

## ANZSPM Member eNews –21 February 2020

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### REMINDER: ANZSPM Rural & Remote Travel Grant applications closing soon!

Applications close on 2 March 2020 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 for this grant round and will be allocated in accordance with the ANZSPM Rural & Remote Travel Grant Guidelines and Terms & Conditions. To apply, 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](mailto:info@anzspm.org.au) no later **than 2 March 2020**.

### Government News

#### **AUS: New treatment options on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) from 1 March 2020 for non-small cell and small cell lung cancer or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)**

The Government is listing Imfinzi® (durvalumab) for the first time for the treatment of non-small cell lung cancer for patients who have not progressed after chemoradiation. Imfinzi® is a monoclonal antibody and works with the immune system to destroy cancer cells.

The Government is also expanding the PBS listing of Tecentriq® (atezolizumab) to be used in combination with a platinum-based chemotherapy and etoposide for the treatment of small cell lung cancer.

The Government is also expanding the PBS listing of Trelegy® Ellipta® (fluticasone furoate with umeclidinium and vilanterol) for the treatment of COPD, to broaden subsidised access to this medicine on the PBS. COPD symptoms include shortness of breath, coughing and chest discomfort. Trelegy® Ellipta® will assist people with breathing difficulties and help improve their lives.

Each of these listings has been recommended by the independent Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee. For more information please [click here](#).

#### **AUS: Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety – submissions published**

Following a call for submissions made in December 2019 by the Commissioners in Consultation Paper 1, the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety published a selection of these submissions on their website including ANZSPM's submission. You can find all submissions to the consultation paper [here](#). Transcripts from this week's Adelaide workshops are also now online.

#### **SA: SA government palliative care grants – applications close 28 February 2020**

The South Australian health department has announced a \$16 million grants program to improve access to palliative care services, including in residential aged care homes.

The program will focus on:

- improving access to and the quality of palliative care in aged care facilities

- building stronger partnerships between specialist palliative care services, the primary care sector, non-government organisations and aged care facilities
- increasing the education, training, assistance and mentoring of the residential aged care workforce.

More information about the program can be found [here](#).

## Other News

### **NZ: New poll shows support for both recreational cannabis and euthanasia dropping**

Support for both recreational cannabis and euthanasia has dropped in the latest Newshub-Reid Research poll. To read the full article, please [click here](#).

### **BMJ Palliative & Supportive Care March 2020 issue out now!**

You can browse the content of the latest issue of BMJ Palliative & Supportive Care [issue here](#).

### **GeriPal podcast episode on Opioids for Breathlessness: A Podcast with David Currow**

As part of the GeriPal podcast series, this podcast with Prof David Currow explores answers to questions such as: do opioids improve breathlessness? David is a Professor of Palliative Medicine at University of Technology Sydney. His research has challenged common practices in Hospice and Palliative Care, including randomized control trials on oxygen for breathlessness, octreotide for malignant bowel obstruction, and antipsychotics for delirium in palliative care patients. You can listen to this episode [here](#).

### **Care Search: New white paper: Allied Health in Australia and its Role in Palliative Care**

Allied Health (AH) is a key part of palliative care provision but evidence about their role and practice is still emerging. As part of the CareSearch Engagement Project, a background paper on the context of AH practice in Australia was produced for use by professionals, services, and AH organisations. Key findings include the need to support AH with education and upskilling, funding to support their work in palliative care, and more accurate data on the use of AH services. For more information please [click here](#).

## EXTERNAL EXPRESSIONS OF INTERESTS (EOI)

**Please note that these are two different expression of interest from the RACP!** Please contact the RACP at [RACPConsult@racp.edu.au](mailto:RACPConsult@racp.edu.au) if you have any questions.

### **RACP EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: Primary Health Care 10 Year Plan, Roundtable consultation for Older Australians on Thursday 12 March 2020**

The College is seeking expressions of interest from members to nominate 1 RACP representative to the Primary Health Care 10 Year Plan Roundtable consultation for Older Australians on Thursday 12 March 2020.

If you are interested in applying, please complete the three questions below and provide your brief CV (maximum 3 pages) by close of business **Wednesday 26 February 2020** to [RACPConsult@racp.edu.au](mailto:RACPConsult@racp.edu.au).

#### **Selection criteria:**

Briefly state how your knowledge, qualifications, experience and personal attributes apply to each criterion by replying to each item as below:

1. Reason for interest in representing the College on the Primary Health Care 10 Year Plan Roundtable consultation for Older Australians.
2. Please briefly detail your expertise and current work relevant to this area.

3. Do you have any previous or current professional or personal connections that may give cause for perceived conflict of interest with the Department of Health?

*Please note any appointed member will have their contact details shared with the external body unless we are asked not to.*

**Background:**

The Roundtable will have a focus on services for Older Australians within the primary health care system. The Roundtable will bring together a range of organisations and individuals with expertise or lived experience in this area.

