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FROM WHERE I SIT...A REPORT FROM THE CNSA CHAIR

Welcome to another edition of the CNSA Newsletter I hope this edition finds you well.

Since the last edition, Winter Congress in Perth has been and gone, leaving in its wake an incredible momentum for the year ahead. It was a hugely successful Congress, with 360 delegates from all over Australia and New Zealand in attendance. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Local Organising Committee (LOC) for the effort, energy and attention to detail put into every aspect of the Congress. To Lucy Patton as Chair of the LOC and the whole team, thank you very much.

Winter Congress is always a time to celebrate the vibrancy of CNSA and Congress this year was no exception. In addition to recognising the successes of the past 12 months, the many groups and committees of the Society met to plan for 2011 and beyond. Throughout the body of the email you will read about the highlights of Winter Congress. Look out for the names of the best first time presenter, best poster winner and recipients of grants and awards. Catch up on the news from the Research and Education Committees, the Specialist Nurses Interest Groups and Regional Groups details; read about the successful pre-congress workshops and find out about our

plans for a comprehensive **Members Survey** to be distributed at the end of September 2010.

For me there are many memorable events from this year's meeting. Here are just a few:

Launching the revised Chemotherapy Position Statements: Louise Nicholson, NEC representative for Tasmania launched the revised "Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Position Statement on the Minimum Education Requirements for Nurses involved in the Administration of Anti-Cancer Drugs within the Oncology and Non-Oncology Setting" and the "Cancer Nurses Society of Australia Position Statement on the Minimum Safety Requirements for Nurses involved in the Administration of Anti-Cancer Drugs within the Oncology and Non-Oncology Setting".

These will be on the CNSA website very soon: http://www.cnsa.org.au/publications_policies_pub.htm.

Celebrating new affiliations: At the Congress Welcome Reception, it was my pleasure to invite Mary Duffy, Lung Cancer Nurse Coordinator from Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Melbourne, to announce the newly established affiliation between the CNSA and The Lung Cancer Nurses Forum, c/o The Australian Lung Foundation Inc.

CNSA looks forward to a long and productive affiliation between our two groups.



Leadership, Diversity and Innovation: the Global Perspective: Throughout Winter Congress, the themes of the meeting were evident in posters, plenary and concurrent sessions. Each of our invited speakers was informative and entertaining and left us in no doubt of the task ahead of us as we consider the challenge of caring for people affected by cancer in the years ahead. But Dr Julia Downing's presentations on the magnitude of unmet need for cancer and palliative care in Africa left us humbled and in awe of what she and her nursing colleagues in Uganda have and continue to achieve. Julia and her colleagues' successes include, advocating successfully for changes to the law so that nurses can carry opioid analgesics to patients in remote villages without fear of being arrested; ensuring that children with terminal illnesses have access to the most basic human rights such as a bed, food and pain relief; developing and establishing databases to gather data necessary to convince government agencies of the value of palliative care, to name but a few. The strength of feeling amongst the CNSA members present at Congress was such that at the end of the Congress meeting, I was able to announce that a letter will be sent on behalf of CNSA to the Minister of Health in Uganda, lending our support to the work that Julia and her team are leading. The message Julia left us with was that excellence in

cancer and palliative care is not about magnitude of resource but magnitude of resourcefulness.



New members: Winter Congress attracted 32 new members to CNSA. A very warm welcome to each one of you. I hope that you enjoy a long and productive affiliation with CNSA. To those of you who are established members, thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to cancer nursing and to CNSA.

There are many more excellent items to celebrate from this years Congress and so I will let you read on. Next year our Winter Congress will be in Sydney. I strongly encourage all of you to consider attending, submitting abstracts and preparing posters. In closing, I would like to raise a challenge for the Sydney 2011 CNSA Winter Congress, let's make it one of the biggest yet and attract 400 delegates.

