QUEENSLAND STOMA ASSOCIATION INC.

THE FIRST STOMA ASSOCIATION IN QUEENSLAND (EST 1960)

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NEWSLETTER

SUPPLEMENT TO 'OSTOMY AUSTRALIA'

September 2017

Introducing our consulting Stomal Therapist, Helleen Purdy

We are very pleased to announce that we now have the wonderful and very experienced Stomal Therapy Nurse, Helleen Purdy, consulting from our rooms on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month (excluding December). Consulting services provided by Helleen include providing stoma care advice, guidance and information to those ostomates who have had their stoma for at least 6 months and are not currently under review by another Stomal Therapy Nurse. The service will also extend to telephone consultations by appointment for those members who are unable to attend the association's rooms. The service is free to all QSA members.

For more information or to make an appointment to see Helleen, please contact the Association on 07 3359 7570.

Notice of 2017 Annual General Meeting

The 2017 QLD Stoma Association Inc Annual General Meeting will be held at the association's offices on Saturday 9th September, 2017 at 2pm. All members are welcome to attend and to join the committee for light refreshments following the meeting.

2017/18 Membership Fees

This is a friendly reminder that membership fees for 2017/18 were due by **1 July 2017.** The fee is $60 for the financial year or part thereof but may be reduced to $50 **upon evidence of a current Centrelink issued Healthcare card or pension card**. The Association cannot supply goods to unfinancial members so to avoid delays in supply, make sure your fee is paid on time.

If you are unable to pay your membership fee for 2017/18 in full, please contact the Association on 07 3359 7570 to discuss.

Advance notice of Christmas 2017 hours

Queensland Stoma Association Inc will cease operations for the Christmas break from 2.30pm on Tuesday 19th, December 2017 and will recommence at 8.30am on Tuesday 2nd January, 2018. Please note that the Christmas break will delay the availability of January 2018 orders for supply until mid January.

Members who are concerned about the delay in January 2018 orders should submit a double month order representing their scheme allowance for Dec 17/Jan 18 by the end of November 2017 to ensure availability before the Christmas break.

Thank you to our wonderful Volunteers

Next time you get your completed order from Queensland Stoma Association, please spare a thought for our wonderful team of volunteers who very generously give their time to ensure that our members receive their much needed ostomy supplies.

From reception to warehousing to packing of parcels, the association simply could not function without this valuable team. **THANKS QSA VOLUNTEERS!**

Queensland Stoma Association Inc Affiliated Support Group Information

BRISBANE OSTOMATE SUPPORT VISITOR SERVICE
Operating in the Greater Brisbane Area by Qld Colostomy Assn and Qld Stoma Assn. Operating hours are from 8am to 8 pm, 7 days per week. To contact the BOSVS, please call 07 3359 6500.

QUEENSLAND STOMA ASSOCIATION MEMBERS SUPPORT GROUP
Meets from 9am to 11am on the last Saturday of each month (except December) at the rooms of Queensland Stoma Association Inc – Unit 1/10 Valente Close CHERMSIDE QLD 4032. For more information, please contact QLD Stoma Association on 07 3359 7570.

REDCLIFFE STOMA SUPPORT GROUP
Meets 1st Tuesday each month at 10.00am at Shillam Room, Redcliffe Cultural Centre , Off Car Park – Irene Street, Redcliffe For enquiries, please contact 07 5495 1335.

SUNSHINE COAST OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP
Meets at Headland Bowls Club, Syd Lingard Drive, Buderim on 3rd Monday bi-monthly on even months at 10am

Seeking donations of plastic bags and small sized boxes for packing.

The Association is seeking donations of small sized boxes and clean plastic bags for use by our packing team. Donations can be dropped off at the associations Chermside offices during our normal business hours. Thankyou!

2017 Great Comebacks Awards Australia and New Zealand

Do you have an inspiring story you would like to share with others to help make a difference?

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2017 Great Comeback Australia and New Zealand Awards. The Great Comebacks programme enables people living with an ostomy to share their story to inspire others who are also facing life after ostomy surgery.

By sharing your story via the Great Comebacks website, you can be eligible to receive a Great Comebacks Award.

Closing date for the 2017 Great Comebacks Australia and New Zealand Awards is 31 December, 2017.

Visit www,greatcomebacks.com.au for more information

GREATCOMEBACKS
Australia & New Zealand

Something to think about…….

An ostomy doesn't mean you're broken.

It means that you have survived an illness and are meant to be alive.

And finally….

A great big thankyou to those wonderful members who drop in with a kind word and a cake or plate of goodies for our staff and volunteers. Your kind thoughts and generosity are very much appreciated!