

PEDORTHIC

NEWS

Foot care through proper footwear

Treasurer's Report

Hello Members,

It's that time of the year again. EOFY. Remember to renew your PAA Membership prior to June 30 to take advantage of the \$25 discount.

Are you considering taking on a Board Position at the AGM this year? It's a great way to be more involved with your passion of footwear and Pedorthics.

Have a Happy New EOFY
Lorraine

APRB registration renewal

APRB registration is a statement of support for clear national standards for the Pedorthic profession.

Renew your registration today, to join like-minded Pedorthists who commit to these standards.

Upcoming events

National Diabetes Week,
14-20 July 2019, nationwide
Australasian Diabetes
Congress, 21-23 August 2019,
Sydney



In the photo from left: Head of School Professor Iain Graham, President PAA Katrin Wegener, new graduate Sharon Callaghan BPed, Deputy Head of School Associate Professor Sally Sargent, Group Lead Allied Health Assoc. Prof. Jacqui Yoxall and Course Coordinator Bachelor of Pedorthics Dr Paul Butterworth

First female Bachelor

With only 13 percent of PAA members being female, we are especially excited about the fact that Sharon Callaghan is the first female Bachelor in Pedorthics graduating from Southern Cross University.

Congratulations Sharon and welcome on board!

New Executive Officer

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed Anja Suckert, as Executive Officer.

Anja brings more than 15 years of experience in international marketing, sales and management within the Medical Device industry. She will be working closely with Katrin Wegener and the Board to support and strengthen the strategic positioning of our Association.



Anja will be attending the Pedorthics Conference in September and we look forward to introducing her there.

Results of the Survey of Podiatric Practices in Australia 2018

Thanks to everyone who took the time to answer the questionnaire to our industry survey in 2018, 37% responded to the mail out.

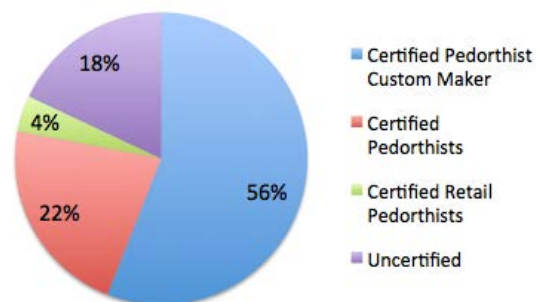
The key statistics that were gathered:

- spaces occupied by the podiatric business
- the investment in equipment
- time spent in each classification of podiatric work
- numbers of staff and number of hours worked

Here a few numbers revealed.

The average business space used by Podiatric Practices was 174 square meters with a range of business from 23 square meters to 475 square meters. 90% of the surveyed businesses were in the range between 60 square meters and 340 square meters.

Respondents by category in percentages



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AHPA Affiliate Member

The PAA has been accepted as affiliate member of Allied Health Professions Australia. AHPA works on behalf of its members by engaging directly with government and non-government stakeholders to advocate around shared issues. AHPA regularly develops submissions and participates in consultations on behalf of the sector, informed by its members. AHPA also acts as an information sharing house, providing a central access point for information of relevance to its members.

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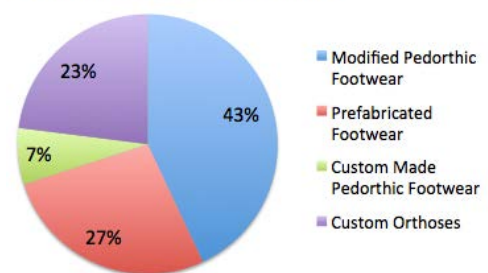
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The average cost of replacing equipment was \$109,600 which is approximately \$5000 more than the average replacement cost in 2013. The variation from \$460,000 to a minimum of \$5,000. One surprisingly high investment area was for grinders, with several businesses having several grinders on-site.

Exciting to read is that 26% of the respondents worked in businesses that expected to hire qualified staff in the next 12 months.

For more results make sure to attend the symposium in September.

Services offered by respondents



Welcome to Pedorthics - Striding Ahead 2019

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After a successful symposium in Adelaide 2018, with delegates from Australia, the Netherlands, USA and Japan, the Pedorthic Association of Australia once again invites Pedorthists and other Allied Health Professionals from Australia and all over the world to attend the annual event.

Join the networking area and be part of the only Pedorthic conference in the Southern hemisphere. The symposium is of interest to everyone, who works in Pedorthics or related fields dealing with feet, footwear and the lower limb.

It provides delegates with a prime opportunity to update their knowledge and skills on advancements within the industry and products in a networking setting.

This year's convention is held at one of Australia's oldest beachside suburbs - Coogee. An all year favourite with a vibrant café, bar and restaurant scene, Coogee delivers all the trademarks of Sydney's beach lifestyle. Coogee Bay Hotel's central location is only 20 minutes away from Sydney's CBD and 20min from Sydney's Domestic and international Airports, making it easy for locals, interstate and international delegates!

The superb location and the modern facilities provide the perfect opportunity to mix business with a beautiful backdrop. Coogee Bay Conference and Function Centre is on the first floor of the hotel and has an outdoor balcony terrace that provides unparalleled views of the magnificent Coogee Beach.

With the official opening on Thursday, 19th September, we start with a welcome reception in style, to kick off the symposium for Friday and Saturday.

Don't miss out on this unique event. Make the most of your stay and attend the free pre-conference workshop on Thursday morning.

Looking forward to greeting you at Pedorthics - Striding Ahead 2019!

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What is the PAA?

The Pedorthic Association of Australia recognises the need for representing professional practitioners of pedorthics. These people provide service and product to patients that have mobility difficulties due to the medical problems with their lower limb.

Formed over 35 years ago the association has grown so that it now regularly communicates with the key representatives from government and medical health funds. Through its programs, the PAA encourages its members to improve their qualifications and recognition. Programs include CPed, Quality Assurance and Competency Standards

The names and organisations of the people that earn the Certified Pedorthist and Registration are published on the Pedorthic Register website. The medical profession is encouraged to recommend CPeds to their patients for the provision of expert advice and product. The other sections of the certification system recognise the specialised Retail and Footwear Modification components of our profession.

The PAA is also providing guidance in the Quality Management of the organisations that are represented by its members. The Generic Quality System has been specifically designed for implementation in a Pedorthic Practice. It recognises the special relationship between the provider and the patient and assures the provision of expert advice and quality product by the organisation.

The PAA is for members that want recognition of their competency to provide a full service in the Pedorthic industry, work in organisations that have as their key objective to provide quality advice or product and who want to support the development of the industry through contact with the people and organisations that have the greatest impact on the industry and their business.

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