



ANNUAL REPORT

2013 - 2014

Advancing practice and knowledge in wound management

INTRODUCTION

The New Zealand Wound Care Society Incorporated (NZWCS) is a voluntary organisation made up of health care professionals from a variety of disciplines who share a common interest in wound management. As an organisation it gives its members an opportunity to share experience, expertise and knowledge, providing a forum to network with other members throughout the country.

The aims of the Society are:

- To improve outcomes and quality of life for patients with wound and skin integrity problems.
- To provide and encourage best practice wound management across all health care settings.
- To be a recognised voice at national and local level in any issues relating to wound healing or maintaining skin integrity.

To achieve these aims the NZWCS has a focus on education and professional development, as well as fostering and encouraging an evidence-based approach to wound management. The Society holds regular local education sessions and study days, which are organised by Area Coordinators, and a biennial national conference. Members also receive two international wound care journals and the Society's own newsletter Tissue Issue.

Currently there are thirteen NZWCS branches across New Zealand: Northland, Auckland, Waikato, Rotorua/Taupo, Bay of Plenty, Manawatu/Palmerston North/Wanganui, New Plymouth/Taranaki, Hawkes Bay, Wellington, Marlborough/Nelson, Christchurch, Dunedin, and Southland.

The NZWCS is a registered Incorporated Society (No. 671834) and a Registered Charity (No. CC44360).

President — **Emil Schmidt**

Vice President — **Pam Mitchell**

Honorary Treasurer — **Rebecca Aburn**

Administrator — **Jeannette Henderson**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Wound Care Society Members

This is my first report to you as President of the NZWCS. This first year has been a huge learning curve for me. I thought that as a treasurer and seasoned campaigner in the wound care field for quite a number of years, I would be well prepared to lead the society. I discovered once again that many issues are much more complex than they seem to be at the start. I would like to thank Wayne, our immediate past President and the National Committee for their continuous support.



The Leg Ulcer Advisory Group (LUAG) members have continued their good work on establishing the Venous Leg Ulcer Advisory Panel (VLUAP) working together with the Australian Wound Management Association (AWMA). Working with AWMA will strengthen our professional and personal networks and benefit the society. Of importance for many of us and our patients is the LUAG work with PHARMAC on the provision of a nationwide funding model for compression hosiery. This work is progressing very well. Wouldn't that be wonderful! - The day when no one had to pay for their compression stockings?

Pam Mitchell has attended several meetings on behalf of the Society and the Pressure Ulcer Advisory Group (PUAG). The review of the European and North American ulcer prevention is in its second year and finally almost complete. One ongoing discussion and bone of contention is the terminology of pressure 'Ulcer' versus 'Injury' and 'Grading' versus 'Staging'. Watch this space. A number of colleagues around the country have been on smaller working parties reviewing chapters of the guidelines for almost two years. Thanks to all of you. I personally have learned a lot from these reviews, especially consulting with colleagues around the world using computer based technology.

The STOP Pressure Injury day on the 21st November last year was passionately coordinated by Paula McKinnel and Carol Tweed. There were lots of activities on the day and our website is offering lots of resources for people who want to spread the message on this issue. Society members also presented in the "Show your Ability" offering Pressure Injury Prevention presentations nationally. The Society also purchased a series of six web seminars hosted by Australian "wound guru" Wendy White. Turnout to these seminars, throughout the country, have been great so far and feedback on the seminars is very positive. Of course there were also some technical issues at times. No doubt, we will learn from those. This relatively new way of delivering education will feature more and more in the future.

Talking of using new technology; we have been using Telecom's services for teleconferences for years. Telecom does provide a reliable service but it is also very expensive. We have been spending almost \$10,000 a year on teleconference meetings. We are now seriously looking into web based providers to substantially cut these on-going costs.

As an Incorporated Society and Charitable Trust we have to comply with certain legal obligations of how we run our "business". During the last year we have changed the way we do our accounting from "made up spreadsheets" to an internationally successful web based finance system offered by Xero.

One of the advantages of this system is to be able to summarize and balance our accounts at the push of a button. This will also help to reduce the costs for producing our yearly statement of accounts required by the Charities Commission.

