



**College of Intensive Care Medicine
of Australia and New Zealand
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REPORT TO THE REGIONS CICM BOARD MEETING MARCH 2019

The College Board meeting was held on 14 and 15 March at the offices in Melbourne. The Board welcomed new Tasmanian Regional Chair, Vikram Patil and Trainee Representative, Derick Adigbli, ANZICS President Stephen Warrillow and ANZCA President Rod Mitchell.

It was with great sadness that the Board noted the following bereavements:
Dr Andrew Greer (NZ)
Dr John Foy (NZ)

OFFICE BEARERS

Elections for the three Executive office bearers were held amongst the current members of the Board, for the coming year. The following were re-elected unopposed for a second term of office:

President

Dr Ray Raper

Vice President

Dr Mary Pinder

Treasurer

Dr Rob Bevan

The Board Election process is underway with a Call for Nominations being sent to all Fellows in early March.

FROM THE OFFICE

The College Office will be farewelling two staff members in the coming weeks. Education Advisor Charlotte Denniston will be leaving to pursue a full-time position at the University of Melbourne. Although Charlotte has only been with the College for a relatively short time, she has made a huge contribution during this time and her expertise will be missed.

Our second farewell will be to our longest serving staff member, Laura Fernandez Low. Laura has been on maternity leave for the last 18 months and has decided not to return. Laura has been with the College for 14 years and in that time has been involved in a number of areas across the organisation including education, hospital accreditation and for the last few years, in the role of Policy Officer. Laura will be missed by all those who worked with her.

TRAINEE SELECTION

The College has been undergoing an extensive review of the selection of trainees onto the program. As part of this we have been working on broadening our Trainee Selection Policy to include the use of Situational Judgement Tests (SJT).

We have recently partnered with Monash Institute for Health and Clinical Education to drive the development and implementation of quality SJTs that are in line with best practice standards. A group of subject matter experts has been working to create, refine and assess the SJTs before they are implemented. The introduction of SJTs and scoring of CV's will increase the burden of work on the selection panel and it is for this reason and also to bring us into line with other Colleges, that the intake will be reduced to one per year.

The Board resolved that as of January 2020, the College will:

1. Reduce the registration intake from two to one per year. The last intake on the current system will close on the 30th October 2019.
2. Use Situational Judgement Testing as a part of the Trainee Selection Policy;
3. Use a revised scoring matrix for the structured CV.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

ANZICS

When the College was formed in 2010, ANZICS and CICM signed a co-operation agreement to outline the respective roles of each organisation in matters related to intensive care medicine. This document has been reviewed recently and with some minor updates, was formally signed off by the College Board.

ANZICS and the College have recently approved the terms of reference for a Global Health Special Interest Group. The group will represent both the Society's and College's interests in matters related to national and international health initiatives – particularly in low-middle income countries. ANZICS will be managing the administration of this group. The College will maintain an Overseas Aid Committee which will focus on educational initiatives.

ANZCA

The College will be meeting with the ANZCA President in coming months to discuss issues around dual training. Future discussions with ACEM and RACP will also be explored.

REGIONAL & NATIONAL COMMITTEES

All Committees have held their first meetings of 2019 with four appointing new Chairs;

- New South Wales: Stuart Lane
- Tasmania: Vikram Patil
- Queensland: Vikram Marsukar
- New Zealand: Andrew Stapleton

Departing Chairs, Lewis Macken, Benoj Varghese, Michaela Cartner and Jonathan Casement have all put in an enormous amount of work for their respective regions. The Board would like to acknowledge and thank them all for their contribution to important College work.

AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL COUNCIL

Following a Comprehensive Review in 2018, the College is now required to submit routine Annual Reports to the AMC in 2019 and 2020. Our period of accreditation expires in March 2022, meaning that during 2021 we will be required to undertake a full accreditation assessment. Planning for this accreditation will begin in the coming months as the assessment will be extensive. Board Members and Fellows will be asked to contribute to working groups over the next two years.

POLICY DOCUMENTS

College Policy Documents are reviewed every five years and the Board approved updates to the following documents:

IC 6 Guidelines for the Relationship Between Fellows, Trainees and Health Care Industry
IC15 Guidelines on Practice Re-Entry, Re-Training and Remediation for Intensive Care Specialists
IC16 Guidelines on the Use of Telemedicine in Intensive Care
T34 Guidelines for the Rural Term

These updated documents will be circulated to the Regional Committees and updated on the College website.

Gender Balance

In 2017, the College published IC28 Guideline for Achieving Gender Balance at CICM Events. Since this was published, the Board in consultation with the WIN-ANZICS Committee have expanded the concepts into a new broader College document, IC28 Statement on Gender Balance Within the College of Intensive Care Medicine. This new document will be circulated and published on the College website shortly.

CICM EVENTS

Annual Scientific Meeting

Registrations for the 2019 ASM in Cairns are tracking well with early bird closing at the end of March. One international speaker has unfortunately had to withdraw; however, a replacement has been secured. Planning is well underway for the 2020 ASM in Wellington with the theme of Cancer and Chronic Illness being confirmed. Perth has now been chosen as the location for the 2021 meeting.

Directors Conference

At the November Meeting, the Board approved the concept of a conference for heads of departments. The event will be funded by the College, with delegates only being required to pay for travel and accommodation. The program and venue have been finalised and registrations for the event will be open at the end of March.

New Fellows Conference

The 2019 New Fellows Conference program has been finalised and registrations have opened, with almost half the places filled. The conference program focusses on a range of issues including communication, end of life law, a nurse's perspective on being an effective consultant, and broadening your non clinical portfolio.

