

From aesthetics to Australia: June's membership update

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It has been an incredibly busy and productive few months since the last article, with a wide range of exciting projects and developments taking place across the team.

A major focus has been the planning of the BDNG Conference for 2026. Preparations are already well underway, including inviting speakers, developing the programme, and updating the website to ensure members have access to the latest information as plans progress and we think we are finally there with all speakers now confirmed. We have tried to have something for everyone.

We have also recently completed recruitment for an Educational Nurse role within the team. We received seven strong applications, and the quality of candidates was so impressive that Teena and I both agreed we would gladly have appointed them all if we had been able to. Following advertisement and interviews, we were delighted to appoint Emi Hawthorne, a Paediatric Nurse, to the position. I am sure you will all get to meet her soon, so welcome Emi.

Another highlight in the calendar was the HS Masterclass held in March, which was very well attended and received excellent feedback. Building on the success of this event, the Specialist Interest Committee will also be holding a further meeting in December. The agenda for this can be found on page 74, and remember to check out the BDNG website for more details.

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Digital transformation

Many of you may also have seen our recent series of webinars focusing on acne. I was pleased to support the organisation of these sessions, helping to secure the right speakers and coordinate availability to ensure we covered a broad range of important acne-related topics.

We have also continued to develop the BDNG app, as I mentioned in our last issue, and we have now included the introduction of Specialist Interest Groups within the conversation area. It has been encouraging to see that several of the groups are already proving active and engaging spaces for members to connect, share ideas, and discuss key topics. If you have not logged into the app for a while, now is a great time to update it, have a look around, and explore the new features available. The

groups are growing as members join the ones associated to the areas they are interested or work in.

I will say, however, that work relating to the new website has had to remain on the back burner while other priorities have taken precedence. We are hoping to make significant progress over the coming months, which is an exciting move for us all. The new website will have a fresh new look and will also provide greater opportunities to expand our e-learning provision, webinars, and podcasts.

Increasing engagement

As part of my role, I have also been updating our database to help us better understand and engage with our members. I would particularly like to hear from all Advanced Nurse Practitioners (ANPs) and Nurse Consultants, and would encourage you to get in touch at lynne@bdng.org.uk. We are currently exploring the development of a dedicated specialist day tailored specifically to this group and would greatly value your input and involvement in helping to shape this initiative.

We were pleased to be involved with the Aesthetic Medicine Live (AM Live 2026) conference, held at Olympia London at the beginning of May, where we hosted a two-hour educational session delivered by Lisa McGovern, Claire Lusted, Mani Toni, and Teena Mackenzie. It was a valuable opportunity to share knowledge, connect with colleagues, and represent the organisation at such a respected industry event. Increasing awareness in the BDNG as well as having new members join.

And finally, I have been involved in the judging process for the awards,



WORKSHOP	
SATURDAY 9TH MAY	
10.00 - 10.15	Welcome and introduction Teena Mackenzie
10.15 - 10.35	Psoriasis Emanuel Toni
10.35 - 10.55	Acne Lisa McGovern
10.55 - 11.15	Lesion recognition Claire Lusted
11.15 - 11.30	Collaboration in dermatology Teena Mackenzie
11.30 - 11.55	Q&As
11.55 - 12.00	Closing remarks Teena Mackenzie



L-R: Mani Toni, Teena Mackenzie, Lisa McGovern, Claire Lusted

supporting fellow judges and the wider team with preparations for what promises to be a fantastic evening. I hope to share more about this prestigious event in the next issue, but you can see just how great an event it was on page 49.

International news

On the international front, we are currently preparing the recording of a presentation by Lisa and myself for the Asia Pacific Nurses Convention, which is being held in Singapore from June 25-27 2026. We were honoured to be invited by the Asian Dermatological Nursing Group to contribute to this important event.

The BDNG has also awarded the Ego Travel Award to Craig Dominique-Smith, who will be attending the Australian Dermatology Nurses Association (ADNA) Conference.

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We had an array of applications from members and, as always, this was judged anonymously.

As part of the award, Craig will have a tour of the Ego site and a hospital clinic visit arranged by the ADNA International Liaison Lead, Karen Dazkiw. He will also be travelling to Singapore for a visit to the National Skin Centre, where he will spend time with the team in clinical areas. This is a fantastic opportunity, during which he will also meet two of their nurses, Agnes Lee and Esther Tang, who are also attending the ADNA Conference. We will look forward to a further podcast and perhaps an article from Craig regarding his experience of his travel award. The BDNG look forward to returning the favour with the Ego travel award winner attending our conference in October.

I am continuing to work alongside Susan Maguire and Katherine Mansfield to ensure that all our activities are



L-R: Lynne Skrine, Claire Lusted, Teena Mackenzie, Mani Toni, Elizabeth McGovern

aligned to support the BDNG work and preparations for the year ahead.

It has certainly been a full and rewarding few months, and I look forward to sharing more updates with you in the next issue.

Call for papers

Each year, the *Dermatological Nursing* Editorial Board actively seeks and encourages colleagues to write up their work and publish. As Clinical Editor, I support this and would like to highlight this call for papers.

- Are you interested in having your work published?
- Have you completed some work or project which enhances knowledge, skills or dermatology nursing?
- Do you have a patient case study that would be of interest to our readership?
- Have you recently completed an audit that has informed practice development or service delivery?
- Have you recently completed a dissertation or a literature review?

- Is there a particular clinical area that interests you and you wish to share?
- Do you have a medical or nursing colleague who would like to write for publication?

If so, please consider submitting a paper to *Dermatological Nursing*.

Support and advice is available to guide you through the writing process, so please, do not hesitate to contact myself, Jackie, Rob or any member of the Editorial Board for advice. (Email addresses are listed in the journal).

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