Our membership also needs to vote this year on removing the requirement for our books to be audited. This option was made possible by a change of rules by the Charities Commission where businesses with revenue under \$500,000 NZD don't need to be audited. Removing this requirement will save us several thousand dollars a year.

Of course one of the highlights in 2013 was our very successful conference in Auckland. This was our 6th National Conference which was entitled "Wound Care across the lifespan". Our key note speakers were Greg Schultz, Neil Pillar and Roy Kimble whose presentations were truly world class. Invited speakers from around the country and the ever popular workshops raised our program to a very high level. The five star Pullman Hotel pulled out all the stops for our 300 plus delegates. We can be particularly proud that we attracted the largest industry exhibition we have ever had at a conference. Once again, well done to the conference organizing committee and in particular the convener for this conference, Prue Lennox. We are now in full swing organising the 7th National Conference entitled "Wound Care – A Matter of Balance" in beautiful Blenheim from 21 – 23 May 2015. We have been able to secure Bill McGuinness and Jan Rice - a couple of very popular, engaging and wise key note speakers from across the Tasman. We also have highly interesting invited speakers ranging from Dermatologist, Bio chemist and even an awarding winning GP and poet.

Don't miss this conference, it promises to be one of our best yet. Keep the dates free in your calendar.

We received only one application for a scholarship this year! I wonder why? The committee is now considering using the saved money by offering more scholarships to the National Conference in Blenheim next year.

Of course with all the good work done last year the Society also faces some challenges in the year to come. One of those challenges is to fill the important position of leading the Educational Advisory Group, another is - How do we continue international networking and make it more affordable? How do we attract members to "step up" and engage in working groups and How do we attract more members, full stop, in these financially difficult times.

The National Committee is proposing at our AGM that we stop sending out hardcopies of journals and change to offer e- journal subscriptions. We would also be able to look into subscribing to more internationally renowned e- based wound care journals.

I would like to finish by raising a toast to all of you, hardworking colleagues; out there in New Zealand aiming to make a difference to the patients we care for, but in particular to:

Julie Betts - for her work on the National Committee for so many years

Val Sandston and Karyn Balance - for all their hard work for the Canterbury Region as National Committee member and Area Coordinator; through a testing time due to the earthquake.

Pam Mitchell -for all her outstanding work on the Pressure Ulcer Review Committee and as Vice President

Sadly, we also had to say good bye to Anna Campbell, Waikato Branch Coordinator from 2007-2012, who passed away following a brave battle with breast cancer.

Kind regards

Emil Schmidt

President - NZ Wound Care Society

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator's Report

I can't believe that I have been working for the NZWCS for 7 years – I still enjoy every minute. I suppose I could say that I am to administration what you are to Wound Care!

The administrator's role still presents challenges to get everything done within the hours that I work, but so far so good. As I reported last year, I have now taken up the bookkeeper's role. It has made the renewal of memberships flow a lot smoother and timelier and freed up the Treasurer. Having read the auditor's report, there still needs to be more financial procedures in place. I will work on this, with Rebecca within the next few months.

Apart from the everyday running of the Society, I was fortunate to be invited to the Conference in Auckland and enjoyed catching up with members. The LUAG invited me to take the minutes of the VLUAG Key Stake Holders meeting in Wellington last August. I now take the minutes at National Committee, LUAG and Conference 2015 meetings.

The membership of the NZWCS stands as follows:

Full members -	271
Corporate members -	29
Commercial members -	12

I have sent out the renewal notices for 2014-2015 NZWCS year, so you should have received them by now.

I have enjoyed working with Emil, Rebecca, the whole of the National Committee and subgroups. I look forward to the next year and all its challenges. Hopefully I will get to see as many of you as possible at the next conference in May 2015.

Have a great year.

Jeannette Henderson
Administrator
NZ Wound Care Society

PRESSURE ULCER ADVISORY GROUP

Pressure Injury: Pressure Ulcer Advisory Group 2013-2014

It has been a busy year and I would like to thank all of you have been involved in the Stop Pressure Injury Day on the 21st November, 2013 and the ongoing development of the International Pressure Ulcer Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG).

