

The OBJECTIVES of ACSA

The objectives of the Australian Council of Stoma Associations Incorporated (the Council) are to:

- (1) provide a forum for the exchange of information between Member Associations, and for the development of strategies and policies relevant to the achievement of these Objects;
- (2) promote the general welfare of persons (ostomates) who have surgically constructed openings in their bodies to permit disposal of bodily wastes ("a stoma") or any illness that may result in the formation of a stoma, and persons who, having undergone surgical intervention to assist in the disposal of bodily wastes, require medical and/or pharmaceutical products for the effective management of their condition;
- (3) compile and disseminate to Member Associations information which may advance the welfare of ostomates;
- (4) promote and assist with research concerning the management of existing stomas; of all conditions (whether medical, surgical, genetic or any other), which may lead to the formation of a stoma at a later stage; and of related prosthetic equipment;
- (5) collaborate with the Federal or any State or Territory Government in the development, operation and improvement of any scheme as it affects ostomates, including the recommending of pharmaceutical preparations and stoma appliances for provision under any such scheme, provided that the Council shall not engage in the purchase, sale or distribution of such preparations and appliances;
- (6) comply with the regulations, directions and requirements of relevant Government Authorities in relation to the administration of any Scheme which affects ostomates;
- (7) cooperate with other organisations with objectives altogether or in part similar to those of the Council; and
- (8) take such steps as may be deemed expedient and proper for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the Council, provided that any action to procure such funds shall not be for the purpose of trading or obtaining pecuniary gain for any member of a Member Association, and shall be consistent with the requirements of Section 4 of the Act