With best regards

Mei Krishnasamy
Chair, Cancer Nurses Society of Australia
A Shared Voice ... A Shared Vision

A CHANGE IS AS GOOD AS A NEW LOOK NEWSLETTER!

After much consideration, some decisions have been made to change both the way in which we circulate the CNSA News and also its format going forward.

We have recognised the need to communicate with our membership more efficiently and so from May 2010 all communications regarding the CNSA News will be undertaken electronically. Additionally to remove the need to circulate large PDF files, which are occasionally hampered by recipients server limitations on file size or subject to SPAM restrictions, we will instead circulate a link

which will direct you to the CNSA website where the newsletter will be located. As this is the first time we will be attempting this, we would be interested to hear if you encountered any difficulties with receiving the link or accessing the newsletter.

In regards to our layout and format we appreciate that the pace of life is continually increasing and to make the newsletter more reader friendly with easily accessible "sections" we have introduced a table of contents to indicate the page of each distinct section of the newsletter. The sections will appear in the same order each publication. These new sections are as follows:

From where I sit – our Chair's report - this needs no further explanation!

What's occurring – the roundup – this section will include news on our Regional and Special Interest Groups, news from our NEC on their other areas of responsibility along with the latest update from Winter Congress.

The wider CNSA community – what's the latest? – in this section our wider CNSA community such as our standing committees (Grants and Awards and Education Committees for example) have their opportunity to have their say and let us know their recent activities, we will also hear from CNSA members involved in external studies and working parties, look forward to reports from travel grant recipients on their ventures and get the latest from COSA and other affiliated organisations.

Watch this space! – here we include expressions of interest to get involved in any current or upcoming CNSA or wider community activities, call for feedback on relevant documents or bodies of work, applaud the achievements of our members and notify you of any new CNSA or other cancer related resources

Calendar of events – dates for your diaries, forthcoming educational opportunities and associated information

So having given you the overview, let's get started!

Donna Milne, Deputy Chair

WHAT'S OCCURRING? – THE ROUNDUP

Regional Groups

CNSA Hunter Regional Group

The Hunter Regional Group have had a successful first half of the year with two education meetings. The first was an evening meeting held in May which was attended by 22 nurses and was on the role of the radiation nurse and the complexities of care in head and neck cancer.

The second, held in June focussed on "Emerging Therapies in Cancer Care", and was very well received and attended. This study day involved a morning of speakers

talking about the new novel therapies and the afternoon was an interactive nursing session on how to identify and manage associated toxicities. We would like to thank industry sponsors for their assistance with this meeting.

The second half of the year hopes to be as beneficial for nurses with an evening meeting planned this month examining Professional Profiling and Reflective Journaling and requirements for the registration board. The final study day of the year to be held in November is "Touching on the Taboo" discussing the hairy questions around sex and sexuality and cancer, and a communications workshop to help us broach these subjects more effectively with our patients. We hope this day will not only attract nurses working in acute care settings but also community nurses in our area.

Gillian Blanchard – Hunter Regional Group

Melbourne Regional Group

2010 has been a great year so far for the Melbourne regional group with attendances at education sessions far exceeding our expectations. Expert speakers have provided comprehensive updates on ovarian and gynaecological cancer's in May, and lung cancer in July. Discussion on the night and subsequent feedback reflected the relevance and stimulating nature of the information provided .

The Melbourne group wish to keep the momentum going and the enthusiastic committee have organised a day in Horsham in October, to promote CNSA in regional Victoria. Topics to be discussed include issues for oncology nurse practitioners in regional areas, the role of Regional Integrated Comprehensive Cancer Services, hepatobiliary malignancies and lymphomas. Speakers have been invited from Bendigo, Melbourne and Horsham. It should be a wonderful day and the committee are looking forward to meeting with rural members to identify how we, as an organisation in Victoria can better serve and reach our rural colleagues.