A special thanks goes to Paula McKinnel and Carol Tweed who co-ordinated the Stop Pressure Injury Day in New Zealand for the society. They collaborated both nationally and internationally to provide us with amazing resources that are useful in every setting. Thank you for the many hours you put in to making the day such a success nationwide. Some of the DHBs and other facilities have shown interest and indeed continued to use the resources in their hospitals. This indicates the success of the project. It is an annual project and we need ongoing support for coordination and from industry for production and dissemination. This year we could also promote the new CPG. We look forward to the next one on the 3rd Thursday of November, 2014.

The International Guideline Pressure Ulcer Prevention and Management Guideline is an ongoing collaboration between the European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel, National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel and the Pan Pacific Pressure Injury Alliance (Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong and Singapore). It has unfortunately been delayed there is still some fine tuning but it is close to completion and will go to print as soon as possible. You will notice the terminology still uses "Ulcer" rather than "Injury" we are still in discussion on this point. New Zealand contribution to the document has been greatly valued. Thank you to each of you who took time to be involved in the small working groups and provide feedback it was an excellent contribution. Accident Compensation and The Ministry of Health have also been asked to contribute to stakeholder feedback. There will be the normal Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) and Quick Reference Guide (QRG) printed and the QRG will be available on our website and we are looking at other formats.

It has been a pleasure working with the Guideline Development Group and once again with Emily Haesler, our Methodologist. The extra work of Emily and the group of immensely experienced colleagues has enabled this document to be near completion.

There will be an International launch, and notification will be given as soon as that is determined. Each country is likely to also plan their launch. We must consider whether we have a Pan Pacific Launch and / or one in each of our countries.

I would once again thank you for your participation at local, national and international level and look forward to the production and the process of disseminating the guidelines throughout our nation. We appreciate all the work done in your local areas and look forward to the 2014-2015 year.

Regards

Pam Mitchell

(Co-ordinator Pressure Ulcer Advisory Group)

LEG ULCER ADVISORY GROUP

Leg Ulcer Advisory Group (LUAG) Annual Report 2013-2014

Introduction:

The LUAG consists of NZWCS members with expertise and a special interest in lower extremity wounds.

Current Members:

Kate Gray - Community Wound Care Clinical Nurse Specialist Hutt Hospital, Cathy Hammond - CNS Wound Care Nurse Maude ChCh, Julie Betts- Nurse Practitioner Wound Care Waikato DHB, Natalie Scott Community CNS Wound Care Capital & Coast DHB, Mandy Pagan CNS Wound Care Nurse Southern DHB and Jeannette Henderson – Administration Officer,

Resignations:

Rowena McGrath- Practice Nurse Manager, Hamilton East Medical Centre

Activities:

We welcome Natalie Scott, replacing Pip Rutherford, onto the LUAG. Natalie has been a wonderful addition to the LUAG and we thank her for her contributions.

The national Venous Leg Ulcer Advisory Panel has been developed. This Panel consists of a group of professional key stakeholders whose role is to provide national leadership specific to NZ settings that is consistent with the Trans-Tasman Venous Leg Ulcer Advisory Panel (VLUAP). The NZ panel undertakes work directed by the Australian Wound Management Association (AWMA) Committee and the NZWCS in accordance with the endorsed terms of reference.

In view of updating the NZWCS Venous Leg Ulcer Assessment form an on-line survey was conducted to determine its current use and how to improve the format of this form. This information will be used in conjunction with the ANZ Clinical Practice Guideline for Prevention and Management of Venous Leg Ulcers to update the assessment form.

ACC have consulted with the LUAG in regards to an ACC Review called Leg Ulcers: Part 2 Management. Part 1 Assessment is available on the ACC website to view.

An APP (for iphones and ipads) has been developed that will include recommendations and practice points of the ANZ Clinical Practice Guideline for Prevention and Management of Venous Leg Ulcers.

The group are currently working with Pharmac in regards to the logistics of implementing funded hosiery for patients with healed venous leg ulcers. The competencies to become a certified authoriser for compression hosiery are currently in consultation with key stakeholders.

Venous leg ulcer education for patients are now available on the NZWCS website under 'Publications'; we encourage you all to view and use these in your clinical practice.

- What is a Venous Leg Ulcer?
- Preventing Venous Leg Ulcers
- Treating Venous Leg Ulcers

- Care of Venous Leg Ulcers

Cathy and Julie continue to work collaboratively with the AWMA who are interested in developing an Aus/NZ 'Educational Framework for Competencies' with the LUAG and link this to the current Venous Leg Ulcer Guidelines. Hence, work continues to develop and grow with the LUAG providing a pivotal and important role.

