



In this edition:

- Government News
- Other News
- ANZSPM annual report 2018-19 **now available online**
- ANZSPM December 2019 newsletter **now available online**
- All ANZSPM Webinar recordings **now available online**
- ANZSPM Special Interest Groups – opportunities for members
- ANZSPM Aotearoa Palliative MDT Retreat – April 2020
- Save the date: ANZSPM20 conference, 17-20 September 2020 | Auckland, NZ
- Other events
- Careers – latest jobs

Government News

WA: Voluntary assisted dying bill update

The Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) Bill was passed by WA State Parliament on 10 December 2019. There will be an 18-month implementation period and there is still much work to be done as part of the detailed planning which is required before the laws come into effect. Please refer to the WA Department of Health website for further information.

Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality & Safety consultation on Aged Care system re-design

The Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety is inviting submissions from interested individuals and organisations on the future design of the aged care system. The Commission released a consultation paper called Aged Care Program resign: Services for the future exploring options for future design of aged care programs. The model set out in the paper is intended to support people to

pursue and enjoy meaning and quality of life whether in their own home or a residential service. Submissions are sought on key questions about the design of the aged care system. These submissions are an opportunity for interested individuals and organisations to help shape the future of aged care. The Royal Commissioners encourage people to download and read the paper and respond to the design questions through a submission. Submissions close on **Friday, 24 January 2020** COB and should be made via email to: ACRCProgramDesign@royalcommission.gov.au

New AIHW report: Australia's children (17 December 2019)

This report brings together a range of data on children's wellbeing and their experiences at home, school and in the community. Highlights are presented in Australia's children: in brief.

Other News

BMJ Supportive & Palliative Care December 2019 issue

Browse the December 2019 issue of the BMJ Supportive & Palliative Care. You can find features, editorials and reviews here: <https://spcare.bmj.com/content/9/4>

New RACP Pomegranate Health podcast release Ep54: My Health Record in Practice

In this podcast, visit each of these settings and hear what the different expectations are of this new tool, what are the benefits gained, and how well it fits into the workflow of a consultation. The RACP received support from the Australian Digital Health Agency for production of this podcast. You can listen to episode 54 here.

New Cancer Council NSW podcast series: 'The Thing About Advanced Cancer'

Cancer Council NSW has recently launched a new podcast series, *The Thing About Advanced Cancer*, focusing on the challenges surrounding a diagnosis of advanced cancer. Hosted by cancer survivor and broadcaster, Julie McCrossin, ten episodes feature interviews with both cancer experts and people with a lived experience of advanced cancer, and explore the practical as well as the existential issues that people may face. This podcast provides evidence-based information and practical tips and encourages listeners to discuss their concerns with health professionals. The podcast series is available for free on the Cancer Council NSW website at cancercouncil.com.au/podcasts, as well as via Apple Podcasts and other podcasting apps.

Advance Care Planning Australia (ACPA): Cancer Australia Study

ACPA is conducting an online survey to better understand the enablers and barriers of advance care planning for people with cancer. If you are a doctor, nurse, social worker or allied health professional working with people affected by cancer, you can complete the online survey here.

Older Persons Advocacy Network (OPAN) launches new mobile app 'ElderHelp'

On 12 December 2019, OPAN was joined by Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck, Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians, to officially launch a mobile application (Elder Help) and a video (Noticed Something?). These resources aim to provide information to volunteers and all those in contact with older people to recognise the possible signs of abuse. They also educate the wider community on the rights of older people receiving aged care, and how to access aged care advocacy services. For more information click here.

ANZSPM Updates

ANZSPM December 2019 newsletter

The December 2019 edition of the ANZSPM newsletter is out now and available to download from our website. Due to the holiday period coming up, printed copies of the December 2019 newsletter will be posted early in 2020 to those members who have requested a paper copy.

ANZSPM's annual report 2018-19

2018-19 has been a busy year for ANZSPM! You can read more about it in ANZSPM's annual report 2018-19 which is now available on our website.

NEW! ANZSPM Rural & Remote Travel Grant

Applications are now open for the ANZSPM Rural & Remote Travel Grant for 2019-20! The grant has been established to support ANZSPM members living in rural and remote regions to attend a major ANZSPM educational event. Applications are invited for support to attend our next major event, the ANZSPM Conference 2020 in Auckland, New Zealand from 17-20 September 2020. A total pool of \$5,000AUD is available in this initial grant round and will be allocated in accordance with the ANZSPM Rural & Remote Travel Grant Guidelines and Terms & Conditions. If you are interested in applying, please read the Guidelines and Terms & Conditions and fill in the ANZSPM Rural & Remote Travel Grant Application Form, both available on our website here. Your completed application form should be forwarded to ANZSPM by email to: info@anzspm.org.au no later than **2 March 2020**.

