

MS NURSES AUSTRALASIA INC 2019 AGM Minutes

30th AUGUST 2019 - Sydney



AGM meeting commenced at 4:15pm

1. Present: As per signing in sheet attached

Apologies: Lou Hatter, Pamela Klaer, Karalyn Ernst, Marie Maher, KJ Lazarus, Amanda Lydon, Meena Sharma

2. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

Moved – Imogen Milner **Seconded:** Sharon Barlow

3. Results of Executive Position Nominations

- President – Belinda Bardsley
- Vice President – Imogen Milner
- Treasurer – Melanie McMurtrie
- Secretary – Emma Christian

4. Business arising from 2018 AGM Minutes

As per Subcommittee reports below.

5. REPORTS

5.1 President Report (Belinda Bardsley)

Reflecting on the past year, I believe this has been incredibly productive with much behind-the-scenes activity by our fantastic committee, moving our organisation forward in important strategic directions. I will report on the most important activities in a moment.

I also feel however that I am accountable for one major shortcoming, and that is a lack of communication with our members. A cumbersome email system, my lack of technological savvy and an absence of time to find work-around solutions have conspired against me, and so I apologise if you feel I've been far too silent over the year. I hope this report reassures you that, despite my relative silence, I have been occupied in activities which represent our organisation and are important for our future.

Some of our most important work has been done by the Education Sub-Committee, Chaired by our Vice President Imogen. I won't steal her thunder here as I'm sure you will hear about their activities from her, but it is exciting to see the focus that has been firmly placed on education for our MS Nurses and health professionals.

The other critically important project that has come to fruition is the launch of our fresh new website. This is thanks to the enormous effort by Susan Agland, her IT partner Christoph and more recently our brand new IT Sub-Committee, comprised of Jess Morris and Louise Rath. This is where I hope to have the capacity to

communicate with you all far more easily, via website communications and in future, links to social media.

It's also where the Education Sub-Committee's hard work will slot in beautifully, as we plan to link external educational platforms such as MS Nurse Pro, and proudly provide our own presentations, posters, educational modules and learning tools to the website via a Members Only log-in. So it is more important than ever to maintain your MSNA membership!

As I explained at the outset, my primary reason for taking on this role was to try to promote and safeguard the important work of the MS Nurse and health professional to ensure that in future, people diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis can have equitable access to a supportive, compassionate and expert health care partner. Important work has been done in this field in the past twelve months, and here I will mention four of the most critical.

1. **MSSN Project - Template Business Plans:** In conjunction with Sharon Barlow and Vanessa Maxwell, I have assisted Bea Beswick from MS-A on her important MS Specialist Nurse-related project to develop template Business Plans which will be available on their website. These can be adapted for use by an MS Nurse or their manager/neurologist to make a case to support ongoing funding of their role at their hospital/clinic.
2. **AMSLS MS Nurse Survey:** As part of my involvement on the Australian MS Longitudinal Study (AMSLS) Steering Committee, and in conjunction with Sue Shapland and Ingrid Van der Mei, an MS Nurse survey has recently been finalised and sent to participants of the study which will gather feedback on patients' experience of MS Nurses.
3. **MS-Australia strategic planning:** MS-A asked me to contribute to their strategic planning project with KPMG, where I was able to clearly articulate the importance of ongoing nursing roles into the future.
4. **MSRA's Stop and Reverse Assembly:** This assembly was run by MSRA late last year, inviting key stakeholders to come together to discuss a ten-year plan for funding, resources and research with a view to stopping and reversing MS. I was able to represent MS Nurses to ensure that participants understand the role that we play in research and clinical care, and our capacity to enable the administration of high efficacy treatments, to identify sub-optimal therapy, and to fill gaps in rural areas. I spoke with the shadow Minister for Health about funding shortcomings and needs.

As I come into the final term of my Presidency, I am pleased to see the progress that has been made and the directions that MSNA is moving in. We have a strong and passionate committee of hard-working and dedicated people. We need however to remember that we are all doing this on top of our regular roles in a voluntary capacity, so any additional assistance that our members may like to offer will always be gratefully accepted, particularly around conference time!

On this note, I would like to make mention of our wonderful State Reps, and particularly to thank Meena Sharma and her superstar convening committee in NSW for all their hard work in bringing this conference together. And I must acknowledge the tremendous effort of our excellent Executive Committee, Emma Christian, Imogen Milner, and my personal rock, Melanie McMurtrie, who do so much to keep the momentum going in our wonderful organisation. Thank you all.