Special acknowledgements for Rowena's years of support and contributions to the LUAG, and Jeannette who provides the LUAG with much organisation and essential administrative support!

Mandy Pagan
Co-coordinator LUAG

SCHOLARSHIPS

The 2013 – 2014 Scholarship round attracted one application which the Society was able to support.

Each year the Society provides up to \$6,000 worth of scholarship funding, which is available for Full Members who wish to seek financial support to attend conferences, study days or post-graduate study. In addition, it was agreed by the National Committee that the NZWCS study grants are able to be used for international distance courses, for example those offered by Australian Universities.

It is also important to remember that professional development and educational courses or events do not need to be specifically about wound care to receive Scholarship funding. For example courses, conferences or study days on topics related to wound care, such as stoma therapy or podiatry, could also qualify for funding, as long as the applicant can demonstrate how their learning will contribute to their clinical practice and its relevance to wound management.

Following a blind peer review process of the applications, the following NZWCS member was awarded a scholarship for study in 2014:

- Valerie Ryan Wound Related Education Course

2014/2015 Scholarships

The NZWCS is once again demonstrating its support for education and professional development of health professionals involved in wound management in New Zealand by providing 9 scholarship awards for 2011-2012. The scholarships available include:

- Four (4) awards of \$250 to attend a short course or study day on wound care,
- Two (2) awards of \$1000 for post-graduate study in Wound Management, and
- Three (3) awards of \$1000 to attend a National or International Wound Conference.

In addition to the above scholarships, the Society is also offering 9 **Registrations Only** to the 7th National NZ Wound Care Society's conference 21-23 May 2015. The same criterion applies to these applications.

Scholarship applications will be open later in 2014 and members will be advised by e-mail and on the NZWCS website when and how they can apply.

NZWCS AREA REPORTS

Area Coordinators and National Committee Members

The NZWCS relies on its Area Coordinators and National Committee members, who often work together, to hold regional evening seminars and study days as a way of keeping members and non-members up-to-date with the latest in clinical practice and knowledge in wound management. Area Coordinators and National Committee members undertake these roles voluntarily, putting a lot of their own time into the education events to run. Below is a list of current Area Coordinators and National Committee members, along with some regional highlights of NZWCS events.

Areas 1 & 2: Northland & Auckland

Committee Member / Prue Lennox

Area Coordinator: Liz Milner

Within the Auckland area our focus has been to reach a wider audience of health care providers. As a result the DHB and Aged care facilities contacts have significantly expanded. We have also noticed an increase in public enquiries directed from our website.

The Wendy White webinars were held over 2 sites in Auckland and a number of individuals and organisations chose to run their own sessions. The feedback has been very positive.

The NZWCS received an invitation from the Show Your Ability Expo to present at the professional development sessions. Our contribution to this National Roadshow was coordinated by Auckland, thank you to Carol Tweed for her preparation of our PowerPoint, and input. Presenting at this at the Expo highlighted that further education and dissemination of the Pressure Injury guidelines was needed in the region. Invites have been received by many organisations since, and the education delivered to OT's and PT's has been well received.

Area Coordinator Liz Milner coordinated the post grad Wound Management paper at Auckland Uni in 2013. Executive Committee member Prue Lennox assisted Liz, and it was great to see so many students from varying clinical areas so passionate about wound management.

This wound management paper is to be provided again in 2015 2nd semester

Plans in underway to run a Conservative Sharp debridement course later in the year and hopefully Wendy White will be the course facilitator. Expressions of interest to Liz Milner 021 2111 889

Prue and Liz

Area 3: Waikato

Committee Member: Julie Betts

Area Coordinator:

WAIKATO BRANCH NZWCS ACTIVITIES 2013 – 2014

The Waikato branch has had a better year this year than last with education activities. This has been due to the enthusiasm and commitment of others helping organise events. The first activity was a wound care

seminar with an aged care focus held in November 2013 in Hamilton, jointly organised between myself and the Waikato branch of NZNZ Gerontology Section. It was well attended with 140 delegates from mostly aged care residential facilities with some acute hospital and community health professionals attending as well. The second activity is of course the Wendy White webinars held throughout February, March and April 2014. While I haven't been able to attend all the webinars Wayne Naylor has kindly stepped into the breach organising a venue and running the webinars – thank you Wayne. The webinars have also been well attended by local members with positive feedback regarding content and delivery, which is positive as with the increasing number of webinars being available this may be a useful mechanism for providing education in the future.

