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Fax orders to: 02 9542 1400

Post orders to: PO Box 3068, Kirrawee NSW 2232

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Reference: Your Member Number and Surname

POSTAGE RATES

· Standard NSW \$15; Interstate \$20

2-month orders NSW \$30; Interstate \$40

• Express \$22

OSTOMY NSW LTD STN CLINIC – Lee Gavegan

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Skin Care Advice

Stomas essentially involve the maintenance of a permanently open breach of the skin therefore the site requires expert skin care.

The crucial skill in managing the skin comes mainly at the point of cleansing and changing as it is at this point that skin integrity is at risk. The skin around your stoma, also called peristomal skin should look and feel like the skin on the rest of your abdomen.

As with most situations an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure when it comes to peristomal skin care. You may have concerns that your skin will become irritated due to urine or faeces, or from having a pouching system on the skin all the time.

Finding the product that gives you the best fit for your stoma and abdomen is most important to prevent any potential leakages that may irritate the skin. Your Stomaltherapy Nurse will advise and assist you with the best choice and teach you to use ostomy products correctly to decrease the chance of skin irritation.

A big proportion of people with a stoma are likely to experience some type of skin problem at some time and often are unable to identify if in fact they have a problem. Sometimes your skin may look pinker, redder or darker immediately after removing your pouch but this should fade away in a few minutes. If the redness persists or becomes itchy it may be an allergic reaction to your stoma pouch or other products you may be using.

A visit to your Stomaltherapist is required to determine the cause. Be gentle removing your pouch from the skin to avoid skin tears; carefully press the skin away from the adhesive with one hand whilst gently pulling the adhesive away from the skin with the other hand.

Removing the pouch from top to bottom usually works best and helps prevent any spills on the skin. Basic rules of skin care are KEEP IT SIMPLE! and that means the fewer products used on the skin the better.

Wash the skin with warm water and a soft cloth and dry well before applying new pouch. It is ok to shower without your pouch on and for many people this is the preferred option.

Baby wipes can leave a residue build up on the skin that can impair the adhesive quality of your pouch and are best avoided. Remover wipes or skin barrier films should only be used sparingly and only if they are really needed. Most people do not require daily use of these products.

Janet Forsyth RN MACN JP CNC Stomaltherapy

Footnote: We are pleased to announce the appointment of Lee Gavegan STN CNC as a Consultant Stomal Therapy Nurse at Ostomy NSW, commencing in March 2022. Our next edition will feature more details about her role at Ostomy NSW and accessibility of her services to all of our members. Please call our office on (02) 9542 1300 to contact Lee, who is available each Tuesday for remote access consultations.



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CERTAIN SUPPLY....NEW SERVICES, NEW COSTS

By now you have had the opportunity to read the reports of various ostomate surveys from 2019 to 2021 and the Department of Health.(DoH) request for expression of interest 'REOI". You may have reviewed the Board report for 2021 and financial accounts from ONL's web site. In particular the affect of the fire insurance claim payment receipts in disrupting our financial position with a surplus result. The underlying gross margin position remains at a deficit You will notice that each year ONL's costs increase 3% to 3.5% pa.

A DoH reason provided to Associations for the 2020 need to review, was to gain new ideas on the Stoma Appliance Scheme 'SAS". They believe that ostomates had many unmet needs. We won't use the term 'complaints' for services ostomates wanted yet not provided. The survey reports provide you with the detail. See https://www.ostomynsw.org.au/resources18.php#publications

The implication from ONLs own 2019 Survey was to implement or solve our member's needs. A key need was to increase delivery speed and remove delay due to distance for remote ostomates impacted by slow letter mail. Another aspect was the cost to ostomate. In past days I hand completed an order form and posted it with a cheque. That method cost me \$3 monthly for 10 months, or \$30 annually.

