



## CNSA NEWS

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### FROM WHERE I SIT....

#### A REPORT FROM THE CNSA CHAIR

I have no idea where the last few months went after Winter Congress, but I do know that great work has progressed. There has been quiet a flurry of activity in getting CNSA representatives onto the following activities: a COSA Nutrition/Head and Neck project, Prostate Cancer Foundation activities, research activities, a Cancer Australia Lung Cancer Advisory Group, and others. We were invited to join the Australia and New Zealand Melanoma Trials Group (ANZMTG) and have been asked to review the ANMC (Australian Nursing and Midwifery Council) guideline document on professional boundaries 'A Nurse's Guide to Professional Relationships' (developed in conjunction with the New Zealand Nursing Council), which are consistent with the Codes of Ethics and Professional Conduct.

The ballot has been held for elections for state/territory position representatives on the National Executive Committee. As we have previously announced on email, **Dr Mei Krishnasamy** from Melbourne will 'spring' into the Chair role in January 2010. Joining her will be **Louise Nicholson** (TAS, and remaining on the committee), and the newly elected members: **Tracey Doherty** (SA), **Sandy McKiernan** (WA), **Donna Milne** (VIC), **Sandie McCarthy** (QLD), **Megan Nutt** (ACT) and **Anne Mellon** (NSW). **Tish Lancaster** is an ex-officio member as the Asia-Pacific representative to ISNCC.

Congratulations to those nurses – but thank you too to the others who also nominated and showed great interest and

commitment to the CNSA. It was the hottest ballot we have had for years!!

Of course planning is underway for Winter Congress in Perth in 2010. **Lucy Patton** will chair the Local Organising Committee there and work with **Maryanne Hargraves**, our WC Coordinator, to achieve another great Winter Congress.

I have been progressing discussions with our near neighbours in New Zealand, looking to work more closely with them into the future. If you have any particular contacts over there you could share with me by email I would be keen to hear of them.

We head into another busy couple of months. I know that **Chris Long** from QLD has been contributing well to the scientific program for the Annual Scientific Meeting of COSA on the Gold Coast in November. Perhaps we'll see you there. As I write, I know many cancer nurses are also packing their bags to head to Perth for the annual Palliative Care Conference – hope you are having a small holiday break with that too!!

Gabrielle Prest

#### NEW INFORMATION FOR MEN WITH PROSTATE CANCER, THEIR PARTNERS AND FAMILIES

Each year about 18,700 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer in Australia. This diagnosis can have a significant impact on the person, his partner and his family. Some men and their partners go on to develop depression and anxiety. These are clinical illnesses, for which effective treatments are available.

A free booklet designed for taking care of mental health following a diagnosis of prostate cancer has been developed by **beyondblue: the national depression initiative** and the **Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia**. The 40-page booklet contains comprehensive information on common reactions to diagnosis, undergoing treatment and what to expect on the cancer journey.

**Maintaining Your Well-Being: Information on depression and anxiety for men with prostate cancer and their partners is now available for order by calling the beyondblue information line 1300 22 4636 (local call) or by visiting [www.beyondblue.org.au](http://www.beyondblue.org.au)**

#### FEATURED ADVERTISING

Along with this edition of the CNSA News you will also have received featured advertising which on this occasion is from Bard Australia Pty to promote their Power Port (implantable port). Please see the accompanying PDF/Flyer for further information.

## 14<sup>TH</sup> CNSA WINTER CONGRESS

### Expression of Interest to Host CNSA Winter Congress in 2011

CNSA Winter Congress has emerged as the leading cancer nursing conference event in Australia over the last 13 years. Winter Congress has been hosted in nearly every capital city in Australia including Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Hobart and Canberra and has been held on the Gold Coast and in Newcastle in the last two years. 360 delegates gathered in Newcastle for our first regional site this year for an exciting and enjoyable meeting and next year we look forward to another successful Winter Congress in Western Australia!

CNSA invites Regional Groups and/or States to register their interest in hosting the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Congress in 2011. This is a wonderful opportunity to become more involved in CNSA and to showcase and market cancer nurses in your area or state.