5.2 Vice President – (Imogen Milner)

Transitioning from a state delegate to the VP position has given me yet another perspective of the workings within MSNA. Although the role of VP is the least demanding of the executive positions I have found it challenging and I take my hat off to my executive colleagues who are exceptional and a joy to work with.

Not surprisingly a lot of the time has been associated with conference planning. Meena and her team's performance has been a tour de force including introducing a new initiative with the neurological assessment sessions which can be further utilised by MSNA members and replicated in future conferences. Thank you, your efforts go above and beyond.

My other projects:

- The Education Subcommittee –Part of the VP role is to chair the subcommittee and be the primary communicator and organiser of the project. The goal of this committee is to provide opportunities for education and professional development for MS nurses in Australasia. We have monthly teleconferences and my report will be shared later in this AGM.
- To create a conference checklist – Unfortunately after some initial activity this project hasn't progressed. I'm hoping to focus and complete this in time to be utilised for the 2020 conference.
- Sharon Stevenson-Hall, Fiona d'Young and I are the executive members of the NZMSN. We are formalising our group and establishing a strong NZ team, working to promote MS nursing in keeping with the MSNA mission statement. This year we were delighted to have secured a scholarship enabling 2 of our nurses, Karen Clark and Jessica Deacon, to attend ECTRIMS. As driven MS nurses hungry for knowledge they have also taken this opportunity to arrange preceptorship working with MS nurses in Queens Square.

It is a privilege to be in this role, we have so many talented members who give their precious time helping MSNA evolve in so many ways. I look forward to working with you in the coming year and being part of the evolution.

5.3 Secretary – (Emma Christian)

Thank you to the NSW conference committee and EXEC/delegates for all their hard work in bringing together another successful conference. Thank you to all the EXEC and Delegates for helping me transition into this new role.

- Education Grant Applications: Nil
- **Mail In –**
- Sponsorship from: Bayer, Biogen Idec, Teva, Sanofi Genzyme, Merck, Novartis, Roche, Coloplast, Independence Australia, MS Limited, MSRA, Emerge Health, Mediplast, Data for Inclusion
- Auditor financial Report (Treasurer)
- **Mail Out –**
- Pharma Sponsorship request to Novartis, Merck Serono, Bayer, Biogen Idec, Sanofi Genzyme, Roche and Teva
- QLD Office of Fair trading re: incorporation
- Acknowledgement of service letter for Sue McGregor
- NHMRC Fellow Research Endorsement letter

5.4 Treasurer – Melanie McMurtrie

2018-2019 Financial Report for AGM - Melanie McMurtrie

Financial members - 92

Financial Report available on request.

FINANCIAL REPORT APPROVED & ACCEPTED:

Moved: Melanie McMurtrie

Seconded: Unanimously

5.5 State Delegates Reports:

ACT – Vacant

NSW – Meena Sharma

- Many local educational events and opportunities provided such as – dinner meeting, weekend meeting, and full day education, especially Pharma Company initiated
- Jane Kabanoff, Karen Thomas from NSPH and Meena Sharma was requested to coordinate, chair and present at B-informed nursing education dinner meeting in July 2019 by Roche
- **Numerous clinical trials** – national, international, investigational, observational, PI initiated in progress across the NSW MS clinics.
- **John Hunter**
 - 2 MSNA nurses. 1.0 FTE hospital nurse, 0.6 FTE research nurse, iMed patient total 987
 - World MS Day Symposium, co-led by MSL, held at Hunter Medical Research Institute
 - Nurse Research – Co-study: MS and Health Innovations project on health literacy in OPD MS unsuccessful in Improvement Grant but keeping project on the table for the time being, possibility of alternative funding opportunity
 - Susan Agland - Case presented (poster) at CMSC: Fingolimod Rebound
- **Liverpool Hospital**
 - CNC neuro-immunology on long service leave and replace with an RN
- **Royal North Shore Hospital** –
 - World MS Day foyer collaboration with Advanced Rehab Centre a big success
 - Nurse-led study looking at burnout in MS Nurses
- **North Shore private Hospital**
 - Introduction of MS Nurse role 1 day/week in Neurologist private practice
- **University of Sydney, Brain and Mind Centre** - COMBAT-MS trial ongoing – multi dimensional non-drug treatment approach to cognitive and social wellbeing. Great feedback from participants so far
- **Westmead Hospital**
 - New RN Commenced as CNS full time in mid-June 2019
 - Research RN x 2, one also assist with the clinic although main purpose of the recruitment was research
- **Common NSW MS Nurses Activities/Challenges/Issues**
 - Multiple in-hospital education sessions and family support/information evening
 - Chair access in Ambulatory Care hit crisis, wait list for new Ocrevus is 3-4 months
 - Each clinic managing increasing numbers of people with no staff growth
 - Large number of patients receiving potent treatment infusions which requires a lot of monitoring and organisation
 - Gap in care for private patients that do not have access to MS nursing services
 - No replacement or taking time to replace the vacant position
 - Nurses are being encouraged to become a MSNA member at regular interval as well as to become NSW MSNA state delegate

