



SEA-GP (Brisbane)
ANNUAL REPORT
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President Report

The last year has been a busy and interesting year for the Alliance. At the last Annual General Meeting we farewelled Drs Wendy Burton and Russell Hunter from the Board and welcomed Dr Tore Eivers. I am pleased to report that the SEA-GP (Brisbane) Board has worked well and has given direction to the Alliance over the last year.

At Easter, we farewelled our long serving CEO, Ms Christine Kardash. Christine was the founding CEO of the Alliance and had previously served as CEO of both Brisbane Inner South and Bayside GP Divisions. A suitable farewell in the form of a cocktail party was organised and many of Christine's colleagues from the Division movement attended. The speeches bore testimony to Christine's outstanding leadership and work in the Division movement. SEA-GP (Brisbane) was truly honoured and blessed to have had her in the CEO role.

Our General Manager, Mr John Torpy stepped into the CEO role following Christine's departure. John had served the Alliance well in his role of General Manager and continues to do so as CEO.

The Primary Care Collaborative Program continues to be a major way in which the Alliance seeks to assist General Practice in our area. One third of our practices have now participated in at least one wave of the Collaborative Program. We are keen for all practices to learn the Plan, Do, Study and Act methodology, advocated in the Program.

As of the 30 June 2012 Divisions of General Practice will not be funded in the same way as they currently are. It is expected that nationally, Divisions will transform into Primary Health Care

Organisations (PHCOs) from 1 July 2012. PHCOs will be larger than Divisions and will have a strong relationship with the Local Hospital Network in their area. Some Primary Health Care Organisations will commence a year earlier on the 1 July 2011.

To steer SEA-GP (Brisbane) forward through this challenging period the Board has developed a Joint Venture with our neighbouring Division, the Southeast Primary Healthcare Network. Our plan is to develop a tender document that will allow us, if successful to form a PHCO on the south side of Brisbane from 1 July 2011. There are many interesting months ahead and we value the input of our members as to how we can best serve them.

Finally, on behalf of the Alliance, I would like to thank Mr John Torpy and his team for the work they have done during the year to further the aims of the Alliance. Our Alliance continues to grow from strength to strength, and I encourage all readers to engage with the Alliance during the next twelve months so that we can all benefit from each other.



Dr Ian Williams

Past and present Alliance Board Members together with Christine Kardash at her farewell Cocktail Party

CEO Report

A number of major events marked the SEA-GP (Brisbane) landscape during 2009-10. Foremost was the loss of its long serving CEO, Mrs Christine Kardash, to the greener pastures of Montville. Secondly, the health reform agenda dominated discussions at local, state and federal levels within the Division network. A significant amount of planning has been undertaken around the opportunities and threats this reform may present.

We continued to provide a wide array of services through approximately 25 programs. Details of the major programs are provided throughout the Annual Report. Some of these such as Closing the Gap, Lifestyle Modification Program, Partners in Mind recently commenced. However a number of programs were wound up including, the Swine Flu, Resiliency in Bayside Schools, Prevention of Type Two Diabetes and Enchanced Access to Interagencies for People with Chronic Diseases. We continued to partner with a number of organisations in delivering projects and maintained our auspice arrangement of the Southside Partnership Council.

SEA-GP (Brisbane) was one of a minority of Divisions that participated in a voluntary “cultural survey”, the results of which were extremely pleasing.

The SEA-GP (Brisbane) team!



I would like to take the opportunity of thanking the numerous individuals and organisations who worked with SEA-GP (Brisbane) to improve health outcomes for the residents of our area. There are too many names to list, but special mention must be made of those who participated on our numerous reference/advisory committees, those that participated in our collaborative programs and personnel from the public and private hospitals within the Alliance. The ongoing support received from General Practice Queensland should also be acknowledged, as too those officers of the Department of Health and Ageing who have provided prompt advice throughout the year.