ONL invested in 2020 the provision of on-line services available 24/7. Now I pay with my credit card. ONL pays the card fee, which we minimise by asking for a minimum \$45 payment at a time. My saving \$30pa., which extracted across 5,600 members, is a saving to members of \$168,000pa

Implementing on-line ordering and online payments costs money. At ONL we are confident that the focus on spending money to bring solutions was voted as valuable by ostomates. ONL is investing more in email communications so 'good or bad' news can be received by members instantly, a large cost saving compared to mailed out information.

Elsewhere in the magazine you will notice a new member opinion survey. Surveys bring members' thoughts and opinions to us, and provide a focus on how to wisely invest our limited funds.

In the 2021 AGM briefing and elsewhere you will read that the national system 'SAMS' will be augmented during 2022 with a new member self-serve portal developed by Queensland Stoma Association 'QSA'. There is a cost reimbursement to QSA, a cost being shared by most Australian Associations.

From July 2021, the national wage case handed down a 2.5% increase in award wages. ONL people are important. We are pleased for them. Though the cost to the Association is about \$15,000pa. Including the % increase in compulsory superannuation paid by employers which increased from 9.5% to 10% at the same time

DoH regulations specify that educators, distributors of PBS SAS ostomy products (stoma appliance scheme) must be members of Australian Council of Stoma Associations 'ACSA' as the national body. ACSA is funded by a \$ levy on Associations, known as a capitation fee. The 2021-2022 new ACSA fee for ONL is \$42,656, an increase from \$19,660 in 2020. A similar cost is planned for 2022-23. It is expected the member's membership / SAS access fees will need to rise for 2022-23.

From February 2019 Covid precaution have added costs. ONL has taken a supportive caring role with competent staff and volunteers. Understanding SAS entitlements is a deep skill taking time

to acquire. Member surveys report ostomates value this deep knowledge. Recent Omicron outbreak and debate over who pays for RATs is another cost ONL is having to suffer ensuring your supply to the best of our ability.

ONL actively encourage the more financially well off ostomates to donate (tax deductible) to support all ONL members. Be that donations for nursing services, STN clinic, journal, education meetings and help for financially disadvantaged members.

The 2021 REOI process did introduce the potential result that current charity organisations directed by ostomates could be replaced by for-profit entities. SAS regulations prohibits a product supply price mark up more than 2.75%. Recently with RATs items the Federal Government advised a retailer mark up of 120% was ok. We do wonder from where 'for profit organisation' would raise their mark-up profit margins; probably from ostomates. Associations are effective in managing and supplying some 3,850 items on the SAS scheme claiming on ostomate's PBS Medicare entitlement.

ONL people focus on the education and distribution role of charity ostomy Associations. We believe at least two viable associations should operate in larger population States, where Association Boards are ostomates, voted for by ostomates and is essential for ostomate wellbeing. An 'ostmocracy'.

It is essential ostomates who can afford donations DO donate to ostomy services to support the viability of ONL. The Federal Government refuses to offer any increase in its contribution, nor funds for RATs. Recent Omicron outbreak and debate over who pays for RATs is another cost ONL incurred until State Government kindly delivered RATs on 7th March 2022.

Stephen Grange, Vice President.

Glossary of terms and explanation of roles:

ACSA - The Australian Council of Stoma Associations; represents, at a national level, all stoma associations across Australia. ACSA has primary responsibility for the distribution of stoma-related products listed on the SAS Schedule, by its member stoma associations. ACSA is responsible for periodically monitoring compliance by stoma associations with the Operational Guidelines, and for responding to requests from the Department and Services Australia as communicated from time to time. ACSA also liaises with the Department and suppliers, and coordinates support services for people with a stoma throughout Australia.

DOH / Department – Federal Department of Health; is responsible for the program. The Department oversights and supports the Stoma Product Assessment Panel (SPAP), monitors program access and compliance and approves (new) stoma associations. The Department works closely with Services Australia and liaises with ACSA on program issues.

ONL – Ostomy NSW Limited (us); Stoma associations are not-for-profit organisations which distribute stoma-related products through the SAS. Stoma Associations must be members of ACSA and must follow requests made by the Department or Services Australia through ACSA. Stoma associations order SAS products for eligible ostomates, provide information and support their members. Stoma associations are responsible for ensuring all orders and claims meet schedule and payment integrity requirements under the SAS.