I will not be standing for re-election this year on the national committee. It is time for someone else to “take the baton”, broaden their horizons, and experience the positive learning being on a national committee brings. I will happily sit in wings in a supportive role. I would like to thank the national committee members and the local branch members who have supported me during my tenure as the Waikato Branch Committee Member.

We still have a vacant position for the branch coordinator and I am hoping this year someone might take up the challenge of this position which I will also happily provide support to.

In closing, it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the passing away last year of Anna Campbell, branch coordinator 2007 -2012, following a battle with breast cancer. Anna contributed significantly to branch activities during her time as co-ordinator. She has, and will continue to be sorely missed.

Julie Betts

National Committee Member – Waikato Branch

May 2014

Areas 4 & 5: Rotorua/Taupo/BOP

Committee Member: Rebecca Dawson

Area Coordinators:

The purpose of this report is to outline the activities of Area 4 and 5 over the last 12-months. Areas 4 and 5 represented by Bay of Plenty nurses working across private and public primary and secondary practices. This includes acute care nurses, district and practice nurses and nurses working in aged care.

Activities:

Regular contact with area members are maintained particularly in regard to education opportunities. These included; Staging and Prevention of Pressure Injuries, promoting STOP pressure injuries day. The Wendy White Wound Webinars have been utilised also for education with poor attendance at these sessions.

In addition a 2 hour education session was conducted on:

- Incontinence associated dermatitis
- Pressure Injuries
- District nursing services

I wish to thank all area 4 and 5 members for their continuing interest, excitement and ideas. I

would also like to acknowledge that while there have been many changes in the Bay of Plenty tissue viability role I will continue to ensure my accessibility and increase communication.

Thank you for your patience while I become more comfortable and familiar within this role.

Rebecca Dawson

Area 6: Manawatu/Wanganui

Committee Member: Desley Johnson

Area Coordinator:

It's hard to believe that another year has rocketed by! The year, of course, started very well with the excellent conference in Auckland to inspire us, and a new team at the helm of the society.

In our area we are supported by 28 members and 2 corporate groups from across the care sectors.

The first of our regular evening seminars was a report on the May conference "Wound Care Across the Lifespan" from members who had attended. Condensing '2 days' into less than 2 hours was a real challenge given all they wanted to feedback on!

November was the month for the International STOP Pressure Injury Day campaign. The highlight for us was having Carole Tweed visit; we were treated to a superb presentation and discussion on "Principles of Pressure Injury Prevention using the SKINS Care Bundle approach".

The Wendy White Wound Juice series of webinars have been a novel way of delivering education to our members and others in the area. They have been well supported over the last few months, and we hope Wendy recovers soon to bring us the final session.

A weekend study day is planned for later in the year.

Many thanks to all who provide their time and expertise to support the valuable work being done for the society.

Desley Johnson

Area 7: New Plymouth/ Taranaki

Committee Member /

Area Coordinator: Chris Gruys

As with all areas, once again a busy year in Taranaki as well.

A wound study was delivered in May 2014 with 80 attendees. The day was kindly sponsored by ArjoHuntleigh who provided both lunch and the keynote speaker- Carol Tweed, who delighted the audience with her wealth and breadth of knowledge. The title of Carol's presentation was "Hidden Under the Covers- Risky Business" and covered both SKINS and STOP. The day opened with an overview of NZWCS and the web link was given to attendees for those interested in joining the Society.

Unfortunately our two large study days scheduled for 2013 did not occur. This was a management directive driven by the need to demonstrate evidence of cost cutting before the close of the 2013 financial year.

Early risk identification and skin integrity checks on patients continue to be promoted and regular

unit based in-service sessions support this. Data is captured by way of Monthly Pressure Injury Reports.

The leg ulcer clinic is thriving! We manage to sometimes get patients into compression hosiery and say goodbye, but many stay on our books for long periods of time!