Although the future for SEA-GP (Brisbane) is uncertain, two facts remain without doubt – the Board of Directors have the passion, resolve and ability to charter the best course and the staff have the knowledge, expertise and desire to continue to provide optimum services to our Members. Both parties need to be congratulated for their efforts throughout the year. I look forward to a fruitful and less uncertain 2010-11.

Johanna Torpy

Connecting with Associate and Affiliate Members

The involvement of Associate and Affiliate Members in the Alliance continues to grow. We currently have 36 individual Associate Members and 20 organisations as Affiliate Members. We are especially pleased with the number of Specialists who continue to express interest in joining the Alliance. Associate and Affiliate Members contribute significantly to program outcomes through participation on working groups, delivering and attending education events and providing newsletter articles.

SEA-GP (Brisbane) welcomes our Associate and Affiliate Members and looks forward to the contributions they continue to make towards improving the integration of patient care through their links with General Practices within the Alliance.

Governance Committee Report

The purpose of the Governance Committee is to advise and recommend to the Board on governance matters listed in the committee's Term's of Reference. The committee met five times during the course of the 2009-10 year. The committee was represented by Dr Wendy Burton (Chair until her resignation in October), Mr Mike Gilmour (Chair October to June), Dr Sue Scott, Mrs Christine Kardash (until resignation in April 2010), Dr Peter Adkins (Medical Advisor) and Ms Jan Mohr (October to June). The committee finalised or commenced a number of projects during the year including:

- Delegations Register – commenced the preparation of a Register for powers/authority delegated by the Board to the CEO;
- Developed a set of Governance principles and a Board Charter that guides the operations of the Board;
- Reviewed the Conflict of Interest register for Board Members;
- Developed a Terms of Reference for the Governance Committee;
- Determined the corporate policies that will be reviewed by the Committee and set a timeframe for such;
- Recommended a consultancy for an independent review of the operations/performance of the Board and
- Recommended a consultancy for the professional survey of GP members to ascertain their needs, their opinion on the services provided by SEA-GP (Brisbane) and most importantly to determine the best way to consult and engage with GP Membership.

I would like to thank all members past and present for their contributions to the operation of the Committee and to Mrs Charlene Van Heerden for her secretarial support and Mr John Torpy for his advice to the Committee.

Mike Gilmour

Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee has continued to discharge its duty to the Board by reviewing any financial report presented to Board meetings and considering financial issues as they arise. The committee consisted of Dr Glen Pearse, Chair, Dr Tore Eivers, Dr Ian Williams, and Mr. Mike Wilson (external Accountant). Over the last twelve months the committee has:

- Approved a restructure of the General Ledger to improve project reporting;
- Refined an Administration Overheads application system to ensure that all projects fund their fair share of these costs;
- Introduced a new element to the SEA-GP (Brisbane) investment strategy with the creation of a sweep account to maximise interest income;
- Introduced a budgeted Statement of Comprehensive Income (Profit and Loss), Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) and Statement of Cash Flow and
- Introduced a 6 monthly review of the budget.

The full set of financial reports will be provided at the AGM and will be available on our website. The reports show that the company is in a strong financial position. Profit for the 2009-10 financial year was \$74,750 which increased shareholder equity to \$738,371. The current ratio (or liquidity ratio) was 1.54. When "unearned income", i.e. grants received but not recognised as revenue, are removed from both the liabilities and cash reserves, our current ratio stood at 3.61. This provides a better indication of our ability to meet short term trading liabilities.

Asset acquisition during the year was minimal with \$6,610 being spent on leasehold assets. SEA-GP (Brisbane) remained loan free but did enter into two motor vehicle operating leases.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Committee and key finance employees, Mr John Torpy and Mrs Lucy Hoseck for their contribution over the past twelve months.

Dr Glen Pearse

Southside Partnership Council

The Southside Partnership Council (SPC) is one of fifteen Partnership Councils established across the State through the Queensland Health Connecting Healthcare In Communities (CHIC) Initiative. These Councils were a new approach to supporting partnerships between primary health care providers in the public, private and community sectors, and as a vehicle through which these key stakeholders could have input into the better coordination of primary health care services in their District.