NZ South – Stephanie Rout

1. Educational events conducted or planned since last report:

New Zealand educational activity has been ongoing throughout the year.

- Attending Biogen nurses meeting in October.
- NZ nurses meeting in February, excellent day was organised and brilliant to have the wonderful Bernie Porter to talk to us.
- I attended CMSC in Seattle which was a brilliant chance to attend from NZ.
- MS Atlas in Sydney in June.
- NZ MS winter meeting in Queenstown – August.
- MSNA – think most nurses from NZ have been able to attend.
- Ongoing teleconference meetings with NZ nurses.
- **Upcoming:** 2 NZ nurses nationally will be able to attend ECTRIMS with generous sponsorship from Roche.

2. Any new nurses to MS and have they been introduced to MSNA?

No new nurses in the South Island. Registration to MSNA remains stable with 6 nurses renewing their membership this financial year.

3. Items for discussion/review

Ensuring that members are aware of grants and sponsorship that could be open to them.

After 2 years as South Island delegate I am resigning from MSNA and Jane Eagle (Canterbury DHB) will be stepping in as replacement.

NZ North – Fiona d'Young

Main themes

- Annual NZMSN meeting held in Auckland February 27th (4th meeting)
- Executive team currently planning 2020 meeting
- Key note speaker this year was Bernie Porter Nurse- consultant and NHS innovator, alongside other speakers and 3x nurse podium presentations.
- Steady increase in PHARMAC approvals for MS DMTS is creating clinic capacity challenges in all main centres. This has the flow on effect of increased non nursing based administrative burden for MS nursing services.
- Close work with regional MS Societies continue

Wellington

- PrevANZ Vit D research study continues (recruitment still open)
- Recent addition of another MS Neurologist to the team
- New Nurse led MS education clinic rolled out
- Plans for joining MS Base
- Post-graduate study successfully undertaken

Waikato

- Extended dose Natalizumab patient experience Nurse led research undertaken
- Poster Presentation on this subject at the AAN in Philadelphia
- Pilot site for North Island for MS Base
- MS research trials currently undertaken: PrevAnZ, Orataro Han PPMS study, Esteem observational study (Tecfidera), Day Break study

Auckland

- Annual newly diagnosed education day run in conjunction with MS society Auckland Oct 19th historically 40 people attend this each year.

- BJNN publication for MS co-design relapse work in March edition and invitation to present this work at the Nursing and Healthcare World Congress in Rome Sept 2019
- MS Pregnancy project is now in the solutions phase with patient experience and clinician videos complete. These will be added to MSNZ pregnancy web page along with FAQ's and timelines. Links made with NZ college of Midwives who will add web link details to their membership webpages and safety and quality midwives will circulate the site amongst regional DHBs. Abstract to be submitted to share work at the 2020 NZ Midwifery conference with the aim of enhancing midwifery knowledge of MS and creating more seamless care between maternity services and neurology to improve care for women with MS in all stages of pregnancy and parenthood.

QLD – Sharon Edwards

- GCUH – New infusion unit open from 12/8/19 to help with capacity issues and waitlists associated with neurology infusions. Phase 1 is neurology! Hopefully waitlists will be reduced, and numbers can increase.
- New MS nurse working full time at MS Qld – Lydia Loughran – welcome!
- No other new job roles for MS nurses unfortunately. Although, the MS CNC permanent role at RBWH (previously funded by MSQ) has now been taken over by hospital funding, ongoing.
- RBWH NP Model of Care - small grant for a research assistant one day per week over the last year - looking at safety of MS NP role in outcomes and readmission rates. Reviewed 170 occasions of services from the MS NP and 170 occasions of service for consultant neurologists. Results showed improved safety and efficacy of role in NP model = just as safe to see MS NP as consultant neurologist. Results still to be published.
- Three MS nurses partnered with Roche provided education to infusion nurses about MS to various locations around QLD – positive feedback.