Catherine Johnston– Chair, Melbourne Regional Group

Perth Regional Group

In March 2007 the Perth and Environs regional group of CNSA formed and held its first educational seminar with a membership fewer than 30 nurses. In 1997, the local regional committee worked to grow CNSA locally and had aspirations of one day hosting Winter Congress for the first time. The enthusiaam was palpable. The Perth and Environs regional group quickly established a reputation for hosting quality educational events, which targeted cancer nurses across all sectors with a range of experiences and interests. Membership steadily grew and three years later

the dream of hosting Winter Congress was realized, when 361 delegates from across the country journeyed to Perth for Winter Congress. Following Winter Congress, the local committee anticipates that membership will spill to over a hundred, it's an excited committee that celebrates this milestone.

Recently our members were surveyed to find out what was important to them in moving forward and what elements were important in offering good value for their membership. Key areas of importance that were highlighted were the continued support for rural members to attend educational seminars in Perth, assistance towards attaining further qualifications in cancer nursing, advance practice seminars, a local assistance scheme to enable local members to attend conferences, additional educational events throughout the year and web-based resources to share policies, educational resources and offer benchmarking opportunities for members. Feedback from the survey results will serve as an important platform in planning for 2011 and beyond.

November brings with it "Movember" - a national month-long promotion aimed at increasing awareness of mens' health issues. To tie in with this theme, the Perth and Environs regional group will hold a "Below the Belt" seminar focusing on cancers that affect men. The seminar will be held at the Sheraton Hotel on November 20th supported by experts from multiple disciplines. The morning will be capped off with a lunch and an opportunity to network with colleagues from around the state. The regional group will take this opportunity to host its **AGM**. All members are encouraged to attend the AGM. This is a great oportunity to familiarize yourself with work of the regional group and learn about and contribute to the group's future plans.

Sam Gibson–Chair,Perth and Environs Regional Group

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Special Interest Groups

RONSIG

The RONSIG met at Winter Congress for an early breakfast, but very well-attended and productive meeting. It was great to see new people come along and help direct the agenda for the group for the next 12 months. Pauline Rose chaired her first meeting and brought with her words of encouragement and support from two of the most eminent radiation oncology nurses in America and Canada. Here are extracts from their emails:

From Dr Marilyn Haas PhD, NP, USA Past Chair, Rad-Sig, ONS:

“When I stepped into the leadership role as the Radiation Therapy Coordinator for

the Oncology Nursing Society, the experience truly revealed the meaning behind

the word “leadership”.... I quickly learned, a leader can only be as strong as their followers. Thankfully, my radiation oncology

colleagues supported my passion for developing radiation oncology nursing by

accepting my invites to help serve on many projects...”.*From Maurene McQuestion, Advanced Practice Nurse, Rad Onc, PMH, Toronto Canada*

“On behalf of Mary Ellyn Witt and myself, Co-Chairs of the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) Radiation Special Interest Group (SIG) I would like to extend a special recognition to the Radiation SIG members and nurses working with patients receiving radiation treatment. I would welcome opportunities for the members of the ONS Radiation SIG and your RONSIG to network and collaborate to meet the needs of our members around practice, education or research... One goal that I would challenge your SIG to think about is increasing the number of abstracts that focus on clinical, education or research related to patients receiving radiation care. This provides an opportunity for you to share the work you do and increase the focus for non radiation nurses to better understand the full scope of care, needs and issues of patients receiving radiation treatment”.

RONSIG members at the meeting were keen to develop collaborative practice development initiatives and to ensure that Winter Congress next year has a strong Radiation Oncology focus. Issues of interest to the group included the overview of a research project led by Sharon Carson from WA on the use of deodorants during radiotherapy, concerns around the “bladder fill and bowel empty” protocol for prostate patients, as well as affordable access to vaginal dilators and a need for standardised care guidelines. Future projects may include a position statement on ‘What is radiation oncology nursing’ and the skill sets required; input into eviQ through the radiation oncology nursing group; and breathing techniques for patients requiring immobilization using a ‘shell’. It also wonderful that the early 2011 edition of the *Australian Journal of Cancer Nursing* will be devoted to radiation oncology nursing.

