

ANZSPM Member Alert – 9 May 2018

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Federal Budget 2018

Some highlights for palliative medicine and the wider health sector announced in the Australian Federal [Budget 2018](#):

- The Government will provide funding of \$32.8 million over four years from 2018-19 for a trial to improve palliative care for elderly Australians living in residential aged care facilities, contingent on matched funding from the States and Territories. This measure aims to support new approaches to how care is delivered that improve palliative and end-of-life care coordination. It aims to achieve this through workforce development, quality improvement and data development activities and supporting advance care planning;
- 2018-19 targets for improving capability to ensure that Australians are provided with high quality palliative care are:
 1. Implement national projects that improve access to high quality palliative care and service delivery, and provide support for people who are dying, their families and carers.
 2. Finalise and release the revised National Palliative Care Strategy by December 2018.
 3. Implement the *More Choices for a Longer Life -healthy ageing and high quality care* measure commencing with bilateral negotiations with each jurisdiction;
- An additional 14,000 new high level home care packages over four years from 2018-19 in addition to the 6,000 high level packages delivered in the 2017-18 mid-year economic & fiscal outlook;
- \$102.5 million for new mental health services in residential care and in the community, keeping people connected;
- \$105.7 million funding over four years from 2018-19 to support *National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Age Care Program* to deliver additional residential aged care places and home care packages in remote Indigenous communities;
- \$83.3 million over five years from 2017-18 to achieve stronger rural, regional and remote health outcomes by aligning the distribution of the health workforce to areas of greatest need and building the capability of Australia's medical practitioner workforce.

ANZSPM in the news

ANZSPM was invited to participate in a Hospice NZ media briefing on the proposed End of Life Choice Bill. ANZSPM Aotearoa Chair Salina Iupati joined Ian Gwynne Robson at the briefing. Media coverage included:

<http://www.newshub.co.nz/home/health/2018/04/euthanasia-bill-risks-are-too-great-expert.html>

<https://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/morningreport/audio/2018642424/euthanasia-bill-dangerous-palliative-care-doctors-nurses>

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/health/euthanasia-debate/103320307/palliative-care-specialists--reject-end-of-life-choice-bill>

<https://www.radionz.co.nz/news/national/356086/euthanasia-bill-dangerous-palliative-care-workers>

COSA Position Statement on Exercise in Cancer Care

The Clinical Oncology Society of Australia has this month released a [Position Statement on Exercise in Cancer Care](#).

The application of evidence for exercise in cancer care to palliative care will be discussed in a plenary session with Dr Bobby Cheema at the **ANZSPM Conference 2018**.



Join us in Sydney this September for the ANZSPM Conference 2018: *New Frontiers*! The conference will be held Thursday 6 September to Sunday 9 September at the Novotel Sydney Manly-Pacific on Sydney's beautiful northern beaches, with a packed programme of workshops, plenary and break-out sessions.

The programme includes a diverse range of topics including:

- opportunities for telehealth in palliative care;
- palliative care in organ transplantation;
- exercise and re-ablement;
- new frontiers in pharmacology;
- integrated palliative care in non-malignant disease;
- and much more.

To view the full programme and registration details, visit the conference website - www.anzspm.org.au/anzspm18

Please note that the call for conference abstracts has now closed.

ANZSPM Trainee & New Fellows Day, Melbourne – registration closing Friday 18 May!

An ANZSPM Study Day for Palliative Medicine Advanced Trainees and New Fellows will be held on 28 May at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre Building, in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

Join us for an exciting program featuring presentations (topics subject to change) on:

- Grief and bereavement for palliative medicine doctors – Mr Chris Hall
- Update on lung cancer for palliative medicine doctors – A/Prof Michael Franco
- Interventional techniques in cancer pain management – Dr Tim Hucker

- Intersection between anxiety/depression and palliative medicine – Dr Justin Dwyer
- Consultant level skills: private practice, dealing with complaints performance management service development, business cases, funding and more! – A/Prof Brian Le

Registration form is available on the events pages of the [ANZSPM website](#). If you have colleagues/team members who may be interested in attending, please pass on the details.

ANZSPM Aotearoa Annual Education Update & Trainee Day – registrations close 15 June!

The Aotearoa Annual Education Update will be held in Wellington Saturday 30 June to Sunday 1 July, with a Trainee Day on 29 June.

Registration forms for the Annual Update and Trainee day can be downloaded from the events pages on the [ANZSPM website](#) as well as the programmes for both the Annual Update and the Trainee Day.

