

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It has been just over 12 months since the formation of the Queensland Society for Vascular Nursing. It has been a rewarding period for me as the president to see our society grow in such a short period of time. Since our inception we now have 53 financial members and 27 other members needing to renew. That would take our financial numbers to 80! As we know it is not a large fee we ask, only \$60 initially and \$50 thereafter. With that you have access to educational supper sessions at least 4 times per year, access to the ANZSVN website that has educational information and local information and also if you are able to attend the annual conference as a member of the ANZSVN you receive a discount of approx \$150 on registration.

We have \$2027.50 banked which is great. What we need to do is formally incorporate our society and also find an account as a matter of urgency.

In regards to the annual conference it has come and gone for another year and it was a great pleasure again to convene the nursing program with the assistance of Sheralee Sandison the past president of the ANZSVN. We had just over 100 nursing delegates at the conference. The program was well received and had a great contribution to the nursing program from the QLD contingent. They were:

- Kylie Ball Vascular Unit RBWH – Presented: Burnout!!!! Does the vascular nurse have a higher incidence comparable to the orthopaedic nurse?
- Theresa O'Keefe Vascular Unit PAH – Presented: Missed nursing cares - can we improve on bedside patient care? And also presented in the wound debridement workshop on the use of versajet therapy
- Kerry Jensen CN RBWH – chaired: PAD Screening Workshop on ABI, toe pressures and physical examination which had Leisa Huxley as a model
- Leisa Huxley A/CNC VTE PAH – Presented: Venous Thromboembolism Prevention: Managing the Risks of Prophylaxis in the Trauma Patient
- Sarah McLennan Nurse Researcher UQ – Presented: Functional Improvements at one year following a 12-week Vascular Rehabilitation Program are not related to improvements in ABI
- Mary Jane Lawes CN RBWH – chaired: Topical Negative Pressure Workshop which had abdominal compartment syndrome and diabetic foot stations

Next years conference is in Hobart between Oct 12-15 and the theme is 'Evidence Based Vascular Surgery and Organisation of Vascular Surgery Services'. I hope as many of you as possible can attend next year's conference.

From the QSVN perspective if there is anything I can be doing more for the society or if you vane any great ideas to improve what we are presently doing please let me know.

I had also thought that perhaps next year if we have enough revenue we could consider thinking about awards for vascular nurses staff similar to those of the ANZSVN, even if we just begin with Queensland Vascular Nurse of the Year, encouragement awards for vascular nurses making a difference for their patients and colleagues. For those we could gain sponsorship also.

I would like to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and enjoy your time off if you are lucky enough to have the time off work. If you are working I hope the Christmas New Year period is not too stressful.

Take care and look after yourselves and your valued colleagues,  
Theresa O'Keefe  
President QSVN

