

Board Communiqué – September 2023

Please read the highlights of key issues discussed at the RACP Board meeting on 15 September 2023. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss these matters further at president@racp.edu.au. Dr Jacqueline Small, President and Chair RACP Board.

Member Value Proposition (MVP)

A Member Value Proposition, or MVP has been developed to support decision making so that our College is offering services that align with your needs. The MVP will act as internal operational framework to support decision making and to improve value and experience for you. The business of our College will be considered through a member lens and driven by providing benefit for our members. The Board were enthusiastic about the development of the MVP and looks forward to our management team implementing benefits for you all.

Proof of Concept Update: Training Management Platform

The Proof of Concept project which establishes the foundation requirements for the development of a training management platform has been developed. . A Request for Proposal (RFP) process will soon be released to seek a systems integrator to partner with us to deliver the full platform. We have taken previous lessons learned seriously and feel comfortable with the approach taken to develop a platform that will benefit our trainees and supervisors. We aim to pilot the new system by mid-2024. We will keep you regularly updated as this project progresses.

CPD for members interrupting training

The Medical Board of Australia requires by 1 January 2024 that all medical practitioners will need to select an accredited CPD home and complete the annual CPD requirements. Trainees enrolled in a training program will automatically meet the CPD registration standard through training requirements. Trainees who interrupt their training program will need to select a CPD home and complete the requirements. There will be further communications about our College's solution to ensure all of our members can meet the regulatory requirements.

AMC Accreditation Chair Initial Meeting

An informal meeting between the College and the AMC has taken place ahead of the College's reaccreditation in 2025. The AMC outlined their key principles which include governance, trainee welfare and technology progress. The meeting was positive, and the College will continue to work closely with the AMC.

Annual Conferences/Meeting and Events

The North QLD Physicians' Conference was held on 26 August. Coming up in November you can look forward to:

- the South Australian Annual Scientific Meeting (8 November);
- the Tasmanian State Conference (10 November); and
- the Annual Remote and Rural Physicians weekend (11-12 November). This will also be broadcast nationally.

We have delivered the MyCPD webinar to over 650 attendees and held the Trainee Research Awards Symposium meeting and dinner which was an excellent event.

We continue with our Specialty Society webinar program which has 26 webinars from six of our Specialty Societies, held between June – December 2023.

We thank all of our members and staff for their participation in these important events and initiatives.

International

Two international grants have been awarded for the first time in 3-years. Sponsored recipients working in Malaysia and Timor-Leste will travel to Australia to further their medical training in their areas of specialty and return home to share those learnings throughout their communities.

Digital Health

We are working on developing a partnership with the Australian Digital Health Agency to co-design and oversee a variety of digital health initiatives.

Media and Advocacy

I appeared on the ABC in a live interview discussing the increase in global extreme weather events. In a joint statement of 13 medical colleges, representing 100,000+ professionals, the call for a well-resourced, comprehensive National Health and Climate Strategy gained widespread media attention and support.

We released a media statement outlining our support for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament.

Two election statements have been drafted for the upcoming general election in Aotearoa New Zealand on 14 October. One focuses on workforce and the other outlines priority advocacy areas including Hauora Māori me Ōritetanga | Māori health and equity, achieving health equity through the social determinants of health (including through #MakeittheNorm campaign) and climate change and health.

We made a major submission (Joint Submission (RACP-AFOEM & TSANZ) to the Inquiry into the National Occupational Respiratory Disease Registry Bill 2023 and the National Occupational Respiratory Disease Registry (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2023), one Commonwealth Government meeting, one State Government meeting, and a letter to the Prime Minister highlighting the health harms of fossil fuels.

College Learning Series

181 lectures have been uploaded for the 2023 College Learning Series program. This includes 94 Adult Medicine and 87 Paediatrics & Child Health lectures.

The CPD Handbook continues to develop to enhance your user experience and provide more streamlined information, templates and resources to assist members in meeting our CPD requirements.

College Bodies

I thank our volunteer members for their commitment to, and support of our College. The Board appreciates and values the work of all of our trainees and fellows.