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PRESIDENTS REPORT – AGM 2010

Over the last two years AECPCP has achieved some notable successes including, and significantly, our survival as an effective representative of our members in the pre-hospital care industry. Today we have 33 members in all Australian jurisdictions except the Northern Territory. Achievements the last 2 years include:

- Establishment of a new fresh web site under the new name of Australian Emergency Care Providers, www.aecpcp.com.au
- Significant input into the private Ambulance award
- Input into the Ambulance Officer training in care of Dementia patients on line training system
- Expansion of the **AECPCP Resuscitation Award** to all successful resuscitation performed by first aid officers trained by our members.

This year the Health Training Package, which holds the first aid qualifications for all our RTO members is under review. The industry body has made submission for changes that will assist in supporting our members to continue to provide high quality training in the first aid area. To that end we have also been instrumental in contacting a couple of RTO's which have had incorrect first aid information on their web sites or in their marketing materials. These RTO's were presenting qualifications that required Apply First Aid as an imported unit and they were not aware of the specific requirements of these units. All were very responsive to requests to correct the mistakes and have now improved their training in this area. One RTO even sort advice from AECPCP on their training materials and joined as new member.

As well as this, the executive is currently considering the issue of whether there needs to be a thorough review of what first aid is by looking at the contents of first aid kits. It is my suggestion that AECPCP run a conference at the end of 2011 to discuss the issue of what should be included within the first aid kit for the 21st Century. I believe that such a conference is overdue and I believe that advances in pharmacology and technology need to be considered alongside a review of the usefulness of the triangular bandage.

The major issue confronting AECPCP is membership and value for membership. As a small industry association, AECPCP has often punched well above its weight. It is a proud example of the power of the 'small platoons' which make up the society we all live and work in.



However, the time has come for our small platoon to look to professionalizing its management and to this end the Executive is to hire a National Director on a part time basis to build up the membership base of AECPCP, to increase its public profile and to set its finances a little more solidly. This evening, we seek the agreement and endorsement of this plan by the members.

In providing value to our members, AECPCP continues to provide access to services via our associates partners who today include:

- Stewart Brown & Co – auditing and accounting services
- Insurance House – all business insurances, including Professional Indemnity
- Ball Business Services – book keeping and accounting services

Despite our small size, AECPCP continues to manage its merger resources carefully and to this end I thank our Treasurer/Secretary, Ray Schroeder and I thank him for all of the work he has done on our behalf to manage our financial well being. The details of that, I will leave to him to report.

Our industry body was established on the 23rd January 1999 and is now eleven and a half years old. In that time we have become a strong advocate for our members and our industry. We had led in opening up new opportunities and we have made commercial operators part of the scene. Our task is now to grow our industry by promoting the expertise and value of our members to the wider community and to provide advice and support to government and the community in ensuring advances in and improvements of first aid and pre-hospital care training and services in Australia. This is a job for all of us, members and management, and it is a job that will challenge us all and, in the end, benefit us all.

In finishing, I thank you all for your support and your enthusiasm. I am looking forward to the future.

Frances Fahey
President

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