

**OHNNG PRESIDENTS REPORT 14th ANNUAL MEETING**  
CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTRE  
DARLING HARBOUR SYDNEY 30th MARCH 2010

This year will see my Fourth year as OHNNG president. During this time I have had the incredible privilege to be able to convene another successful national meeting and also to represent this group at International and National meetings. I am truly humbled to see and hear the high esteem this group is held with our international counterparts in both the USA and the United Kingdom.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer a very special thank you to all of your committee, that provide me and yourselves with their time and effects throughout the year to maintain the standard that our founder and past presidents have achieved. I would like to once again thank Bronny Hindley Cooke, our executive treasurer & Virginia Thomson our executive secretary. Bronny has continued to do an amazing job this year and I could not have achieved what I have this year with out her. She has lightened my load and as you will read from her report she has our financial status secured and earning money.

Gin has a huge job, continually updating the database and sending out reminder notices. We continue to remove all of the non-financial members from the database this year to accurately reflect correct membership and secondly to make membership benefits exclusive for all of those members that are financial. It is proposed that we change the timing of the reminder notices once again to make it a little more streamline and equal. This will be divided onto four times per year January, April, July & October.

The time and effort spent devoted to the needs of the group can only be repaid by gratitude from not only myself, but us all. I sincerely thank you both and look forward to another year of your support.

A special thank you to Deirdre and Cheryl for assisting me to get our 2010 meeting together. I am sure everyone will agree it has been a successful meeting.

To our dedicated State Coordinators Silvia, Lana, Cheryl, Leanne and Deirdre I would like to thank you for your year's commitment. As State Coordinators there is an expectation that you carry out the groups objectives and run educational sessions for our members. It is my hope that you will stay as state coordinators and lets make 2010/11 even bigger and better. It is with great delight, to see each state provide access to education for all of our members. Currently Silvia O'Connor is care taking Northern Territory, but if there is anyone that would like to nominate for this position please do so. The other positions that remain vacant is for the ACT and Tasmania.

Correspondence from members, chapters, other nurses, surgeons, hospitals and medical companies remain incredibly constant. It has been very clear this year, especially by the amount of emails I receive, as to how large this specialty is. It is amazing and rewarding to be a part of a group that has been, and remains so well established.

I would like to thank all of the sponsors for this meeting. In particular, to our Major Sponsors. Medtronic are our platinum sponsor for this meeting but are always there to print a newsletter or run an educational session. To Olympus for sponsoring our dinner and for

Arthrocare for the printing of our handbooks Neilmed for our conference satchels . Karl Storz for the printing of our certificates and name badges. OHNNG also acknowledges the support from our other supporting companies this year:

COCHLEAR, BIG GREEN, JOHNSON & JOHNSON, DOC PRO PLUGS, ELSEVIER, ENT TECHNOLOGIES, ASEPS, DEFRIES, SURGICALSOLUTIONS / ENDOTHERAPEUTIC, CHEMZYME/RUHOF

On behalf of the members of OHNNG Thank You

## **ENT SCOPE**

This year I have not been able to produce as many editions as I would have liked to. This is due to the fact that I continue to produce this newsletter on my own. I would like to encourage anyone that would like to lend a hand or take over this role to come forward. You will be totally welcomed. This is an enormous amount of work to produce a document that consists of around 20-25 pages every three to four months. The problem comes from not having enough to put in it and of course time to do it. In the coming year as per the minutes from our last AGM I will either drop the issues from four to three per year, or decrease the amount of pages per issue.

From this meeting the next issue it will only be available electronically or off the website.

## **WEB-SITE**

Our great website continues to get better and better. It is becoming the best way for the group to communicate. As our group covers a wide and varied aspects of our specialty It is my endeavor this year to set up a “database of clinical experts” to enable the many enquires I get, to be made directly to our listed expert panel.

If you feel you would like to be on this database please email me your details so I can start this list. I have looked into the cost of setting up a discussion page on our web site but this is very expensive and I would need to know that it was an appropriate way to invest our funds.

