

# Annual General Meeting

Petersham RSL, Saturday 2nd December, 2017

**Attendance:** Board Members: W Riordan (Chair), T Riordan (Treasurer), C Quast (minute taker for meeting), P De Luca, M O'Connell, E Tomczyk, Ian Murray, Janice Anderson, Stomal Therapy Nurse: A-M Lyons

**Apologies:** Felicity Tomczyk

**Plus, NSW Stoma Limited members:** quorum reached, associate members plus two staff members, Hedy and Fiona.

## The Chairperson's Report: Bill Riordan

- **The Chair Bill Riordan reported and discussed "Why are we here? What of the Future, Where to?"**

In 2008 we had 1,000-1,300 members, from then to now our membership is now approximately 6,300 – a members' growth rate of 13-15% per annum.

NSW Stoma Limited is one of the largest associations in Australia with an annual turnover of approximately \$13.5 million annually. The aim of NSW Stoma is not to make a profit and any surplus is put to the benefit of the members.

Bill reported that some medical information states that there is an increase in Bowel Cancer 16,682 diagnosis, a 12.4% increase which is in line with our increase in membership.

In September 2014 that NSW Trading advised our organisation had outgrown its status and had to change to a company limited by Guarantee while still operating as a non-for-profit organisation.

This was successfully achieved in 2016 when we changed our name from Colostomy Association of NSW Inc. to NSW Stoma Limited.

We are here because in 1974-75 the then federal government launched a nationwide Stoma Appliance Scheme and organisations were needed to distribute the vast array of medical equipment needed for the members. The Stoma Appliance scheme in Australia was introduced and is now the world leader in this field.

- **What of the future?**

The Directors of NSW Stoma Ltd have an important function to protect the assets of the company.

- Guard the finances of the company from misuse of monies
- Install a constitution that works and protects
- Ensure transparency and good governance is maintained and upheld for all to see
- Future proof the company from rogues and chances

Our future lies in automation.

5 years approach – Investing in technologies and implementation

10 years approach – implement of those technologies

It is important to embrace the digital world. Next year NSW Stoma Limited will be introducing a new computer system which will allow for better control of data, processing of products and availability of financial information.

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- **Communication**

Our Journal is no longer economically viable. The journal production and distribution is not profitable and it was decided by the board that the information from the journal would be put on our website. The website is being upgraded to implement this.

A Members Newsletter with any new important information will go out with product delivery.

Ostomy Australia (the publication of our National Umbrella Association) is still being sent out with a lot of the same information that was in our journal, so the board decided that there was no need to double up.

We need to embrace the younger members. Communication in the future would also be through Facebook and other social media websites (with security).

We as NSW Stoma Limited cannot give medical advice to individual members as it is not in our Constitution and is not allowed.

We do provide the services of our Stoma Nurse, Anne-Marie Lyons, as she has surgeries at the Stanmore Offices 3 times a month, appointments by phoning NSW Stoma Limited.

- **Minutes**

Minutes of last Annual General Meeting in May 2017 were distributed to the members at the AGM.

Vote to approve and accept the minutes from the AGM 20th May 2017:

Proposed by: Ken Batten

Seconded by: Eugene Tomczyk

**Accepted the minutes  
from AGM 20th May -  
passed**