Expressions of Interest should be endorsed by the Regional Group Chair or State Representative for the State or Territory where Winter Congress will be hosted.

Selection of the most appropriate Host City will be made by the CNSA Winter Congress Planning and Development Committee. Considerations will include:

- ability to provide an excellent educational and scientific program;
- capacity to host a financially successful congress for 300-plus delegates; and
- locations of earlier Winter Congress meetings. The Host City is rotated to ensure each major Australian city has the opportunity to host Winter Congress on a regular basis and that nurses in that state/territory get the opportunity to attend.

Please forward Expressions of Interest (include 5 copies of the documentation) by Friday, 11 December 2009 to:

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## CNSA NEWS 2010

News articles and items of interest are welcome. Submission deadline for the next newsletter is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2010. Forward in MS Word format, (photos as JPEG) to [diane.hamer@outofsite.com.au](mailto:diane.hamer@outofsite.com.au)

## NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### NEXT BUSINESS MEETING 29 OCT 2009

Please raise any issues with state representative members or the National Chair via [info@cnsa.org.au](mailto:info@cnsa.org.au)

## CNSA GRANTS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

### NEW MEMBERS

The following new members are welcomed:

- Elisabeth Black (NSW Breast Institute)
- Raymond Chan (Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital)
- Christine Long (Haematology and Oncology Clinics of Australasia)
- Angela McClelland (Eurobodalla Cancer Care Centre)
- Diana Moore (Mater Private Hospital)
- Sue Perrot (The Townsville Cancer Centre)

### Travel Award recipients Round 1 2009

The following members were successful awardees:

CNSA Travel Grant Awards

- **Sharon De Graves (VIC):** to attend the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australia and New Zealand Children's Haematology and Oncology Group in Adelaide.
- **Elizabeth Ivimey (NSW):** to attend the 13<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Lung Cancer, 31 July - 4 August 2009 in San Francisco).

Ipsen Travel Grant Award

- **Hayley Mangion (VIC):** to attend the CNSA Winter Congress 2009.

Ipsen Best Poster Award – CNSA Winter Congress

- **Pauline Tanner (WA):** Prevention of vaginal stenosis: A collaborative approach to implementing evidence based guidelines.

Ipsen Best First Time Presenter Award – CNSA Winter Congress

- **Michael Bishop (QLD):** The effects of an orientation program conducted by a multidisciplinary team on self-efficacy and anxiety of newly registered cancer patients.

Please note the Ipsen Best Poster and Best First Time Presenter Awards are not necessarily offered annually.

Elisabeth Coyne

Lecturer, School of Nursing and Midwifery

Logan Campus Griffith University

June 2009

Elisabeth was awarded funding to support her PhD research project.

#### Project title

What are the strengths and resources of the young woman and her family members during therapy for breast cancer?

#### Brief project outline

The strengths and resources the young woman (<50 years) and her family support members use during therapy for breast cancer was the focus of this research. The project was an exploratory, descriptive, two phase study informed by the Family Resiliency Framework (McCubbin & McCubbin, 1993; Walsh, 2006).

The participants (women with breast cancer and her family members over the age of 18 years) completed the questionnaire for each phase: Phase 1 curative treatment (surgery, chemotherapy, radiotherapy, seeing oncologist at least 3 monthly) and Phase 2 maintenance therapy (hormonal therapy occurring after curative treatment).

#### Brief background to the project

Breast cancer is the leading cancer for women with 25% of these women under 50 years old. This diagnosis changes the young woman's future however they face these changes and challenges closely supported by their family and friends. Research has identified phase of life as an influencing factor for the women's adjustment and adaptation to their breast cancer diagnosis (Coyne & Borbasi, 2006; Sammarco, 2001). Although, little research has explored how women and their family move through this together. This research aimed to explore the woman and her family's experience during the adjustment phase of breast cancer.

#### Aims and objectives of the project

The aim of the project was to generate knowledge about the strengths and resources the young woman and her family support persons use to assist them after a diagnosis of breast cancer.