Although the current CHIC Initiative finishes in June 2011, Partnership Councils have been acknowledged as being uniquely positioned to inform, participate in, and support the development of Primary Healthcare Organisations, as part of the impending reforms to primary healthcare. The Council has been actively engaged with the Primary and Community Health Partnerships Unit to look at strategies to build members' skills and capacity to support effective local primary care partnerships beyond 2011.

Detailed information on Council membership and the 32 primary health care projects funded through the Council over the last 3 years is available on the Alliance website.

Investing in After Hours GP Service (IAHGPS) Program

The Capalaba After Hours Medical Service has been in operation in the Redlands area for the past 12 years. Unfortunately this year the service came to an end, as Commonwealth funding ceased on 30 June 2010. The After Hours Medical Service was a cooperative arrangement between 7 local practices that provided access to phone advice and consultations for patients after hours.

The Alliance has again applied for further funding for this group and should know by December 2010 if this application has been successful. Thank you to the dedicated group of GPs who have worked to provide this service over the past 12 years.

The Managing Aged Referrals Project: Improving Access to Specialist Outpatient Clinics

The aim of the Project was:

- To establish and implement a clinical review process to reduce the number of aged (long wait) referrals in urology, orthopaedics, endoscopy and diabetes at Redland Hospital and
- To improve access pathways to specialist outpatient clinics with the establishment and implementation of a process to more effectively allocate patients either to specialist care in the hospital setting or specialist supported GP care in the community setting.

This Project engaged visiting Specialists at Redland Hospital and referring GPs on solutions to problems with the existing OPD referral process.

An audit of patients waiting more than 24 months was undertaken and letters were sent to these patients to ascertain whether they still required an OPD appointment. Patients indicating that a referral was still necessary were asked to consult their GP to obtain updated information on their condition. This information was then sent to the relevant OPD clinic, reviewed by the Specialist and the patient triaged accordingly. Patient assessment forms and triage/GP feedback forms for 4 speciality areas were developed.

It is hoped that the work undertaken in the Project will be shared with other GP Divisions and Hospital OPD Departments and this model of care used for other speciality areas. The Specialist to GP feedback process needs to be enhanced.

We would like to thank Dr Heather Connors for her contribution to this Project.

Practice Services

Support

Over the last 12 months, the Alliance has provided a range of support through practice visits, telephone advice, education sessions and resources to respond to the ongoing and changing needs of practices.

This includes accreditation and re-accreditation support; provision of professional development; Practice Managers and Senior Receptionist Network Meetings; Practice Nurse Network Meetings; support for quality improvement activities; support and advocacy to facilitate integration with other areas of the health system; and data quality improvements.

Over the past year Program Officers have made over 913 contacts to our General Practices, including 321 practice visits.

Education Events

The focus for our education continues to be the practice team as a whole. The number of attendees at events conducted this year indicates the success of this approach (1085 attendees at 68 education events). Education topics in the past 12 months included CPR, immunisation, Swine Flu (H1N1) support, accreditation, data management, employment awards, mental health, practice management, practice nursing, secure messaging and IT support and chronic disease management.

We would like to thank all the presenters and those who took the opportunity to attend these informative, education events and we look forward to seeing you at future events.

Quality Improvement through Data Management

The Data Base Health Check program was developed by SEA-GP (Brisbane) in 2009 to encourage practices to establish and maintain quality data.

Twenty four (24) practices completed the Data Base Health Check program, using the tools and resources provided to develop an up to date, clean patient database. The practices worked on inactivating patients, recording gender on all active patients and putting processes in place to ensure that deceased patients are made inactive in the database.

Some of the resultant improvements included:

- An increase in the number of patients set to inactive by 24%.
- A reduction in the average percentage of patients with 'gender not recorded' in the databases from 0.22% to 0.03%.

- An increase of 0.97% increase in patients marked as 'deceased'.

The Alliance is committed to continue to support practices to ensure they have quality data and would like to acknowledge the ongoing hard work of GPs and Practice Staff in achieving these improvements.