Under the Long-Term National Health Plan, the Government has committed to develop and implement a Primary Health Care 10 Year Plan that will set out a vision and path to guide future primary health care reform. The creation of a 10 Year Plan offers the opportunity to consider how we can ensure Older Australians can access high quality services through an integrated primary health care system.

**Term and commitment:**

- To adhere to the College's [Code of Conduct](#)
- Adhere to the College's published policies and positions as provided by the P&A Unit.
- Provide the RACP with a report or summary of meeting discussions and outcomes
- Travel expenses will be covered by the College.

**Event Details:**

Date: Thursday 12 March 2020

Time: 9:00am to 3:30pm

Venue: Anglesea #2 Room, Mercure Perth, 10 Irwin Street, PERTH

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**RACP EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: Primary Health Care 10 Year Plan, Roundtable consultation for people living with Dementia on Friday 13 March 2020**

The College is seeking expressions of interest from members to nominate 1 RACP representative to the Primary Health Care 10 Year Plan Roundtable consultation for people living with Dementia on **Friday 13 March 2020**.

If you are interested in applying, please complete the three questions below and provide your brief CV (maximum 3 pages) by close of business **Wednesday 26 February 2020** to [RACPConsult@racp.edu.au](mailto:RACPConsult@racp.edu.au).

**Selection criteria:**

Briefly state how your knowledge, qualifications, experience and personal attributes apply to each criterion by replying to each item as below:

Reason for interest in representing the College on the Primary Health Care 10 Year Plan Roundtable consultation for people living with Dementia.

1. Please briefly detail your expertise and current work relevant to this area.
2. Do you have any previous or current professional or personal connections that may give cause for perceived conflict of interest with the Department of Health?

*Please note any appointed member will have their contact details shared with the external body unless the College is asked not to.*

**Background:**

The roundtable will have a focus on dementia services within the primary health care system. The roundtable will bring together a range of organisations and individuals with expertise in this area. Under the Long-Term National Health Plan, the Government has committed to develop and implement a Primary Health Care 10 Year Plan that will set out a vision and path to guide future primary health care reform. The creation of a 10 Year Plan offers the opportunity to consider how we

can ensure Australians can access high quality dementia services through an integrated primary health care system.

**Appointment details:**

- To adhere to the College's [Code of Conduct](#)
- Adhere to the College's published policies and positions as provided by the P&A Unit.
- Provide the RACP with a report or summary of meeting discussions and outcomes.
- Travel expenses will be covered by the College.

**Event Details:**

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## Other Updates

### **Caring@home project looking for Hindi or Punjabi speaking palliative medicine specialists/trainees**

The *caring@home* project is looking for palliative medicine specialists or trainees to review some resources for carers being translated into Hindi and Punjabi. *caring@home* has produced resources for carers to support carers to help manage breakthrough symptoms safely using subcutaneous medicines. A company that uses accredited translators have been contracted to do the work but the project has also requested the opportunity to have a health care professional, who is a native speaker of the language, to review the translation and subtitles for medical correctness. The work would be expected to be completed in mid-April 2020. Caring@home is able to offer a stipend for this work of \$800 + GST upon receipt of an invoice.

The work is to review the following after they come back from the translating service:

- Subtitles on five short videos <https://www.caringathomeproject.com.au/tabid/5182/Default.aspx>
- Review translation of the:
  - Handbook for carers
  - Medicines diary
  - Fridge chart
  - DL information brochure

If you are interested in undertaking this work, please contact Karen Cooper, Project Manager for caring@home on E: [Karen.Cooper3@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:Karen.Cooper3@health.qld.gov.au) or M: 0428422818.

### **ELDAC online study for allied health workers in palliative care**

End of Life Directions for Aged Care (ELDAC) at Flinders University are running a study looking at the role of allied health professionals providing palliative care for older Australians in residential and community aged care. If you would like to share with allied health professional colleagues, details are here. The survey takes about 10-20 minutes to complete. For more information, please refer to the Participant Information Sheet.

### **Reminder: What Matters Most – New person-centred care resources available now**

Palliative Care Australia, through a Dementia and Aged Care Services Fund grant, has launched a suite of resources to encourage early conversations about What Matters Most to older people, their care and their end of life preferences. All aged care providers will be sent a set of What Matters Most resources designed to be used by health or aged care workers to support consumers, including people living with dementia. The resources will assist aged care workers to deliver person-centred care and help consumers to make informed choices about their care. For more information or to download the resources visit [Dyingtotalk.org.au](http://Dyingtotalk.org.au).

## Upcoming ANZSPM Events



### ANZSPM Aotearoa Palliative MDT Retreat – 3-5 April 2020: Register NOW!

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, speaker bios and pricing, is available on the ANZSPM website’s events page. To enquire about the retreat please email [nzadmin@anzspm.org.au](mailto: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](http://www.anzspm.org.au/anzspm20).