PBS – Pharmaceutical Benefit Scheme; stoma appliances and other accessories approved for distribution to members with monthly and annual allowances. These are listed on the Stoma Appliance Scheme Schedule available at: https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/stoma-appliance-scheme/schedule.

SAS – Stoma Appliance Scheme; explained in the Stoma Appliance Scheme Operational Guidelines, available at https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/stoma-appliance-scheme-operational-guidelines.

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OSTOMY NSW A 6 STAR ASSOCIATION

OSTOMY ASSOCIATIONS RUN BY, AND FOR, THE BENEFIT OF MEMBERS

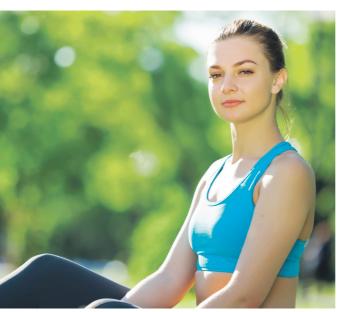
At ONL, we believe that ostomates should have input into the design, management and direction of the services they receive. We refer to this as an 'ostmocracy'. ONL believes each State should have a choice of two yiable Associations.

We are committed to improving access and services for members and feedback from our members plays an important role in achieving this.

Between May 2019 and May 2021 there have been 3 ostomate service surveys:

- 1.May 2019: ONL Own member survey 1,110 respondents
- August 2019: Department of Health (DoH), open national questionnaire
 2,297 respondents
- 3. October 2020: Australian Council of Stoma Associations (ACSA): National Ostomate survey 8,169 respondents of which 1149 were ONL members.

Following May 2019 results ONL set about implementing the services requested by its members. After the DoH questionnaire, in October 2020 the Department published a Request Expression of Interest (REOI) identifying ostomate needs and wants. And seeking service providers' offers.





A task force from most Associations reviewed SAS, REOI, then submitted a response to the DoH terms and conditions for item distribution and ostomate education.

The outcome of DoH Request for Expression of Interest (October 2020) was announced in September 2021 by ACSA; 'that SAS at this time is not up for tender. (e.g., will not change).' Dr A Nash; then ACSA President commented in "Ostomy Australia", August 2021 'there is (was) a real danger of the scheme being privatised leading to reduction in ostomate services or increase in ostomate costs, loss of good will between members and their Associations.

WHAT ARE WE DOING AT ONL?

In DoH & ACSA results, ONL is compared to the aggregate service quality of 19 Associations. Some Associations do not offer some questioned services, eg on line. Hence those respondents answer 'n/a'. Full reports from authors are available on ONL website under 'publications' - surveys.

Ostomy NSW a '6'
Star Association
when compared to
the The Department
of Heath criteria for
an Ostomate
Association of
choice.



WHAT OSTOMATE'S HAVE TOLD US



ONLINE ORDERING SYSTEM 65% IMPORTANT. ONLY 17% PREFER POSTAL LETTER.

LINKS TO SUPPLIERS AND BETTER PRODUCT INFORMATION 40% VERY IMPORTANT

OFFERING A CHOICE FOR OSTOMATES TO COLLECT ORDERS:

25% IMPORTANT. OSTOMATES SHOULD CONSULT A STN ANNUALLY TO REFRESH THEIR PRODUCT USE.

ONLINE STN ACCESS 25% IMPORTANT



OTHER NATIONAL INSIGHTS

- Ostomates in regional and remote locations felt they did not receive the support they needed
- Extent ostomates order for themselves.
- Lack of ostomate ability to understand and interpret full SAS entitlement (quantities and product types.
 Department has now added SAS item listing to their website. Ostomates report they are very happy with the range of PBS products.
- Ostomate fee, costs a concern.
 Associations have requested higher fee from DoH which has been rejected.
 Regulation prohibit a 'mark up' on SAS into store PBS Medicare item price.

