



**Continenence Nurses Society Australia Inc (CoNSA)**

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Continenence Nurses Society Australia, New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory Branch Inc

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Dear CoNSA Member,

The CoNSA Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Dinner are quickly approaching and they will be held on Wednesday 24 October 2018. All elected positions will be open at the AGM so consider nominating for a position or even joining a sub-committee. The nomination forms, proxy forms and agenda will be sent out shortly. If you are not able to attend the AGM, then please send in a proxy form so you are still able to have a voice at the AGM.

As it is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Independence Australia and Tena sponsoring the CoNSA Dinner, it will be a cocktail party this year. This is a great chance for CoNSA members to mingle and really celebrate continence nursing in Australia. Please ensure you register to attend the event via email: [rsvp@iagroup.org.au](mailto:rsvp@iagroup.org.au). Thank you to Independence Australia and Tena for their generous sponsorship.

Independence Australia and Tena also have sponsored 10 CoNSA members to attend the CoNSA AGM and Dinner, and Continenence Foundation of Australian (CFA) National Conference on Incontinence. The following members were the successful applicants:

Kate McLeod – Vic

Joanne Sawyers – Vic

Nicola Bennett – SA

Melissa Wright – Qld

Claris Gazi – NSW

Donna MacCallum – Vic

Rochelle Chadwick – Vic

Michelle Roberts – Qld

Susan Ford – NSW

Vicki Patton – WA

Again at this year's CFA Conference, a vaginal and rectal examination workshop has been made available to CoNSA members. Vicky Paton, CoNSA Vice President, and Alyson Sweeney, CoNSA Tasmania Rep, have worked hard to put together this workshop involving life models. A few positions are still available for the workshop and I would strongly encourage any CoNSA member who does not feel confident in physical examination to book in. Physical examination is an important part of the Nurse Continenence Specialist role as reflected in our Practice Standards.

I am standing down as CoNSA President at the AGM. I would like to thank all CoNSA members for the generous support and encouragement you have given me over the last five years. I am very proud to have held the CoNSA President role. The CoNSA Management Committee are a

remarkable group of Nurse Continence Specialist who are passionate about their area of expertise and it has been a privilege to work with them. I look forward to seeing the continued growth of CoNSA.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janie Thompson', with a stylized, cursive script.

JANIE THOMPSON  
President, CoNSA National