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From the CEO

Happy New Year to all our members! Thank you for your ongoing support over the last year, which has allowed ANZSPM to continue to grow and deliver educational opportunities, representation and advocacy for the palliative medicine sector.

It has been a privilege to have overseen ANZSPM's achievement of our strategic objectives over the past year since joining ANZSPM in March. Achievements in 2017 included the following:

- Advocated for members on end of life choices, assisted dying, medicinal cannabis, and the National Palliative Care Strategy;
- Published a revised Position Statement on Euthanasia & Physician Assisted Dying and a Guidance Document on Palliative Sedation Therapy;
- Held the 4th ANZSPM Medical & Surgical Update at RCH Melbourne; welcomed a record number of attendees to the ANZSPM Aotearoa Annual Education Update in Christchurch; and offered three Trainee Days held as part of those events as well as during PCA Conference in Adelaide;
- Conducted a Member Workforce Survey;
- Welcomed a new Special Interest Group on Respiratory Palliative Medicine; and
- Provided members with access to 29 palliative medicine career opportunities via our online jobs noticeboard.

We look forward to engaging with you at our events planned for 2018 and via our regular communications. We also welcome all members to get involved with ANZSPM in 2018. There are plenty of opportunities to do so, including joining a Special Interest Group; nominating to represent ANZSPM when opportunities are advertised via member notifications; submitting articles, events, opportunities, resource information and topics of interest for our newsletter and online communications; and attending and participating in ANZSPM events.

I wish you every professional and personal success in 2018 and look forward to continuing to work with you.

Best wishes,

Simone Carton
Chief Executive Officer

College Learning Series Editorial Group Expressions of Interest

The College Learning Series (CLS) is a new initiative of the College which is taking the place of the PEP event series. Editorial Group members will review and provide advice on lectures before they go live on the CLS website. This

exercise will be carried out virtually, and it is anticipated it will take approximately 1 hour per week.

Please find below a link for expressions of interest for Adult Medicine and Paediatrics & Child Health Fellows and Advanced Trainees to apply to be on the College Learning Series Editorial Group:

<https://www.racp.edu.au/expressions-of-interest/eoi-application-form/clseg-expression-of-interest-application-form>

Applications are due by **Monday 8 January 2018**, and more information is available in the link above.

NZ Parliament – End of Life Choices Bill

David Seymour's *End of Life Choice Bill* had its first reading in the New Zealand Parliament on 13 December 2017 and is now before the Justice Select Committee.

Submissions on the Bill close **20 February 2018**. The ANZSPM Aotearoa Executive is urging all NZ members to make a submission. ANZSPM will also make a submission. Information on how to make a submission is available from the NZ Parliament [website](#).

Select Committee on End of Life Choices in the ACT

The ACT Government has announced a committee inquiry on End of Life Choices in the ACT and has invited ANZSPM to make a submission to the inquiry.

Terms of reference can be viewed on the ACT Parliament [website](#).

ANZSPM will prepare a submission for this inquiry. Submissions close 23 February 2018.

TGA guidance documents on medicinal cannabis

The TGA has released new guidance documents for the use of medicinal cannabis in the treatment of a range of conditions, including in the treatment of palliative care patients. The documents can be found on the TGA website: [Access to medicinal cannabis products](#).

ACORD Workshop 2018



Applications for the next Australia and Asia Pacific Clinical Oncology Research Development Workshop (ACORD) are now open online.

The Workshop is a one week residential educational program (9-14 September 2018) in clinical trials design and development. Junior clinicians and early stage researchers across all oncology and allied health disciplines in the Asia-Pacific region are invited to apply at <http://acord.org.au/>

Spirituality Workshop, Newcastle, March 3-4 2018

Registration is open for this workshop for health professionals which will focus on the spiritual dimension of palliative care and will be facilitated by Professor Doug Bridge who has pioneered palliative medicine in Australia and Asia since 1983. **Please see attached flyer for information and registration details.**

ANZSPM events

Aotearoa Annual Education Update and Trainee Day, Wellington NZ

29 June 2018 – Trainee Day

30 June 2018 – 1 July 2018 - Education Meeting

www.anzspm.org.au

ANZSPM Conference 2018

6-9 September 2018 Manly, Sydney, Australia

(more details coming soon)

www.anzspm.org.au/anzspm18

Other events

Oxford Centre for Education and Research in Palliative Care Sobell House UK.

OXFORD CENTRE for EDUCATION and RESEARCH in PALLIATIVE CARE: :
Formerly Sobell Study Centre



Dates for the Diary

Annual conferences

Advanced Course in Pain and Symptom Management Course 2018 Cost £495

Book and pay before 31 January 2018 £450.00 a saving of £45

Newcastle-upon-Tyne 14-15 June Nottingham 27-28 June

Oxford 1 5-6 July Oxford 2 12-13 July

General Medicine for Palliative Care Physicians 25-26 January 2018

Study Days

Managing Advanced Heart Failure 27 April 2018

Challenging Decisions at the End of Life: Ethical Perspective 11 May 2018

For further information and booking on-line: www.sobelleducation.org.uk

Positions Vacant

A number of positions have recently been advertised on the ANZSPM website – visit the [ANZSPM Jobs](#) pages for details.

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