

Nepean GP Network

ANNUAL REPORT: 2015 - 2016

Chairman's Report

Dr. Hany Gayed

We are indeed at the point of moving ahead as an organisation that can start providing for the health needs of our community. Since the Government of the day tried to squeeze Divisions of General Practice out of existence, the Board has been diligently working through ways of maintaining our presence, raising the needs and concerns of our members and experimenting with initiatives that could enable us to move forward.

Our last strategic planning day went "**Back to Basics**". As an organisation, we are required to work within the boundaries of our Constitution and undertake the activities contained within the stated Objects. It was an energising exercise to revisit the stated objects, set in place in 1994, in the light of the challenges of current environment. There was no need to suggest changes but there was a need to embrace new opportunities supported by the extensive experience and reputation still held within the organisation while we still had it.

There is no doubt that the Nepean Blue Mountains PHN and in fact all PHNs, are moving towards an Agency of the Federal Department of Health. They can no longer run service type programs but must outsource them. They will become the Administrative funders. Your Board believes that we should be moving into this space to ensure that the interface between General Practice and the community is maintained for the best outcomes of all. We are projecting an image of a professional Association not only to our members but also the wider community. We are an independent voice able to raise issues and deal with them as they arise.

We are still financially viable and in the position to remain so for several years. Cost savings are being realised with consolidating bank accounts and term deposits. We now have a Bpay facility set up. The auditor did not make any recommendations and all accounts records were well maintained.

No records or material are any longer held by the Wentworth Healthcare, having relocated material from a large compactus and filing cabinets. Systems are being transitioned to cloud base allowing remote access by our able support staff.

The Consumer Reference Group has provided valuable insights from a community perspective to the Board including participating at the Strategic Planning days. Its members truly represents the demographic population of the Penrith LGA. In equipping itself for the role as a consumer it has educated itself on Charter of Health Rights and Standard 2 of the National Quality Health Standards, as well attendance at the Consumers NSW and Mental Health Conferences.

In an attempt to explore other means to bring in revenue we entered into an agreement with Tonic Health. Whilst this was not as productive as anticipated, valuable lessons

were learnt and there was significant exposure to local Practices that the Network was an active organisation. The evening event with Dr Norman Swan was valuable where we were a co-sponsor. Negotiations have commenced with HCF to co-sponsor community health awareness forums

Two new members were received into the Association.



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ADVOCATE

The Network raised concerns for the membership on the impact of the Medicare Rebate freeze, with politicians and the local media. A significant article was run in the Penrith Gazette. It has been found that the interface with the Consumer Reference Group has presented avenues for greater understanding by the community of issues facing General Practice.

Collectively the CRG membership is in contact with over 1000 community members. This allows a two way feedback of mutual understanding of issues.

The Company Secretary has been able to assist members in a number of requests as well the as the community through the website contact request page.

The involvement of three members on the **GP Advisory Committee** and the **GP Clinical Council** sponsored by the NBM PHC has enabled the voice of GP to not only be heard, but to help shape health policy.

Aspects for greater promotion and engagement with placement of Registrars are also being pursued.

EDUCATE

We have maintained regular Friday CPD events and one evening event. This has the benefit of allowing GPs to select subject matter that is of interest to GPs. The format also allows greater time for questions and exploring current issues. It also provides an opportunity for GPs to network with their colleagues. We also have an input into the PHN CPD events.

COMMUNICATE

The launch of the new Website provided a new look that enabled easy navigation and relevant information to GPs and the community as well as a greater relationship with

Specialists. There have been many positive comments on the website and this is also reflected in the number of hits. Regular quarterly newsheets are being worked upon and joint PHN/NGPN co badged bulletins and advertising have been pursued.

A new membership Brochure was designed and distributed with Membership renewals. It explores the question of "Why should I be a member"

Relationships are also being fostered with local press and media.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

It was a great sense of loss that we record the passing of 3 members during the year.

Dr Muthappa (Srini) Srinivassa, Past Chair

Dr Elizabeth Torrance, Member and

Dr John Bounds Past Chair

I would like to thank you, the members of the Nepean GP Network, who without your support we would not be able to continue to be viable, to provide a strong voice and continue to advocate for General Practice.

Congratulations to the Board for their hard work and dedication during the year. I want to acknowledge our Company Secretary, Michael Edwards, whose dedication and hard work has elevated our Network as a professional enterprise admired by peers and community.

I would also like to thank Tina, Dawn, Saskia, Nattalie and Adam who provide valuable administrative duties and support for the Network. I also acknowledge and thank Lizz Reay the CEO of the PHN and her staff for the continued support during the year.

Directors Report

Your Directors' submit the financial accounts as attached in the Audited Financial Report of the Organisation for the year ended 30 June 2016.