Immunisation

This year has seen a steady rise in the Alliance's childhood immunisation rates. We have achieved a 89.9% immunisation rate and it is hoped that 90%+ will be reached in this coming year. All practices have worked consistently with their registers and checking their 20As to get us to this point. Congratulations to everyone! Education sessions were held, in conjunction with the Southside Population Health Unit, to reinforce this message.

The Alliance regularly attends meetings of the Brisbane Immunisation Local Administration Group which also has representatives from other Divisions of General Practice, Local Council, Indigenous Groups and Refugee Groups.

Golden Syringe Project

The aim of this Project is to establish the Influenza and Pneumococcal immunisation rates among the over 65 years population, and provide support methods to increase these rates.

In 2009, 16 General Practices and 3 RACFs were involved in the Golden Syringe Project. Data was collected over two flu seasons with the average immunisation rate for General Practices being 54% for Influenza and 22% for Pneumococcal in the first flu season. In the second flu season, the average Influenza immunisation rate for General Practices increased to 63% and 25% for Pneumococcal immunisations.

The RACF average immunisation rate for Influenza was 84% and 8% for Pneumococcal in the first flu season. In the second flu season their average Influenza immunisation rate had increased to 95% and unfortunately decreased to 6% for Pneumococcal immunisations.

The recipients of the 2009 awards were **Redlands Residential Care** (for the third year in a row), **Moreton Bay Nursing Care Unit**, **Camp Hill Medical Centre** (for the third year in a row) and **Health First Medical Centre West End**.

Australian Primary Care Collaboratives (APCC) Program

Albert Einstein said *“Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result”*.

Practices that are committed to making changes indicated that, by participating in the Collaboratives Program, they can demonstrate substantial progress. By using simple process improvements, they are proactively managing change which leads to better care for their patients.

SEA-GP (Brisbane) is proud to have over 33 practices involved with the APCC Program since its inception in 2005. In the past twelve months, SEA-GP (Brisbane) was again successfully funded for 3 new collaborative waves involving 16 practices.

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and Chronic Disease Prevention and Self Management (CDPSM)

This was the first time in Australia that practices with previous collaborative experience focused on these particular topics. Much of the work was ground breaking with many preventative improvements achieved. These practices included:

- **Bay Islands Medical Service • Camp Hill Medical Centre**
- **Cleveland Central Medical Centre • Mina Medical Clinic**
- **Venner Road Surgery • Victoria Point Surgery**

Local Waves

SEA-GP (Brisbane), in partnership with Southeast Primary Healthcare Network and RHealth, participated in the only Queensland Local Wave. SEA-GP (Brisbane) has since commenced a second local wave working with GP Partners and Moreton Bay General Practice Network. Workshops for both local waves were developed, organised and facilitated in partnership with the other Divisions. This proved to be a very worthwhile collaborative endeavour, as it provided practices with a greater breadth of peer experience and networking opportunities.

Practices participating in the Local Waves:

- **Birkdale Medical Centre • Capalaba Surgery**
- **Cleveland Medical • Dr Roudenko’s Surgery**
- **Marina Medicentre • Morningside Family Care Medical Centre**
- **Ormiston Medical Centre • Stones Corner Medical Centre**
- **Wynnum & Bayside Medical Practice**

Congratulations to these practices for making steady but significant improvements to their systems and patient data. They have completed 346 documented improvement activities over the past 12 months!

Nursing In General Practice (NiGP) Program

The aim of the NiGP Program is to build the capacity of the nursing workforce with an emphasis on the increased value of the role nursing plays in General Practice, supporting extended roles and promoting effective recruitment and retention strategies. Multidisciplinary, collaborative care and the optimal use of nursing workforce is encouraged in the implementation of these activities.

To achieve the aim of this Program we have been involved in a number of initiatives:

- Education, including a two day Chronic Disease Management workshop, wound management workshop, coronary heart disease workshop and an asthma and spirometry workshop.
- Promotion of the Australian General Practice Network Orientation Program for Nurses new to General Practice and relevant resources.
- Promotion of General Practice Nursing through the Qld Nursing and Midwifery Workforce Summit.

