



## **AHSPPO President's Report 2019**



### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

#### **Michelle**

Michelle Killick is our thoughtful and thorough Association Secretary and Communications Officer. Michelle's dedication is demonstrated by her answering my early morning phone calls most days. Thanks to her dedication our members are more engaged than ever. Michelle - you're an invaluable asset to the association and I hope we never lose you.

#### **Ron**

As our only Life member on the Committee, Ron Hillier is our Membership Officer and continues to assist as Treasurer. Ron's passion for procurement and the Association is second to none - I owe you a huge thanks for that.

#### **Debra**

While Debra Birznieks isn't on the Executive Committee, as our Education Officer her contribution to the development of our members is essential. With the new-look probity training and successful negotiation training delivered in partnership with GS1 I'm sure we are all looking forward to where the association goes not with her guidance.

#### **Pragasen**

Keeping the lines of communication open with suppliers is critical for the Association and Pragasen Pillay has done a brilliant job as chairperson of the Industry Liaison Group. Always available for a chat to exchange ideas or shoot the breeze, Pragasen's contribution is invaluable.

**And to those who have supported the committee during the last year, I would also like to pass on my thanks.**



### **Glenda and Linda**

Linda and Glenda were part of the committee from last year's AGM, however work and personal reasons meant they both left the committee not long after the conference. Thank you both for your time and support of the Association.

Thank you to Ian Munroe for his contribution on the committee, albeit brief. We hope you think about joining us again in the future

Barb has been supporting the committee with all things admin over the last year and has been a great help. Thank you

And lastly, a special mention goes to Jude Bart. Jude has been a great help to the committee, volunteering on a number of Association matters over the past year. Thank you, Jude.

### **AHSP0 WEBSITE**

Our website continues to be a hub bringing us together. So far this year, over 3,000 individuals have visited the AHSP0 site and travelled through our site, hitting our pages over 13,000 times.

What is most pleasing however, is that members are making the most of our content by reading and downloading training materials, presentations and of course our Journal.

Hopefully a sign of good things for the coming days, the 2019 conference programme was a big hit with over 1200 downloads. The St John of God presentation from last year continues to show its longevity with an impressive 500+ downloads, followed by our Journal from late last year with 259 and then training and education materials all being valued by members and downloaded.

My thanks go to Valentino Bulaon who keeps the website up-to-date and running smoothly.

### **EDUCATION UPDATE**

As you will have read in the April Journal, we've been making steady progress in our education program, with Debra building on the solid foundations Ron Hillier had laid.

The recent Negotiation Workshop run together with GS1 was a great success and I hear unearthed some talented and tough negotiators. These workshops are a great example of how



we can partner with industry to deliver great outcomes. Debra has big plans for the education programme so I'm looking forward to what the future has in store.

Don't forget that our training is available to everyone, not only you as members but to work colleagues of yours, across public and private health. I encourage you to spread the word about the great work we're doing.

### **JOURNAL**

I'd also like to say a quick thank you to Julian and Ricky from The Lekker Agency who have taken over our quarterly journal and assisting Michelle with the large group email communications to members. They are both at the event taking photos and interviewing people for our next journal, so don't be shy if they approach you!

### **2020 EVENT:**

Lastly, I'm excited to share with you a preview of next year's event. Next year we will be reconvening here at Mantra in Lorne for the 2020 event where the theme will be 'Risk in Procurement'. As always, we look forward to bringing you an agenda packed with great learning and networking opportunities.

On behalf of the Executive Committee I'd like to thank you, our members for being part of the AHSPPO family. The support you provide the association only makes it stronger, and the more develop as a profession, the more AHSPPO will continue to benefit the industry, both suppliers and members alike.

I'm proud of the work we do and excited by the great things we can achieve for the healthcare industry. So please, make the most of this year's event and spread the word about what being part of the AHSPPO family is all about.