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Welcome to the fourth instalment of the
ASA e-news for 2009!

I look forward to meeting you in less than a month in Darwin. The venue is ideal for our scientific and business meetings and I expect most of us will take the opportunity to explore the beautiful Top End while we are there. This meeting is our 68th and we will use the opportunity to also celebrate our 75th anniversary of the founding of the Society. We are experiencing strong trade sales and good registrations. But it is not too late to register! For information on the NSC (5-8 September 2009 at the Darwin Convention Centre) or to register, please visit the [website](#).

In June I attended the Common Issues Group meeting in Vancouver, along with Past President, Dr Jim Bradley and the Executive Director, Mr Peter Lawrence. This meeting proved again the value of our close links with our American, Canadian and British colleagues. Our discussions covered the future of anaesthesia both in terms of government legislation, litigation and technological developments. To read my full report, please [click here](#).

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ASA's Financial Report

We have recently completed the annual audit and published our Annual Financial Report for the period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009. The Society made a deficit of \$21,825 (compared with a deficit of \$45,821 in 2008) which included CME jointly held events making a net surplus of \$127,802 (2008: net surplus \$16,096) and an unrealised investment loss of \$479,551 (2008: \$924,170). The ASA is in a sound financial position to continue to be able to achieve its objectives. This is a most pleasing result for what has been a financially turbulent year for everyone. The Treasurer will address the Report at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and you can read it [here](#) in advance.

National Registration and Accreditation Scheme Bill B Update

The National Registration and Accreditation Scheme is currently undergoing a second-round review of the more detailed 'Bill B'. There have been some significant concessions made in this Bill, and while not perfect, the process reflects the value of lobbying in which the Society has been engaged this year. Please [click here](#) to view the ASA's most recent Submission to the Senate Enquiry.

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held at the NSC on Monday 7 September at 1030 hr. Details are [here](#) and in your NSC program. I invite all members to attend the AGM to support a number of key items on the agenda.

Importantly we have five members nominated for the Society's highest honours that require AGM approval. Also, and after much deliberation, Council proposes to amend the ASA's Constitution to reduce the size of the quorum for an AGM from 5% to 50 members. These motions, together with the election of officers bearers, needs your support by your attending the AGM.

Rural Summit

The ASA is planning on hosting a Rural Summit on 26 September at the ASA headquarters. Maximum capacity is 30 and a light lunch will be provided. If you would like to attend or contribute please click [here](#).

Australasian Symposium on Ultrasound and Regional Anaesthesia

The Australasian Symposium on Ultrasound and Regional Anaesthesia (ASURA) 2009 will be held between 20-23 November 2009 in Brisbane. Registrations are now open and forms are available online [here](#). Workshops are now fully subscribed but places are still available for the scientific programme.

Complimentary Lectures

Complimentary lectures for ASA members have been organised by NSC keynote speakers namely Professor Orlando Hung (in Sydney), Professor John Sear (in Melbourne) and Professor Mark Warner (in Brisbane). Email Cassandra Hargreaves chargreaves@fed.asa.org.au for further information should you wish to attend.

General Practitioner Anaesthetists Locum Service

The ASA is preparing to launch a new locum scheme for rural and remote GP anaesthetists. We are still to receive Government approval (and funding) but I suggest if you are interested to visit our [website and register](#) your name. Specialist and GP anaesthetists will be welcome to provide the locum services.

ASA news

A reminder that the next *ASA news* will be distributed in October. If you have an article, photos or information that you would like included please email it to the Editor, Dr Jeanette Thirlwell jthirlwell@fed.asa.org.au. Associate Professor Kate Leslie has written a response to Dr Jim Bradley's article relating to gastroenterological procedures and sedation in the July *ASA news*. Jim's article is available [here](#). Look out for this exchange of views in your October *ASA news*.

Office-based Anaesthesia

Dr Deacon's recent article on office-based anaesthesia is reproduced [here](#). If you have comments or questions on the subject please view the article and click the link at the end of the article for assistance.

Ascott Hotel Deals

For the latest accommodation specials at the Somerset Hotel Darling Harbour, see the members ASA benefits [page](#) and also see their 25th anniversary specials [here](#). Please remember to quote 'ASA' when making your bookings and contact aterry@fed.asa.org.au if you have any questions.

Do you like Wine?

Please click [here](#) to access the latest offers from the ASA Wine Society, brought to you by AusCellar Door.

Thank you and see you in Darwin!