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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

WELCOME TO 2026!

Glenn Gunn

Dear Members,

Welcome to 2026. I hope you all enjoyed a restful Christmas and New Year and were able to spend quality time with family and loved ones. As we begin a new year, I would like to take a moment to reflect and share a few important reminders with you.

The past year was a very big and successful one for the Queensland Ostomy Association. None of this would have been possible without the dedication and commitment of our volunteers. On behalf of the Committee, I extend my sincere thanks to each volunteer who gave their time and energy to support our members and the ongoing work of the Association.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Our next support group meetings will be held on:

- 29 January
- 12 March

Both sessions will commence at 1:00 pm, with afternoon tea provided.

Please register by calling 3848 7178.

Postage

As a reminder, please ensure you regularly check the postage balance shown on your packing slips included with each order. Since mid 2025, postage accounts must be kept in credit at all times. Unfortunately, orders cannot be sent if postage is not fully paid, so we encourage members to stay on top of their balances to avoid delays.

Place your orders by Mid Month

We also ask members to place their orders by the 15th of each month to allow adequate time for processing, ordering, delivery to our warehouse, and dispatch so supplies arrive on time for the following month.

Please note that February orders must be submitted by close of business on 11 February 2026 due to the shorter month.

Travel

If you are planning to travel, either within Australia or overseas, please let us know as early as possible, and at least one month in advance, so we can arrange and order the necessary supplies for you.

Please also note that Queensland Ostomy Association will be closed on 26 January for Australia Day.

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Do you have enough supplies?
If you find you are struggling with having enough supplies to meet your needs, please speak with your GP or Stoma Therapy Nurse about applying for additional support through the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

Grant Acknowledgement
We are pleased to advise that a grant from the Lord Mayor's Community Fund has enabled us to update our first aid kits and purchase a defibrillator, further improving safety for our members, volunteers, and staff.

This project has been proudly supported by the Lord Mayor's Community Fund and the Moorooka Ward Councillor, and we sincerely thank them for their support.

Thank you once again for your continued support of Queensland Ostomy Association. We look forward to another positive year ahead, working together to support our members.

Warm regards,
Glenn Gunn
President

📌 Key Dates & Reminders

26 January 2026
Australia Day – QOA Closed

11 February 2026 (COB)
February orders due (short month)

15th of Each Month
Standard order cut-off for the following month

Support Group Meetings
- 29 January – 1:00 pm
- 12 March – 1:00 pm

Travelling?
Please advise us at least one month in advance if travelling within Australia or overseas so we can arrange supplies.

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