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*(self rated)

ONL

ONL is one of the highest rated ostomy Associations in Australia. Ostomates responded in 2 surveys that their Association is 'very or 'responsive.' Majority have no concerns.

We acknowledge out of the estimated 3,200 monthly dispatches, we have an approximate error rate of 1% pa.

ONLs' continues investment in communications enhancements such as; broadcast emails, SMS and Facebook ensures every member has important information instantly. We compliment this with hardcopies in parcels dispatched and quarterly journals. Online order now receive list of items ordered.

How Ostomy NSW ranks when compared to The Department of Heath criteria for an Ostomate Association of choice. @ December 2021

(reference: https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/stoma-appliance-scheme/stoma-appliance-scheme-for-ostomates)

Criteria

Annual Fee	ONL has competitive fees, as well as flexible payment plans for members
Additional services offered and associated costs	ONL charges SAS access membership, membership fee, postage, handling fees. No others (@Nov 21)
Location	ONL within Covid safe plan, ONL hopes to soon to start "click to boot" handling.
Postage fees	ONL competitive with other Associations
Opening hours	ONL open business days for questions, claiming, dispatch, [8:00am to 4:30pm phones Mon to Thu, dispatch Mon to Fri].
0 1	me have closing 'early' dates each month for orders, some keep stock on site and post as soon as they receive your order, some

order from the supplier when they receive an order, and some have on line ordering. ONL typically close off 2-3 business days before end of month on the last business day of the month. ONL has inventory.

Written orders by fax and letters and phone call payments. Enabling

Online orders, email, payments available 24/7.

remote ostomates the same speed of service as city.

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MEMBER PARTICIPATION SURVEY 2022

Ostomy NSW has over 6000 members, with members joining and leaving every month. We currently employ 15 part-time staff and have 36 volunteers who support the business. This is primarily the supply of ostomy appliances, and also includes a network of activities such as education sessions, communications, STN clinic, Scholarships and responding to over 300 enquiries (phone and email) per week. The Board of Directors believe we have been responsive to your needs expressed through our past two surveys.

We are interested in understanding what may motivate you to become more involved, through volunteering, donations and advocacy of members.

You can fill in this form online by visiting

☐ Other services, please specify

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J2KZLGP or complete this copy, email a scanned copy to president@ostomynsw.org.au or return it to Ostomy NSW Limited Member Survey, PO Box 3068, Kirrawee, NSW, 2232.

Q1. ONL recently released 2 years of ostomate SAS reviews surveys. Are there particular aspects important to you that ONL should focus more upon? Select your 3 top answers:
□ STN Nurse clinic
☐ Online ordering
☐ Online payments
☐ Automatic payment deductions
☐ Fees for service
☐ Pick Up facility or Click To Boot
☐ Other, please specify
Q2. ONL raises funds through donation campaigns. If you were to donate, how would you like the money to be used?
☐ STN nurse and Clinic
☐ Publications (magazine, website, social media)
☐ Improved online services
☐ Support for financially less fortunate members (member fees are compulsory)
☐ Small remuneration for volunteers (eg. end of year "thank you")
☐ General revenue to support all our services

MEMBER PARTICIPATION SURVEY 2022

O3 Stoma Associations are run for and by ostomates

ŲJ	What things stop you from being involved?
	Work full time
	Work part time
	Involved with other charities
	Family commitments
	Too far to get to Kirrawee
	I may lack the necessary skills
	My age or physical ability
	Not interested
	Other, please specify
Q4	. AGMs is an important time to push for the services you want. We wish for more members to attend or participate. Why don't you attend?
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MEMBER PARTICIPATION SURVEY 2022

Q5. ONL has explained that revenue is not sufficient to cover the services ostomate surveys tell us ostomates need. We are grateful to receive \$70,000 in donations in the past twelve months, donated by almost 1000 members. How do you suggest we ask those who can afford donations to make tax deductible donations?
☐ Specific fundraising campaigns
☐ Honour board of donors and publish names
□ Raffles / prizes
☐ Free postage for disadvantaged members,
☐ Other, please specify
Q6. Please supply your membership number
Membership number
Supply contact details if you wish to be more involved.
Name
EmailPhone/mobile
Encouragements to respond:
 Most constructive reply- a July 2022 membership/access fee rebated. 5 x Lucky dip from replies - 3 months p&h fee (\$45)