Other Events for your diary

A calendar of events for 2018 is available on the [ANZSPM website](#) under Events. Information is provided on the ANZSPM website [events calendar](#) as it becomes available. Upcoming events include:

National Dementia Conference - 15-16 May 2018, Melbourne

The National Dementia Conference aims to improve the outcomes for people living with dementia and their families, caretakers & service providers.

The conference is a national gathering for health professionals from a range of settings (i.e. acute, allied health, residential aged care, community health etc), carers, researchers, aged care workers and policy makers involved in the care of people living with dementia. The conference brings together senior level experts to network and discuss the challenges, opportunities and strategies for dementia care and provides a unique platform for sharing experiences and exploring examples of best practice.

The agenda features high level keynotes, in-depth presentations, interactive panel discussions and Q&A sessions which will explore new research, effective dementia care initiatives, emerging technologies, ongoing funding, developments in staff education, and overall improvements to supporting people living with dementia, their carers and families and service providers.

ANZSPM was approached to attend this conference and Dr Elissa Campbell (Chair of ANZSPM's Palliative Care for Older Persons SIG) will attend and join the panel for the discussion on advance care planning for people living with dementia and the role of palliative care.

<https://www.informa.com.au/event/national-dementia-conference/>

Palliative Care Nurses Australia Conference - 20-21 May 2018, Brisbane

This is a forum for nurses and other health professionals to network and socialise, hear from colleagues and peers about new evidence programs, become familiar with new products and services to the industry, and to identify opportunities to collaborate and translate evidence into clinical practice excellence.

www.pcna.org.au/conference

National Palliative Care Week – 20-26 May 2018

National Palliative Care Week is an annual awareness raising week organised by Palliative Care Australia. The theme for this year's National Palliative Care Week is 'What matters most?' and it will be held 20-26 May 2018. #npcw18

www.palliativecare.org.au

IMPACCT:NSW Forum – Improving Palliative Care in Acute Care Hospitals – 31 May 2018

The New South Wales Palliative Care Research group (IMPACCT:NSW) is holding a forum to showcase research aimed to improve palliative care in hospitals, open opportunities for collaboration and wider translation into practice. Any clinicians and researchers interested in this area are welcome to attend. The forum will include short presentations followed by a discussion facilitated by an interdisciplinary panel and key stakeholders with audience questions. If you would like to build momentum in research, implementation and develop networks to accelerate capacity to improve palliative care in acute care please join this important discussion.

Event to be held at the following time, date and location:

Thursday, 31 May 2018 from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm (AEST)

Medical Education Centre, Concord Repatriation General Hospital
1H Hospital Rd, Concord West, Sydney, NSW 2138 Australia

South Australia one day palliative care conference – 20 July 2018 – early bird registration closes 11 May!

The conference “The Heart of the Matter: person-centred care and the patient experience” will bring together stakeholders interested in dignity, spirituality, compassion and the privilege of patient and family centred care at the end of life. [Download the conference poster here.](#)

The [keynote speakers](#) Dr Fiona Kerr, Mary Freer, Laila Hallam and Karen Glaetzer AM will explore healthcare’s imbalanced focus on physical disease and bio-medicine and the need to pay much more attention to emotional, psychological and spiritual wellbeing and the importance of healing relationships.

This one day conference is the perfect forum for nurses, allied health professionals, pastoral care workers, patient wellness coordinators, doctors, students, administrators and executives. It is an opportunity to learn, network and socialise, become familiar with new products and services. There will be plenary sessions, concurrent sessions and workshops.

[Registration](#) is now open. Pall Care SA Members \$120, non members early bird \$200 and will close on Friday May 11th 2018 at which time the price will be \$250. A draft program is available on www.pallcare.asn.au

