your family for a weekend to relax, refresh and reconnect. I hope to see you all there. Special accommodation rates will be available for delegates and as always early bird registration will save you money, information will be available on the OTA website.

Dates have been set for the upcoming Professional Education Days in 2019 and the education team are working hard to bring valuable programs to our members and all perioperative nurses. Information for the education days will be sent out via email and be available on the website.

The Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Clinical Care Standard was announced in October 2018 and ANZCA Position statement on the use of slow release opioid preparations in the treatment of acute pain was published in March 2018. Further information is contained in this newsletter.

I am continuing to travel to the zone meetings to support the zone committee members. Zone 5 (Lismore) held a half day recently with informative presentations. Each presentation provided food for thought with a refresher on Lower Segment Caesarean Sections and Evacuation of the operating theatre. Is your evacuation plan up to date? is it effective? Have you had a practical evacuation exercise recently? I encourage you to review it, find it and practice it. We then had a tour of the new operating theatres at Lismore Hospital, thanks Leanne and the team for inviting us into the unit. I am heading to Orange in November to visit Zone 2, I look forward to the day and catching up with old friends and colleagues.

What a great response we received from our expression of interest to join the education team for non-executive members. I would like to congratulate Carolyn Lam, Charmaine Grady, Kate Brockbank and Emily Riggall for joining the team. We look forward to working with you over the next twelve months.

I look forward to meeting you at Sydney or Zone events.

Thankyou

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