Survey closes 31st May 2022. Thank you for your participation Online Form: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J2KZLGP

Financial Report Statement of Profit or Loss - past three years

Ostomy NSW Limited			
Accounts	2019	2020	2021
Income from Operations			
Sales			\$61,151
Membership Fees	\$292,743	\$378,547	\$387,503
Medicare PBS Payments	\$12,885,047	\$13,028,317	\$12,322,989
Medicare Commission Paid	\$354,545	\$358,298	\$338,891
Total Membership Income	\$14,015,345	\$14,293,588	\$13,563,764
Total Non Membership Income	\$97,866	\$64,865	\$104,541
Total Income	\$14,115,271	\$14,358,452	\$13,668,305
Total Cost Of Sales	\$12,856,909	\$13,028,952	\$12,451,406
Gross Profit	\$1,204,081	\$1,329,500	\$1,216,898
Total Operational Expenses	\$487,353	\$509,121	\$563,508
Total Administrative Expenses	\$76,555	\$93,452	\$62,815
Total Employment Expenses	\$733,891	\$758,551	\$718,270
Total Expenses	\$1,297,800	\$1,361,123	\$1,344,593
Operating Profit	-\$39,438	-\$31,624	-\$127,695
Total Other Income	\$12,912	\$77,615	\$333,071
Total Other Expenses		-\$46,641	-\$120,000
Net Profit / (Loss)	-\$26,526	-\$649	\$325,403

Going straight to the bottom line, last year we contributed a surplus of \$325,403. Whilst this is an excellent result, it is under-written by an insurance payment and government COVID support. Without these we would be at break-even or in deficit. Our income from operations declined in 2021, which is indicated by the Medicare PBS payments and Commission paid (orange highlight). Realistically, the income needs to be around \$1.3 to \$1.4 million to break even given our expense line is consistently at this level.

Financial Report Statement of Financial Position

Assets	2021	2020	
Current Assets			
Cash and Equivalents	\$2,179,006	\$1,926,581	Insurance and Cash Flow Boost.
Trade and Other Receivables	\$546,487	\$587,954	
Inventories	\$182,807	\$87,974	Increased accessories for COVID
Other Assets	\$40,012	\$23,167	
Total Current Assets	\$2,948,312	\$2,625,676	
Other Assets	\$450	\$450	
Property, Plant and Equipmer	\$1,235,361	\$1,217,407	Building at cost.
Total Non Current Assets	\$1,235,811	\$1,217,857	
Total Assets	\$4,184,123	\$3,843,533	
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	\$1,410,012	\$1,369,109	Change to Medicare claims.
Other Liabilities	\$27,040	\$31,733	
Provisions	\$117,769	\$137,503	
Total Current Liabilities	\$1,503,174	\$1,538,345	
Non-Current Liabilities			
Other Liabilities	\$0	\$0	
Provisions	\$53,141	\$54,430	
Total Liabilities	\$1,607,962	\$1,592,775	
Equity			
Retained Earnings	\$2,576,161	\$2,250,758	Increased with 2021 surplus.
Reserves	\$0	\$0	
Total Equity	\$2,576,161	\$2,250,758	

The Financial Position of our association remains strong, with three key points:

- 1. Net Working Capital, which is the difference between current assets and current liabilities, is positive \$1.4 million. We have the ability to meet our short term debt.
- 2. Non-Current Liabilities are low, so there is very little future debt that needs to be serviced. We do not have any loans, only some lease agreements for office equipment.
- 3. Retained Earnings have increased by \$325,400 which keeps us in a healthy position to ride out the strata building insurance issues.

Demystifying our Financials

How do we generate income?

