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PRESMED NEWSLETTER

As Christmas approaches and this year draws to a close, [PresMed Australia](#) would like to express our gratitude for your continued support.

We wish you and your families a safe and happy Christmas holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

We look forward to all the exciting opportunities that await us in 2024.





CHRISTMAS CLOSURE PERIOD



PMA Facility	Last Day Open in 2023	Re-opening Date
<i>PresMed Australia</i>	21/12/23	8/01/24
<i>Madison Day Surgery</i>	20/12/23	15/01/24
<i>Central Coast Day Hospital</i>	20/12/23	4/01/24
<i>Chatswood Private Hospital</i>	21/12/23	8/01/24
<i>Devonport Eye Hospital</i>	22/12/23	3/01/24
<i>MetWest Surgical</i>	22/12/23	8/01/24
<i>Sydney Pain Day Surgery</i>	18/12/23	5/01/24
<i>Epping Surgical Centre</i>	20/12/23	5/01/24
<i>Canberra Microsurgery</i>	22/12/23	8/01/24

NEW INTERIM CEO

[PresMed Australia](#) is pleased to appoint Peter Freeleagus as Interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO), as of October 2023.

His extensive work history within the healthcare industry, provides Peter with a unique understanding of how to achieve and maintain [PresMed's](#) vision for surgical excellence.



NEW CHIEF OF FINANCE

[PresMed Australia](#) is pleased to appoint Annette Abrahams as the new Chief Financial Officer (CFO), as of 14 August 2023. Annette has 15 years of industry experience in healthcare, including eight years as Cura Day Hospitals Group's CFO from January 2011 to July 2019, and their Financial Controller for three years prior to that.

She also served as CFO and Executive General Manager for Corporate Services at St Vincent's Health Australia from September 2020, to May 2022. Annette stated she was delighted to be joining a company that was known as being the "gold standard" for its commitment to surgical excellence and dedicated staff.



WORLD ASSOCIATION OF EYE HOSPITALS ANNUAL MEETING

[Chatswood Private Hospital](#) had the honour of hosting the World Association of Eye Hospitals during their annual meeting on Saturday 14 October 2023.

Delegates from 23 Hospitals and 18 countries attended The Royal Eye & Ear Hospital in Melbourne and then Sydney Eye Hospital, before concluding the conference at [Chatswood Private Hospital](#). It was a momentous occasion for world leaders in the field of eye health to connect over their shared passion for eye care and to exchange information, discuss quality improvement, and to network with the best of the best. [Chatswood Private Hospital](#) is the only private member of the Association in Australia.

Delegates included Moorfields Eye Hospital – London, The Wilmer Eye Institute – Johns Hopkins – Baltimore, Rotterdam Eye Hospital and the Aier Eye Group – China, amongst others.

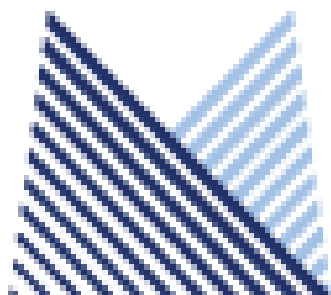


CANBERRA MICROSURGERY AQUISITION

PresMed Australia is happy to announce that we have acquired and partnered with [Canberra Microsurgery](#) (CMS). CMS is one of the top Day Hospitals in the ACT, with highly advanced four theatre Ophthalmic Day Hospital in Canberra. CMS's priority to provide excellent and compassionate patient care over the past 10 years, aligns with [PresMed's](#) vision and values.

The inclusion of CMS will further enhance [PresMed](#) Group's position within the Day Hospital industry. With the addition of CMS, [PresMed](#) now operates eight day hospitals in three states and territories, further complementing the existing Day Hospitals, [Chatswood Private Hospital](#), [Epping Surgery Centre](#), [Central Coast Day Hospital](#), [Madison Day Surgery](#), [MetWest Surgical](#), [Devonport Eye Hospital](#) and [Sydney Pain Day Surgery](#).

With over 150 accredited Surgeons and more than 200 staff across the Group, [PresMed](#) continues to be recognised as leaders in the Day Hospital Industry, with a commitment to surgical excellence, exceptional patient care, and an environment where the best patient outcomes can be achieved.



**CANBERRA
MICROSURGERY**

PERIOPERATIVE NURSES WEEK 13 - 17 NOVEMBER 2023

Perioperative nurses provide care for patients before, during and after surgery. In recognition of the valuable role our perioperative nurses play in delivering quality care to their patients, we celebrated them over the week of 12-18 November. We are proud and say 'thank you' for the continued efforts that our nurses present across all [PresMed](#) facilities while continually raising the bar of quality and excellence.