SA & NT– Sharon Barlow

Sharon Barlow will continue as State Delegate for 2020.

LMH Neurology service (Vanessa)

- 1 MS Nurse funded position- Vanessa 0.7 FTE (permanent)
- Patients approx. 250
- At capacity but with Northern neurology closure we are triaging larger number at this time
- MS Base contributor
- 3 Neurologist clinics a week, 2 registrar clinics with 2 of these clinics and I am basically running a clinic to suit patients (plus supporting the neurology clinics)

FMC and FMC Neuro-immunology Service (Sharon)

- MS Nurse consultant- Sharon Barlow 0.7FTE (permanent)
- MS Clinical Nurse- Anne Green 0.5 FTE (permanent)
- Neurology research nurse co-ordinator- Marie Toubia 0.5 FTE
- Neurology research nurse- Susan Hopkins 0.5 FTE
- Neurology ward A/Nurse unit manager- Karalyn Ernst 0.4 FTE (permanent)
- MS Base contributor
- 620+ patient cohort

- 3 consultant clinics, 1 registrar clinic and 2 MS nurse led clinics a week
- At capacity but still accepting referrals within the SALHN area
- MS research site

Neuro-immunology service RAH (Kevin)

- Neurology Nurse Consultant (MS)- Kevin Webb 1.0 FTE (permanent)
 - Number of pts serviced: ?
 - 1 MS nurse led clinic, 4 x consultants neuro-immunology clinics, 1 x registrar neuro-immunology clinic weekly (not all MS)
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- **Specialists on College / Centre for Neuroscience Innovation (Paul)**
 - 1 MS / Stroke / clinical trial -Paul Stockle 1.0 FTE (permanent)
 - Number of pts serviced: 300+
 - Strategic plans for service include making a specific MS clinic/s times, increasing research
 - Service currently at capacity taking what we can from Northern neuro closing

MS Society SA & NT (Emma)

- MS Nurse Coordinator – emma Christian 0.7FTE (permanent)
- MS Nurse – Pamela Klaer 0.4FTE (permanent) Retiring December 2019. We thank Pamela for 14 years of exceptional and dedicated service to the MS Society – she will be sorely missed by patients and staff but we wish her a very happy retirement!
- MS Nurse – Johanna Walters 1.0FTE (permanent)
- MS Contience Nurse – Amanda Mouvet 0.8FTE (permanent)
- Patient membership approx.. 2400
- NDIS registered service provider
- Strategic direction focus is growth of client services over the next 12 months, including regional areas.

TAS – Michael Mortensen

After more than 15 years of MS nursing, Sue McGregor retired at the end of May. Her position, CNC Neurology Liaison is in the process of being filled.

Anna Green is working as a clinical trials nurse through Royal Hobart Hospital/Menzies Institute.

MS nursing positions at MS Limited will potentially cease in Tasmania at the end of September, 2019. Consumers are being directed to MS Connect for services.

Improved neurology services through Launceston General Hospital – now 4 neurologists working there. Karen Lewis is the CNC supporting the neurologists at the hospital.

Menzies Institute for Medical Research has launched its MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) Understanding Multiple Sclerosis – this is a free six week course designed for anyone with an interest in MS.

VIC – Edith Cinc

Victoria has had a very busy 2019. During the past 12 months we have continued taking advantage of the ongoing educational opportunities offered by the different pharmaceutical companies.

Via the MSHPN, the Victorian MS Health Professionals Network, we have met several times over the past year. This provides a great opportunity for support and networking and again other educational opportunities.

We have heard from MS Australia, KJ Lazarus (Continence), Dr. Anneke Van Der Walt (Pregnancy in MS) the MS Employment Support Service and the new MS NDIS Engagement team, with very active Team leaders, Pam Williams and Jess Morris. They have provided a huge unmet need in enabling PwMS access the NDIS.

There have also been regular updates pertaining to the numerous local clinical and investigator driven research projects which are happening across the Victorian sites. Belinda Bardsley (Austin Health) has conducted a Quality Improvement Project, titled "Factors Influencing Patient Treatment Choices in MS". Her abstract has been accepted to present a poster at ECTRIMS this year.

