



Ostomy Association of Melbourne Inc.

## 2017 ACSA Conference Report

In 2017 Victoria hosted the Annual ACSA Conference. In fact, despite requests to all of the Victorian Associations, only OAM and IAV answered the call, which left all of the running to OAM and Wendy Taylor from IAV. It was decided that rather than use valuable internal resources to organise the conference, we should employ an outside event organiser. To that end, we employed ICE Events owned and managed by Hayley Southwick. She and her assistant, Ashley Jones, first sought out various hotels.

After discussion with the Committee, which consisted of Ian Samuel and Sue Read from OAM and Wendy Taylor from IAV, it was decided to recommend the Novotel in Collins Street as the venue. It had all the attributes that were required. This process had started in October 2016 which left a long lead-in to the Conference.

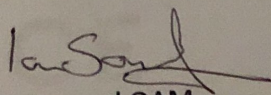
Closer to the start of the Conference ICE Events organised the Registration documents which were then distributed to each Association. They also worked with the Committee to finalise the food and beverages for the Conference, as well as the entertainment for the Saturday evening dinner. The entertainment consisted of a band which had Bruce Anthony who was then with Convatec as one of its members. To our surprise ICE Events organised for two singers from Victorian College of The Arts to add to the evening's entertainment.

Enclosed with this report is the running sheet, the budget and accounts for the Conference and a sample of the Registration Form.

In conclusion, it is our view that the following should occur in the future:-

1. The conference should be organised by ACSA;
2. An event organiser should be contracted to organise the event; and
3. The funding be dealt with by ACSA

We would be happy to answer any questions and or to sit with the organising committee for the Sydney Conference to discuss the things that worked and those that could be improved.

  
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for the Committee

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