NEW GRADUATE NURSES

Perioperative nurses Keren Gescheit from [Chatswood Private Hospital](#) (CPH), and Aimee Pope from [Central Coast Day Hospital](#) (CCDH) have successfully completed their ophthalmic New Graduate Nurses Program.

The New Graduate Nurses Program is based on the requirements of the prestigious American Society of Ophthalmic Registered Nurses (ASORN). The mission of ASORN is to foster excellence in ophthalmic patient care and to provide support to the ophthalmic team through development, education and evidence based practice.

The New Graduate nurses undergo intensive ophthalmic education and training throughout all areas related to eye health and surgery. CPH and CCDH are very fortunate to have these successful nurses remain as part of their team. PresMed Australia together with their respective day hospitals would like to congratulate Keren and Aimee, and look forward to continuing being a part of their successful career in nursing.



SYDNEY PAIN DAY SURGERY NEW DIRECTOR OF NURSING

Luke Walker

Luke Walker was appointed as the new Director of Nursing at Sydney Pain Day Surgery in August 2023.

Luke brings with 17 years of experience and expertise in operating theatres which has provided him with a unique and detailed perspective on surgical patient care.

Luke's experience working alongside talented surgeons and anaesthetists enabled him to witness the life-changing impact of innovative surgical techniques on patients' lives.

In his leisure time, Luke finds solace and inspiration in various adventurous hobbies such as woodworking, motorbike riding, mountain biking, and four-wheel-driving.



"Today, I am thrilled to embark on a new professional journey, eager to bring my expertise and commitment to further enhance both myself and [Sydney Pain Day Surgery](#)."



SYDNEY PAIN DAY SURGERY 1-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

10 NOVEMBER 2023



Sydney Pain Day Surgery

(SPDS) is a proud member of the Australian Private Hospitals Association and the Australian Day Hospital Association. They are a state-of-the-art facility that specialise in pain intervention procedures and the unique needs of surgery patients.

On Friday 10th November 2023, SPDS celebrated the joyous occasion of their 1-year anniversary milestone with PresMed staff, as they successfully completed their first year with the highest quality of care.



PresMed Australia would like to thank Sydney Pain Day Surgery's staff for all their hard work, dedication and commitment to excellence.

LONG SERVICE AWARDS

Congratulations to the following staff members for achieving their long service awards:

- *Patricia Lawless on 10 years of service at [Chatswood Private Hospital](#)*
- *Susana Law on 10 years of service at [MetWest Eye Centre](#)*
- *Sue Willis on 15 years of service at [Epping Surgery Centre](#)*
- *Louise Waldron on 15 years of service at [Epping Surgery Centre](#)*
- *Shannyn Egan on 20 years of service at [MetWest Surgical](#)*

We hope the well-deserved certificate will remind you of our appreciation for your years of service. Your loyalty to PresMed Australia is deeply appreciated and we commend you for your dedication. We join in with other PresMed Australia employees to congratulate you on reaching this milestone and look forward to many more milestones to come!



RANZCO CONFERENCE

20-23 OCTOBER 2023

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists hosted their 54th Annual Scientific Congress in Perth from 20-23 October 2023. Speakers from around the world spoke on a range of topics, including refractive, glaucoma, neuro-ophthalmology, retina and cataract.

Day Surgery Manager, Shannyn Egan, Practice Manager, Ayca Turner from MetWest Surgical and MetWest Eye Centre, and Manager Jenny Zamora from

Devonport Eye Hospital had the privilege of attending the conference and shared their experience.

“The program this year was very insightful. There was a strong emphasis on staff and management well being in the workplace. Carbon footprint was an important focus this year as well as saving the planet and the practice dollar. It was great to see so many attendees at the Managers meeting and also building strong relationships with fellow managers.

There were also some very informative talks on difficult cataracts and different techniques to manage them, from some very knowledgeable and experienced surgeons.

Looking forward to Ranzco 2024.”



UPCOMING EVENTS 2024

**MetWest Surgical Optometrist
Conference - 7/04/24**

**Central Coast Day Hospital Optometrist
Conference - 5/05/24**

**PresMed Australia Optometrist
Conference - 4/08/24**





From all the staff and management at PresMed Australia, we wish you a Merry Christmas, happy holidays, and a safe New Year. We look forward to continuing to service our community in 2024.