All ANZSPM Webinar recordings are now available online

The recordings of all ANZSPM webinars held this year are now available. The recordings can be found behind the RACP member login here [ANZSPM](#) or on YouTube (link unsearchable) here <https://youtu.be/werAEfIEB10>

Calling ANZSPM members to express interest in forming new Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

ANZSPM is keen to encourage the formation of new SIGs. Members are welcome to propose new special interest groups on topics they find relevant. ANZSPM is currently interested to hear from members with an interest in cancer pain, public health palliative care, paediatric palliative care and General Practice to form new SIGs in 2020, if there is sufficient interest from members. ANZSPM SIGs are member-driven groups established by members with a common interest in a particular topic or area related to palliative medicine practice. You can find the ANZSPM SIG Policy and Procedure outlining the purpose and role of SIGs and how to propose one here. If this sounds like something you'd like to be a part of, please email submissions@anzspm.org.au by mid-January 2020 and we will put interested members in touch with each other and the ANZSPM office can support establishment of any new SIGs.

Upcoming ANZSPM Events

ANZSPM Aotearoa Palliative MDT Retreat – 3-5 April 2020

The ANZSPM Aotearoa Committee is hosting a multidisciplinary team retreat over three days on the theme "Exploring resilience within palliative and end of life care" in April 2020.

Where: Silverstream Retreat, 3 Reynolds Bach Drive, Lower Hutt Wellington, NZ

Who: Suitable for all professionals working in palliative care.

What: The aim of the retreat is to allow you to return to your place of work affirmed, invigorated, motivated and refreshed.

More information, including program and pricing, is available on the ANZSPM website's [events page](#). To enquire about the retreat please email nzadmin@anzspm.org.au



ANZSPM Conference 2020, 17-20 September 2020 | Auckland, NZ

The ANZSPM Conference 2020 will be held at the Pullman, Auckland from 17 to 20 September 2020. Our theme for 2020 is *Palliative Care in an Uncertain World*. More details coming soon: www.anzspm.org.au/anzspm20.

Other Upcoming Events

Other upcoming events that may be of interest to members:

Building Palliative Care Clinical Research in NZ Workshop, 14 February 2020 | Wellington NZ

IMPACCT (University of Technology) in conjunction with Capital and Coast District Health Board (NZ) and Palliative Care Clinical Studies Collaborative (PaCCSC) are running a workshop to introduce clinical research to new or experienced researchers in New Zealand.

Who should attend? Anyone with an interest in learning more about PaCCSC and conducting clinical research in palliative care. The workshop will be multi-disciplinary in focus.

Symptoms of Focus – Pain, Fatigue, Breathlessness, Appetite & Cachexia, Nausea, Cognitive & Neurological Disorders, Gut Dysfunction

Online registration is open here. Contact PaCCSC@uts.edu.au for more information

CST Annual Research Forum 2020: Vision 2030: Cancer Symptom Trials | 18 February 2020 | Sydney, NSW

Calling all researchers, health professionals and consumer representatives with an interest in cancer symptom management and supportive care. Expand your research and interdisciplinary networks and hear from accomplished guest speakers and discussion panels as well as the chairs of four of our symptom node subcommittees. Register now for the CST Annual Research Forum 2020 to be held on 18 February 2020 at the Aerial UTS Function Centre.

Advanced European bioethics course “Suffering, Death & Palliative Care”, 24-27 March 2020 | Netherlands

The course is organised by the section of Healthcare Ethics, IQ Healthcare, Radboud University Medical Centre and the aim is to educate participants on a range of ethical issues related to suffering and dying, palliative care and medically assisted death. The key-note lecture will be held by Els van Wijngaarden PhD, associate professor and researcher, Dept. of Care Ethics, University for Humanistic Studies, Utrecht, the Netherlands. More information [here](#). Direct registration: [registration](#). Contact: Valesca Hulsman: Valesca.Hulsman@radboudumc.nl.

