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REGIONAL INFORMATION MEETINGS 2019

BANKSTOWN AREA

Dates:Wednesday 3rd July, 6th August, 4th September,
2nd October, 6th November, 4th December.Time:10:00-12:00 - morning tea

Address: Revesby Workers Club

2B Brett St, Revesby NSW 2212, Ph 02 9772 2100

- Access: Close to public transport and lots of free parking
- About: A stoma support group hosted by Bankstown Hospital STNs for you and your family everyone welcome.
- **RSVP:** Please RSVP for catering purposes to your Bankstown Hospital STN or Clare Jacobs on 0400 921 901 or aucldo@coloplast.com for further information.

CENTRAL COAST AREA – NEWLY PUBLISHED

- Dates: Wednesday 15 May Wyong Community Health, 38A Pacific Hwy Wyong Wednesday 21 August - Kincumber Community Health, 20 Kincumber ST Kincumber Wednesday 20 November - Long Jetty Community Health Centre, 64 Wyong Rd Killarney Vale
- Time: Starts are 1.30 pm for each meeting
- About: Please contact Deb Day STN for any further information on (02) 4320 3323

ST GEORGE AREA

- Dates: 3rd Tuesday of every month Tuesday 16 July, Tuesday 20 August, Tuesday 17 September, Tuesday 15 October, Tuesday 19 November.
- Time: 10:00-12:00 morning tea
- Address: Club Kirrawee, 101 Oak Rd, Kirrawee NSW 2232 Ph: 02 9521 3344
- Access: Close to public transport and free parking
- About: Everyone welcome please RSVP for catering purposes to your STN or Clare Jacobs on 0400 921 901.

SHOALHAVEN SUPPORT GROUP

Dates:	Wednesday 8 May (Nowra), Wednesday 26 June (Ulladulla), Wednesday 7 August (Nowra), Wednesday 6 November (Nowra)
Time:	2pm
Address:	Nowra Community Health Centre, 5 - 7 Lawrence avenue Nowra. Dunn Lewis Centre, 141 St Vincent St Ulladulla
About:	The STN is Brenda Christiansen. Ph. 02 44246300 e. brenda.christiansen@health.nsw.gov.au

SOUTH WEST SYDNEY STOMA SUPPORT GROUP

Dates: Thursday 20 June, Thursday 22 August Thursday 17 October, Thursday 12 December

Time: 1pm to 3pm

- Address: Camden Hospital, Heritage Auditorium, 61 Menangle Road Camden.
- **Contact:** Erin or Lu on (02) 8738 4308

NEPEAN EDUCATION STOMA SUPPORT GROUP

- Dates: Friday 10 May, Friday 26 July, Friday 27 September Friday 29 November
- Time: 2-3:30pm afternoon tea
- Address: 63 Derby St, Penrith (University of Sydney Medical School)
- Access: The building is opposite Nepean Hospital's Emergency Department. Enter via the side path to the Clinical School's Outpatient waiting room. Please wait until 2:00 pm when you will be directed to the meeting room.
- **Parking:** Either on the street or in the multi-storey car park on Somerset Street, Kingswood (free for pensioners for the first 3 hours)
- About: Family and friends are most welcome. Any enquiries please contact Naomi Houston on 4734 1245

GOULBURN COMMUNITY STOMA SERVICE

- Dates: First Wednesday of each month
- Time: 9am to 3pm
- Address: Goulburn Base Hospital. 130 Goldsmith street, Goulburn, NSW 2580. Enter via the emergency dept and ask at reception for the stoma clinic.
- About: The STN is Kelly Taylor RN STN m. 0402 250 475 e. kelly@communitystomaservive.com Kelly will provide individual consultations by appointment.

