



2008

Annual Report

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President's Report

President's Report 2009

The Hospital in the Home Society of Australasia can look back on the past two years of achievement, but knowing that we do not rest on our laurels.

Last year I reported to you that the Society had nearly 100 members. This year I am proud to say that we are on the verge of signing our 200th member! The interest in Hospital in the Home continues to grow.

In response to our submissions, we have seen endorsements of Hospital in the Home in the National Health and Hospital's Reform Commission Final Report "A Healthier Future for All Australians" as well as in the Garling Report into Acute Hospital services in NSW. A new funding stream for Hospital in the Home called "Taking the pressure off public hospitals" has been released. It is very important that everybody makes sure that it is distributed appropriately.

The executive has been working hard throughout the year to improve services for members, and so I hope you have seen the Query line, Journal Club, Newsletter, website, and attractive range of fashion items. We welcome everyone's input into these publications, as well as into the interest groups. If any members have not seen these please let us know, or just to say hi, by emailing the executive at hithsociety@gmail.com

The members of the executive have done a stunning job of keeping multiple balls in the air, and I would like to deeply thank all of the executive: Vice President Nicholas Marlow, Secretary Pauline Dobson, Treasurer Suchada Sternberg, Conference Chair Dr Nick Collins, all round tireless worker Jan Coconis, Kerry Barton, Lindsay Craig, Dr Susie Piper, Mark Quadrell, Julie Viecelli, Dr Tai Tak Wan, Jane Whitehurst.

I know that the future will bring more challenges, but I believe that together we can better meet and deal with any issue. Thank you everyone for your support and help.

Gideon Caplan

Membership

The HITH society has 190 members as of the 30th October 2009. It is expected this number will quietly continue to climb as conferences and website availability afford greater awareness and engagement. Additionally the HITH conference's offer of 'two for one' of an automatic membership with each registration is a great incentive.

Membership has broadened across the country/other in the past twelve months to includes the ACT, NZ, Singapore and Italy.

The majority of our members arise from NSW, where the HITH Society began however we now have a healthy representation from across the states and territories and it is anticipated that the Executive Council for 2010 will have the resources to nominate a membership officer to continue recruitment.

Membership:

State/Territory	Membership	%
Qld	10	5.3
NSW	106	55.8
ACT	1	0.5
VIC	20	10.5
TAS	6	3.2
SA	10	5.3
WA	32	16.8
NT	1	0.5
NZ	3	1.6
Italy	1	0.5
	190	100%

Clinician membership:

Position	Membership	%
Manager (clinical mix)	39	20.5
Medical	18	9.5
Nursing	111	58.4
Allied	22	11.6

The membership of the society reflects the make-up of HITH clinical teams where we work.

Treasurer's Report

HITH Society Australasia

Profit and Loss Statement 2009

INCOME

01/07/08-30/06/09

Membership	\$6,232.00
Bank Interest	\$27.08
Conference 2008	\$27,963.80
Total	\$34,222.88

EXPENDITURE

Printing/ Post	\$117.00
Prizes	\$1,000.00
Bank fees	\$362.39
Teleconference	\$2,323.46
Misc	\$33.00
Returned Cheque	\$75.00
Total	\$3,910.85

Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet	As of 1/07/08	15,573.83
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ASSETS As of 30/06/09

Commonwealth Bank	\$45,885.86
Total	\$45,885.86

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities & Equity	
Equity	\$45,885.86

Total

Treasurer: Suchada Sternberg

Conference Chair's Report

Summary of HitH Society Conference 2008 for AGM 2009

The inaugural HitH Society Conference for 2008 was held on November 7th 2008 at the Swiss Grand Hotel on Sydney's Bondi Beach. Entitled "The Substitution Revolution: Pioneering Care in the Home" it contained a full and comprehensive programme of invited speakers, submitted papers and poster presentations.

Attended by 142 delegates from all Australian states and also from New Zealand, the event was supported by several key sponsors and most ably organized by the ARCHI events team. HitH Society governance was provided by a Conference Organising Committee under the astoundingly efficient stewardship of Pauline Dobson as the Committee Secretary.

Our keynote speaker from Pegasus Healthcare in New Zealand was Dr Simon Wynn-Thomas who delivered a view of Christchurch's Hospital-in-the-Home services run by their primary care organization. Links to the full programme and prize winners for best paper and poster can be found via the Society's website at:
<http://www.hithsociety.org.au/conference.htm>

Financially, the Conference proved a successful venture with a considerable operating surplus returned to the Society's coffers. NSW Health assisted the process with a generous start-up grant of \$10,000. In total, revenue in was \$66,539.09 (delegates \$40,810.09; sponsors \$25,725) and expenditure was \$38,571.29 accounting for a surplus of \$27,963.80.