We now have 66% of our Practices employing one or more PNs. Throughout the 2009-2010 period the PN workforce in the Alliance has increased by 25 (16%). The Alliance now supports a total of 158 PNs.

Information Management and Technology

A major review of our web presence was carried out resulting in a complete redevelopment of our website which is now less cluttered, has up to date information and is easier to manage.

The Alliance participates in national forums aimed at increasing the uptake of eHealth strategies across the health industry and increasing data quality within practice systems. The Alliance is participating in the Mater Doctor Portal Project which is being implemented by Mater Health Services. The portal allows GPs to access the medical records of their patients admitted to the Mater Hospital.

iHealth Care Project

Ninety percent of GPs in Queensland have been listed on the iHealth Care Directory and approximately 1,800 Allied Health Providers and Specialists have also been listed. Within our area 78% of GPs have registered. As part of this Project everyone listed on the Directory received Medical Objects messaging software free of charge until 30 June 2010. A range of fees are now payable depending on the type of provider, level of use and support required. The fees are easily justified by the savings that can be made by the practice. Around 8,874 health providers in Queensland have Medical Objects installed as a step towards receiving the benefits of eHealth.

Practice Data Management

The Canning Tool, which can extract data on clinical indicators and assist practices in cleaning the data in their clinical systems, has been installed in 37 practices as part of the Database Health Check Project.

Prevention of Type 2 Diabetes Program and Lifestyle Modification Program

The purpose of these Programs is to enable eligible patients, at 'high risk' of developing Type 2 Diabetes, as determined by the Australian Type 2 Diabetes Risk Assessment (AUSDRISK) Tool, to access a subsidised Lifestyle Modification Program (LMP), aimed at reducing the risk or delaying the progression to Type 2 Diabetes. Patients may be referred through Health Assessment MBS Item Numbers. LMPs are a series of group education and motivation sessions supporting lifestyle change. A list of accredited LMPs in our area can be found on our website.

Through these Programs the Alliance is facilitating access to online training to become an accredited LMP Provider, support to identify suitable patients and access to LMPs in a variety of locations.

Australian Better Health Initiative (ABHI)

The ABHI Primary Care Integration Program aimed to improve communication and linkages between GPs and other primary care providers; improve utilisation of existing primary and community care services; provide tools and strategies to assist in chronic disease management; and contribute to the development of local chronic disease care pathways and referral tools.

Eight-six (86) General Practices participated in the Program. Communication and linkages between GPs and other primary care providers with a total of 81 Practices now have secure messaging. Four secure messaging education sessions were held attracting 133 participants.

Secure messaging resources were developed and presented at the Connecting Healthcare Conference in Sydney and AGPAL Conference in Melbourne. Resources developed were published in AGPN's third edition of the "Chronic Disease Management – Prevention, Early Intervention and Self Management" newsletter.

Sixty-three (63) General Practices have been working towards having clean registers. The Database Health Check Resources were developed and delivered to 49 Practices with 24 Practices completing the Program.

The ABHI Program worked with the Integrated Primary Care Model for Type 2 Diabetes Project. The outcomes of this Project included a Care and Referral Pathway for Type 2 Diabetes care consistent with best practice and links to a web-based provider directory. These results and the Pathway have also been presented and promoted at Chronic Disease Workshops for Practice Nurses, Connecting Care GPQ Workshop and APCC Qld Local Wave Meetings.

Access to Allied Psychological Services (ATAPS) Program

The ATAPS Program is primarily designed for low income earners to access psychological treatment as they cannot afford the gap payment and/or up front fee often required with a Better Access Medicare referral. The ATAPS Program and the Better Access to Mental Health (Medicare) Initiative have been embraced by GPs and Allied Health Providers alike, as witnessed by the increase in number of both GPs and AHPs registered with the Program and the increase in the number of GPs completing mental health care plans.

