

BECOMING A BETTER HEALTHCARE PROVIDER WITH WOUNDS AUSTRALIA

With chronic wounds affecting around 420,000 Australians each year, the dedication and work of healthcare professionals have never been more important.

Whether it's the nation's health and wellbeing or the size of the health budget at stake, proper management of wounds is vital for meeting the challenges of our ageing population.

It's crucial healthcare workers stay informed of the latest treatments and advice. It's also important to continuously develop the skills to ensure your patients or clients are receiving the best available care.

As the peak body for wound management & treatment, Wounds Australia can support you during your wound care journey through education, research and events.

Wounds Australia is holding its fourth annual Wound Awareness Week from 15-21 July and has a host of activities to promote healthcare specialists and lobby government for the funding and resources you need through your career.

Keep an eye out for activities at local hospitals or community centres. You may even want to hold your own with the help of our online resources and advice.

But, for less than the cost of buying one newspaper a week, Wounds Australia members get access to a range of benefits that will grow your career and treatment expertise every week of the year.

Wounds Australia will support you in developing your wound knowledge and skills with:

- Over \$50,000 in scholarships and grants available annually, including:
 - Research grants
 - Conference attendance awards
 - Professional development scholarships
- Cutting edge resources including Standards, Guidelines and other publications
- The quarterly *Wounds Practice & Research Journal* and fortnightly email news & updates
- Access to our specialist e-magazine *DeepesTissues*.

The opportunity to have your voice heard within the wound community is available by shaping Wounds Australia through committees and working groups, or networking with other health care professionals.

Wounds Australia welcomes health professionals, scientists, students and anyone with an interest in wound care to join our community.

More information on joining Wounds Australia and the benefits of membership is at www.woundsaustralia.com.au or by calling 1800 870 855.

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