If you would like to become a member of RONSIG, please contact **Pauline Rose** at: Pauline_Rose@health.qld.gov.au

THE WIDER CNSA COMMUNITY – WHAT’S THE LATEST?

CNSA Education Committee

The Education Committee held its annual face-to-face (and teleconference) meeting during Winter Congress. Committee members were joined by the Kylie Ash and Dominique Yokowo from EdCaN to provide an update on new developments. Members were advised that EdCaN is currently engaged in Phase II activities, which involve maintenance and upkeep of the website; architecture changes; releasing new resources such as the portfolios and working with the CanNETs and the Practice Nurse Group to develop further applications of the resources.

The Education Committee’s ongoing role in advocating on behalf of CNSA members in relation to EdCaN resources was paved. Consequently, members of the CNSA Education Committee will attend future state based workshops or professional development activities organised by EdCaN and will continue to be active in reviewing key documents.

Another key activity that Education Committee and EdCaN have been collaborating on is a survey to CNSA Members. In addition to collecting useful data on use and satisfaction, it is hoped that responses will inform ongoing improvement and redevelopment of EdCaN resources.

CNSA members will be invited to participate in this online survey in the coming months.

Nicole King - Chair, Education Committee

This group was formed about a year ago under the auspices of the PCFA to look at developing a larger role for nurses in the care of men with Prostate Cancer. The initial two main aims were to help determine the role of a Prostate Cancer Nurse and once the role has been outlined we would then look at implementing the role. We are currently awaiting the outcomes from that project.

The secondary aim of the group was education of nurses looking after men with prostate cancer. It is hoped that educational opportunities will increase nursing knowledge and exposure to best practice management and support of men with prostate cancer, ultimately improving the quality of care provided to these men. Three different levels of educational opportunities have been developed. The first opportunity is funding for 50 nurses to attend the PCFA Advancing Quality of Life National Conference 2010. The second opportunity is the PCFA Nurses Education Grant. This is to provide registered nurses from across Australia with the opportunity to advance their knowledge and skills in the field of prostate cancer nursing, by providing financial assistance to enroll in a post-graduate education program with a focus on prostate cancer nursing. The third opportunity is the PCFA Nursing Internship Grant. This grant provides funding for the successful applicant to travel and spend time in a major urological or oncology department of their choice, where they can examine and refine their nursing practice in the field of prostate cancer care. All the educational opportunities are currently available on the PCFA website, just click on the link below <http://www.prostate.org.au/articleLive/pages/Health-Professionals.html> these projects have been fully funded by the PCFA.

Pauline Thomson – Prostate Cancer Coordinator

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News articles and items of interest are welcome. Submission deadline for the next newsletter is **Friday 8th October 2010**. Forward in MS Word format, (photos as JPEG) to liesa.bruhn@outofsite.com.au

ELECTRONIC MAILOUT – A reminder...

Please ensure your e-mail address remains up to date. If you wish to update your details, please email us at: info@cnsa.org.au

Have you considered Nominating for the CNSA National Executive Committee

CNSA is governed by a National Executive Committee that comprises one elected representative from each state and territory, and a nationally elected Chairperson. Elected members usually serve a two year term on the committee with the exception of the Chair position which is currently a one year term (ending December 2010).

CHAIR

The NEC is calling for Expressions of Interest for the position of **Chair** for a two year period to commence in January 2011.

Key expectations of the position of the National Chairperson of the CNSA include but are not limited to:

- Inspiring commitment toward the shared vision, mission and objectives of the CNSA
- Facilitating the development of a cohesive, goal oriented executive committee
- Establish a strong collaborative relationship with other individuals/groups within the organisation
- Maintaining responsibility for financial matters of the organisation through development of budget, review and evaluation of expenditures, revenue and investments
- Acting as an effective voice for the CNSA
- Develop strategic collaborative relationships with key external organisations and represents CNSA with various national and international nursing, cancer and health care related organizations.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

An opportunity has arisen to represent the state of **Victoria** on the CNSA National Executive Committee. The position is for a one year period in this instance (2011-2012) in order to realign terms of office with the remainder of the current NEC.