Whilst 100% of the direct costs associated with Stoma Appliances and Accessories is covered by the Federal Government, the day to day running costs to administer and distribute products to Members is the responsibility of Stoma Associations



Department of Health

Medicare/PBS

- DoH provide a flat contribution of 2.75% of the cost of product supplied to Members* 1



SAS Access Fee

 Annual fee determinded by the Department of Health

\$60 or \$50 for concession card holders



Membership Fee

- Annual ONL Membership Fee

currently \$10



Generous Donations & Fund Raising Activity

- ACSA Membership levy
- Accounting & Bookkeeping



Postage & Handling

- Postage and handling fee

Primarily a pass-through expense



Other

- Advertising revenue (quarterly journal)
 - Cash sales
 - Bank interest

Demystifying our Financials

ONL is committed to transparency over how we spend Members funds | for every \$100 we spend...



Our Awesome Team* 1

- Salaries & Wages
- Superannuation
- Leave loading



Postage

- Australia Post
- Boxes & packaging



Maintaining our Premises

- Rent
- Water & Electricity
 - Council Rates
 - Strata Levy
 - Security
 - Insurance



Office & Administration

- Office Expenses
- Communication
- Computers & Software



Ensuring Good Governance

- ACSA Membership levy
- Accounting & Bookkeeping
 - Audit
 - Legal Fees
 - Bank Charges



Supporting STN Development

- Annual Nurse scholarship now in its 8th year...



Giving Back

- Volunteer thank you lunch contributing an average of 172 hours a week!

\$260,000

of savings annually

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REPORT

MANAGER'S REPORT FOR 2021

We all experienced new and different conditions throughout 2021 and some of these impacted on our business. During the year, especially during the Covid-19 lockdown period, we had staff working from home, less people in the office and warehouse, and this impacted some of our busy periods. As a team operating for your benefit, we were very pleased how we managed throughout the lockdown and more lately with the Omicron variant. It would be difficult to count the lost hours or days, except to say there were very few days in 2021 when we had our usual full team of staff and volunteers.

What we achieved during the year

There were many highlights and things to contend with throughout the year which included:

- · 80% of orders received are dispatched in 2 or 3 days; generally one more day than usual.
- 90%+ orders are dispatched in 3 or 4 days; generally one more day than usual.
- Some COVID-19 disruption to orders in from our suppliers difficulty with transport in Australia and incoming vessels from overseas.
- · Australia Post were overwhelmed with deliveries prior to Christmas, creating added delays.
- Generally, excellent service from suppliers; 24-48 hour delivery.
- Updated our online ordering for Medicare number to comply with Services Australia rules and eWay payment gateway for added transaction security.
- · Maintained our staff at 15 (13 part-time and 2 casual) with less paid hours than 2020.
- Kept our same trading hours, although we turned our phones to voicemail during the lockdown
- Minimised member impacts from lockdown disruption to our staff and volunteers.
- Increased email and mobile phone database, making it easier, cheaper, and quicker to contact you quickly with up-to-date information.
- Maintained our work practices at Yalgar Road temporary premise.
- All staff and volunteers are fully vaccinated for COVID-19; many are triple vaccinated. Spent money on sanitizer, facemasks, RATs, Covid signage and added time to clean all surfaces daily.
- After staying away for Covid safety, now volunteers are returning. They are valued people who
 do worthwhile work. Unpaid they do save each member about \$30 pa.
- On Facebook, updated members and other Australian ostomates with up to date information on a weekly basis.

Insurance Update on our building at 555 Princes Highway Kirrawee

ONL contents business insurance have been providing us with our temporary premises and assistance up to the end of our policy period, which was 31st October 2021. ONL is now bearing the additional costs associated with the temporary premises due to being unable to go back to our fire-affected building. We have extended our lease through until November 2022.

The Strata Plan building insurer denied the claim and this is in the hands of a strata legal team – this is a strata issue impacting all owners and not just ONL. Demolition work was completed in December 2020 to make the site safe and the Strata took an unsecured loan to complete these works. ONL has to pay additional strata levy fees of \$22,500 annually to service our share of the strata loan. The site remains unoccupied by any owners.

