

ASAE-news

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

Andrew Mulcahy, Ian Woodforth, Kate Leslie and I attended the AMA Federal Conference last weekend as the Anaesthesia Craft Group representatives. We were well represented in the State, Salaried Doctors and GP delegations also. Minister Roxon opened the conference where she restated her commitment to ongoing reform, particularly in relation to workforce. ANZCA President Leona Wilson presented at the policy discussion entitled "Medical Colleges – Will they Survive?". This is a very relevant question in the light of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme and the commencement of the provision of some speciality training being provided by universities.

The conference elected a new President, Dr Andrew Pesce, a Sydney obstetrician and gynaecologist who ran on a platform of constructive engagement with government.

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The National Registration and Accreditation Scheme

The National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS) is a government initiative that will drastically change all aspects of healthcare in Australia and it will affect you, and all future generations of Australian medical practitioners and patients.

How much do you know about the NRAS? Fill out this five question [survey](#) and go into the draw to win a twin pack of wine valued at \$100. This generous prize is provided by Auscellardoor, the sponsor of the ASA Wine Society.

Awards

The ASA would like to extend congratulations to Associate Professor Stephen Gatt who has been awarded the Fellowship by election of the Royal College of Anaesthetists' (London) Council in recognition of his outstanding services to the speciality and Dr Graham Sharpe, Immediate Past President of the NZSA, on his receipt of the New Zealand Order of Merit.

Medicare and you!

TressCox Lawyers are offering a free seminar for members interested in learning more about Medicare and inappropriate practice and the professional services review scheme. If you are interested in attending, please [click here](#) or contact [Emma Gordon](#) at TressCox Lawyers directly.

Upcoming events

IAAS

The IAAS 8th International Congress, from 3 to 6 July 2009 in Brisbane, on Ambulatory Surgery Congress is quickly approaching. The theme is the 'Destiny of Day Surgery'. Don't miss out on the opportunity to participate in the first IAAS Congress in the southern hemisphere, [click here](#) for more information and registration.

AQUA

The Annual Queenstown Update in Anaesthesia is taking place in August. Please visit their [website](#) for more information on this event, including a keynote address from Professor Paul Myles.

NSC

The 68th ASA NSC will be held between 5 to 8 September 2009 at the Darwin Convention Centre. The trade exhibition has been fully sold and promises to be its' usual high standard.

Registrations are now open [online](#) and the registration brochure has been mailed to all ASA and ANZCA members. Nearly 200 delegates have already registered online and accommodation is filling up. Hurry to secure your place!

ASURA

The ASURA 2009 will be held from 20 to 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. Please also note that the call for abstracts closing date for submissions is 30 June 2009 and guidelines are available for download from the meeting website.

Anaesthesia & you

The ASA is proud to announce the completion of the new Anaesthesia & you brochure. A free copy of the Anaesthesia & you brochure will be included in the July edition of the *ASA news*. Keep an eye out for your copy!

Iamonline: new module!

A new iamonline module on the topic of blood transfusion and anaesthesia has been released to all ASA members. The module has been written by Simon Pitt with assistance from Catherine Downs and Simon Liew. This module can be viewed on the ASA website by clicking on the following link: [iamonline module](#).

If you have any suggestions or comments relating to this module please email [Dr Martin Culwick](#).

ASA Awards and Grants 2009

Please remember the deadline for applications is 30 June 2009. Application forms are available from the ASA website!

Travelling to Sydney before 31 August?

As part of the ASA member benefits, the Somerset Hotel in Sydney is offering, among other room types, standard rooms for \$150 per night. Please [click here](#) to get a closer look.

Do you like wine?

As part of the ongoing expansion of member benefits offered by the ASA, we are proud to launch the ASA Wine Society Newsletter. The ASA Wine Society e-newsletter is brought to you by Auscellardoor; a leading, premium on-line wine retailer. Auscellardoor will be offering members special wine offers on a regular basis along with the opportunity to attend member wine events. To check out the latest deals and read the first edition of the newsletter, please [click here](#) for more information: [ASA Wine Society Newsletter](#).