

Dr Allen Nash: Chairperson's Report for 2026 Annual General Meeting

I am retiring from the board after this AGM as I have moved to Brisbane.

I am leaving the organisation that now has a committed and capable board and is working professionally and effectively.

I have enjoyed the opportunity to donate my time for our organisation, which as an ostomate myself, I know provides critical services and so needs to work smoothly.

NSW Stoma has been working well over the past year and is still in a sound financial position despite continual pressure from Government. Government funding has not increased for many years despite rising costs over the period. We have increased our membership each year for some time now which demonstrates our support from members and Stoma Nurses.

Thanks to generous donations from primarily members and their families, we are still able to offer important added support services including support with fees for members under financial stress, Stoma Nurse consultations, and information days around the state.

I would like to thank the staff for their contribution to supporting member ostomates which many of them have been doing for many years.

Thank you to the board, as well, who all are totally focused in improving outcomes for ostomates and give their time and expertise generously for no cost to contribute as board members.

I am confident that I am leaving the organisation in a strong position to carry on our important work with an ongoing ostomate centred focus.