LIVERPOOL AREA SUPPORT GROUP

- Dates: Thursday 30 May, Thursday 18 July Thursday 26 September, Thursday 28 November
- Time: 1pm to 3pm
- Address: Cabra Vale Diggers Club, 1 Bartley St Canley Vale 2166
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- Contact: Lu Wang or Erin Wagner StNs Liverpool Hospital—(02) 87384308 OR Bernadette Burrell: 0412 222 566 / aubb@coloplast.com

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- Time: 10am to 12pm
- Address: Hellenic Club Woden Matilda St Phillip, ACT 2606 (02)6281 0899
- **About:** The Stoma Therapy Nurses from ACT and surrounding areas together would like to invite you to attend a stoma support group for ostomates and their families to meet and have a cuppa and some morning tea.
- **Contact:** Your Stomal Therapy Nurse or Clare Jacobs on 0400 921 901 or aucldo@coloplast.com for further Information. Everyone is welcome ... Please RSVP for catering purposes.

CONCORD BOWEL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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- **Contact:** Sonia (Colorectal care nurse) 02 9767 5943.

MEMBER - Helen's Story

I began living my life as an ostomate when I was 58 in March 2003. The most important word in that sentence is "living " as months before my operation I had been unable to enjoy my life because of constant diarrhoea.

In 1988 I was diagnosed with ulcerative colitis which was kept under control for many years with various drugs which unfortunately can affect other parts of your body. When my surgeon removed my large bowel as well as a few other bits that I would no longer need (anus, rectum, sphincter and appendix) my disease went as well. I am more fortunate than those suffering with Crohn's disease.

My first two years were very stressful. The first time I ventured to a shopping centre I had a "leak" so that made me very nervous about leaving home. I was also very self-conscious about my appearance and thought I would never have the confidence to wear anything but daggy track pants forever!! My other concern was, did I smell? But my daughters assured me that I didn't.

The other issue that I found difficult to come to terms with was my "naked body image".

My husband was great. He had no issues with intimacy but I had trouble ignoring my "bag of poo" on my stomach. Thankfully, with his support we were able to feel at ease with each other again. He didn't even complain about the few occasions when I had a "leak" during the night and most of it was on him!!! Last year we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary.

When I had my operation the only person I knew who had a "bag" was my friend's 90 year old father. From the beginning I have been happy to share my experience with family, friends and work colleagues hoping that they can see me leading a "normal" life.

Although I still wear track pants when I'm cold or relaxing and not to hide my "bulge" I am also very confident wearing fitted clothes as well (even skinny jeans!!) My one regret is that now instead of "sexy" undies I'm more confident in the "Bridget Jones" style!

Sadly my eldest daughter inherited my bowel disease and had a colectomy 12 years ago at 38. She endured three operations, which included the formation of a temporary stoma which was reversed and she now has a J-Pouch. At least I had first-hand experience of managing a stoma and was able to support her.

Even though she and the rest of my family have heard me say the "s..t" word often when my stoma takes on a life of its own and squirts all around the bathroom she can see me as a much healthier mum than before I became a "bag lady". I hope I am a positive role model for her if she ever needs more surgery.

Ten years ago I had a severe blockage caused by a hernia that I didn't even know I had. That experience is one that I would never like to repeat. I needed another operation to create a new stoma and then had to go through the process of ensuring my new ileostomy was working.

Although I've had an ileostomy for 16 years and am grateful for the positive impact it has on my Health, there are some negatives too. I miss soaking in a warm bath and would love to just be able to strip off and jump in the shower without getting all the "stuff" ready for the bag change!

I wish I didn't have to focus on hoping to find clean public toilets that actually have a door and a toilet seat let alone soap!! I must say though travelling in New Zealand I was pleasantly surprised.

Regardless of my diet I never know how or when or how often my stoma will "perform" and I'd love to be able sleep through the night without having to get up and empty!!!

BUT, there's always a but, isn't there? This is a GOOD but though. I feel blessed that I live in Australia where there are clever surgeons, supportive Stomal Nurses and a great Medicare system that provides my bags for free. I am able to lead a healthy, active life with my husband, children and grandchildren.

Being an ostomate and belonging to Ostomy NSW where I have been a volunteer for 7 years has given me the opportunity to meet a great group of caring people, staff and other volunteers. It is a very happy and supportive environment to work in and all volunteers are made to feel really valued and appreciated.

Helen Linnegar

Consent to receive raffle tickets

Each year ONL holds a raffle, drawn at the AGM, to raise money for the operation of the organisation. It is a requirement of NSW laws that we keep records to show that we seek your consent before we post you some raffle tickets for purchase.