## **OUR CUMULATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDE:**

- 14 National Conferences
- 1996 Gold Coast QLD 54 Delegates
- 1997 Sydney 120 Delegates
- 1998 Sydney 125 Delegates
- 1999 Canberra 60 Delegates
- 2000 Melbourne 91 Delegates
- 2001 Adelaide 60 Delegates
- 2002 Perth 90 Delegates
- 2003 Brisbane 70 Delegates
- 2004 Sydney 65 Delegates
- 2005 No National Meeting ( IRS meeting Sydney)
- 2006 Melbourne 91 Delegates

- 2007 Adelaide 82 delegates
- 2008 Perth 56 Delegates
- 2009 Gold Coast 73 delegates

## **LIFE MEMBERSHIPS**

- The honorable OHNNG Life Member Role.
- 2005 Di Clancy: Founder & past Executive Treasurer
- 2006 Julie Wain: Past president
- 2007 Annette Kowalczyk: Past Executive Secretary
- 2008 Leanne Simpson: WA State Coordinator
- 2009 Silvia O'Connor: SA State Coordinator

## **OHNNG SCHOLARSHIPS**

One of the most exciting scholarships that I have been able to sanction since being president of this group would have been the scholarship for Gai Shylan. For all of you that attended our meeting on the gold coast last year would have heard the great presentation from Gai. This was Gai first presentation at a national meeting, and she shared with us the team approach to the management of patients with tracheotomies' at the John Hunter & John Hunter Children's hospitals. This project also produced a poster and it was this that was accepted by the Association of Perioperative Practice in the United Kingdom (AfPP) OHNNG gave Gai \$2000.00 to help her head to Harrogate to display her poster at their National Congress. Well done Gai!!

Brenda Roberts & Carolyn Lister have requested sponsorship to enable them to attend and present at the 14th National Conference here in Sydney. Brenda & Carolyn have met the criteria registration for this meeting will be granted. Their presentations will be available for all to read in the next edition of "ENT SCOPE".

All scholarships are granted in accordance to the constitution.

This year will be the third year of OHNNG's awards for Best Presentation, Best Novice presenter, & Encouragement award formally known as the "Tyrrell Encouragement award". For all of you that remember Kim Tyrrell would know that this aptly suits her dedication and commitment to life, her career and the group. . This was a hard decision as there were many great presentations the winner for "Best Presentation" was awarded to Silvia O'Connor", Novice Presentation" went to Gai Shylan and the "Tyrrell Encouragement award" to Shelly Straw...for her new Business venture in a nurse led Crystal Clear Ear Clinic.

As we still have one of our novice presenters to go it is not fair that this be announced now but at the conclusion of this meeting. How ever I can announce...

This year the winner for

- Best Presentation - Paula Mcleod
- Novice Presentation - Cheryl Kelly
- Tyrrell Encouragement Award - Susan Trapani & Brenda Roberts

## **OHNNG REPRESENTATION 2009/10**

- 2009 Medtronic Midas Drill Training Sydney: Tracey Nicholls
- 2009 5TH European Operating Room Nurses Meeting Copenhagen Denmark: Tracey Nicholls & Rachel Dalwood
- 2009 Medtronic Computer Assisted Surgery Course Sydney: Tracey Nicholls
- 2009 Endoscopic Skull Base Course Queensland: Tracey Nicholls & Catherine Isaac
- 2009 SOHN National Congress San Diego USA: Tracey Nicholls & Catherine Isaac
- 2009 AfPP National Congress Harrogate UK: Gai Shyland
- 2009 Medtronic ENT Perioperative Nurses Day Melbourne: Tracey Nicholls & Virginia Thomson
- 2009 12TH Advanced Endoscopic Fess Course Adelaide: Tracey Nicholls & Bronny Hindley-Cooke
- 2010 Head & Neck Society Adelaide: Tracey Nicholls
- 2010 Royal College Of Nursing, Australia APEC Training Course Adelaide: Bronny Hindley-Cooke & Tracey Nicholls Cheryl Kelly

This concludes my report. I hope you all have enjoyed this meeting and will take something new home. I extend an invitation to you all to start planning to attend our 2011 meeting in Melbourne. My commitment to you all is I shall continue to work enthusiastically on behalf of our group on the year to come and I thank you for this opportunity it is a great privileged to do so.

Tracey Nicholls  
**OHNNG President**