National Executive Committee Members are expected to:

- Know the mission statement, objectives, and structure of the CNSA
- Understand the relationship between the CNSA national executive and its standing groups, committees and membership
- Act as a link between regional groups within their state and the executive committee
- Understand the relationship between the CNSA and other organisations/societies

- Perform other duties as designated by the Chairperson of the CNSA
- Implement policies and procedures established by the CNSA

Why become a member of CNSA NEC?

There are many personal and professional benefits of participating in the CNSA National Executive Committee. A few of these include:

- Builds professional skills such as enhanced leadership, communication and teamwork. This development benefits your employing organisations.
- Builds your knowledge base about health care issues, cancer issues and cancer nursing to contribute to a higher level of practice.
- Provides exposure to other cancer nurses in a wide variety of settings, gives you a broader perspective on the trends and changes in the cancer nursing specialty and healthcare systems.

How do I become a member of the National Executive Committee?

To nominate for the committee,

- The nominee must be an ordinary financial member of the Association and shall in writing consent to the nomination.
- Each nomination shall be signed by the proposer and seconder who shall both be an ordinary financial member of the Association. A resume of the person nominating needs to accompany the application.

An application form with information about the requirements for nomination can be found on the CNSA website www.cnsa.org.au.

For more information, please contact current Chair, Mei Krishnasamy, Chair, CNSA National Executive Committee, at meinir.krishnasamy@petermac.org or on 0437 627100

Closing date for both the Chair and Victorian representative is **October 29th 2010**.

All members of CNSA are eligible to vote for candidates nominating for election to the CNSA National Executive Committee. A mail ballot is conducted by the COSA office; with the COSA Executive Officer acting as Returning Officer to elect representatives if more than one nomination is received from a state/territory.

Expressions of interest are sought from financial CNSA members with writing experience at the post-graduate level and an interest in publishing, to join the Editorial Board of AJCN. The journal is published twice a year.

Successful applicants will serve a 2 year term of office, commencing 1 January 2011, and will be responsible for:

- ◆ peer review of manuscripts
- ◆ assisting the Editors in planning content for future editions of the journal
- ◆ assisting with the development of resources and educational activities to promote writing skills amongst CNSA members
- ◆ providing a written editorial for specific editions when requested by the Editors
- ◆ reviewing final proofs of the journal before printing

It is anticipated that the individual commitment will be no more than:

- ◆ 2 teleconferences per year
- ◆ review of 2 manuscripts per year
- ◆ writing 1 editorial per year
- ◆ proof reading 1 edition per year

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Closing date **18th October 2010**.

Taking Cancer Nurses to New Heights in Wimmera

If you have expertise in and a passion for Oncology nursing, a pioneering spirit and the energy for a new challenge we have the position for you. Wimmera Health Care Group in Horsham, Stawell Regional Health and East Grampians Health Service in Ararat are advancing their expanding Oncology services and patient care with the addition of an Oncology Nurse Practitioner position.

While we know there are no Oncology Nurse Practitioners in Victoria, there are candidates and you could be ours. We offer you the opportunity to;

- Add a new dimension and level of expertise to the quality of patient care
- Develop your knowledge and skills whilst working in a team oriented and supportive environment
- Study for your Masters of Nurse Practitioner with financial support
- Work collaboratively along side our Visiting Medical Oncologist and Nursing team as a candidate with progression to an expanded scope of practice
- Develop your leadership and teaching skills
- Guide innovation in Oncology practice in the Wimmera through evidence based practice and a Nurse Practitioner model of care
- Be a part of the ideals of the Grampians Integrated Cancer Service

The proposed Nurse Practitioner role will improve access to Medical Oncology services through a shared care arrangement with the Visiting Medical Oncologist and the expanded scope of practice will include the assessment and management of Oncology patients, routine reviews and the management of side effects and toxicity of treatment and oncological emergencies. This will be achieved in part through high level assessment, pathology and radiology testing and result interpretation and referral to appropriate Medical Specialists, General Practitioner and/or the Emergency department. The Nurse practitioner will provide a pivotal liaison role with the Visiting Medical Oncologist and the onsite health care teams to optimize patient care.