#### Project methods

This study utilised a questionnaire developed from the Family Resiliency Framework (McCubbin & McCubbin, 1993; Walsh, 2006) and semi-structured interviews to explore the how young women and their family cope with a diagnosis of breast cancer.

Phase 1 of the study was completed when the woman was actively in treatment, seeing the oncologist every 3 months and Phase 2 of the study, 4-6 months later with minimal oncologist contact. The questionnaire examined the strengths and resources the woman and her support person used during the breast cancer journey. Semi-structured interviews were completed with those participants who gave consent. The interview structure was guided by the Family Resiliency Framework.

The first of the questionnaires, Family Hardiness Index (FHI), provides information on how the family maintains a sense of control on the situation and their active participation to adjust to the adversity. The second questionnaire, Family Crisis Orientated Personal Evaluation Scale (F-COPES), identifies the problem solving and behavioural strategies families use to assist them through the stressful situation. The third questionnaire, Walsh, explores the family strengths, resources and communications styles they use during adversity.

A purposive sample of young women under the age of fifty years with a diagnosis of breast cancer and receiving active treatment were recruited. The women were in their first year since diagnosis, receiving active treatment and being seen by their doctor at least every three months. The women contacted the researcher to volunteer for the study after reading the recruitment leaflet displayed at three day-oncology units and one breast cancer support group. The researcher explained the research, verified that the women met the inclusion criteria and identified how many family support members would be prepared to be involved in the study. Inclusion criteria included: a confirmed diagnosis of breast cancer, under the age of fifty years, undergoing active treatment and being supported by family or close friends. Family is defined as two or more people living together, calling themselves 'family', and who are committed to the maintenance of the family unit and sharing emotional closeness (Friedman, Bowden, & Jones, 2003; Walsh, 2006).

Final sample was Phase 1; 111 participants: 47 women with breast cancer and 64 family support persons, giving a response rate 66%. Phase 2; 67 participants: 28 women with breast cancer (58% of Phase 1 women with breast cancer) and 39 family support persons (64% of Phase 1 family support persons). Personal interviews were conducted with 23 participants, 14 women with breast cancer and nine support persons.

#### Summary of findings

The findings from this research identify that individual family scores influence the overall family group scores.

Key findings to date:

- Strong correlation between subgroups
- Strong commitment to the family was clearly evident

- Higher levels of communication identified higher levels of overall family hardiness and resiliency

### Conclusions and recommendations

The final conclusions and recommendations are currently being developed; the final chapters of the main researcher's PhD are still being completed.

Conclusions to date include the overall communication of family members influenced how well the family was able to support and adapt to the changes as the woman travelled through the breast cancer treatment. The woman with breast cancer was also closely supported by the females in the family often her mother.

The recommendations to date have been presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> International Family Nursing Conference, 15<sup>th</sup> UICC International Reach to Recovery conference and 12<sup>th</sup> CNSA Winter Congress. The conference abstracts were peer reviewed and published. Paper submitted to International Journal of Family Nursing August 2009.

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### CNSA Travel Grant Report - Travel Grant Round 1 2009

**Sharon De Graves**  
**Nurse Program Manager**  
**Children's Cancer Centre**  
**Royal Children's Hospital**  
**July 2009**

Sharon was awarded funding to support her attendance at the 2009 Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australia and New Zealand Children's Haematology and Oncology Group in Adelaide.

#### Conference report

In June 2009 the CNSA supported my attendance at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australia and New Zealand Children's Haematology and Oncology Group (ANZCHOG) in Adelaide, South Australia. The conference provided opportunities for collaboration and networking with other paediatric oncology health professionals. The three day program presented an interdisciplinary conference that focused on 6 key themes – child and adolescent leukaemia, adolescent and young adult issues, neuro-

oncology, perinatology, bone marrow failure and transplant and education and self care.

Two workshops preceded the conference. Firstly a 'Comfort First' workshop. Comfort first is a procedural pain program designed for children with cancer and their families. It aims to minimise distress associated with medical procedures and assist children and families to develop coping strategies. This interactive workshop was well received. The second workshop focused on the topical issues of 'Late Effects'. Health professionals interested in the management of late effects following the treatment for childhood malignancies engaged in a discussion regarding the current and future directions of care in this area.