I have nominated another local member of the Society to become the new area delegate for Taranaki. Always good to have support on board.

I was unable to attend the Wendy White Webinair series this year due to other evening study commitments.

I would like to thank Jeanette for the fabulous job she does to orchestrate the NZWCS.

Chris Gruys

Taranaki

Area 8: Wellington

Committee Member: Paula McKinnel

Area Coordinator: Kate Gray

Kate Gray last AGM was nominated to share the co-ordinator role with myself. This has shared the workload well, with supporting the educational & NZWCS events. Our evening educational seminars continue with strong attendance of members and non-members. We have seen a growth from the Primary Health areas (Prison Nurses, Practice Nurses, Nursing Lecturers and Podiatry) in non-member attendance.

Topics for the year: **Biofilms** by Yvonne Orrell, **Impact of wounds on patients and budgets** by Brian Gilchrist and our most popular speaker was back- Dermatologist Dr Lissa Judd. The topics in this specialty never tire. The National Diabetic Foot pathway was presented by Fiona Angus who was part of this national group and SKINS care bundle for STOP Pressure Injury day by Carol Tweed. **STOP PI day 2014** within the region was well recognised and supported with raising awareness in local areas of practice. The Wendy White webinars have introduced us to a new way of learning and delivering education. However, they have not been as well attended as we thought they would be and have required considerable extra commitment to run. We are presently putting together our regional study day for this year, August 30th.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the companies for their support with the educational seminars.

Paula McKinnel

Area 9: Nelson/Motueka

Area Coordinator: Sue Rossiter

Committee Member: Susie Wendelborne

For year 2011 we held four educational evenings in Nelson and Motueka. All of which have been well attended and generating lots of healthy discussion.

Frances Horner, Specialty Clinical Nurse: Diabetes held a session on Diabetic Foot Ulcers, focusing on assessment and offloading, with discussion on wound management.

We held two sessions on skin tears, one in Nelson and one in Motueka. Both these sessions were presented by New Zealand Wound Care Society member Raewyn Kaihe, Team Co coordinator Motueka Community Health Services. The sessions discussed not only at the causes, but underlying co-morbidities and products that can be used. There was great interest shown in the Mepilex and the PICO.

The finally session for the year focused on Pressure Injuries, introducing the Pan Pacific Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Prevention and Management of Pressure Injury.

Planning for 2013 is underway and would like to present Optimising Wellbeing in People Living with a Wound, by Christine Moffaff at an educational evening.

Inviting a Dermatologist to speak about common skin conditions he sees in his practice and treatment. I would also like to try and organize a Wound Expo, inviting company Representatives to an evening and having the opportunity to demonstrate and discuss their products.

Sue Rossiter
Area Co coordinator

Area 10: Canterbury

Committee Member: Val Sandston (Retired)

Area Coordinator: Karyn Ballance

In 2013 our Canterbury group held two educational evenings, inviting members and non-members. Both were incredibly well attended in numbers, we even had to turn away people. In April we had a "Wound Product Expo Evening", we invited wound care representatives from all of the companies we could think of to share information on their products and how they assist with wound healing.

In September we held a very well received evening, and as a committee I don't mind saying one of which we were especially proud of. We sent out a flier which said "Are you in the front line of care?" We were advertising an evening "Identifying Wounds Common to the Elderly in Care". We invited a few of our valued nurse specialists in their field of expertise here in Christchurch to take workshops on the following topics that gathered much interest, headings such as : Fat legs/dead toes, Ripped skin is a sin, Too sweet-rotten feet, Red spots-stop the rot. We were aiming the evening for Health care assistants, Enrolled nurses, Registered nurses and Podiatrists, all in the area of aged care. It was so successful that we were asked my many to repeat the evening. We have not done that as yet.

Since the New Year, like many around the country we have had a contingent, although small, but a lovely group, watch the Wendy White Webinars.

Looking ahead. Our committee (a dwindling half a handful) would love to have more members as part of our committee, and I hope we can achieve that this year. I am standing down as our Area Coordinator, so too are Val Sandston and Pam Mitchell in their roles. Thank you very much for all of the work that both Val - as our national committee representative, and Pam as our organisations vice president have done for all of us in the area of wound care, for their tireless work and energy of which we will all be benefiting from.