The Endorsed Nurse Practitioner will work autonomously and collaboratively between the three sites, providing an extended and specialized service to cancer patients, strong links and support to the Visiting Medical Oncologist and education, clinical leadership and cohesion to the local Oncology teams.

For expressions of interest and/ or further information please contact:

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CNSA Website Links

Our CNSA website www.cnsa.org.au is a valuable source of information to all members and new Website Coordinator **Anne Mellon** is keen to ensure that this continues. Anne will be regularly updating links to useful and interesting external resources, a selection of which are showcased below and are accessible via

<http://www.cnsa.org.au/links.htm>

■ NHMRC Clinical Practice Guidelines

This site has been developed to help clinicians and policy-makers access Australian evidence-based clinical practice guidelines through a single entry point. This portal is an initiative of the National Institute of Clinical Studies, an institute of the Australian Government's National Health and Medical Research Council as part of their mandate to build a healthier Australia. Clinical practice guidelines are 'systematically developed statements to assist practitioner and patient decisions about appropriate health care for specific circumstances' (Field and Lohr, 1990).

■ The Conference Website

This site is the free one-stop website for all your Medical Conference and Course needs. Designed and run by a Doctor, it can help you find the best Conferences and Courses in your Medical Specialty.

■ Anna's Adventure

Sydney born Rhodes Scholar, Doctor, Medical Researcher and Cancer Patient, Anna Donald was a fearless explorer, eager to communicate her experience. While undergoing her fourth round of chemotherapy for breast cancer and exploring complementary therapies, Anna used her formidable skills to offer rare insights from the other side of the doctor-patient divide, and an intimate view of the final challenges in a life lived with great vigour.

This website was born out of the extraordinary response to 'From the other side', Anna Donald's Blog on the British Medical Journal (BMJ) website. Many readers of Anna's BMJ blog were deeply moved and often inspired by her writings. Responses to her posts poured in from around the globe from people living with cancer, their carers, oncologists, other medical specialists, health professionals and academics. The video excerpts on this website are from a documentary film about this extraordinary Australian.

Latest News

Can you believe we are already in the second half of 2010 – where has the year gone? There have been several developments at Cancer Learning in the last month, with several new resources including some excellent tools, information and activities for cancer nurses and allied health professionals now available in the EdCaN section of the site. If you haven't yet had a chance to investigate this area of Cancer Learning, take the time to look through and discover the wealth of resources available, including video case-based studies and comprehensive supporting modules, FAQs, competency frameworks, assessment tools, and learner and educator resources that will assist you to use it all for your own professional development.

Thanks to the feedback from several of our users, we are currently working on a few new areas of the website that we look forward to bringing to you in the coming months - keep your eye out for Cancer Learning updates (or register for them **here** if you don't already receive them) in your inbox in the coming months to find out all about these exciting new developments!

EdCaN Resources

Launched just in time for the Cancer Nurses Society of Australia (CNSA) 2010 Winter Congress and, available now on the EdCaN learning resources site is Part 6 of the Cancer Treatments supporting module: Fundamentals of haemopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT). In this section you can access comprehensive information regarding the key concepts of HSCT and the role it plays in cancer treatment; including the haematological and immunological principles, donor considerations, the transplant process, chronic effects, and the related psychosocial and supportive care requirements of recipients, donors and their families.