The conference then opened with a plenary session on child and adolescent leukaemia. **Professor Vaskar Saha** and **Dr Luce Dalla Poza** provided insight into the management of relapsed and resistant ALL; in particular the move towards targeted therapy for patients in high risk groups. Concurrent sessions covered a plethora of topics.

A presentation from **Annie Dwyer** from the Children's Hospital at Westmead raised the issue of parent education, discussing the importance of education for parents of children newly diagnosed with cancer. The afternoon provided an opportunity to focus on the needs of adolescent and young adult's. A survey conducted at Wellington Hospital provided insight into the views of adolescent cancer survivors. The sexual health of young adults with cancer was then discussed and an entertaining presentation from **Aaron Thompson** discussed the important issue of maximising the reproductive capacity of this population. One highlight was **Dr Scott McFarlane** presenting SIOF Oceania. Dr McFarlane discussed the efforts underway within the Pacific Islands that engage key local people in the development of sustainable, disease specific treatment protocols to improve the outcomes of children with cancer in this region.

The ANZCHOG nursing group, with their newly elected Chair and Vice Chair, utilised this opportunity to discuss the role, objectives and direction of the Nurses Group for 2009-2010 before focussing on neuro-oncology including a discussion of the rehabilitation issues for patients with CNS tumours, the implications for these children and the nursing considerations from a care coordination perspective. **David Willis** from Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre shared the development of individualised patient DVD's to provide information/education and assist the process for children receiving radiation therapy. Other sessions related to perinatal haematology, congenital immunodeficiencies including an interesting case study presentation of a child with Omenn syndrome and bleeding problems in neonates.

Day one concluded with a controversial discussion about cord blood banking, debating the growing consumer

options surrounding cord blood followed by an update on the activity of the Australian Children's Cancer Trials.

The final morning provided a focus on Bone Marrow Transplantation from both clinical and psychosocial perspectives. Topics included the psychological outcomes for sibling donors and transplant recipients and parental adjustment and issues facing sibling donors which were both thought provoking and interesting. Sarah Fleming provided a wonderful opportunity to talk about the 'what if' in a presentation entitled 'Hope for the best – plan for the worst (BMT and palliative care)'. Sarah emphasised the importance of helping families to feel comfortable talking about and preparing for the possibility and fear of death during transplant.

The last sessions of the conference were definite highlights, focussing on education and self care – survivorship for health professionals. Speakers with a range of experience spoke passionately about work related stress, how unrelieved excessive stress can result in maladaptive chronic fatigue and the experience of 'burnout'. The final presentation was a moving personal viewpoint from **Dr Michael Rice** about survival for paediatric oncology professionals. Acknowledgement of the complexity and personal impact of caring for children provided an exceptional opportunity to reflect on how health professionals can support each other and take care of them selves.

Breaks provided an opportunity to peruse over 71 poster presentations covering a wide range of topics. Attending the ANZCHOG 2009 ASM was a great opportunity to build old and new collaborations.

## CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

**John Stubbs**, Executive Officer for Cancer Voices Australia, has just been appointed to the Australian Health Ethics Committee. John has been described by the Minister as "A person with understanding of health consumer issues". John has been appointed for a 3 year period.

## LA TROBE PROSTATE CARE NURSING COURSE

### Call for nurses who have undertaken the La Trobe Prostate Care Nursing Course in the past

Prostate Cancer Foundation Australia would like to make contact with nurses who have done this course through La Trobe University, particularly those who received a PCFA Scholarship. Please email **Helen McQuie** [hmcquie@prostate.org.au](mailto:hmcquie@prostate.org.au)

## REGIONAL GROUPS

### Melbourne Regional Group

The MRG has had a very successful year with the last two education sessions seeing the biggest member and non-member turnout in the last three years. This was achieved after a successful re-vamp and recruitment campaign conducted by the MRG executive committee. Ipsen hosted an evening surrounding the Management of Neuroendocrine Tumours with presentations from **Dr Michael Michael** and **Professor Rod Hicks** from the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre. Last month saw the dynamic **Professor Kate White** (NSW) present 'Issues of sexuality and fertility in cancer management' hosted by Merck Sharp and Dohme. To end a successful year we will be hosting a relaxing 'catch up' on the 13<sup>th</sup> November. A very special thank-you to the committee and to our members for their ongoing support and rallying when we thought the MRG may fold.

