

Education Committee Report June 2014

Firstly I would like to thank the Education Committee members, Michele, Tineke and Teresa for their tireless efforts and excellent teamwork in organising our continuing education events over the past 12 months.

It has been great working with you all and your hard work is evident in the quality of our education meetings over this last year.

Tineke continued her role in organizing the venues, the menus, the flyers as well as liaising with National Office to ensure prompt payments. This has been a very time consuming task in searching for venues that meet the sponsorship requirements as well as provide good food and at varied locations. Michele's role in contacting sponsors and ensuring contracts were in order has been efficient in securing funding for each meeting. Thank you to Michele also for lugging around equipment needed for meetings. Teresa our newest member took on the role of secretary and kept us on track at each meeting, as well as organising name badges and attendance lists. Most of you may be aware Fiona Sellars left South Australia earlier this year and so we only had four committee members for half of this period. In order to organise the events the group met once or twice prior to each event. Thank you all once again for your commitment and it has also been a lot of fun working with you all.

Over this last 12 months four continuing education meetings have been organised with an average of 40 members attending each of the meetings. We had a fantastic response to the mid-year breakfast meeting with 70 registrants including non-members. In total we have had 4 guest speakers this year and a total of 9 members volunteering to present information on interstate conferences.

We have been fortunate in securing funding for each of the meetings and we are grateful to the pharmaceutical companies for their continuing support and these include: SANOFI, Abbott, AMSL, Lilly, Johnson & Johnson, Novo Nordisk, AstraZeneca, Nipro and Point of Care Diagnostics. We are also grateful to JDRE, Medic Alert and Diabetes SA for their support and presence today in promoting their vital role in diabetes.

I would also like to thank National Office for their support and in particular, Joanne Ramadge for her professional guidance and support. We have noticed a positive change in working with the staff at the National Office and the committee felt well supported in their roles, with prompt responses and more streamlined processes.

Michele, Tineke and I have completed our 2 year term on the education committee and Teresa will be the remaining committee member. We trust that SA members will nominate to join this committee or it will not be able to continue with just one committee member.

Being on the Continuing Education Committee is a great opportunity to be involved in the organisation. This is an important SA Branch sub-committee and without it we would not be here today. Being a member of this committee is rewarding and enjoyable and you can try to make a difference. When I look back over our term I think we have made a difference, we have introduced some changes and have attempted to improve each of our meetings based on feedback and evaluation.

Thank you to the committee and all branch members for your support; it has been a pleasure working with you.

Lily Mountain

Chair Education Committee

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