Thank you

Karyn Ballance
Area 10 coordinator (resigning)

Area 11: Dunedin

Committee Member / Rebecca Aburn

Area Coordinator:

Throughout 2013-2014 we have been involved in teaching locally at the wound care study days the

road show for allied health. Current membership stands at 32. We continue to have monthly wound care interest groups and the NZWCS feeds into this group. The Wendy White webinars have been a success here in Dunedin as we jointly held the sessions with the PHO gaining good attendance numbers and resulting in some new members.

With Rebecca moving to the treasurers' role we have been fortunate to have Anne Sutherland step forward to help with area co-ordinators role- Rebecca will remain as the National committee member. We hope to run the Wendy White Webinars again throughout the year with a view to include more DHB staff.

Rebecca Aburn and Anne Sutherland

Area 12: Southland

Committee Member: Mandy Pagan

Area Coordinator: Joanne Hunter

The purpose of this report is to outline the activities of Area 12 over the last 12-months. Area 12 is represented by Southland nurses working across private and public primary and secondary practices. This includes district, practice nurses, ACC providers and nurses working in aged care and podiatry.

The Primary Health Special Interest Group (PHSIG) in Southland incorporates Area12 members who are invited to regular updates and educational sessions.

Activities:

Monthly contact via email with Area 12 members occurs and circulation of relevant articles of interest and forums are provided. These included 3m Skin Integrity Forum, Wounds International: Diabetic Foot Management, Staging and Prevention of Pressure Injuries, promoting STOP pressure injuries day. The Wendy White Wound Webinars have been utilised also for education with excellent attendance at these sessions.

In addition 1.5 hour education sessions were conducted on:

- wound assessment and product selection
- code of conduct
- medications and older people – a nursing perspective
- pressure injury prevention and staging / STOP pressure injuries day

We wish to thank Area 12 members for their passion and interest in wound care and look forward to our continued contact and working relationships.

Mandy and Jo

Area 13: Hawke's Bay

Committee Member / Wendy Mildon

Area Coordinator:

Hawkes Bay (area 13) is represented by members who work across both public and private sectors.(Primary and secondary care.) This includes those nurses who work as District Nurses, Practice Nurses, and nurses working in Aged Care facilities as well as Podiatrists.

November 2013: STOP Pressure Injury Campaign. Display in HB Hospital Foyer. Posters distributed to aged residential care, work areas in hospital. Created an awareness of pressure injury prevention. NZWCS membership promoted at this time.

February, March, and April 2014: HEIDI –PIE Wendy White Webinars facilitated. I would like to thank the NZWCS for allowing the live sessions to be held.

Approximately 40 people attended the first two webinars - some members some non-members. These have been well received in our area, stimulating a lot of discussion and interest in wound care. As we are nearing the end of these sessions a core interest group has developed. We intend to continue with monthly sessions in the evening with subjects of interest and even investigate the possibility of a study day here in HB. From this perhaps membership will grow.

I am a new member of the committee, so I would like to acknowledge the support I have received from both the local members and the national committee. I enjoy the contact and look forward to continuing to work with you.

Wendy Mildon

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurers Report 2014

The following financial statements are from the most recently Audited financial accounts of the New Zealand Wound Care Society prepared by Keogh McCormick, Chartered Accountants for the financial year ended 30 June 2013. The subsequent audit was undertaken by BDO Christchurch, also for the year ended 30 June 2013. The recommendations from this audit were:

1. Segregation of duties from the person who collects the money to the person who deposits the funds – currently areas are in control of “petty cash” it is recommended by the auditors that we stop this practice and invoice administrator/ treasurer directly so costs are transparent.

The top 7 Expenditures for the financial year 1 July 2012 – 30 June 2013

1. 2013 AWMA fees	\$14,624*
2. Seminar expenses	\$31,066
3. Stationary	\$19,484
4. Printing fees	\$5,792
5. Admin fees	\$15,309
6. Accounting fees	\$10,324.17 (2013)
7. Telephone & tolls	\$6,413

The Society is investing money to advance practice and knowledge of our members and colleagues through Scholarships, Journals and Wound Seminars. We are also working towards policy and guideline development nationally and internationally, specifically PUAG \$5,482 (travel related costs) and LUAG \$1,368 (travel related costs).

