

Annual Report from ACT and Region MWS to AFMW

Executive

President Dr Liz Gallagher

Secretary Dr Linda Welberry

Treasurer Dr Tween Low

Reps to AFMW Drs Marjorie Cross and Melanie Dorrington (Dr Dorrington stepped down during the year)

ACT & Region MWS AGM is in late November – and this will be reviewed, including new AFMW Reps

Members 109

The names of these members have been submitted to AFMW.
ACT & Region remain uncomfortable about sharing personal information including email addresses.

Membership Policy 2020

In 2020 a decision was taken to waive membership fees this year.

We remain in a position to pay our fees to AFMW and we continue to support our charities- these are outlined in the Triennium Report

ACT & Region MWS has both a Secretary & a Membership Secretary - something that AFMW could consider

Events

There has been one face to face event in 2020 since the announcement of the pandemic
This was held on 22 October at the Canberra Golf Club and the guest speaker was the ACT Chief Health Officer, Dr Kerry Coleman speaking on the ACT approach to Covid 19 in 2020. This was organised at very short notice and involved a lively Q and A session
Before the pandemic with its restrictions we were able to welcome the new intern group at Canberra Hospital
Committee meetings were conducted by Zoom

A research project on bullying in Canberra Health continues under supervision of Prof Louise Stone
A project collating the oral histories of our senior and retired women continues

AFMW Representation /Feedback to AFMW

1. As noted the ACT and Region would most like to see a privacy policy in place before reconsidering that membership information shared more widely
2. With relatively small numbers of women members there needs to be a conversation on why MWS and AFMW is relevant
3. The AFMW Open Forum Zoom meetings are not advertised in a timely way to ACT MWS & Region, often arriving with less than 24 hours notice.