### RACP supervisor training workshop (SPDP3) at ANZSPM20, 17 October 2020 | Auckland NZ

The session will be 3 hours and will cover the following:

- Discuss the purpose and importance of work-based learning and assessment
- Analyse the cycle of planning for learning and assessment
- Identify the challenges and solutions associated with work-based assessment in a complex environment
- Evaluate overall performance and progress to make a summative assessment.

Date and Location: Thursday 17 October 2020 9.00am-12.00pm, The Pullman Hotel, Corner of Princes St & Waterloo Quadrant, Auckland

Facilitated by Dr Raewyn Gavin & Dr Dorothy Dinesh; to register please email [SPDP@racp.org.nz](mailto:SPDP@racp.org.nz)

For more information on the workshop, go to the ANZSPM20 Conference website [here](http://www.anzspm.org.au/anzspm20).

## Other Upcoming Events

Other upcoming events that may be of interest to members:



### 2020 Annual Conferences and Study Days (paid advertisement)

Education and research has been key to Sobell House's drive to improve end of life care for over 30 years. The Oxford Centre for Education and Research in Palliative Care: Sobell House offer an annual programme of study days, courses and conferences on a variety of topics for health and social care practitioners, both local to Oxfordshire and from an international audience.

#### Dates for the Diary

##### Annual conferences

#### OXFORD ADVANCED PAIN AND SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT COURSES 2020

From the 15th February 2020, Cost £550

Newcastle-upon-Tyne	11-12 June	Nottingham	24-25 June
Oxford 1	02-03 July	Oxford 2	09-10 July

#### ENHANCED COMMUNICATION SKILLS TRAINING

23-24 April 2020

4-5 June 2020

24-25 September 2020

8-9 October 2020

19-20 November 2020

Cost: £550

For further information and booking online: [www.sobelleducation.org.uk](http://www.sobelleducation.org.uk)

#### AAHPM: State of the Science in Hospice and Palliative Care research symposium | 20 -22 March 2020 | San Diego, CA (USA)

Network with fellow investigators and gain insights to new research and methods in hospice and palliative medicine at the first ever State of the Science research meeting, hosted by AAHPM. The purpose of the meeting is to support and advance the science of hospice and palliative care by fostering community and multidisciplinary collaboration, building capacity through investigator development, and sharing cutting-edge research by scientists at all career stages. For more information and to register, click here.

#### Advanced European bioethics course "*Suffering, Death & Palliative Care*", 24-27 March 2020 | Netherlands

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](mailto:Valesca.Hulsman@radboudumc.nl)

#### 2020 Australian Pain Society 40<sup>th</sup> 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.dccconferences.com.au/aps2020/](http://www.dccconferences.com.au/aps2020/)

**The International Society of Geriatric Oncology (SIOG) 2020 Advanced Course | 22 – 24 April 2020 | Canberra, Australia**

For more information please visit: <https://www.eventbank.com/event/siog-2020-advanced-course-canberra-14744/>

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

This conference 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](mailto: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. 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. For any enquiries please email [nms@expertevents.com.au](mailto:nms@expertevents.com.au)

**National Palliative Care Week, 24 – 30 May 2020**

National Palliative Care Week is an annual event organised by Palliative Care Australia and supported by the Department of Health to raise awareness and understanding about palliative care in the Australian community. In 2020, National Palliative Care Week will be held from **Sunday 24 May – Saturday 30 May**. Stay tuned for more details about our National Palliative Care Week theme and branding.

**7<sup>th</sup> Rural and Remote Health Scientific Symposium | 25-26 May 2020 | Alice Springs NT**

The National Rural Health Alliance has released the full program of its 7<sup>th</sup> Rural and Remote Health Scientific Symposium, which will be held in Alice Springs on 25-26 May 2020. The Symposium is an opportunity to hear from researchers and thought leaders in the rural health space, and to get

together with academics, policymakers, health professionals and those from the not-for-profit sector, to learn and share knowledge. You can read the full program here and register here.

**The International Society of Geriatric Oncology (SIOG) 2020 Advanced Course | 24 – 27 June 2020 | Treviso, Italy**

For more information please visit: <https://www.eventbank.com/event/siog-2020-advanced-course-in-geriatric-oncology-17483/>

**12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Grief & Bereavement in Contemporary Society | 13-17 July 2020, Melbourne Australia**

Global leaders will take the stage sharing the latest research in grief and bereavement care, and clinical practice. For more information and registrations please visit [www.icgb2020.com](http://www.icgb2020.com)

**The International Society of Geriatric Oncology (SIOG) 2020 Annual Conference | 1-3 October 2020 | Geneva, Switzerland**

For more information please visit: <https://siog.org/content/siog-2020-annual-conference-0>

## Careers

New positions have recently been advertised on the ANZSPM website – visit the ANZSPM Careers pages for details!

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