### Ellen Heywood, Chair Melbourne Regional Group

### Hello from the Sydney Regional Group

The SCNSA has had a very productive year in 2009. My sincere apologies for the lack of a newsletter. However we have been very busy:

- reviewing our meeting agenda and format
- reformatting a new look newsletter
- problem solving the member lists for more effective mail outs
- completing lots of filing and archiving of the SCNSA regional group activities since 1989!
- planning a number of very exciting educational sessions

The 2009 education sessions have been very well attended and feedback has been very positive. The last session for the year (scheduled for October) will focus on neurological oncology. A flyer with all details will be forwarded to members shortly.

Remember "bowser busters" are still on so if you would like some "petrol support", live in outer Sydney and wish to attend a SCNSA education session, give us a call. Also a huge thank you to all of our sponsors who have made these events possible.

A sad farewell to **Katherine Cox** this year. Katherine has been an active member of the SCNSA regional group for a number of years. Katherine's IT knowledge will be missed!

The SCNSA is looking for any motivated cancer nurses to join our team in 2010. We have a number of places and we welcome all new comers. Being part of the SCNSA regional group provides you with the opportunity to network with

your colleagues from cancer centres around Sydney and to provide valuable input to the professional development of cancer nurses Australia wide. Also please remember if you have an idea for the SCNSA regional group or for topics for the education sessions don't hesitate to let us know.

For all enquires please contact any member of the SCNSA group.

**Kerrie Murphy, Chair Sydney Regional Group**

### Perth and Environs Regional Group

CNSA Perth and Environs have been extra busy the last few months with two major events hosted in Perth.

A dinner held at the Matilda Bay Conference Centre on July 23<sup>rd</sup> was a night of discussion and contemplation about Ethical Dilemmas in Cancer and Palliative Care. Our two thought-provoking guest speakers, **Dr Nik Zeps** (member of the Australian Health Ethics Committee) and **Father Joe Parkinson** (Director of the L J Goody Bioethics Centre in WA), inspired 72 cancer and palliative care nurses to explore the challenges of making ethical decisions and assisting patients with the decision making process.



**Father Joe Parkinson speaking at the event**

Areas discussed included medical consent, treatment choices and quality of life outcomes and end of life care decisions in the context of two case studies. During the evening the guest speakers worked together to discuss each case and invited comment and discussion and led, what was at times, a very robust debate. Many attendees commented that this discussion was relevant in all aspects of life not only to nursing practice and that it was beneficial to have a medical and non medical perspective on what is a very thought-provoking topic of interest.

Perth and Environs Regional Group was also successful this year in our bid to support the EdCaN Implementation Project and hosted a very exciting Leadership Development Workshop for Staff Development Nurses. Forty SDN's or nurses in beginner leadership roles were invited to attend the full day. These nurses came from diverse areas of metropolitan and regional WA, and worked in a variety of cancer-specific and non-cancer settings, including primary care and surgical units, as well as recognised cancer treatment centres.

Co-facilitated by **Professor Sanchia Aranda** and **Rod Matthews** (Impact Human Performance Technologies) the day explored leadership versus management, strengths of teams versus individuals and mentorship of junior staff. The group embraced the suite of EdCaN resources that were introduced on the day and used the second half of the day to workshop pathways of new developments and potential projects that included metro – regional referral pathways and communication of patient discharge, staff mentoring projects, and workforce development. Although the evaluations and progression of projects are ongoing the day was seen as a success to support and nurture the future nurse leaders of WA.

