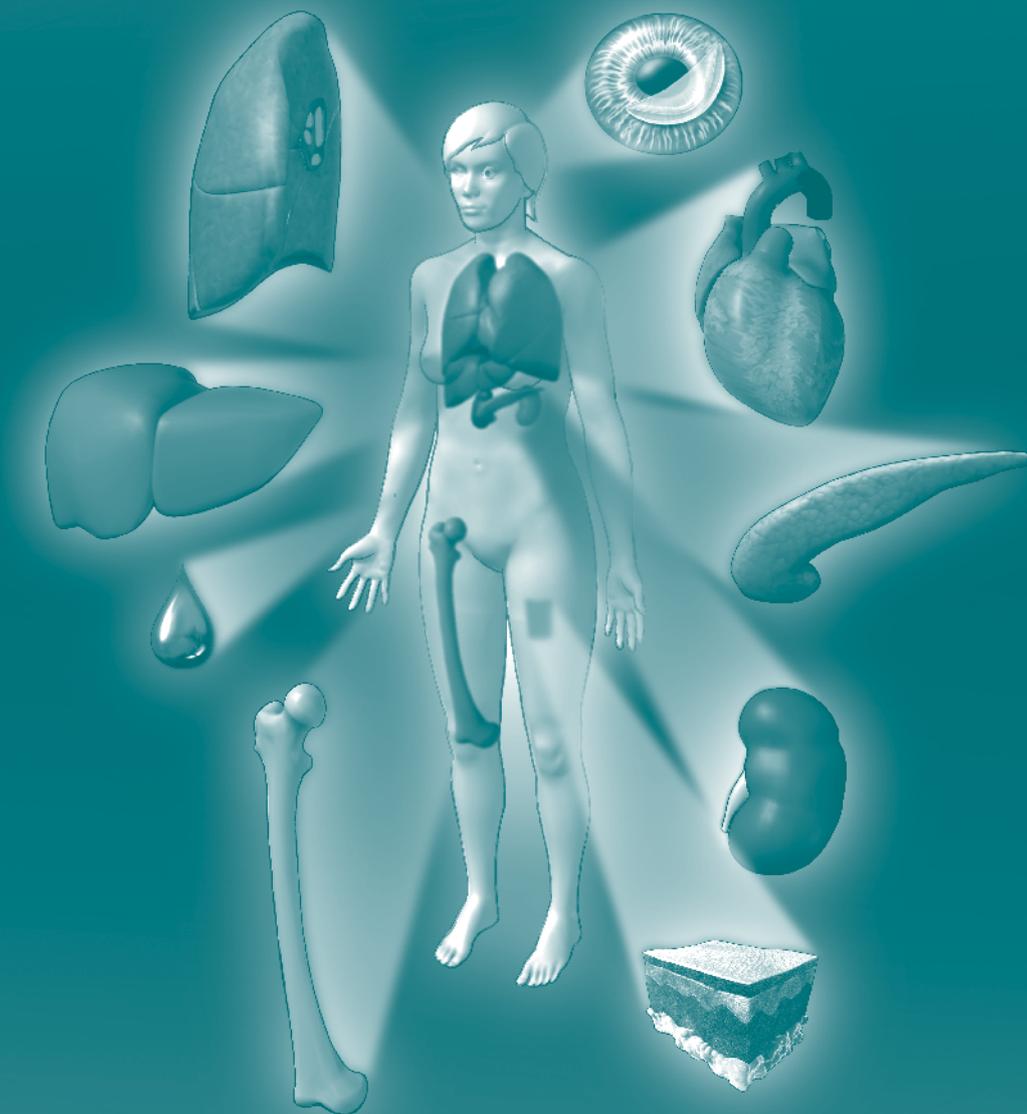




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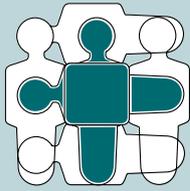
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TNA NATIONAL EXECUTIVE REPORT

I would like to formally introduce myself to you as the incoming National President. Some of you may know me as the trivia question reader who ran around the ballroom in between the entrée and mains at last year's annual Transplant Nurses' Association Conference in Sydney.



Susan Virtue

But I have a little more to me than that! I completed my nursing degree in 2000, but it wasn't until moving to the UK where I became involved with hepatology and then transplantation. During this time, I completed a further diploma in hepatology and attended many liver-related conferences in the UK and Europe.

Returning to Australia in 2010, I started working in the AW Morrow Gastroenterology and Liver Centre and transplant ward at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital (RPA) as an RN and hepatitis C nurse. Here I received the best of both worlds, attending to the transplant inpatients and learning the RPA way of caring for this challenging group. I also worked in the clinic, predominantly working with hepatitis C patients, doing clinical trials and fibroscans.

In 2012, I then took on the role of nurse unit manager of the transplant ward and held this position for six years. For that time, my main focus was on management and last year

felt it was time to return to a more clinical role and I'm now a clinical nurse consultant in a liver transplant coordinator role. Near to a year completed in this role and I am enjoying seeing this side of transplantation.

I enjoy being active in the promotion of transplantation within the hospital and out, as well as attending and delivering presentations in various conferences, nationally and internationally. I have been a member of the Transplant Nurses' Association since 2011 and have been on the state executive committee for over four years. During this time, I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting many of our members, both local and interstate at varied conferences and educational experiences that the TNA offers. I have always valued the knowledge and experience that you all have to offer and enthusiasm for this association.

I would like to thank Kat Bateman, the preceding president, for your service and for your continued efforts in supporting the National Executive for 2019, and me in my inaugural year as President. The efforts that you, Chris Ellis and Julie Pavlovic have made are well noted and appreciated, and I am looking forward to learning and participating in the TNA at a national level with you all.

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