MASCC/ISOO 2018 Vienna, Austria, 28-30 June 2018



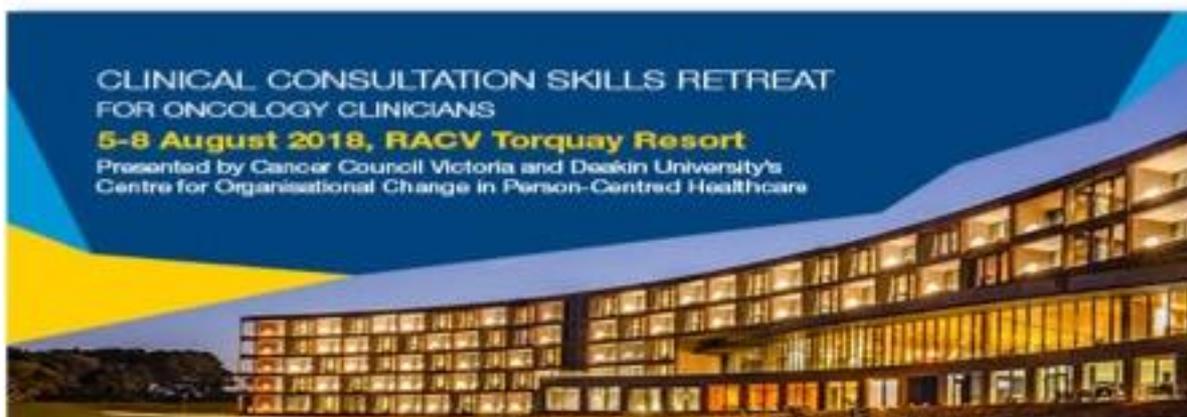
The MASCC meeting is unique in taking a multidisciplinary approach to topics in supportive cancer care. Our 2018 meeting will feature plenary sessions on cannabinoids for symptom management and cancer therapy, post-chemotherapy cognitive impairment, and cardiac toxicities secondary to cancer therapies. These topics span a range of specialties and allied professions, enabling the whole team to come together to discuss issues of mutual interest on a global platform. Themed pre-conference workshops will provide another opportunity for in-depth discussions on many areas of side-effect management. In addition, mentored sessions for poster presenters will provide guidance from world leaders for our experts of the future. www.mascc.org/meeting

Annual Renal Supportive Care Symposium, 5-6 July 2018, Sydney

The Care of the Conservatively Managed Patient with End Stage Kidney Disease (ESKD) A critical aspect of Renal Supportive Care is the care of patients where a non-dialysis pathway is recommended or chosen. This 2 day symposium is directed to all doctors and other health professionals working in Palliative Medicine and Nephrology. It will cover multiple areas including decision making around whether or not to commence dialysis, symptom management, advance care planning, communication skills, the role of Community Palliative Care, care of the dying patient and bereavement.

Location: St George Hospital, Kogarah, Sydney.

Contact for registration: Elizabeth Josland at Elizabeth.Josland@health.nsw.gov.au



Clinical Consultation Skills Retreat for Oncology Clinicians, 5-8 August 2018, Victoria

Cancer Council Victoria and the Centre for Organisational Change in Person-Centred Healthcare (OCPH) at Deakin University are partnering to deliver this annual retreat. Run over three days at the luxury RACV Torquay Resort, the event will allow clinicians to fully immerse themselves in experiential learning. The program will focus on enhancing core skills and mentoring capabilities in communication for clinical scenarios, including delivering bad news mismatched expectations, determining goals of care and discussing end-of-life care. [Register now](#)

Annual Scientific Meeting of the New Zealand Pain Society Inc. 7-10 March 2019



Pain is an issue that presents across settings, disciplines, and can impact all aspects of a patient's life. This makes the opportunity to gather and discuss how we understand and treat pain so important. On the eve of a new decade, both those who experience pain and those who treat it are confronted with an ever growing body of information about how best to approach pain management. We hope this conference will be an opportunity to take stock of the knowledge that has shaped pain management in 2019, the information that patients must wade through to make decisions about their own pain experience, and the future directions for pain management.

Christchurch, the seat of the Canterbury Region, is the largest city in the South Island of New Zealand lying on the South Island's east coast, just north of Bank Peninsula. It is home to 396,700 residents making it New Zealand's third most populous city behind [Auckland](#) and [Wellington](#). Christchurch is not only the gateway to all that the beautiful South Island has to offer, it is a city that is in a period of growth and revival making it an exciting location to explore.

We would like to warmly invite you to participate in our 2019 meeting and look forward to seeing you there.
Dr Jessica Mills
NZPS 2019 Conference Convenor
www.nzps2019.nz

Careers

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

Member feedback request - what are you reading?

Have you recently read an article or book of relevance to your peers in the Palliative Medicine Sector? Is there an article or book that made a big impact on you in your current role or that has become your “go to” resource? We’d love to hear from you!

If there is a current article or book that you think might be of interest to your peers, please email details to info@anzspm.org.au. The information will be used to create a reading list to share with other members. Thank you for your participation.

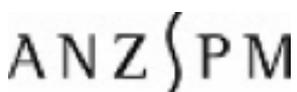
2018-19 Membership Renewals

A reminder that membership renewals for the 2018-19 year have opened and members would have now received a renewal notice by email. Don’t forget to check that your details, including your current membership type is correct.

Thank you to those ANZSPM members who have already renewed for 2018-19. Membership inquiries should be directed to info@anzspm.org.au.

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