



# DEEPES TISSUES

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**WELCOME** one and all to the current TWCA Newsletter. Hope this publication finds you well and wound savvy. If you have any items you would like published in the newsletter, please submit to Carol on 62 228322, 0408 992 403 or e-mail [carol.baines@dhhs.tas.gov.au](mailto:carol.baines@dhhs.tas.gov.au)

## CONGRATULATIONS



Deb Geard

Deb won her scholarship with Case Study "Collaboration the Key to Success".

The TWCA would like to congratulate Penny Fenn-Smith and Deb Geard on their success in gaining a Hartmanns Scholarship. This fantastic opportunity will enable the girls to attend the Hemi Advanced Wound Care Course in 2009.



Penny Fenn-Smith

**Welcome to the Winter edition of the TWCA newsletter.**

The TWCA AGM 2008 was recently held in Burnie during the lunch break at our Tools of the Trade Education Meeting and Trade Show. The Executive and Committee were all elected for a two year tenure. We have some new and enthusiastic members who very keenly joined the committee and they are of course ably supported by the experienced 'old crew'. We can boast good representation from the north and north-west and excitingly from varied backgrounds – rural, community health, aged care, general practice and education as well as acute care.

### TWCA Executive

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|------------------------|----------------|
| • President            | Juliet Scott   |
| • Vice President       | Carol Baines   |
| • Treasurer            | Pip Rice       |
| • Secretary            | Helen Strong   |
| • Membership Secretary | Bebe Brown     |
| • Web Mistress         | Clarissa Young |
| • AWMA                 | Carol Baines   |

### TWCA Committee

- Sharyn Hall
- Sue Waters
- Chris Duniam
- Ann Smith
- Sue Quarmby

Welcome to committee members: Christine Duniam, Sue Walters, Sharyn Hall, Sue Quarmby and Ann Smith.

Please don't hesitate to contact us via the website or directly if you have any thoughts, issues that you would like raised or like to see occurring within the TWCA. After all the committee is elected by the membership

**Date to remember**  
**TWCA CONFERENCE 2-3 APRIL 2009**  
**at the Wrest Point Casino**  
**details coming soon on [www.twca.com.au](http://www.twca.com.au)**

## **\*Resources and Latest Releases:**

- 1) Website well worth visiting is the World Union Wound Healing Society at [ww.wuwhs.org](http://ww.wuwhs.org) if you haven't already had a look at this website worthwhile downloading the consensus document on exudate, makes for good reading.
- 2) Good idea to check the European Wound Management Association website fairly frequently on [www.ewma.org](http://www.ewma.org). They have just released a document on Hard to Heal Wounds. It probably doesn't give us the answers we would like, but an interesting read none the less. Unfortunately no quick fix!!!

## **Wound Awareness Week**

Held between March 31st and 6th April 2008. The Australian Wound Management Committee (AWMA) employed a media company to assist with the ongoing development of this campaign and have focused on raising wounding as an issue at a political level with the view to PBS assistance for therapeutic dressings and equipment. They achieved this, but unfortunately the PBS issue was not addressed but \$500,000 in research money was made available to the aged care sector.

At a local level we managed to organise media exposure in the form of newspaper and ABC radio. It would have been good to have more available consumables for the week e.g. balloons, small elephants and posters etc (Elephant in the Room- Problem to big to ignore anymore). We need to start the ball rolling for next year, and if anybody has any ideas to be able to implement in their local areas, and what support you may need and how we could run the week to be able to generate the most exposure, please feel free to contact us. Even if your willing to be involved and at this stage haven't got the ideas.

**Juliet Scott**  
**President TWCA**



## **MONEY MATTERS**



The TWCA coffers are doing well. The books are balancing with the Ins and Outs of our education activities thanks to Bebe Brown's sound planning and implementing affordable minimal cost to members. We have several fixed term investments generating interest to allow us to keep costs neutral to minimal for members. This year we have hired the help of a book keeper, Simone Lush to assist the treasurer with data input and BAS statements for the ATO. This is greatly helping to keep up with money matters and prepare for the up coming audit.

We are very excited to announce our 2008 donation is going to Dr Jane Edwards, a Tasmanian doctor in Thailand. TWCA is in the process of purchasing wound dressings and products to send to her wound clinics. Stay tuned for photos and update in the next newsletter. If any member has a wound-care interest charity they feel worthy of our consideration for donation please email a committee member with your ideas. Many more of you are using the internet for your direct deposits.

A reminder to put your name so we can easily trace your payment please. Renewals for membership are due now. Please assist us by renewing early and ensuring your AWMA Journal is uninterrupted. Consider this our reminder. Any great ideas or queries please email me.

**Pip Rice**  
**Treasurer**



# Membership Update and Reward Initiative

Membership currently stands at 117. It is time for renewals to be sent through. All current members have 3 months to renew before membership lapses – so RENEW PRIOR TO SEPT 30<sup>th</sup>.

An exciting membership initiative/reward will be implemented for 2008/09. All **FULL** members (as defined by the TWCA Inc constitution) who have been financial for two consecutive years will be eligible to receive a heavily subsidised wound care book when you renew for the third consecutive year. If you have been a member of the TWCA for more than 3 years which are not consecutive you are also eligible for the reward. You will be able to choose between three well known authors on wound care.