The Perth and Environs Regional Group is also very excited to invite you all to Perth for Winter Congress 2010. Plans are progressing well and further information will be disseminated once confirmation of our venue is secure. We look forward to hosting what I am sure will be another great Winter Congress.

**Sandy McKiernan, Chair Perth and Environs Regional Group**

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## 16<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CANCER NURSING

Atlanta, Georgia, USA, March 7-11, 2010

The theme is "Enhancing Knowledge, Promoting Quality".

The International Conference on Cancer Nursing (ICCN) is a unique educational and networking opportunity that highlights the role nurses play in the prevention, treatment and care for cancer patients worldwide. The ICCN brings together leaders in cancer nursing from all over the world. It is the longest running international conference in the field.

### Scientific Program

[http://www.isncc.org/conference/16th\\_ICCN/Preliminary\\_Program.aspx](http://www.isncc.org/conference/16th_ICCN/Preliminary_Program.aspx)

### Pre-Conference Workshops

- 'Models of Cancer Survivorship Care and Patient Navigation, Utilisation of a Care Plan and Engaging the Primary Care Community: Perspective from the Lance Armstrong Foundation' hosted by the Lance Armstrong Foundation
- 'Evidence-Based Practice' hosted by the International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care (ISNCC) and the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS).
- 'Advancing Palliative Care for Cancer Patients Internationally' hosted by the End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC).
- 'Writing for Publication Masterclass' hosted by the European Journal of Oncology Nursing (EJON).

### Registration

Savings can be made by early registration.

Registration rates are US\$695 until 30 October 2009, US\$795 from 31 October – 29 January 2010 and US\$895 after 1 February 2010. Online registration is available at:

[www.isncc.org/conference/16th\\_ICCN](http://www.isncc.org/conference/16th_ICCN)

Please visit [www.isncc.org](http://www.isncc.org) for more information.

## CALENDER REMINDERS – EVENTS

### Facilitating the Living with Cancer Education Program

**Cancer Council Victoria – 12 & 13 May, 19 & 20 August and 9 & 10 November 2009**

This program, delivered by health professionals is for people with cancer, their family and friends. Covering the range of issues people face when living with cancer as well as group facilitation skills, adult learning techniques, and program promotion. The course is accredited with the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority. Please contact **Sue Hegarty, Cancer Services Coordinator** on 13 11 20 or email [lwcep@cancervic.org.au](mailto:lwcep@cancervic.org.au)

11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2009

### AORTIC 2009 Conference

Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania

[www.aortic2009.org](http://www.aortic2009.org)

17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009

### Clinical Oncology Society of Australia

#### 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting

Gold Coast, Queensland

<http://www.cosa.org.au/ASMEvents/ASM2009.htm>

7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> March 2010

### International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care

#### 16<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Cancer Nursing (ICCN)

Atlanta, Georgia, USA

[www.isncc.org](http://www.isncc.org)

22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> April 2010

### The Inaugural Advance Care Planning Conference

Melbourne Convention Centre

Registration opens soon

Deadline for Submissions of Abstracts – 11 Nov 2009

[www.internationalacp2010.com](http://www.internationalacp2010.com)

## STUDY ON COLECTORAL CANCER

Lindy Masya, Research Officer at the Surgical Outcomes Research Centre (SOuRCe), Royal Prince Alfred Hospital is currently organising a Delphi study to identify clinical indicators that could be used to monitor the adequacy of care co-ordination for patients with colorectal cancer in Australia. As part of this study Lindy would like to obtain input from nurses specialising in cancer. If you are interested in participating in the study please contact Lindy on 02 95153207 or [lindy.masya@email.cs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:lindy.masya@email.cs.nsw.gov.au)

## ANZMTG NEWSLETTER

The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the ANZMTG Newsletter from the Australia and New Zealand Melanoma Trials Group is now available. This Issue features ANZMTG trials and research, new trial results, highlights on ANZMTG activities and initiatives including information on melanoma services in other Australian states. Also provided are special announcements on the upcoming ANZMTG AGM and the COSA ASM. The publication can be accessed at [www.anzmtg.org.au](http://www.anzmtg.org.au)

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