Also available now on the EdCaN site are a set of professional development portfolios for registered and enrolled nurses, specialist cancer nurses and nurse practitioners. The portfolio can be downloaded and completed as an ongoing record of professional practice, learning and development. Access the portfolios and information about core competencies across the four learning domains for each of the above nursing groups from the Learner Resources section of EdCaN.

CINSW Grants

Applications are sought from all NSW based universities, cancer services, hospitals, Area Health Services and other relevant agencies for the Cancer Institute NSW grants that are currently available. Apply for funding for projects and research in a range of areas of cancer care: http://www.cancerinstitute.org.au/cancer_inst/grants/index.html

Updated CPD Requirements

There may have been changes to your continuing professional development requirements since the introduction of National Registration on 1 July. We have compiled a brief summary of the requirements of several professional bodies and accrediting organisations, complete with links to further information, to assist you to ensure you meet the continuing education requirements of your profession. You can find it in the Plan section of the website by clicking on Professional Bodies in the left hand menu.

Australian Lung Foundation – new resources

The Australian Lung Foundation has recently translated two lung cancer resources into 7 languages (Chinese, Dinka, Arabic, Bengali, Vietnamese, Italian and Greek) through Cancer Australia funding “*Collaborative Cancer Supports Networks Grants Program*”.

These resources have been uploaded onto the patient/carer support website – The Kylie Johnston Lung Cancer Network and the Lung Foundation website.

To access these translated resources go to <http://www.kjlcn.org.au/pages/LOTE.php>

The Foundation has also recently developed two new resources:

The “**Answering your Questions about Lung Cancer**” brochure is useful for patients shortly after they have been diagnosed. It answers common questions patients and their carers might ask and provides questions to consider asking when they visit their various specialists.

The new lung cancer patient DVD **Lung Cancer, Understanding, Managing, Living** developed by Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Cancer Council Victoria and The Australian Lung Foundation is now available for distribution.

It is available in 2 ways – uploaded chapter by chapter via <http://www.kjlcn.org.au/pages/resources.php> or request a copy to be sent by post via the website.

For further information please contact **Kerrie Callaghan** on 07 3251 3641 or at kerrie@lungfoundation.com.au

Featured Advertising: Bard PowerPort

Please review the brochure accompanying this edition of the CNSA News from **Bard Australia** featuring their range of **Implantable Ports**.

CALENDER REMINDERS – EVENTS



31 August 2010

Secondary Breast Cancer Satellite Broadcast

Finding breast cancer outside the breast program considers some of the challenges in management of secondary breast cancer, recent developments in treatment and the psychosocial and supportive care needs of women and their families. Please note state times: NSW, ACT, VIC, TAS - 8.00pm; SA - 7.30pm; QLD - 7.00pm; NT - 6.30pm; WA - 6pm.

1-3 September 2010

Australian Gastro-Intestinal Trials Group 12th Annual Scientific Meeting

Hilton, Adelaide

6th-8th September 2010

8th Australian Conference on Safety and Quality in Health Care

Convention and Exhibition Centre, Perth

www.aaghc2010.org.au

9th-10th September 2010

33rd Annual Oncology Nurses Group Conference

Radisson Resort Gold Coast.

<http://www.ongconference.org.au>

12th-17th September 2010

4th Australia and Pacific Clinical Oncology Research Development Workshop (ACORD)

Novotel Twin Waters Resort, Sunshine Coast

<http://www.acordworkshop.org.au/>

7th-9th October 2010

3rd Australian Lung Cancer Conference

Sofitel on Collins, Melbourne

Nurses Satellite Workshop 6th October 2010

www.alcc.net.au

9th-11th November 2010

COSA ASM

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

<http://www.cosa.org.au/ASMEvents/ASM%202010.htm>

Dates to note:

Abstracts for poster presentations close 27th August 2010

Early bird reduced registration deadline: 6th September 2010.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Next business meeting 4th October 2010

Please raise any issues with state representative members or the National Chair via info@cnsa.org.au

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