

Welcome to the Vitiligo Association Newsletter

March 2012

Message from the President

Dear Friends,
Greetings for the New Year!

I am happy to say that we have received government approval as a charity organisation for the Vitiligo Association of Australia. This recognition will facilitate obtaining donations from various individuals and organisations, for effective running of the association and the various projects we are planning to do.

Recently we managed to get approval for a small grant, specifically to obtain educational pamphlets on vitiligo from the Australasian College of Dermatologists, courtesy of a pharmaceutical company. These will be used at various publicity events of the vitiligo association meetings.

I am happy to note the website: www.vitiligo.org.au is used by many vitiligo patients and their family members. Also, we receive intermittent emails from various distressed patients. We are trying to get the website costs to be sponsored by a medical device/pharmaceutical company. Nikki has done a great job in setting up the website for a nominal fee. So far the day to day running of the vitiligo association has been covered by a few individuals who have donated their time and funds. We would strive to run this association without charging any membership fee. We look forward to your support in obtaining funds, helping fellow vitiligo patients and in vitiligo research where it is appropriate.

We are looking for two volunteers to man the vitiligo patient support group booth at the Australasian College of Dermatologists Annual Scientific Meeting from 20-23rd May 2012. If anyone from the Brisbane area are interested please let us know. When the same meeting was held in Perth in 2011, Ben and Gina did a great job in arranging the booth, answering queries and distributing pamphlets.

I am personally involved in organising an academic meeting of the Asian Society for Pigment Cell Research and the Australasian Society for Dermatology Research in 2013. There will be many presentations on vitiligo at this meeting. I hope to arrange a meeting of our patient support groups also at that time in parallel with this conference. We will be able to get some world experts to address this gathering on the recent advances in vitiligo.

It is anticipated that State branches of the Vitiligo Association of Australia will be up and running in the next few months. The NSW and WA groups have been active and have regular meetings throughout the year.

Warm Regards,

Prasad Kumarasinghe
President Vitiligo Association of Australia

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Upcoming Vitiligo Support Group Meetings



The **Victorian Branch** of the **Vitiligo Association of Australia** will be hosting its inaugural meeting

on **Tuesday 13th March**
at the **Skin and Cancer Foundation** Carlton
from 7:30pm onwards
with dinner at a local restaurant prior

Members of the community are invited to come along to meet others who share an interest in Vitiligo.

Our first meeting will be an informal gathering, with plans for educational and information sessions to be held in the future!

For those who are able to attend dinner, the group will meet at a local restaurant prior to the meeting.

For further information please contact

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The [NSW branch](#) of the Vitiligo Association of Australia will have their meeting at the

Scout Hall

Munro St, McMahons Point

Time: 10-12pm


Saturday 3rd March

Tea/coffee provided

For further information, please contact

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The Vitiligo Association of Australia will be having a table and meeting at the Australasian College of Dermatologists annual scientific meeting in Brisbane in May 2012