2020 Australian Pain Society 40th Annual Scientific Meeting | 5-8 April 2020 | Hobart TAS

This is the only multidisciplinary conference in Australia offering insights into the complex nature of pain management from a variety of medical, nursing and allied health perspectives. Further information is at www.dconferences.com.au/aps2020/

EUROPALL2020: European Conference on Controversies in Palliative Care | 23-24 April 2020 | Vienna, Austria

This conference headlined “Controversies” in Palliative Care, will address a large number of controversial issues faced by multidisciplinary professionals across Europe in their everyday clinical practice. The aim is having frank, open and even provocative debates with a world-renowned panel of

experts from various disciplines to ultimately form a consensus on how best to manage different complex questions in palliative care. Further information is at <https://europall2020.com>

2020 Palliative Care Nurses Australia Conference | 3-4 May 2020 | Pullman Albert Park, Melbourne VIC

This biennial conference brings together Australian and New Zealand nurses with an interest in delivering high quality, contemporary palliative care. The two-day conference is the perfect forum for nurses and other health professionals to seek new knowledge, become familiar with new products and services to the industry, and to identify opportunities to translate the best evidence into clinical and academic excellence. Networking, debating and socialising with peers adds a further dimension to the experience. With several plenary sessions, concurrent sessions and workshops, the structure of the conference provides the ideal environment for these activities to occur. More information at <https://www.pcna2020.org/>

Save the Date: Better Together - Connecting Palliative and Aged Care | 21 May 2020 | SA

The Palliative Care South Australia biennial conference will be held on 21 May 2020 with a focus on aged care. While the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety has brought a great deal of attention to the issues in the sector including palliative care, this conference seeks to bring together consumers/carers, the aged and palliative care sectors to show some of the good things that are happening. Better Together aims to bring the community and workforce together so that we can better understand each other's services and needs. More information about the conference will be available early next year. Email pallcare@pallcare.asn.au or call on 8271 643.

NPS: National Medicines Symposium (NMS) | 21 May 2020 | Sydney, NSW

NPS MedicineWise is hosting its next National Medicines Symposium (NMS) on 21 May 2020 in Sydney. It will follow the Choosing Wisely Australia National Meeting to be held on 20 May 2020. Held every two years, the NMS program is designed to provide the latest content in the medicines and health environment and is delivered by acclaimed experts. It is a unique cross-disciplinary event, bringing together some of the most influential organisations, individuals and decision makers in the health sector to obtain a perspective of the current and future state of quality use of medicines and discuss contemporary issues. Attracting people from all sectors of the health industry, NMS is a rare opportunity to network, share expertise, ideas and innovations. For any enquiries please email nms@expertevents.com.au

9th Guildford Advanced Pain & Symptom Management courses | 7-8 Sept 2020, Midland Hotel, Manchester UK & 28-29 Sept 2020, Royal College of Physicians, London UK

The aim of this 2-day advanced course is to provide delegates with an up-to-date, evidence-based review of the management of pain and other common symptoms / problems. The topics have been chosen because of their impact on the patients' quality of life, and the lecturers chosen because of their knowledge of the subject matter. The lectures will be supplemented with relevant reading materials, including slide presentations, and a detailed reference / reading list. The course organisers are Dr Andrew Davies (Consultant in Palliative Medicine, Guildford), and Dr Andrew Dickman (Consultant Pharmacist, Liverpool). One course is being held at the Royal College of Physicians in London, and the other at the Midland Hotel in Manchester. The two courses are identical in terms of lectures / lecturers. For more information, visit <https://guildfordadvancedcourses.co.uk/>

Careers

New positions have recently been advertised on the ANZSPM website – visit the ANZSPM [Careers](#) pages for details!

You are receiving this email as a member of ANZSPM.

Are you following us on Twitter [@ANZSPM](#) and [LinkedIn](#)? For more news and updates, follow ANZSPM and visit [@ANZSPM](#)

The Australian & New Zealand Society of Palliative Medicine | ABN 54 931 717 498

E: info@anzspm.org.au | T: +61 2 6189 2244 | www.anzspm.org.au

Our standard office hours: Mon-Thurs 9.15am-2.45pm AEST

IMPORTANT: The information in this email and any attachments may be confidential and/or subject to copyright. If you are not the intended recipient, you must not read, use, copy, disclose or disseminate this email, any attachments or information contained in this email and must delete it. Unless stated or apparent from its terms, any opinions expressed in this email or its attachments are solely those of the author and do not represent those of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Palliative Medicine. The responsibility for virus detection is the recipient's and we do not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage arising in any way from the use of this email or any attachments.