



WA Network Bi-monthly e-Newsletter – January 2011, Issue 9



Welcome to the January edition of the e-newsletter for WA members.

Well, it's the beginning of a new year and what a year it's looking to be! There are many improvements developing in our world of quality and safety; particularly in July 2011 with the beginning of the establishment and transition phases of the new National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards and the implementation of ACHS EQUiP 5. I hope to see some of you at the 'Implementing EQUiP 5' workshop organised by St John of God Health Care and facilitated by Sandy Thomson on 1 March.

If you have been considering applying for a Fellow or Associate Fellow credential, now may be the time to apply. I have provided some details further down in the newsletter. Achieving either of these credentials is a fantastic opportunity to be formally recognised for your knowledge and experience in quality and safety.

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For this edition, I would like to provide some information about Fay Winter, one of our Fellows - pictured right



Fay Winter was appointed Director, Quality and Risk Management with St John of God Hospital Murdoch in April 2006.

Fay trained as a nurse in the UK and worked in a number of health systems in Europe, including Switzerland and Germany. She trained as a District Nurse working in the community and providing liaison between the local hospital and the community services.

She quickly moved up the management ladder and joined a large teaching hospital in Essex in 1999 at the inception of Clinical Governance, as the Clinical Governance Manager, where she worked closely with the Modernisation Agency and the National Patient Safety Agency in the United Kingdom.

On her emigration to Australia in 2004, she secured a Project Officer role in the Safety and Quality Department of the Royal Perth Hospital in WA until moving to St John of God Hospital Murdoch.

She has a Masters in Health Service Management and various post graduate diplomas and commenced surveying with the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards in 2007.

Fay was awarded a Fellow of the Australian Association for Quality in Healthcare in 2010.

Quality Coordinators Network WA

The first network meeting for 2011 will be on 17th February 2011 from 8.30 am to 10.30 am at the Department of Health, 3C Function Room, Royal Street, East Perth. Jane Newcomb will present information regarding the opportunity to visit hospitals in the United Kingdom and New York focussing on leadership initiatives and patient safety.

AAQHC Fellow and Associate Fellow

Applications for an AAQHC Fellow credential close on 31st May. If you believe you meet the requirements for this important award, why not give it a try! This is a lifetime award, provided membership remains financial and evidence of ongoing professional development can be provided when requested. More details can be found at: <http://www.aaqhc.org.au/Credentialing/Fellow.aspx>

An Associate Fellow credential is also available and members can apply at any time. For more details visit: <http://www.aaqhc.org.au/Credentialing/Associate-Fellow.aspx>