

Report following the July 2017 meeting of the Faculty of Pain Medicine Board

The Faculty of Pain Medicine Board met on Monday July 10, 2017 and welcomed the ANZCA President Professor David A Scott and the ANZCA CEO Mr John Illott (CEO).

Also in attendance was the ANZCA General Manager of Policy, Safety and Quality Ms Jo-Anne Chapman. Ms Sharon Butler (Silent Partners) also attended to support the Board in progressing the Faculty's 2018-2022 Strategic Plan.

The Board's guest speaker was Dr Simon Holliday, Chair of the RACGP Specific Interests: Pain Management Network and addiction medicine specialist.

2017 FPM Board meeting dates:

Thursday, September 21.

Monday, October 30.

Honours, appointments and awards

Dr Meredith Craigie FANZCA, FFPMANZCA and **Dr Tim Semple FANZCA, FFPMANZCA** were congratulated on being awarded the 2017 Distinguished Member Award from the Australian Pain Society.

Build Fellowship and the Faculty

Corporate affairs

Strategic planning 2018-2022: Following a series of workshops, surveys and interviews undertaken with key stakeholders to assist in the development of the Faculty of Pain Medicine strategic plan for 2018-2022, the Board held a half-day facilitated workshop on Sunday, July 9, 2017 to work on the draft plan, which will now be circulated to national and regional committees for feedback, ahead of the intended launch at the Spring Meeting in Torquay.

Resources

2017 Budget: The Faculty is in a favourable position year to date against budget at the end of May 2017.

2017 Business Plan: The Faculty has made good progress against key initiatives in the business plan in the second quarter.

Revision to by-law 4 and the training handbook: The FPM Board approved a minor amendment to by-law 4, *FPM Training Program*. The amendment to by-law 4.12, *Recognition of prior experience* now supports recognition of prior experience for direct experience accumulated with the three years preceding commencement of the core training stage. The revised by-law 4.12 can be viewed on the [Faculty website](#).

Professional Affairs Executive Committee

Scientific Meetings

2017 Spring Meeting, September 22-24
“Transcending pain: Ride the next wave”
RACV Torquay Resort, Victoria
Convenor: Dr Jacquelyn Nash FANZCA, FFPMANZCA

Join the Faculty of Pain Medicine in Torquay, for our 2017 spring meeting “Transcending pain: ride the next wave”. This dynamic three day event will bring together delegates from a range of specialties. International and Australian experts will explore consciousness and pain, surgery and placebo, neuropathic pain, cancer pain, acute pain and assisted dying legislation.

Sign up now for workshops, emergency response activities, masterclass sessions and enhanced audience participation. For more information on the program and to register, please visit the [website](#).

2018 New Fellows Conference: Dr Michael Vagg will represent the Board at the 2018 New Fellow’s Conference in Sydney.

Electronic Persistent Pain Outcomes Collaboration (ePPOC): Roll-out of this initiative continues to expand with 82 services now participating or in process of engaging including the first services from South Australia (Royal Adelaide, Flinders and Children’s Hospital). Three Primary Health Networks from Western Australia have joined as part of a pilot project and the Department of Veterans Affairs has joined as a non-data submitting member. Work continues toward roll out of the modified dataset (Version 2 ePPOC) in January 2018.

FPM Better Pain Management Education Program: FPM encourages Fellows and trainees to talk with colleagues engaged in the care of patients with persistent pain about the program and the opportunity to learn cutting edge skills and knowledge that can support them in their everyday practice. The Better Pain Management program can provide customised staff education for departments and health centres wishing to put in place pain management training. Further information is available on the Better Pain Management website www.betterpainmanagement.com.au.

All ANZCA and FPM Fellows and trainees have complimentary access to Better Pain Management modules through Networks via their Networks login.

Opioid equi-analgesic dose calculator: For the period May 11 to July 2, 2017 there were 7,190 active users and 33,976 sessions. The average number of devices active daily was 316 for that period.

Forum addressing “Outcome measurement for interventional pain medicine”: Discussions are ongoing to hold this forum on Friday October 20, 2017. This will contribute to the Faculty’s leadership role in the field.

Medicinal Cannabis Strategy: The FPM Medicinal Cannabis forum will be convened on Saturday October 7, 2017 to consider research opportunities and the question of what constitutes ‘reasonable’ clinical practice as well as addressing the political/consumer agenda. Dr Carolyn Arnold will lead this forum on the Faculty’s behalf.

Build the curriculum and knowledge

Training and Assessment Executive Committee

New Fellows: The Faculty congratulates Dr Maartje J Tulp FANZCA (NZ) on admission to FPM fellowship by completion of the training program.

Examination Committee: The next round of long case assessments for 2017 will be held in the week of September 9-12. Further information on dates and venues is available on the Faculty [website](#).

Development of FPM educational opportunities: Board is considering various options to enhance the Faculty's educational offerings, recognising that training in a number of subspecialty areas might benefit from further development, including paediatric pain medicine and interventional pain medicine.

The Faculty is also considering developing a six month full time certificate in clinical pain medicine, with an emphasis on an apprenticeship model under the Faculty's multidisciplinary, sociopsychobiomedical approach. There may be potential interest in this training in pain medicine from general practitioners and other specialist groups.

The Curio Group has been engaged to support the Board in establishing a strategy with regard to these opportunities.

Supervisor of Training: The Faculty has appointed Dr Willem Volschenk FANZCA, FPPMANZCA as Supervisor of Training at the Hunter Pain Clinic, NSW.

Training Unit and Accreditation Committee: The following pain units have been successfully re-accredited for training in pain medicine in the Core Training Stage:

- Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Vic
- Royal North Shore Hospital, NSW
- Singapore General Hospital

The number of accredited pain units stands at 37.

Accreditation for training in the core training stage has been withdrawn from the Westmead Hospital, NSW.

Build advocacy and access

Professional

Workforce advocacy - Health Economics cost savings data: It is proposed to commission an economic analysis and report to support the Faculty's advocacy efforts for investment in multidisciplinary pain management services and strengthening the pain medicine workforce in Australia and New Zealand. A draft brief has been developed and is being reviewed for alignment with the COAG's recently published National Pain Strategic Framework for Chronic Conditions (Australia) and the Accident Compensation Corporation's national pain strategy (New Zealand)

Meeting with Minister for Health: A meeting with the Hon Greg Hunt, Minister for Health is scheduled for 31 August, 2017 to discuss opportunities for pain medicine education and funding and potential support for

an Australian/Canadian/USA research consortium in chronic pain solutions through the Medical Research Future Fund.

Notified Fellows' publication:

- Dr Chris Hayes, FANZCA, FFPMANZCA
Population Characteristics in a Tertiary Pain Service Cohort Experiencing Chronic Non-Cancer Pain: Weight Status, Comorbidities, and Patient Goals

Katherine Brain, Tracy Burrows, Megan E. Rollo, **Chris Hayes**, Fiona J. Hodson and Clare E. Collins

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