

Lindsay Leg Club Foundation



Continued rapid growth of the Leg Club model

Two more Leg Clubs have opened in Australia this year—one in Tasmania (their second) and one in Daylesford, Victoria, which opened in late March. According to Patty McKibbon, Clinical Nurse Specialist at the Daylesford Leg Club, they are already really busy, with many more members attending than they were expecting. Several district nursing staff have dropped in to assist with the afternoon meetings, leaving positive feedback. The Club already has its first success stories too: 'One person with a chronic (12-week) leg wound has been attending for 3 weeks now, and her wound is healed,' said Patty McKibbon. 'She is now in compression stockings and ready to go back to living independently again in Melbourne, after being cared for by her daughter for 10 weeks or more in Hepburn, so she and her daughter are very happy.'

Leg Clubs in the UK are also expanding. Bradford on Avon Leg Club has rapidly grown since it was opened in February, and now has over 60 members and is actively seeking bigger premises to accommodate their growing numbers. A team from Frome Medical Practices has visited the Bradford on Avon Leg Club and is keen to set a club up in Frome. They already have a venue offering community-based services and feel the Leg Club model will fit well with its vision for community services.

Awards

Existing Leg Clubs and their health-care professionals are continuing to gain recognition for the support they provide in the community. Jackie Griffin, a tissue viability nurse who has established a number of Leg Clubs in Powys, has been shortlisted for the 'Improving Quality through Better Use of Resources' award at the NHS Wales Awards 2014. The winners will be announced in a ceremony on 2 July 2014.

The annual Leg Club Industry Partnership (LCIP) Scholarship is a great opportunity to celebrate excellence and showcase the aptitudes of Leg Club teams across the UK who work to improve their Leg Club for the benefit of members, volunteers and the community. The 2014 LCIP European Wound Management Association Scholarship Award winners have been announced as Natalie Freeman (Brentwood Leg Club) and Jane



Ellie Lindsay (left) and Justin Cole (second from left) presenting the Wound Assessment and Diagnostics Award to Dr Valentina Dini (second from right) at the recent JWC Awards. Karl Hinett (right) presented the awards evening

Banwell (Llansantffraid Leg Club). The 2014 entries were assessed by an independent international panel of renowned experts in the field of wound care. Ellie Lindsay was delighted to present—alongside Justin Cole, MD of Urgo Medical—the Wound Assessment and Diagnostics Award at the recent *Journal of Wound Care* Awards. The award went to Dr Valentina Dini from the University of Pisa. Dr Dini specialises in non-invasive diagnostic techniques for wound assessment and diagnostics. She won the award for her work aiming to develop an integrated device for monitoring and personalised management of chronic wounds.

Developments at the Lindsay Leg Club Foundation

Marc Courtney stepped down as chair of the Foundation on 7 April after 6 years' dedicated service. Roland Renyi, a trustee since 2011, has taken over. Meanwhile, Julie Carr, who became CEO in January replacing Professor Michael Clark, will not now remain in post. 'Julie has been a loyal supporter of the Leg Club model and friend of the Foundation for very many years, and will very much remain so,' says Roland. 'We need to take this as an opportunity to review the Foundation's requirements in view of the continued rapid growth of the Leg Club model.'

Save the date

The 2014 Lindsay Leg Club Conference *The 'ABC' of Wound Care: Assessment, Best Practice, Compassion* will be held on the 24–25 September 2014 at Worcester Rugby Club. For more information, please contact Lynn Bullock, PO Box 689, Ipswich IP1 9BN. Alternatively, telephone +44 (0)1473 749565, fax +44 (0)1473 749565 or email lynn@legclub.org.

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