Fill in the membership renewal/voucher below indicating your preferred option, attach a cheque or postal note for the amount shown and forward to TWCA Book Offer, GPO Box 1759 Hobart 7001. This offer can only be taken up ONCE.

### Option 1

The Care of Wounds. A Guide for Nurses 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition 2005 Carol Dealey  
2008/09 Membership free. Attach cheque or money order for \$20.00

### Option 2

Acute and Chronic Wounds: Current Management Concepts 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition 2006 Ruth Bryant and Denise Nix  
2008/090 Membership free. Attach cheque or money order for \$15.00

### Option 3

Wound Care Manual 5<sup>th</sup> Edition Keryln Carville  
2008/09 Membership free. No extra payment required.

### Option 4

I would like to renew my membership but do not require a book this year. I may take up this offer in the future if I remain eligible. 2008/09 Membership \$60



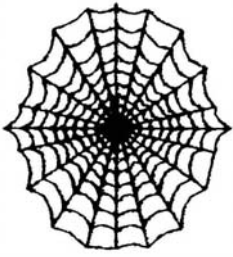
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I have been a financial member of the TWCA for two consecutive years and am renewing for a third consecutive year.  
Name.....  
Address.....  
..... Postcode.....  
Occupation..... Workplace.....  
Email Contact.....  
Phone Contact (work, mobile or home) .....

I would like to take up the following Membership Reward and have enclosed the nominated payment amount.

<b><u>Option 1</u></b>	Dealey	\$20	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b><u>Option 2</u></b>	Bryant & Nix	\$15	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b><u>Option 3</u></b>	Carville	Nil	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b><u>Option 4</u></b>	No book	\$60	<input type="checkbox"/>

Post to TWCA Book Offer GPO Box 1759 Hobart 7001

Please allow 1 month for delivery and ensure you have given us an up to date postal address.



## TWCA WEBSITE

The TWCA website has undergone a revamp with some easy functions to navigate the pages. As members are aware there is an information exchange where members can contact the association for queries related to wound management. It must be stressed that the exchange has been developed to provide forums for discussion and TWCA members can easily access the exchange by going to the Contact – Enquiries bar on the left side of the screen.

Over the past few months there have been a number of enquiries from non-members seeking access advice for wound consultations from members of the community. On occasions members request advice about products and sourcing reference articles.

I would encourage members to use the information exchange so that there can be some broader discussion and links within the association.

Unless you nominate not to receive electronic information from the Association we will use the website to advertise upcoming events, newsletter distribution and will be our primary source of contacting members. Please visit the website at [www.twca.com](http://www.twca.com)

Clarissa Young  
Website Coordinator

### **Website of the month.**

<http://www.emedicine.com/>

This is a general website but has lots of very useful and interesting articles from a variety of journals. Type 'wound care' or 'wound management' into the search box and see what you get. Or just type in what you're after.

### **Education Calender 2008**

**September 24<sup>th</sup>** West Coast Wound Management update

**October 1<sup>st</sup>** Hobart Tools of the Trade Dinner Meeting

**Please confirm dates and venues on our website [www.twca.com.au](http://www.twca.com.au)**

*All items featured are submitted with the philosophy of improving wound care for sufferers and carers. No financial support is given or offered by wound care product manufacturers or distributors in the making of the newsletter. If you have any concerns or questions about items featured, please contact either:*

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## **MEMBER QUESTIONNAIRE JUNE 2008**

The TWCA values its members. In the last few years we have tried a few different combinations to bring your wound management education to you.

This survey is to assist us in planning for 2009 and to gain feedback so we can try to meet your needs in an adequate and efficient manner.

Please return this questionnaire by post to the TWCA PO Box 1759 , Hobart or log-on to the website and complete it electronically [www.twca.com.au](http://www.twca.com.au)

- Have you attended a TWCA education session in the last 12months?

Yes

No

- If no, then why?

- If yes, did it meet your needs?

Yes

No

- What time of day is best for you to attend an education session

Morning      08 .00 - 12.00

Afternoon    12.00 - 16.00

Early evening 17.00 - 21.00

- What topics would you like to see included in education sessions?

- Please use this space to give the TWCA any additional information to enhance your membership

**Thank you**  
**TWCA membership committee**



# Tasmanian Wound Care Association Inc

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name.....

Address.....

.....Post Code.....

Contacts Work ..... Fax .....

Mobile.....

E-Mail.....

Occupation

Nursing

Allied Health

(tick box)

Trade

Medicine

Worksite.....

Membership

New

Renewal

(tick box)

Individual (\$60.00)

Full

or Associate

Corporate (\$100.00 (trade only)

Date .....

Please indicate if you would like to be involved in the TWCA member only "information exchange" administered by the TWCA via our website

Yes

No

If yes, please ensure your e-mail address is listed.

Please enclose payment of \$60.00 for annual membership to the TWCA. Membership is valid from July 1 until June 30 each year. Corporate membership is \$100.00 per year.

**Cheques made payable to the TWCA GPO Box 1759 Hobart 7001**