We would be grateful if you provide your consent by emailing "I consent to receive raffle tickets from ONL" along with your name and member number, advising us over the phone of your consent, or sending us a written note of consent.

This year we have doubled our prizes.

- First prize: \$2,500
- Second prize: \$1,000
- Third prize: \$500

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CENTRAL COAST EDUCATION DAY Held 22nd March 2019 at Gosford Golf Club

Our first education day for 2019 was held in Gosford to support our members on the Central Coast. Our venue was the Gosford Golf Club with beautiful views down the fairway from our meeting room. We had a very good attendance with over 80 members, guests, suppliers and presenters at the meeting.

The organisers of our education days have been receiving great feedback that has enabled us to continue to refine the presentations. Once again, we had a member present her journey from to life with a stoma. Our stomal therapists talked about gastro-intestinal issues, hernias and our Q&A session included the local Central Coast STNs.

Our ONL member, Paula, discussed how she went from a healthy and happy life in 2003 to being diagnosed with rectal cancer in June of that year. She described the questions she began to ask: what can I wear, why has this happened to me; and how will my life have to adjust? The assistance of her stomal therapist left her feeling inspired and determined to get on with life. Over the ensuing seven years, Paula underwent several hospital admissions and surgeries to correct hernias and since 2011 has adjusted to her lifestyle. Sixteen years after her first surgery she is



Erika, Paula, Heather and a member.

semi-retired and has been volunteering with a not-for-profit group, 'Kids in Kenya', supporting children's education in Usonga, Kenya, and the 'Inner West Women's Shed', assisting women needing shelter and support after domestic violence. Paula's story is inspiring and her presentation made light of the issues and struggles she faced and has overcome.

A presentation and discussion relating to hernias, which followed Paula's story, covered a common issue postostomy surgery. This session is always well-received and supported by our suppliers who have many products



available to assist members. One of the key messages is hernias may be common but they do not have to be accepted without support. As much as possible, utilising support garments post-surgery and prior to activity that may exert the stomach muscles is important. Stomal Therapists see a range of hernias and are a very important source of information and solutions. One of the great adages is prevention is better than cure. Before engaging in activity that may cause stress, consult your professional STN for advice.

attendance.

Our next Education Day will be held on 21st June 2019 in Coffs Harbour region, at the Sawtell RSL Club. We encourage all members to attend and hear presentations from the associations, professionals, suppliers and fellow members. These days provide another support for members in an environment of sharing stories, ideas and supporting each other. Suppliers will be on hand to discuss their appliances and offer their assistance to you. The day commences at 10am and concludes around 3pm.



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ONL MEMBER SURVEY

In March we started distributing a member survey with orders, asking for your feedback on ONL supports and services.

The survey is an initiative of our Board of Directors, who seek assurance that the organisation is meeting the needs of its members by providing reliable and timely supply of products and good information and support to members. They want you to give your honest opinions, especially if something falls short of your expectations. We value this as a way we can continue to improve our services.

While surveys are still coming in, early results show that...

- 90% have rated our service 9, 10 or Very satisfied.
- Preferred Methods of communication vary, indicating multiple methods are the best to ensure we reach as many members as possible. Most preferred is email with 32%, then multiple at 17%.
- For the services we supply, the ONL Stoma Nurse is rated as very important for just over 50% of members; ability to order online, the two magazines and ability to renew membership online



are also rated very important by around 50%.

The written feedback we have received will take us some time to read through and understand any common themes that emerge. Your comments have been very helpful and the value you place on our team and our service is very humbling – thank you for the many kind and constructive comments we have received.

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UNITED OSTOMY ASSOCIATION REGIONAL VISIT DAY

Gosford 21st March 2019

The United Ostomy Associations (UOA) held a patient support and education forum at the Golf club in Gosford on 21st March 2019. The day was well attended with about 80 members, guests and suppliers.

As usual, we asked participants to complete an evaluation sheet to help us ensure that future education forums meet members' needs. I would like to share some of the results and comments.

Fifty (50) evaluation forms were handed out to participants with 31 returned.

