

Tasmania/Victoria Clinical Meeting February 2010

residents Report

After numerous tele-conferences

and a face to face meeting, in between Aus Open tennis matches, the logistics of organising an interstate, inter-group clinical meeting came to fruition with a resounding success on Saturday (*lucky*) 13th in Hobart.

Tassie and AONAVic committees met up on Friday to complete the preparations and a celebratory dinner. Around 60 delegates from all corners Tasmania plus a small contingent from Victoria came for a multi-topic program and an opportunity to network with colleagues. Speakers included :-

Dr Paul McCartney discussing iMeds - Ophthalmic Medications, **Dr Guy Bylsma** updating us on Macular Degeneration, **Liz Champtaloup**, Alcon Sales Manager Tasmania, presented an extremely informative talk on "IOLs - how does the doctor choose?", followed by **Juanita Kidd** - Product Specialist, Zeiss on "Zeiss IOLs", **Catherine Enriken** from the Nursing Board of Tasmania talked about "Nursing Regulation". For the afternoon sessions three presenters from the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital spoke. **David Wakefield**, Clinical

Educator OPD, gave us an insight into his



experience with his extended role on the Glaucoma Clinic, **Gerard Walsh** CNS Emergency Department, presented a complex case study of a Tasmanian patient with a Retinal Detachment treated at RVEEH and finally **Robyn Johnston** ANUM Emergency Department, discussed emergency care of Intra-ocular Foreign Bodies. *con't P2*

Welcome all to 2010. An exciting year is already underway for AONA Victoria.

Thanks to Drs Nitin Verma & Cathy Green for the opportunity to participate in their program for the combined Tasmania and Victoria Scientific Meeting in Hobart. We started the year with a hive of activity preparing for the clinical meeting held in conjunction with RANZCO and our Tassie colleagues. It was a great opportunity to again work together to provide a beneficial professional, educational & networking event. Ophthalmic nursing along with Ophthalmology were the topics spoken on by The Governor of Tasmania, Mr Peter Underwood, at the cocktail party held at Government House, as well as his opening speech at RANZCO. This event could not have occurred without



the huge efforts of committee member Helen Taylor and new AONA Vic member Fiona Svamvur on the local Tasmanian front and the committee members behind scenes, the massive effort of Pat Usher in addition to speakers Robyn Johnston and Gerard Walsh and our loyal sponsors Alcon, Zeiss, Designs for Vision, Device Technologies, Calvary Hospital, Hobart Day Surgery Centre and Hesta. Thanks too for the Australian Day Surgery Association information booth on the day

The meeting was a great success and feedback showed enthusiasm for the provision of more ophthalmic nursing specialty seminars in Tasmania and inspired interest in further studies in the speciality of ophthalmic nursing by some delegates.

AONA Vic was also invited to contribute to "The World Association of Eye Hospitals" meeting being held at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital on the 27th & 28th of February 2010. AONA Vic also contributed to the Ophthalmic Nursing program presentation held on 28th September 2009.

The committee are now moving on to the organisation of the biennial conference being held on 4th September in Melbourne at Mantra on Russell.

AONA Vic continue liaising with Nursing Board Victoria in the development of nurse prescribing formularies for ophthalmic nurse practitioners, we are currently awaiting approval for the submission grant tabled.

We also continue to work with RANZCO on developing further opportunities to work together and we will provide further updates in the next newsletter for your consideration.

In our endeavours to provide a network for ophthalmic nurses we are also exploring ways in which to provide up to date use of technology. There have been suggestions for a "chat" area for networking. So if you have any ideas/skills in IT we would love to hear from you

I think that's it for now but hope everyone is having a great start to the New Year and look forward to seeing you over the months.

Pam Armstrong President

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Hobart 2010 *con't*

Delegates enjoyed the variety of topics and their feedback was very positive, many expressed an interest in further seminars and possibly undertaking ophthalmic studies. We would again like to thank our Tassie members, especially Helen Taylor & Fi Svamvur, and all other participants for their hard work, enthusiasm and support. AONA Victoria are extremely pleased with the outcome and are looking forward to presenting two more clinical meetings, including visiting Adelaide during RANZCO in November, plus their biennial conference on the 4th of September 2010.



Hobart - 13th February
Registration



Speaker David Wakefield with Helen Taylor - organiser & convener



Speaker Gerard Walsh - demonstrating Gas bubble mechanics



Speaker Robyn Johnston & Pam Armstrong President AONA VIC

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Vision Initiative in conjunction with the national body of ANF have developed a short course to educate nurses of the basics of Ophthalmic conditions. For ANF members it costs \$7.70 and CPE points are awarded. This is especially useful for our members who care for ophthalmic patients but have no ophthalmic background.

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Events Calendar 2010

April 2010	Wetlab	RVEEH
4th/5th June	IONA Conference	Leeds England
4th September	AONA Vic Conference	Mantra on Russell Melbourne
14th October	World Sight Day	
20th November	AONAVic Clinical Meeting	Adelaide
20th - 24th November	RANZCO	Adelaide Convention Centre