



## ACT & Districts Stoma Association Inc.

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*Serving the Ostomate Community*

### Overview of the National Conference, Canberra October 2016

The committee and several volunteers, worked very hard to put together and host this year's National Conference.

The team reviewed a number of suitable options in and around Canberra City, and the Parliamentary triangle.

The final choice was made based on location, cost for venue and accommodation, access to the City and the venues choice of function and accommodation.

The event was held at the Canberra Rex Hotel, on the 20<sup>th</sup> thru to 22<sup>nd</sup> October, about 80 delegates and observers from around the country attended the conference.

Wednesday the Executive held their meeting.

Thursday the meet and greet and registration took place in a comfortable reception room, with a welcome by ACT Stoma president Horst Kirchner.

Friday final registration took place, and the Conference started.

Saturday commenced with the AGM followed by completion of the conference, and finalized by an entertaining dinner.

Our team put on a very good show, the venue and facilities at the Rex were outstanding. The event was completed with a very pleasant dinner; the entertainment (Magician) was outstanding.

Finally Geoff Cannock (our treasurer) organized the Sunday Bus trip, which included his knowledgeable and witty commentary.

The group visited the Portrait Gallery, with a welcome and commentary by Doctor Sarah Engeldow, the Galleries Historian, The tour then moved on the Arboretum, with a scenic drive by to some of the interesting Embassies.

Lunch was at the Margret Whitlam Pavilion at the Arboretum, the group was safely returned the Airport and Rex Hotel to head home.

Our team was complimented by one and all on the friendly and well run event.

H. Kirchner

President, ACT and Districts Stoma Association.

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