Of those who responded to the question on type of stoma there were 12 with a colostomy, 5 with an ileostomy and 4 with a urostomy.

Just over half of survey participants who responded on age were aged between 45 and 70, and just under half were over 70 years of age.

All those who responded to the evaluation found the day to be either 'helpful' or 'very helpful' with items such as 'offering clinical information' and 'overall rating of the day - very helpful'.

More than 60% of respondents thought the length of the day gave them enough time to get what they wanted from the day.

Asked to indicate the main the

reason/s for attending, the most popular was Attending education sessions (24 nominations) followed by Meeting with company representatives (20), while Meeting others with a stoma was on a par with Meeting the STN (18).

Within the general comments section one person said they would like to know more about colostomies which we will take on board at the next meeting and give a talk on colostomies, ileostomies and urostomy with hints and tips to assist with optimal management.

One person suggested we talk about Hernia support, which we did at the Gosford meeting and we are aware that it is a concerning problem among ostomates and we will present this topic again and again keeping up to date on what the latest research is on management and prevention.

Some expressed their interest in knowing the workings of both associations and one person found the session too long again we will endeavour to correct this and hopefully achieve a good balance.

I would like to sincerely thank all of the people who completed the evaluation form, it is only from these evaluations that we can improve on each UOA education days.

I would also like to thank our repre-



sentatives from both associations Stephen Lardner - Manager from ONL; Dr Alan Nash - Board Member from NSW Stoma Ltd ; our company representatives and our Stomal Therapists Deb Day and Mary Gibbins. Finally, one of our ostomates, Paula, who presented on the day from the patients perspective, which was a very well received talk, thank you so much Paula.

The next UOA patient support and education forum will be held in 2019, a regional centre yet to be decided, so please watch this space. We will mail out the information to members who live in the area and beyond who may benefit from attending.

If you have never attended before it is worth coming as you will learn something, you can network with people in similar circumstances to yourself, you will be shown the most up to date products available and you will have fun.

Anne Marie Lyons

Stomal Therapist Concord Hospital & NSW Stoma Ltd

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If you are a Game of Thrones tragic (like some of us here in the ONL Office) you will know that the above headline is the House Stark motto. Winter is indeed coming, in the new and final series of Game of Thrones, as well as here in NSW.

Luckily, winter brings some benefits to ostomates – at least this ileostomate thinks so!

First, there's winter clothing – lots of layers of thick, long, loose clothing that is great for dressing discretely as an ostomate.

And beach season is over except for the hardiest swimmers. No more feeling self-conscious in swim wear and planning extra bag changes around swimming activities.

Then there's winter comfort food of porridge and soup! These food items are a boon for ostomates as they can deliver lots of healthy fibre and other goodies in very soft and small pieces. Think pureed vegie soups and quick oat porridge. Yes, you still eat a fair bit of fibre that will produce more bowel output, but the puree may be less likely to cause bowel blockages. (All ostomates need to make their own assessment of this – or talk to your STN if blockages are an issue for you.)

Also, porridge and soup both contain a high amount of water which is released gradually into your blood stream as the food is digested. According to Wikipedia, plain oatmeal porridge, cooked by boiling or microwave, is 84% water. It also contains 12% carbohydrates, including 2% dietary fibre, and 2% each of protein and fat. Then once you add in some other things like milk, yoghurt, soft fruit, etc the nutritional content is even better.

There is good evidence from studies that oat porridge can also lower the total and low-densi-



ty lipoprotein (bad) cholesterol levels by 5-10% in people with normal or higher blood cholesterol levels. (See Wikipedia for sources).

As a year-round eater of oat porridge, I can also reveal that it is one of the few foods that comes out the other end smelling not too bad! Win, win, win!

Just about every culture has a healthy, porridge-like dish that is made from a softened, watery grain that might be appealing if you don't like oat porridge. And then there's soups, offering an endless variety of options both nutritious and delicious.

So winter is coming, but it's not all bad.

HEALTH HEALTH

Colorectal cancer is a cancer that starts in the colon or rectum. These cancers can also be named colon cancer or rectal cancer, depending on where they start. Colon cancer and rectal cancer are often grouped together and referred to as bowel cancer because they have many features in common.

