

Nepean GP Network

ANNUAL REPORT: 2017 - 2018

Chairman's Report

Dr. Hany Gayed

It is interesting to note and reflect that The Nepean Division of General Practice is now in its 24th year. Not only have we come a long way in providing a service to our members, and improving the Health of the Community, we have also needed to change the way we have been doing business.

We are one of very few Divisions that are currently operating and viable in the Nation. Of course this is all due to our supportive members and the hard work of our CEO, directors and staff.

In the past we have been governed by the Contracts that funded the association. Whilst our bank balance still looks healthy, we are slowly eating away at our capital and living off the variables in interest rates. Our only real income is from Membership fees.

The Board remains focussed on the three main pillars that undergird our operations. That of **Advocacy, Education and Communication.**

Advocacy: We remain in contact with our local parliament members and have provided input to ensure their understanding of the needs of General Practice. As a founding Member of the Wentworth Healthcare we have representation on the Board, and PHN Clinical Councils and various focus groups. We liaise with the Local Health District raising concerns and looking at ways to enable our needs to be heard. We also congratulate our Vice Chair Dr Anju Aggarwal on being elected to the RACGP Faculty Board.

Education: The first Friday of the month CPD meetings has remained a priority to contribute to the local networking of our members and conduct education that meets the needs of you our members. We have explored partnering with other organisations to offer a range of other CPD events always maintaining our high standards.

Communication. Perhaps the most difficult area to address. We recognise that you do not want to be swamped with yet another document or information overload. It demands time resources that we do not readily have. Our focus has been our webpage www.nepeangpnet.org.au During the year we average 2,600 monthly page views, 1300 unique visits and 1,430 First time visits. It is a popular site. Next year we intend listing our members with links to their practices and contact information if our member so wish.

Consumer Reference Group. Bringing the voice and understanding of the Consumer perspective to the Board table and having input into our strategic

Planning is seen as very important. The Members of the CRG have input into a range of other networks and groups within our community and reflect the voice of the consumers in a variety of ways. It is indeed a proactive group that also supports the role and function of GPs.

The Future. It has been 6 years since the Government of the day decided not to fund Divisions and moved to establish Medicare Locals (Now PHN). It certainly isn't in our best interests as the Nepean GP Network to duplicate, or even to be in competition with other organisations such as the PHN. They are better resourced than what we are. Instead we work with them and in exploring ways to add value to General Practice, to identify the gaps and needs that will build up General Practice services. During the year we have taken the step to employ Heather Engels, a Practice Manager for one day a week.

Heather has two main roles. To be the CPD officer and to build up the membership base. She will be listening to your needs and finding ways to deliver solutions.

We have changed our Insurance provider to Gallagher's. Apart from saving money of our policies we now have access to a range of products suitable to our members. These will be promoted as they become available.

Concluding Remarks

As we move into next year we look forward to ways and means of supporting all our members in making our community a much healthier place.

So, I would like to thank you, the members of the Nepean GP Network, who without your support, we would not be able to remain viable, to provide a strong voice and continue to advocate for General Practice. I sincerely acknowledge the Board for their hard work and dedication during the year. I would like to recognize our Company Secretary, Michael Edwards, whose dedication continues to elevate our Network as a professional enterprise, admired by our peers and the community.

I thank Tina, Dawn, Jessica, Karen, and Heather who provide valuable administrative duties and support for the Network. Our Consumers, Joe Rzepecki, Catherine Daniels, Yung Yung Mitchell and Alan O'Connell for their valued contribution. I also acknowledge and thank Lizz Reay the CEO of the PHN and her staff for the continued support during the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy holiday as we enjoy the festive season.





2018 NGPN Board



Directors Report

Your Directors' submit the financial accounts as attached in the Audited Financial Report of the Organisation for the year ended 30 June 2018.

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 2018 was a deficit of \$48,678 (2017, \$51,848 Deficit & 2016, \$68,806 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 apart from employing an additional staff member one day per week.

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 such as increased sponsorship

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.

2018 Directors

Director	Office	Board Service (yrs)
Dr Hany Gayed	Chair	12
Dr Anju Aggarwal	Vice Chair	4
Dr Mark Dowsett	Treasurer	15
Dr Viviane Leventhal	Secretary	7
Dr Shiva Prakash	Member	17
Mr Michael Edwards	Company Secretary	17

Declaration by Members of the Committee

In the opinion of the members of the committee:

- a) the financial statements and notes of the entity:
 - i) give a true and fair view of the entity's financial position at 30 June 2017 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.

Dr Hany Gayed
Chair

Dr Mark Dowsett
Treasurer

30th October 2018

General Purpose Financial Report year ended 30 June 2018

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 2018 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 30th October 2018)

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	2016 -17	2017 -18
Current Assets	\$1,111,782	\$1,064,989
Non-Current Assets	\$2,329	\$985
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,114,111	\$1,065,974
Current Liabilities	\$0	\$541
Non-Current Liabilities	\$0	\$0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$0	\$541
EQUITY	\$1,114,111	\$1,065,433

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

INCOME	2016 -17	2017-18
Other Funding		
Interest	\$28,936	\$27,767
Membership Fees	\$2,863	\$1,091
Other	\$818	\$250
TOTAL INCOME	\$32,617	\$29,108
EXPENSES		
Accounting & Audit	\$6,250	\$6,120
Depreciation	\$1,344	\$1,344
Directors	\$24,718	\$22,014
Insurance	\$3,533	\$3,668
Other (Including CPD events)	\$10,113	\$9,849
Property Expenses	\$0	\$0
Providers & Contractors	\$1,524	\$0
Staff	\$31,895	\$30,259
Superannuation	\$5,087	\$4,532
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$84,465	\$77,786
Operating Surplus/(deficit)	(\$51,848)	(\$48,678)

Our Vision:

" To be the lead GP 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

OUR 2017-19 OBJECTIVES

1. Increase paid membership to 100+ within 12 months
2. Provide our membership with pertinent Information, Education & Advocacy and required services
3. Provide networking opportunities between GPs and Registrars, Specialists, Allied Health and other health providers
4. Increase brand awareness among GPs and the community



TL: Julie Smelt receiving her 10 Yr Service in the GP After Hours Clinic award From Chair Dt Hany Gayed

TR: Fulfilling an ambition to present a "big Cheque", Dr Hany Gayed making a Donation to **Lou Pollard AKA Dr. Quack** , from Clown Doctors

Left: GP Members Drs Ramsay, Kidd and Aggarwal receiving "treatment" from Dr Quack at the December 2017 CPD event



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