ARCHI provided the Society with a post-event evaluation document. This document outlined some reservations the conference organizers had regarding their liaison with the venue and the value in meal and audio-visual packages but generally provided valuable information to the 2009 Organising Committee.

The efficiency of the ARCHI team in assisting with this conference was rewarded with the offer to assist with the 2009 Conference at the Powerhouse Museum.

Nick Collins

Nurses HITH Interest Group (NHIG) Report

The Nurse interest group of the HITH Society of Australasia (NHIG) was formed in September 2008. Since then we have held a number of teleconferences and online education session; however sustainability proved challenging due to time differences and the demand on clinician's time. Therefore this year the executive voted to continue with executive meetings, source and upload education onto the website when enabled and with funding from Regal Health Services work towards projects/research that would be beneficial to all. Projects such as developing an Australian wide HITH service directory accessed via the website and practice standards.

Research ideas and projects are welcomed from the membership.

Many of the HNIG executive have participated in the planning of the 2009 conference and will man a HITH Society booth at the conference where you can meet the current HNIG executive and other committee members. Support the society by purchasing the Polo shirts or bum bags featuring the society's logo.

The HITH query line has been maintained by Pauline Dobson and Jacqueline Greenham and continues to be a valuable resource to the membership.

This year the Regal Health Services generously sponsored a Scholarship for Nursing & Allied health, the cheque will be presented to the worthy recipient at the conference. Two other partial scholarships sponsored by the HITH Society itself will also be acknowledged at the conference.

The nurse membership from across all states and territories of Australia make up 55.8% of the Society's total registration. With such an experienced membership we will continue to drive our specialty best by collaboratively working together – contact is only a phone call or email away.

Executive for 2009 – 2010 will be determined by the membership.

Current officers are:

Chair: Jan Coconis, CNC, POWH, Randwick, NSW

Secretary: Pauline Dobson, CNC John Hunter, Newcastle, NSW

Education Officer: shared role

HITH query line coordinator: Jacqueline Greenham, RN Greater Newcastle CAPAC, NSW

Executive council member: Mark Quadrell, NUM Townsville, QLD

Executive council member: Jane Whitehurst, CNC APAC Nth Sydney, NSW

Executive council member: Yvonne Harbort, CNC APAC Central Coast

Jan Coconis, Chair, NHIG

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VIC	13	10.2
TAS	5	4.0
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NZ	1	0.8

State breakdown of members

HITH Society (Australasia) Allied Health Interest Group Report

The AH Interest Group formed in 2001 originally as the NSW AH Community Acute Post Acute Care Network. It was established to provide support to Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists working in post-acute services. Eight years later our name has since changed and our membership is ever expanding! Membership has grown to 16 services from across Australia, and now includes Social Workers and Speech Pathologists. The invitation is offered to all Allied Health Professionals working within post-acute services.

Our meetings are held quarterly to discuss issues pertinent to Allied Health Professionals. This is where education sessions are conducted, common quality activities are embarked upon and professional support is offered to each other, as many of our members work in isolation and away from their professional departments. Guest speakers are often invited to share their area of expertise with the group.

2009 has been a busy year, this year we have had Claire Sobolewski (Allied Health Team Leader) from the Medical Assessment Unit at St. George Hospital present to our group of the challenges, differences and similarities of their service, and Tania Perry (OT) from the Home Based Rehab. Service at the Royal Rehab Centre present 'Stepping On' – Building confidence and reducing falls: a community based program for older people.

A group quality project that we are currently working on is the creation of standardised, up-to-date, evidence based clinical guidelines across HITH groups and to make them available on the internet through google docs. The Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists are working on guidelines in the areas of Orthopaedics and Falls Assessment/Prevention.

Any interested Allied Health Professionals wishing to join this dynamic group should contact the Chair Person Lindsay Craig via:

Email: lindsay_craig@wsahs.nsw.gov.au

Ph:(02) 8838 6333

HITH Paediatric Interest Group (PHIG) Report 2009

The paediatric interest group held their first teleconference on the 14th of August. There were 9 people involved. NSW, WA and Tasmania were represented and there were apologies from Victorian staff. Group members introduced themselves and gave a description of their services and past or present HITH involvement and interest. There was discussion about the role of the group and plans for a 1 day meeting to be held in late 2010, most likely as part of the annual HITH society conference or as a satellite session the day before or after. The next teleconference is planned for the 27th November 2009 at 2pm EDST. Anyone interested in being involved should contact Susie Piper on smpiper@nsccahs.health.nsw.gov.au or 0421 800 377