Staff and Volunteers

We have been very fortunate to maintain our team throughout 2021, with the addition of some casual staff and new volunteers to get us through. Some of our volunteers were exceptional working extra days to keep the wheels turning. We have not (at the time of writing in February 2022) had an outbreak of Covid at work. In 2021, many of our team were in isolation due to family members or enforced restrictions. It has been great to welcome everyone back and now we can even see our faces! Our supervisors Colleen and Steve both chose to retire in 2021 – Colleen at the end of June and Steve at the end of December. We have replaced both with very competent staff, with Kim Supervising our member service team and Manny our warehouse team. Both Colleen and Steve have come back and work a couple of days each week.

Directors of Ostomy NSW

Our Board members are extremely dedicated to our business and offer the team and me the highest level of support and assistance. They provide their time without receiving any compensation, except our annual Christmas lunch to thank volunteers and staff, which unfortunately has not happened yet due to Covid. The skills set among our team ensures very strong discussions on how we can maintain and improve our service – with industries as diverse as insurance, construction, pharmacy, local government, banking, nursing and chemical engineering. Our Board members throughout 2021 were Tom Flood OAM now Emeritus President who is less active now, Stephen Grange (Vice President), Ian Denney (resigned at the end of June), Greg Doyle, Adam Keam (also on the ACSA Executive as Treasurer), Perry Johnstone, Helen Richards (resigned at the end of November) and Michael Rochford. I would strongly encourage members with diverse backgrounds and business experience to consider joining our Board. You can nominate any time without an election (the directors can second people onto the Board) and you would face your first member election at this year's AGM. A personal thanks to the directors for working harmoniously with all of us at Kirrawee and their tireless support of you as our members. Tom Flood OAM was elected Emeritus President at our 2021 AGM.

Many thanks to all of our members, family, friends and associates for your support throughout 2021. We receive many compliments to keep us going. It is always a pleasure to serve and assist our members in any way we can.

Stephen Lardner, General Manager.



2022 REGIONAL

Note: at the time of printing, many support groups have paused due to COVID-19.
Please contact the organiser before planning a trip to the meeting venue.

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Dates: 1st Wednesday every 2nd month commencing

Wednesday 2nd February 2022; then 6th April 2022, 1st June 2022,

3rd August 2022, 5th October 2022, 7th December 2022

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Access: Close to public transport and lots of free parking

About: A stoma support group hosted by Bankstown Hospital STNs for you and your family.

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RSVP: Please RSVP for catering purposes to your Bankstown Hospital STN

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ST GEORGE AREA

Dates: 3rd Tuesday of every month March 15th, April 19th, May 17th, June 21st

Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm - morning tea

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Access: Close to public transport and free parking
About: Everyone welcome – please RSVP for catering

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Dates: 23rd February 2022, Nowra School of Arts Annex

25th May 2022, Nowra School of Arts Annex 27th July 2022, Ulladulla Community Health Centre 26th October 2022, Nowra School of Arts Annex

14th December 2022, Ulladulla Community Health Centre

Time: 2:00pm

Address: Nowra school of Arts Annex: adjacent to School of Arts, 12 Berry Street, Nowra.

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South West Sydney and Liverpool stoma support group 2022

Dates: 3rd Thursday every second month 17th February, 21st April, 16th of June,

Thursday 30th September and Thursday 16th December

Time: 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Address: Campbelltown Catholic Club 20/22 Camden Rd, Campbelltown NSW 2560

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Dates: Last Friday of the month, starting March 2022

Time: 2pm to 3:00pm Everyone is welcome!!

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Register: By phoning 0408 769 873 or email: Thulisile.Moyo@health.nsw.gov.au

Contact Thulisile Moyo

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14th Dec (Xmas luncheon. Venue to be advised)

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Dates: 1st March, 7th June, 6th September and 6th December

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Time: 1pm to 3:00pm Everyone is welcome!! Please RSVP 1 week prior.

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Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm

Address: Act & Districts Stoma Association {the old stoma association room}

2nd Floor, City Health Building, 1 Moore St, (Cnr Moore & Alinga ST), Canberra

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