In Victoria, the Voluntary Assisted Dying Legislation has been approved and there has been much education and information provided for Health Care Professionals. There is a Pregnancy and MS Outcomes project being run by Vilija Jokubaitis and Dr. Olga Skibina.

We welcomed a new nurse, Madeline Mcleod to Austin Health in May this year, to assist in the increase to patient referrals to Austin Health. It is also worth noting, that at Austin Health we continue to run a Nurse Preceptorship Program for MS Nurses and Study Coordinators, which gives nurses the opportunity to learn, network and build a reciprocal relationship with colleagues from anywhere in Australia.

WA – Dee Menzies

It has been another busy and productive year for MSWA with the ongoing changes that NDIS funding has brought about. NDIS's final roll out will take place this month but is still trying to catch up with past applications and is a few months behind.

We have lost several nurses over the last year as they have moved on to new adventures and unfortunately these have not been replaced which has increased the workload for everyone.

With the changes in treatment options this has had a big impact within the clinic service with more and more people changing to Ocrevus from injectables and orals this has increased workloads for the hospital liaison nurses.

Clinics have also expanded over the last year with the MS clinic re-opening in Royal Perth Hospital and the appointment of a public neurologist in Joondalup hospital. At present it is a general neurology clinic, but he is hoping to run a specific MS clinic due to the number of patients seen there with MS.

Prof Allan Kermode has resigned from public sessions but continues to see patients privately. Due to his absence a new neurologist has been appointed at the Perron clinic. Extra clinics have also been added to accommodate the increasing numbers of referrals for MS patients.

MSWA continue to be active in contributing to Neurological research both in MS and other Neurological conditions with a new advertising campaign just rolled out:

This has increased the workload to the nurses working in the NCCCP and other neurological conditions programs.

MSWA facilities continue to expand with new facilities now open in Perth's northern suburbs, which includes, outreach, respite and residential facilities to support our customers ongoing needs. Services to customers continue to grow, including, cognition and fatigue workshops, Yoga, Pilates, gym classes. medication newly diagnosed and NDIS planning workshops. Other workshops include restorative sound, mindfulness, men's resource, assistive technology and Peer support groups

I will be stepping down this year from the state delegate role and would just like to say thank you to all on the committee for making me feel welcome over the last few years and to be included in such an amazing knowledgeable team. This role has been empowering, innovative and fun and I am thankful that I had the opportunity to be part of this team.

I would like to say welcome to Petrina Keating in her new role as WA state delegate and hope she enjoys this role as much as I have.

Web & Communications Report – Susan Agland (Chair)

Members: Susan, Louise Rath, Jessica Morris

Most attention focussed on redevelopment of the website. Received 3 quotes, chose Christoph Gremm from Grimmel. Despite the short timeframe we have been able to deliver the new website, increasing functional capacity. As a living page, it will be updated routinely by the W&C subcommittee.

- Calls for volunteers to create the W&C subcommittee drew the marvellous Jessica Morris and Louise Rath. In a short space of time they have made themselves indispensable. They also bring considerable IT skills to update the website, without the need for routine engagement of a paid IT support. Having said that, Christoph is committed to supporting MSNA as and when we need help. This includes upskilling other W&C subcommittee to monitor and manage the website.

- Governance developed in 2019: formal IT plan (which outlines areas of proposed growth) and a social media engagement plan in draft. These plans are attached to the report.

- I will be looking to step away from the W&C subcommittee by the next conference. As we are a small group another 2-3 volunteers would be awesome, to spread the love ☺

Education Sub-Committee Report – Imogen Milner (Chair)

Members: Sharon Barlow, Sharon Stevenson-Hall, Tim O'Maley, Jodi Haartsen, Therese Burke, Susan Agland, Imogen Milner

TOR: updated and available on the MSNA website.

Projects:

Australian Multiple Sclerosis Nursing Manual – The committee considered a number of options and reflected on the challenges faced with each. Significant concerns were raised about intellectual properties and increasing complexity with employers. The committee believed it would be in the best interest to move in a different direction, focusing more on a web-based system that allows for regular updates.

MS Nurse Pro – The committee recommended that MSNA endorse and invest in MS Nurse Pro. This has been approved by the executive team. MS Nurse Pro is a European based e-learning training curriculum comprising of six modules aimed at nurses beginning their career in the field of MS. The link will be available on the new website for those interested in the CME-accredited (Eu) programme. I will send some promotional material to the delegates.

