

Lymphoedema Therapist Interest Group

Minutes

Attendance:

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| Berit | Jardine |
| Petrina | Bunett |
| Wendy | Johnson |
| Madeleine | Stockden |
| Naomi | Bauer |
| Julie | Richmond |
| Rachel | Bootsma |
| Catherine | Hunt |
| Emma | Sorbian |
| Vanessa | Cooke |
| Veronika | Talpova |
| Susan | Rollason |
| Natasha | Pickering |
| Kim | Lauren |

| Topic | Lymphoedema Action Alliance |
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| Person presenting | Cathie Hunt |
| Discussion | <p>Letter regarding funding</p> <p>CAEP (Community Aids and Equipment Program) a state based funding program (agreement between DSC and DOH) that will be eliminated when the NDIS (National disability insurance scheme) takes over. The NDIS will be rolled out across WA from the 1st July 2017 until the 30th June 2020. See attached document for summary of roll out dates.</p> <p>CAEP have changed their funding allowance for \$300 for lower limb (the ceiling price for upper limb garments and trunk compression garments remain unchanged at \$900).</p> <p>Please note that if a patient needs a garment that exceeds the ceiling price then the item needs to be approved by the CAEP committee/ DSC representatives. This involves the therapist submitting a letter explaining the client's clinical need for the item and rationale as to why the specified item is deemed 'basic and essential' to meet the clients needs. Generally with valid rational, approval is gained to order an item over the ceiling price.</p> <p>The LAA and the ALA are working closely together to resolve the issue of funding for garments and are also collaborating with BCNA , cancer collorabative ect...</p> <p>Catherine Hunt is representing WA people by working with the ALA and the LAA and she has requested some guidance as to how to proceed with lobbying for more appropriate funding.</p> |

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| Conclusion | Catherine has been asked to draft a letter stating that: The current funding is not realistic or appropriate for lymphoedema. Lower limb garments are by nature more expensive because they are larger, need a higher compression and generally bilateral. Please note that if I client is needing bilateral garments you can consider this 2 garments and hence the ceiling price is double (ie\$600) which is still insufficient but worth noting. |
| Action | Catherine has already created a letter that is attached and is requesting comment, please email her directly. |
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| Topic | NDIS |
| Person presenting | Belinda |
| Discussion | Please note that the NDIS is not for people over 65years old and if people are not disabled with their condition then funding may not be available |
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| Action | Belinda to contact the NDIS to arrange a presentation possibly for the October meeting. |

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| Topic | Rian Corp http://www.riancorp.com/ |
| Person presenting | Ann Angel |
| Discussion | Product demonstration We received a very informative presentation about lasers including: Classes and regulation of lasers How they function and output measured. The uses of laser in lymphoedema for the treatment of scar tissue, fibrosis, cording ect... Ann emailed me after the meeting with some information regarding the metron laser (not actually a laser at all). Please see the email attached. |
| Conclusion | Cost to buy the device is \$3400 including GST or \$283 a month or 12 months Therapists can trail the device for 1 month free, this is not available to non-therapists. |
| | World Association for Laser Therapy is a good avenue to get information on lasers. https://waltza.co.za/ |

9-8-17

7-9pm

Pilbra Lounge,(Milroy Lodge) Cancer council, 16 Bedbrook Pl, Shenton Park

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| Topic | ALA overview |
| Person presenting | Maddy |
| Discussion | The ALA has made some changes to structure |
| <p>The ALA has made productive changes to the structure for the board and the committees. The board has appointed people with appropriate skills to be effective board members. There are advisory committees that feed into the board in different areas.</p> <p>In the past, the state reps have had large portfolios of committees that made it difficult to keep up with the work load. Recently the state rep roles have been eliminated and the member services committee with deal directly with the members.</p> <p>A thank-you to Beth Williams for volunteering on the editorial committee and Catherine Hunt for volunteering on the equity committee. We are grateful to have WA members involved with the ALA.</p> <p>Note the ALA have a facebook site: https://www.facebook.com/Australasian-Lymphology-Association-261818227229023/</p> <p>There is also a facebook page for people living with lymphoedema: https://www.facebook.com/groups/376043549464562/</p> <p>The conference will be in Brisbane next year 17-19th of May http://www.lymphoedema.org.au/education-&-resources/ala-conference/2018-ala-conference/</p> <p>The symposium and conferancwe will alternate each year, the feedback regarding the symposium was overall positive.</p> | |
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| Topic | Next meeting dates and topics |
| Person presenting | Belinda |
| Discussion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 10th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NDIS (hopefully) ○ JUZO / OPAL (Paul Taylor 1300 86 6275) • December 5th |
| <p>Other suggestions for presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hadamham • TSL • Venous san • Bowfine • BSN (Nicole Butler 0428 964 398) • NDIS | |

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| Conclusion | Other suggestions will be considered for 2018 meetings. |
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| Topic | Professional Development Opportunities |
| Person presenting | |
| Discussion | <p>Lymphoedema Education Solutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 1 cancelled due to low numbers • Laser training also cancelled • http://www.lymphoedemaedu.com.au/course/index.php?categoryid=2 <p>Lymphworks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Vodder training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ January 2018 registration open • Lymphoedema Taping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ January 2018 registration open • http://www.lymphworks.com.au/ <p>Como Physiotherapy Clinic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehabilitation for the breast cancer patient <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ https://www.eventbrite.com/e/perth-course-rehabilitation-for-the-breast-cancer-patient-tickets-35552269796?aff=eivtefrnd |
| Conclusion | Please ensure early registration to avoid cancelation of courses due to low numbers |

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