Bowel cancer is one of Australia's most common cancers especially for people over 50. Around 80 Australians die each week from bowel cancer but if found early it is one of the most curable types of cancer.

Bowel cancer develops when cells in the bowel lining grow too quickly forming a clump known as a polyp or adenoma. Polyps are usually benign (noncancerous) but most bowel cancers develop from these small growths. They can grow for several years before undergoing changes and becoming cancerous and spreading to other parts of the body.

There are many different risk factors for bowel cancer, the risk is greater for people who are * 50 and over, *have a significant family history of bowel cancer or polyps, *have had an inflammatory bowel disease such as Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis, *have previously had polyps in the bowel.

You are considered to have a significant family history of bowel cancer if a close relative (parent, brother, sister or child) developed bowel cancer under 55years of age or if more than one relative on the same side of your family has had bowel cancer.

Your doctor can work out your risk and a suitable screening programme for you based on your circumstances. More than 75per cent of people who develop bowel cancer do not have a family history of bowel cancer. *Cont Page 20*

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Health Hello From The Clinic

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You can lower your risk of developing bowel cancer by having a healthy diet, exercising regularly, reducing alcohol consumption and quitting smoking.

Bowel cancer can develop with few, if any warning symptoms. Some symptoms of bowel cancer may include *bleeding from the rectum or any sign of blood after a bowel motion, * a recent and persistent change in bowel habit for example looser bowel motions, severe constipation or needing to go to the toilet more than usual,*unexplained tiredness can be a symptom of anaemia from regular blood loss, *abdominal pain.

If you are experiencing any of these symptoms you should see your doctor.

Treatment for bowel cancer will usually require surgery and depending on where the cancer is situated this may involve the need for either a temporary or permanent stoma to be formed. If the cancer is found at an early stage the chance of a full recovery is high and most people will be able to return to their current lifestyle and activities.

Have regular check-ups with you doctor if you have had a previous diagnosis of bowel cancer, if you have a colostomy a colonoscopy, if required, can be performed via the stoma.

Encourage your family and friends to participate in the government screening programme and seek medical advice if experiencing any symptoms.

Good wishes and good health to all, see you at the clinic, phone 95421300 to make an appointment.

Janet Forsyth RN MACN JP CNC Stomaltherapy

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At this stage you can't submit your order directly through the web site but that is an improvement that may come in future.

If you can't manage to attach a file to an email we can accept an email in which you have typed all the details of the order as requested on the order form. This can simply be written in the body of the email, without the need to attach anything (see example on next page).

HANDY HINTS:



PLEASE DON'T:

- Simply forward your last e-mail with "see below"
- Leave off your product codes
- Attach a photo of your order form unless you can attach it as a jpeg file (not an image in the body text of the email which often occurs with iphones and ipads)



PLEASE DO:

- Send us a fresh order every time
- Write clearly if you are hand-writing it
- Include all the details requested on the order form

Example of an effective email order with details in the body of the email. There is no need to attach an order form when the information is this clear.

Ostomy Orders			
From: Sent: To: Subject:	Member's email address Tuesday, 16 April 2019 2:12 PM Ostomy Orders Order for Member name Member number		
Hi,			
I would like to place an or	der for the following items to be sent to:		
Member's name and member number Address of where to be sent Or "Pick Up"			
Dansac Nova 802-45 clos boxes)	ed, clear pre-cut hole 45mm (supplier code DAN 802-45) x 90 units (3		
Welland WAD060 adhesive remover wipes (supplier code WAD060) x 60 units (1 packet)			
Dansac 71000-0010 travel tissues (supplier code DA 71000-0010) x 50 units (5 packets)			
Thank you,			



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Simon, colostomy since 2010

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Sometimes the skin around your stoma needs a little extra help or protection. Dansac offers a variety of accessories designed to help make everyday life comfortable and deliver the confidence and reassurance you deserve.





Dansac TRE seal

Formulated to provide a secure, flexible seal to protect the skin from stoma fluid, while maintaining the pH balance of naturally healthy skin.

Dansac X-tra Strips

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