This increased demand has placed constrictions on the available funds, which has led to the Alliance putting strategies in place to meet demand. GPs and AHPs have been kept updated on any and all relevant changes to this Program through practice visits, regular newsletter articles, fax updates and education sessions.

'Building on Can Do' Co-morbidity Project

The objectives of this Project were:

- To provide opportunities to GPs and local AHPs to develop skills in working with people with alcohol and drug issues and mental health co-morbidities by facilitating access to clinical placements at Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Specialist providers
- To facilitate the development of strong and ongoing relationships between GPs and AHPs and local AOD services.

Six (6) AOD Agencies were identified and agreed to host the clinical placements. Nine (9) providers (3 GPs, 1 Mental Health Nurse and 5 Psychologists) completed a clinical placement. The clinical placements were supported by a networking evening for the AOD Agencies to outline the services offered, referral processes and relevant waiting lists.

The clinical placement evaluations highlighted an increased knowledge and understanding of AOD rehabilitation and other services, as well as an increased confidence in providing services to this client group.

Partners In Mind (PIM)

The statewide Partners in Mind (PIM) Initiative strives to achieve the "ideal" primary mental health care sector by increasing the capacity of General Practice to meet consumer needs, better integrating the public mental health services and General Practice and improving continuity of care.

SEA-GP (Brisbane) and Metro South Health Service District (PA Mental Health Service) are working towards improving the physical health care needs of consumers with a mental illness residing in supported accommodation through the ongoing development of a shared care protocol for GPs and providing resources to promote the benefits of seeing a GP.

SEA-GP (Brisbane) and Metro South Health Service District (Bayside Mental Health Services) are working together to develop relationships and enhance communication to work more effectively together to provide holistic care for mental health consumers.

The Resiliency in Bayside Schools (RIBS) Project

The RIBS Project was a two and a half year project promoting mental health resiliency of staff and students of six Bayside State High Schools. This Project has seen the development of the Bayside Youth Directory, development of stronger networks between schools and organisations working with local young people, and supported school staff to work towards a whole-school approach for mental health and wellbeing promotion.

As part of the Project, all schools chose to utilise the MindMatters model and Victoria Point State High School has been recognised as the first MindMatters school in Australia, a significant achievement which highlights the school's improvements in staff understanding of resilience, proactive approach to early intervention, student academic improvements, and greater coordination of support services. All schools involved in the Project have made a commitment to continue to meet regularly to share resources and ideas, with input from other partners.

Local GPs have given talks to students and written school newsletter articles about mental health issues and the role of General Practice. The partnership model adopted has been integral to the successes of the RIBS Project, and there is a strong ongoing commitment from partners.

Once again many thanks to the members of our Mental Health Group (Dr Meg Marsden, Dr Maria Haase, Susan Garnett, Cherie Dalton and Leigh Kenyon) for their tireless work in driving forward the Mental Health Program.

Quality Use of Medicines

National Prescribing Service Program

The NPS educational visiting Program aims to provide GPs and other Health Professionals with independent, unbiased, evidence based information on therapeutic topics, including prescribing information, updates to the Therapeutic Guidelines and resources for the Practice. This is done through personalised one to one educational visits between the GP and/or Health Professional and the NPS Facilitator. Interactive case study discussions in a small group setting are also available. In the past year therapeutic topics have included 'Antiplatelet and Anticoagulant Therapy in Stroke Prevention', 'Therapeutic Choices for Menopausal Symptoms' and 'Management Options to Maximise Sleep'. Currently there are approximately 155 GPs, 12 Practice Nurses and numerous other Health Professionals who receive educational visits on every NPS topic that is conducted, with this number continuing to increase.

