

Blepharospasm Australia

NEWSLETTER

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Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 14 March 2017 at Citiplace - the Perth Railway
Station Seniors Centre.

12noon - 2.00pm.

WEBSITE

www.blepharospasmaustralia.org.au

The website continues to be upgraded and you will see we have added several new pages including Upcoming Events where you can keep track of meetings and we now have a page for **DONATIONS**.

As a registered charity this enables us to receive funds and donations from companies and individuals. See our website for details on how payments can be made.

Whilst nobody gets paid and we all give our time for free there are still some unavoidable expenses that have to be covered. In the past, there was a membership fee but we decided to remove that so as not to inhibit anybody from joining or attending events. It is still our intention to make all donations voluntary.

Our Chairman has been busy in the corporate sector and we hope to have some news from that quarter soon.

Member Liaison Officer

Founding member Lesley Reynolds has retired as Member Liaison Officer. She has been the main contact with members since our early days in 2004. From those days as a small local group we have become a national body with members in all states. We are looking forward to Lesley's continued work with Blepharospasm Australia Inc. as a member of the committee.

We welcome our new Member Liaison Officer:
Eunice Pyper.

DONATE



Blepharospasm in all its forms is a life changing, debilitating condition. Everybody here is a volunteer with the aim of reducing the impact on sufferers' lives from total disaster to something more like a nuisance.

Your donation will help keep us operational and allow us to help those people who are unfortunate enough to suffer from it. Thank you.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Location : Citiplace Community Centre

Perth Railway Station

Date: Tuesday 14 March 2017

Time: 12.00 noon - 2.00pm: AGM 12.15pm.

Under the current constitution the committee should consist of six people all of whom should step down at the AGM. They can renominate if they wish.

John Yeudall, Lyn Smith, Lesley Reynolds , Jan Henderson and Eunice Pyper have all indicated a willingness to continue in their roles. Any member who wishes to nominate for the committee is encouraged to do so on the nomination form—see page 6.

The agenda for the AGM will be as follows:

Chairman's welcome

Apologies

Previous minutes

Chairman's report

Financial report

Election of officers

Any other business: Special Resolution to make changes to our Rules following the introduction of the new Associations Incorporation Act 2015

Close of formal business

From the BEBRF Newsletter - (US support organisation) - visit their website:

<http://www.blepharospasm.org/bebrf.html>

Q: What is the role of location and technique in getting effective botulinum toxin injections?

A: Location is the important thing - but the doctor must examine the patient and be familiar with the patient's condition. When patients are referred with apparent injection failure, in almost all of the cases it is a matter of dosing and injection techniques.

Q: Does diet play a part in blepharospasm?

A: As far as we know, diet does not play a part in cause or treatment of blepharospasm.

Q: Are there negative effects to ongoing dry eye?

A: Yes - risk of infection for example, if there is erosion of the surface. The more dry eye you have, the more dry eye you are likely to get, so there is a vicious circle, and the greater chance of infection.