UK MSSN collaboration – Therese has initiated a collaboration with the UK MS specialist nurses to update an education tool to support nurses preparing for the MSNICB examination. She has been working with the UK nurses along with Tim O'Maley and Sharon Barlow with the aim of completing the guide by the end of the year.

Educational avenues – The committee has been looking at different electronic educational platforms making a website wish list. In collaboration with Susan Agland (website lead) and Christoph Gremm (web designer), we have been exploring the capacity and functionality of the website such as the ability to have videos, webinars and google groups. The committee has emphasised the importance of having MSNA members work available for all including publications, posters, protocols and research. With the vast array of information now accessible online, the committee is aiming to focus on unmet needs and utilising the expansive knowledge and ideas of MSNA members.

The committee are the overseers of the educational platform of the MSNA website. The committee would embrace member's feedback, suggestions and participation in educational tools. The committee has monthly teleconferences and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members for their time, passion, ideas and patience.

IOMSN Report –Therese Burke

All MSNA Inc financial members are also affiliate members of the International Organisation for MS Nurses (IOMSN) and are eligible to access the vast resources that are available to MS Nurses through this avenue. This includes educational resources, webinars, clinical practice guidelines, on line programs, publications on symptom management, genetics, CIS, and much more. Check out the website www.iomsn.org for more information.

There has been considerable change in the last few years to IOMSN as support from outside sources has reduced in the current climate and educational resources such as in-person meetings have needed to downsize. There is much more planned by way of webinars and internet based learning to reflect the need for more of this method of professional development in all of our busy lives. Keep an eye on the website for upcoming opportunities. The Consortium of MS Centres (CMSC) annual meeting once again featured IOMSN committee and members – past, present and future – in talks, presentations, posters and workshops.

The Multiple Sclerosis Nurse International Certification Board (MSNICB) continues the annual tradition of offering examinations to certify MS Nurses around the globe as MS Nurses. There are currently over 1,000 Multiple Sclerosis Certified Nurses (MSCN's) around the world including the USA, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the UK, The Netherlands, the Middle East, Portugal and coming up this year, Belgium. This year the examination will be offered just prior to the MSNA inc conference on 29th August in Sydney, the website www.msnicb.org has additional information. There is a handbook to download to give a clearer picture of what can be expected in the examination, as well as a practice examination to give you a feel for the structure and format of the questions. The certification examination is recommended for RN's with 2 years or more experience in MS nursing. If this is you, please consider this huge step in your professional development, showing the world your expertise in MS.

My tenure on the Board is due to finish at the end of 2020 and I would encourage all MSCNs to think about representing MSNA Inc on the MSNIC Board and as the Member-at-Large for IOMSN. This dual role has extended my professional capabilities beyond anything I had imagined and has forged some amazing collaborations and friendships of which I will always be grateful. I am also available to mentor and support through the process for the new member so it won't be so daunting.

As our lives become busier, the work day stretches longer and the treatments increase before our very eyes, belonging to an organisation which gives access to MS Nurses all over the world increases in importance. Next time you are fortunate enough to attend a conference in Australia or overseas, introduce yourself to the speakers or colleagues afterwards, ask questions, swap emails. They will be delighted you stopped them, and you may just have made a new friend and resource.

- **Nomination for IOMSN role at start of next term – Susan Agland.** This was unanimously accepted by attendees. Susan will commence a handover period over the next 12 months, working alongside, Therese.

New Business

- Therese recommended that a formal Research Sub-Committee be initiated. All members in agreeance and a list of interested members keen to be involved was noted including Belinda, Susan, Jane Eagle, Michelle Allan, Shaila Vathij, ???Louise Rath. Therese happy to chair this committee.

Next Conference

To be held in WA – date and venue to be confirmed. Next AGM to coincide with next MSNA Inc conference in 2020

Meeting closed 5:15pm

Prize winners for 2019 MSNA Conference – Sydney

- **Best Poster prize-\$500 prize- Jane Kabanoff- Burnout**
- **Best Podium prize-\$500 prize Tim O'Maley - Changing Language to acknowledging patients perceptions of "Treatment" in MS Care**
- **Overall best presenter- trophy and attendance at CMSC next year- Tim O'Maley**
- **Best Novice presenter-\$500 prize - Jessica Deacon- Live attenuated vaccines and DMT-**
- **Outstanding contribution to MS nursing 2019 –\$500 prize, trophy and attendance at 2020 MSNA conference- Louise Rath**