Principle Activities

The principal activity of the entity during the year was educate, promote and advocate for the professional interests of Medical Practitioners in General Practice and to promote the control or prevention of disease in human beings to the community, General Practice other professions and profession bodies. .

Trading Results

The net result of the entity for the year ended 30 June 2015 was a deficit of \$68,806 (2015 \$48,064 deficit).

No income tax was payable by the entity.

Events Subsequent to Balance Date

The Board has taken out Directors Liability insurance cover on the ongoing function of the NDGP. The Board believes it will remain solvent in its limited range of operations of the entity, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the entity in subsequent financial years.

Changes in the State of Affairs

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the entity during the year

Review of Operations

The ability of the entity to continue operating as a going concern is dependent upon interest from equity, Member's dues, cost of services and drawing upon Reserves.

Likely Developments

The entity will remain the representative body of the Penrith LGA General Practitioners., and explore other income streams

Directors' Benefits

No committee member has, during the financial year, received or become entitled to receive a benefit (other than a benefit included in the aggregate amounts of emoluments received or due and receivable by the committee members as disclosed in the financial report) by reason of a contract made by the entity with the committee member or with a firm of which they are members, or with a company or entity in which they have a substantial financial interest.

Members determine the aggregated remuneration payable to Directors and the Board determines its allocation by way of payments between Directors.

2016 Directors

Declaration by Members of the Committee

In the opinion of the members of the committee:

a) the financial statements and notes of the entity:

Director	Office	Board Service (yrs)
Dr Hany Gayed	Chair	10
Dr Steven Wong	Vice Chair	16
Dr Mark Dowsett	Treasurer	13
Dr Viviane Leventhal	Secretary	4
Dr Anju Aggarwal	Member	2
Dr Shiva Prakash	Member	15
Mr Michael Edwards	Company Secretary	15

- i) give a true and fair view of the entity's financial position at 30 June 2016 and of its performance for the year ended on that date;
- ii) comply with Accounting Standards in Australia; and
- b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the entity will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.



Mark Dowsett

25 October 2016

Chair

Treasurer

General Purpose Financial Report year ended 30 June 2016

The independent audit report was conducted and compiled by Berger Piepers, Chartered Accountants.

"I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit of The Nepean Division of General Practice Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2016 there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; or
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.." (signed Berger piepers dated 25th October 2016)

The full financial report is available on request to the Nepean Division of General Practice. The Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Statements are provided below.

BALANCE SHEET	2015 -16	2014 -15
Current Assets	\$1,164,356	\$1,232,007
Non-Current Assets	\$ 2,457	\$ 3,109
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,166,813	\$1,235,116
Current Liabilities	\$854	\$351
Non-Current Liabilities	\$ 0	\$ 0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 854	\$ 351
EQUITY	\$1,165,959	\$1,234,765

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

INCOME	2015 -16	2014-15
Other Funding		
Interest	\$18,948	\$ 40,679
Membership Fees	\$ 3,690	\$ 4,182
Other	\$ 957	\$ 1,297
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 23,595	\$ 46,158
EXPENSES		
Accounting & Audit	\$6,550	\$10,198
Depreciation	\$ 652	\$ 652
Directors	\$20,747	\$28,084
Insurance	\$4,199	\$3,302
Other (Including CPD events)	\$ 22,507	\$ 10,230
Property Expenses	\$0	\$5,303
Providers & Contractors	\$ 7,511	\$ 1,097
Staff	\$ 25,985	\$ 29,956
Superannuation	\$ 4,250	\$ 5,400
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$92,401	\$94,222
Operating Surplus/(deficit)	(\$ 68,806)	(\$ 48,064)

Our Vision:

“ To be the lead organisation in the Nepean area that promotes and supports General Practice in providing optimum primary health care to the community“

Our Mission:

“ Excellence in GP's as Primary Health care providers “

ADVOCATE EDUCATE COMMUNICATE

ADVOCATE: That we will-

- √ Raise issues and make regular contact with Local, State and Federal Members
- √ Maintain and build NDGP Consumer Reference Group
- √ Appoint GP Representatives to NMB ML Advisory groups
- √ Have input to NMB PHC Governance strategy

EDUCATE: That -

- √ We source supporting data for press & Radio releases for Health Calendar
- √ Have a visible involvement at NBM ML CPD events
- √ Sponsor and run Friday CPD events
- √ Explore community educational and health awareness events

COMMUNICATE: That we will -

- √ Maintain and renew NGPN Webpage
- √ Explore social Media possibilities
- √ Have joint NMB ML Fax-outs & promos



2016 Strategic Planning Day



NGPN-Tonic co-sponsored "an Evening with Dr. Norman Swan"

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