* this charge was for 2 years as the AWMA did not charge the NZWCS the affiliation fee (20 AUD per member) in 2011-2012.

Below is an update NZWCS financial situation from 1 July until May 2014

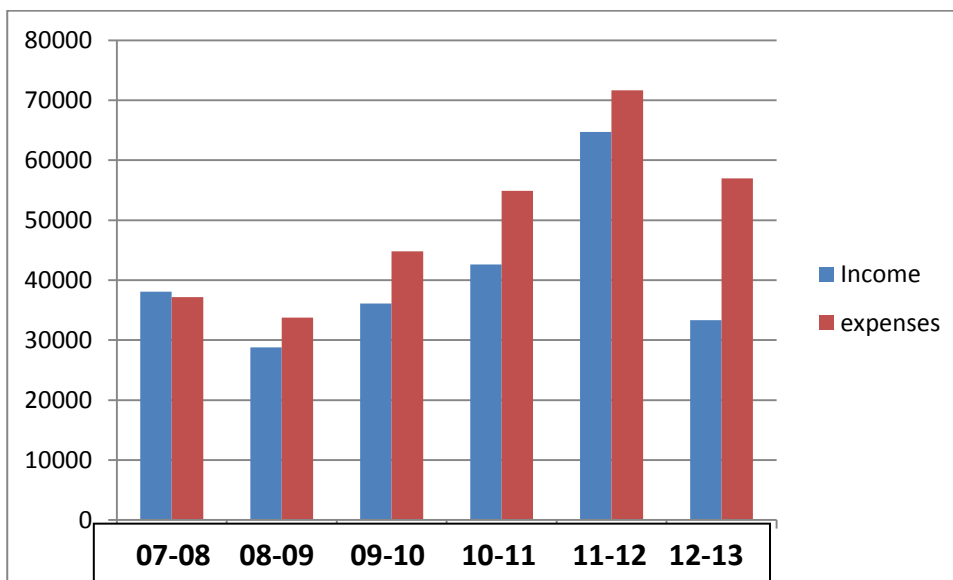
Income

Subscriptions	\$ 25,275.00
Wendy White Webinars	\$ 220.00
Tissue Issue Sponsorship	\$ 1,822.10
STOP PI Sponsorship	\$ 6,000.00
Total	\$ 33,317.10

Expenses

Wendy White Webinars	\$ 3,634.50	
STOP PI	\$ 5,063.45	
EWMA Journals	\$ 1,838.69	
Show Your Ability	\$ 346.76	
New Web Design	\$ 1,725.00	
Tissue Issue	\$ 2,394.88	Design & Print
AWMA Journals	\$ 5,695.97	Postage only
Research Grant & Scholarship	\$ 5,290.45	
Accountant & Auditor	\$ 7,707.77	
Teleconferences	\$ 6,135.45	
Admin Costs	\$ 17,130.17	
Total	\$ 56,963.09	

The following chart illustrates the large gap between income and expenditure



As the graph above illustrates the gap between income and expenditure has grown significantly. The society can't continue to spend more money than we earn. Therefore we needed to look into ways we can rationalize some savings

The following options have been discussed and agreed on by the National Committee. The National Committee is asking the members to endorse those changes at the AGM.

1. Teleconference for National and Interest groups meetings

The society is spending almost 10,000 NZD yearly on these meetings. We have been able to get a better deal from Telecom which will cut those costs by 2/3. However, we are continuing to investigate web based providers to reduce those costs even further

2. AWMA/EWMA and Tissue Issue costs

The cost of shipping and distributing hard copy journals, four times per year, has risen hugely during the years despite our best efforts to use the services of different companies. Tissue Issue is already on-line and without the paper option there would be a saving, on postage/stationary and printing costs, of approximately \$10,000 annually. We could save another NZD 25,000 by subscribing the AWMA and EWMA Journal online. The National Committee is therefore proposing to their members to change to e – Journal subscription for Wound Care Journals. This would also open the opportunity to look into subscribing to other e-based Wound Journals from around the world.

Statement of Financial Position as at 30 April 2014

Balance as per bank statement	\$18,800.45
Plus Term Investment	\$63,513.39
Current Member Funds	\$82,313.84

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