

**NSW OTA Zone 6 AGM
Saturday 21st March, 2020
Batemans Bay**

POSITIONS VACANT

The primary object for which the NSW Operating Theatre Association was established was to promote, and provide, perioperative nursing professional development opportunities, for the advancement of the health, and welfare, of the community.

It was understood that a city Executive could not fulfill this objective, either efficiently, or effectively, without the assistance of rural colleagues who understood what perioperative nurses required to ensure their communities were well cared for. With this in mind, the Executive divided the vast areas of NSW and the ACT into seven zones, each of which are as vastly different as this great country of ours, and each of which has its own amazing strengths and unique needs.

Zone 6 covers the large area of the Illawarra and South Coast of NSW. It includes Batemans Bay, Bega, Bowral, Bulli, Camden, Crookwell, Figtree, Milton, Moruya, Nowra, Pambula, Shellharbour, Shoalhaven, Southern Highlands, Ulladulla, and Wollongong.

Diane Keats, Zone 6 Treasurer, came to the State Conference at Terrigal in May last year and asked to have a meeting with myself and the President, Tracy Kerle, and requested assistance in getting this zone active again. This is a result of that request, but we cannot do it alone. We need your help.

Zone 6, your Zone, needs some eager and energetic perioperative nurses, who are members of the NSW OTA, to put their hands up as General Zone 6 Committee Members. Each area in your Zone, has its own unique needs which requires a voice through representation on the local committee. The needs of a large city like Wollongong are completely different to those of, say Moruya. Committee meetings are now teleconference meetings using the "GoToMeeting" app, which means that the committee can consist of members from any, and all, hospital in the zone, and the meeting can be joined from the comfort of your own home.

In my position as the Executive Zone Co-Ordinator, I promise to support the Zone Committee, and each one of you, in fulfilling the objects of the OTA in your zone of influence. I will be there to assist in:

- mentoring each member as required
- setting up and running GoToMeetings as needed
- organizing PEDs in relation to advertising, venues, speakers, medical company representation, etc.

The commitment of you, as perioperative nurses who know your community and its needs, will enable the resurgence of this zone to become a reality.

If you are interested please do not hesitate to contact me at marenschaw.ota@gmail.com

Regards
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Executive Zone Co-Ordinator,
Treasurer,
NSW OTA