

Board Communiqué – August 2023

Please read the highlights of key issues discussed at the RACP Board meeting on 21 July 2023. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss these matters further at president@racp.edu.au. Dr Jacqueline Small, President and Chair RACP Board.

Strategic Matters

Training Management Proof of Concept

The Proof of Concept (POC) Education Technology Project (to replace Tracc) is designed to develop the detailed requirements build a prototype and develop an initial solution design for the delivery of the new curriculum for basic and advanced training. This will enable a Request for Proposal (RFP) to be released to market in September 2023.

Board and College Council Strategy Day

We have decided to postpone the Board and College Council Strategy Day, scheduled for Friday 15 September 2023 to allow time for management to more fully develop a proposal for the governance implications of the future structure of the Board and College Council to facilitate improvements in Board functions and oversight responsibilities. This will build on the detailed discussions that occurred at council in 2022.

Voice to Parliament Media Release

[A media release was issued on Friday 4 August](#) and generated 60 national radio hits as well as Nine News. We are now moving forward with a communications plan to promote a better understanding of the importance of listening to First Nations Communities based on the experiences of our members and acknowledge that listening to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities is critical to improving health outcomes in those communities.

Examiner Satisfaction

Initial results of a post Paediatric Divisional Written Examination survey indicate a 95% satisfaction rate in those surveyed who strongly agree that they were satisfied with the organisation of the exam on the day. This is an improvement from a 27% result last year. I would like to thank, on behalf of the Board, the hard work of the examinations team and our examiners for the excellent work you do.

CPD Webinar

We hosted a webinar on 16 August on CPD for private practitioners. Over 650 Fellows. The webinar had practical examples of how to meet the CPD requirements for 2023. It generated several questions and live answers, we hear you were pleased with this useful advice and thank the Chair of the CPD Committee, Prof Veysey for facilitating this successful webinar.

1 O'Connell Street

There has been a delay in site handover due to building issues, which should be resolved by the end of August.

2023 Event Series

The second event of the 2023 series was held in Peth on 20 July and was facilitated by Dr Poh-Kooi (PK), WA State Committee Chair. The topic of the event was 'How will Digital Technologies/AI impact on the physician of the future?' We are hearing our member concerns regarding technology development directing rather than supporting physicians.

An event has been held in Darwin, on 18 August as a 'no obligation' fee event as a way to give back to members and builds on my amazing trip to the NT in June.

Flexible Training Policy

In response to feedback from our trainees, we are re-publicising the Flexible Training Policy and promoting to our members and committees to support interactions with all jurisdictions.

Member Value Proposition

We are working on an operational member value proposition strategy to consider all business of the College through a member lens. We are working towards more personalised, targeted and relevant communications.

Paediatrics and Child Health

Our Paediatrics and Child Health Division President (PCHD) Prof Nitin Kapur and our policy & Advocacy team met with the Minister for Communications, Michelle Rowland MP, Chief of Staff, to discuss the impacts of junk food advertising on children and the necessity for regulatory measures in this space.

Aotearoa New Zealand

We are developing a proposed strategy for the Aotearoa New Zealand general election campaign ahead of the election on Saturday 14 October 2023.

Australian Ethical Health Alliance (AEHA) Annual Survey

We have provided a submission to the AEHA for the 2022 calendar year to demonstrate our alignment to the Australian Consensus Framework for Ethical Collaboration in the Healthcare Sector. This is a self-evaluation relating to our organisational strategy, policies and culture.

College Bodies

We have approved several appointments and extensions on our important College Bodies. On behalf of the Board, I again thank our volunteer members for their commitment to, and support of our College. The Board appreciates and values the work of our Bodies.