Home Medicines Review Program

The uptake of the Home Medicines Review (HMR) MBS Item Number was encouraged through a number of areas:

1. Extensive face to face visiting and *MMReview* pharmacy newsletter articles providing information for GPs, Practice staff, Pharmacists and pharmacy staff to facilitate QUM.
2. Delivering key messages to Pharmacists on links to HMR on the NPS detailing topic 'Antipsychotics and Anticholinesterase Drugs in Dementia'.
3. Implementing the third wave of SEA-GP (Brisbane) HMR Quality Improvement Project with 4 practices and 8 pharmacies involved.
4. Supporting the Quality Use of Medicines Maximised for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (QUMAX) Program on Stradbroke Island.
5. HMR imbedded in hospital discharge planning for the Princess Alexandra Hospital.

Aged Care Access Initiative

The aim of the Aged Care Access Initiative is to increase the provision of allied health services to people living in Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACFs). A Falls Prevention Program was delivered to three RACFs (low care residents), in association with the Domiciliary Allied Health Acute care and Rehabilitation Team (DAART). The Innovative Strategies to Assist Falling Elderly (ISAFE) Program was developed by DAART and consists of screening participants by a Physiotherapist to identify individual falls risk factors, referral to appropriate Allied Health Professionals to address the risk factors, and a low intensity group exercise program. The Alliance is also contracting a Speech Pathologist at DAART to provide services for low care residents in RACFs.

Palliative Care Program

The Alliance received funding from the Centre for Palliative Care Research and Education to develop the Residential Aged Care End-of-Life Care Pathway Facilitator's Manual and a workshop for GPs on utilising the Residential Aged Care End-of-Life Care Pathway. This was undertaken in association with the Brisbane South Palliative Care Collaborative.

Enhanced Access to Interagencies for People with Chronic Diseases (eASi-CD) Program

This Project produced a model of care that will assist in improving access to the services offered by the various Domiciliary Service Providers within the Bayside area. Information on improving access to the different services available to a person with a chronic disease is on 'Health Service Directory' that is hosted on the Alliance website. This Project finished in June 2010.

Annual General Meeting and Gala Dinner 2009

The 5th Annual General Meeting and Gala Dinner was held on the 9 October at the 'Champions Room' at the Gabba. 'Walking forward for health' was the theme for the evening with the tables decorated accordingly. The venue was stunning with the view of the cricket ground and the SEA-GP (Brisbane) logo glowing on the scoreboard. The night was enjoyed by over 160 General Practitioners, Practice Managers/Senior Receptionists, Practice Nurses, Associate and Affiliate Members and Alliance staff. Guests indulged in a delicious meal, followed by dancing to their old favourites. The event was proudly sponsored by *Healthscope* and special thanks to Snap Printing (Capalaba) for donating the lucky door prize, a beautiful bottle of Moët Champagne.

After the formalities of the Annual General Meeting prizes were awarded to the winners of the 'Walk to Sydney' 10,000 Steps Challenge and trophies were presented to the winners of the 'Golden Syringe Awards'.



10,000 steps... a fitter and healthier YOU!

SEA-GP (Brisbane) once again took part in the 'virtual walking challenge' to the location of the annual Australian General Practice Network (AGPN) Forum. 2009 proved to be a very successful year once again with 23 teams walking to Sydney and \$2413 raised for the Cancer Council Queensland. Our challenge was walking over eight weeks over 4 states an approximate 3,526km.



We passed well known towns such as Tamworth, Broken Hill and Wagga Wagga. It proved to be a very competitive walk with some teams only a few steps apart. Medeco Cleveland really stepped up the pace and finished the challenge with 4 weeks to spare, with Warp Speed crossing the finish line a week later. As a workplace we stepped a staggering 103,317,422 steps or better still 86,098kms.

Thank you to all our General Practices, Allied Health Professionals and Alliance staff for another successful year and we look forward to continuing this annual event for many more years to come.



Thank you!

*SEA-GP (Brisbane) would like to say thank you to the many organisations
and people for their participation and support during 2009 - 2010.*

*The Alliance would like to acknowledge and thank the directors and staff that have left our employment during 2009 - 2010:
Christine Kardash (CEO), Dr Wendy Burton, Dr Russell Hunter, Sophia Tzavaras and Zoe Hoopert.
We wish to thank them for their valuable contributions and wish them all the best in their future endeavours!*

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