



CPMC NEWS



MERRY CHRISTMAS 2019

MESSAGE FROM CPMC CHAIR DR KYM JENKINS



At the recent CPMC Annual General Meeting I assumed the role of Chair, CPMC for a period of two years. I am the Immediate Past President of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists and have spent the past year as CPMC Chair-elect. You can read more about me at: <https://www.ranzcp.org/about-us/about-the-college/our-history/presidents-of-the-college/kym-jenkins>

My aim will be to continue the excellent work from previous CPMC Chairs and focus on specialist medical workforce, access and equity issues and mental health.

COUNCIL PRESIDENTS MEETING WITH FEDERAL HEALTH MINISTER THE HON. GREG HUNT



Council were pleased to receive an address and share news with The Hon. Greg Hunt MP, Federal Minister for Health at our recent Board dinner. We heard about the National Health Plan, a long-term vision for Australia's health and ageing sector and discussed some issues pertinent to medical specialists.

Here is Dr Phil and Mrs Moira Truskett receiving his farewell CPMC gift from Minister Hunt.

CHANGE-OVER CPMC CHAIR



Dr Philip Truskett AM was chair of CPMC from November 2017. He achieved continuity and growth of the Forum; represented CPMC on the Australian Medical Council and PHI review; promoted Indigenous health and growing Fellows within the specialist medical space; chaired the Steering Committee for the CPMC- Cwth rural specialist grant program; convened forums on costs, safety and data. His representation and expert advice to the Medical Workforce Reform Advisory Committee which is steering the development process

underpinning Australia's first National Medical Workforce Strategy has been significant.

We wish Dr Truskett and Mrs Moira Truskett a happy Christmas and New Year.



CHANGE IN DIRECTORS: CPMC welcomes the following new College Presidents



RCPA: Dr Michael Dray FRCPA as the new President, Royal Australasian College of Pathologists and thanks warmly, Associate Professor Bruce Latham for his term.



ACEM: CPMC welcomes Dr John Bonning, FACEM as the new President, Australian College for Emergency Medicine. We thank Dr Simon Judkins, Immediate Past President for his contribution.



ACD: Dr David Francis, President, Australasian College of Dermatologists. We thank Dr Andrew Miller AM for his contribution.

You can find a full listing at: <https://cpmc.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Members-Page-Directors-Nov2019.pdf>

CHANGES IN COLLEGE CEOs



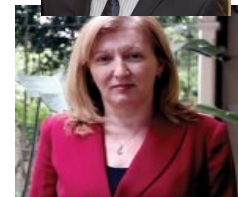
RACGP: CPMC wishes Dr Zena Burgess well in her future endeavours following having stepped down as CEO, Royal Australian College of General Practitioners. Mr Nick Williamson is acting CEO while a recruitment process is underway.



ANZCA: Mr John Illott completed his term as CEO, Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists. **Mr Nigel Fidgeon** has taken up the role, pictured right.



New CEO RACP: Mr Peter McIntyre has commenced as CEO, Royal Australasian College of Physicians.



New CEO RANZCOG: Ms Vase Jovanoska CEO, Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in 2019.

GOVERNMENT CONSULTATIONS

- **National Medical Workforce Strategy** development continues with iterative consultations based on the scoping framework issued by the Australian government. The process has produced a Scoping Framework available at <https://www1.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/Health%20Workforce-nat-med-strategy>
- Australian Medical Council Consultation on the National Internship Framework 2019. You can find out more at: <https://www.amc.org.au/accreditation-and-recognition/assessment-accreditation-prevocational-phase-medical-education/national-internship-framework/>
- **Medical Board of Australia** is consulting on the draft revised Registration standard: Continuing Professional development.
- **Australia's Digital Health Agency** is consulting on the National Digital Health Workforce and Education Roadmap.
- Evaluation of the **Rural Health Multidisciplinary Training Program**
- **National Obesity Strategy** with submissions closing 15 December 2019.



NEW COLLEGE REGIONAL OFFICES IN CANBERRA

Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG)



RANZCOG has appointed Mel Pietsch as the Head of Regional and Government Relations (pic R). She comes from the Department of Health having spent over fourteen years working there, the last three in senior roles. Mel is keen to work the O&G specialist community. (L) Victoria Piesley is the Executive Officer and has a background in events and executive support.

Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists (RANZCO)



Anita Mills is the Senior Manager, Policy & Government Relations. Anita has experience at PM&C, and spent five years with the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association. She has postgraduate qualifications in political science and urban planning.

UPDATE ON RURAL HEALTH GRANT: The Support for Rural Specialists in Australia is a popular grant program for non GP specialists in rural and regional Australia supporting upskilling and CPD. We are gearing up to assess Funding Round 5 in Launceston next February. Find our more and apply at: <https://ruralspecialist.org.au/about/>

SHIFTS AND SHUFFLES IN CANBERRA PEAK BODIES



CPMC Welcomes AMA Secretary-General Dr Martin Laverty. The AMA is a key stakeholder and meets with CPMC quarterly formally. Dr Laverty was most recently CEO of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. CPMC looks forward to continuing to work with the AMA on strategic issues.



Frank Quinlan appointed CEO Royal Flying Doctor Service. CPMC looks forward to working closely with Mr Quinlan on equity in access to health services for people in rural and regional Australia. Read more here: <https://www.airmedandrescue.com/latest/news/rfds-appoints-new-federation-executive-director>



Pharmaceutical Society of Australia has appointed Mark Kinsella as CEO. Most recently Mark was Chief of staff at the Australian Digital Health Agency. He was a Ministerial Adviser to health, social services and aged care and is a former clinical educator.