ASSESSMENTS

In 2018 Charlotte Denniston, was asked by the Second Part Exam Committee to conduct an education review of the exam process. A report has been submitted to the Assessments Committee and the Board. The report suggested a number of minor changes to processes and to the workshop, all of which have been implemented by the Committee.

The Assessments Committee and Examination Committees have agreed to begin investigating conducting the written component of the exam online. College staff are beginning to meet with companies to discuss options for moving forward. All parties are aware of the issues faced by the RACP and will not be rushing into the process without ensuring due diligence.

Capacity to examine has been an issue discussed at both Committee and Board level. The second part oral exam had the largest sitting to date in 2018 and resources were stretched. The Second Part Committee have been tasked with looking at options for moving forward including increasing the number of sittings or capping the numbers of candidates. Maintaining the integrity of the exam will be crucial, as well as ensuring candidates and examiners are not put under unnecessary pressure.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee continue to work on online modules with the revised Brain Death and Organ Donation course due to be published in the coming months. A tracheostomy course is also in development and will be published in the second half of the year. The development of course material is completed primarily by Fellows who volunteer their time and expertise. The Board greatly appreciate this work as without it the educational resources could not be developed.

Supervisors of Training

The following Supervisor appointments were noted;

Supervisors	Hospital
Kate Tietjens	Wellington Hospital, NZ
Guyon Scott	Tamworth Regional Hospital, NSW
Jane Lewis	Austin Hospital, VIC
Elisa Licari	The Alfred Hospital, VIC
Amanda Smith	Epworth Hospital, Geelong – VIC
Mark Savage	Latrobe Regional Hospital – VIC
Andrew Hooper	The Alfred Hospital – VIC

David Green	Geelong Hospital – VIC
Atul Gaur	Gosford Hospital – NSW
Anusha Ganeshalingham	Starship Children’s Hospital – NZ
Abhilasha Ahuja	Prince Charles Hospital – QLD
Jonathan Buckmaster	Royal Hobart Hospital – TAS
Tal Gadish	Royal Children’s Hospital – VIC

Distribution of Supervisors

Distribution	Number
QLD	44
NSW	45
VIC	47
NZ	19
SA	11
WA	12
Tas	5
Hong Kong	7
Ireland	6
ACT	4
NT	4
Singapore	2
India	3
TOTAL	209

Focused Cardiac Ultrasound Assessors

The following Focused Cardiac Ultrasound Assessors appointments were noted;

Assessor	Hospital
Al-Bassam Wisam	Monash Medical Centre, VIC
Subhash Arora	Dandenong Hospital, VIC
Mark Golod	Monash Medical Centre, VIC
Robert Grealy	St Vincent’s Hospital, NSW
Anil Gautam	Townsville Hospital, QLD
David Green	Geelong Hospital, VIC

Distribution of Assessors

Distribution	Number
QLD	34
VIC	30
NSW	24
SA	12
NZ	11
WA	9
ACT	3
NT	2
HK	2
TAS	2
Singapore	1
TOTAL	130

HOSPITAL ACCREDITATION

The following hospital accreditation decisions were noted:

Hospital	Pre-2014 curriculum	Post-2014 curriculum
John Hunter Hospital, NSW	C24	General Training; Neuro, Trauma
Port Macquarie Base Hospital, NSW	C6	Limited General
Logan Hospital, QLD	C6	Limited General
Ballarat Health Services, VIC	C6	Limited General: Rural
Monash Children's Hospital, VIC	C12	General Training
Maroondah Hospital, VIC	C12	General Training
Perth Children's Hospital	C12	General Training; Neuro, Trauma
Rockingham General Hospital, WA	NA	Foundation
Whangarei Hospital, NZ	C6	Limited General, Rural

ADMISSION TO FELLOWSHIP

The following admissions were noted;

Name	State/Country
Dougal Carlisle	QLD
Ebrahim Ebid	WA
Ameet Parekh	NSW
Renesh Nair	NZ
Nikki Yeo	UK
Ahmad Nasser	NSW
Wai Tsan Ng	HK
Christopher Grealy	NSW
Sunit Matha	VIC
James McKay	NZ
Jessica Roberts	NZ
Rajshree Trivedi	INDIA
Bradley Treloar	VIC
Corynn Goh	WA
Isuru Seneviratne	QLD
Gerard Moynihan	NSW
Michael Davies	SA
Steven Musca	VIC
Lohith Karigowda	NSW
Kenneth Hoffman	VIC
Wai Tat Wong	HK
David Bowen	NSW
Fraser Magee	VIC
Stephen Thornhill	VIC
Vijeth Bhat	NSW
Katherine Chatten	NSW

CRITICAL CARE & RESUSCITATION

The journal is currently published four times per year and a hard copy sent to all Fellows, trainees and a number of external subscribers. Three months after the publication of each journal, the articles are uploaded to the website in a basic PDF form. The journal currently has an impact factor of 2.3 placing it in eighth position in world critical care journals and in first position in the world outside the USA and Europe.

The College receives regular feedback from members regarding upgrading to an interactive online platform. A number of trainees and Fellows have cancelled their subscription to the printed journal for both environmental and convenience reasons.

A detailed business plan was presented at the Board meeting and this outlined the development and on-going costs of an online journal. A number of factors were taken into consideration: the cost of printing and postage, sustainability, convenience and reputation. With the full support of the Editor, the Board have agreed to pursue the development of a new online platform for the journal and cease all printing. The December 2019 edition will be the last printed version.

INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

The Indigenous Health Committee have now met several times and have agreed to form two working groups to oversee the development and implementation of a Reconciliation Action Plan and a Maori Health Plan. A workshop will be held in April to discuss the plans as well as the development of mentor and scholarship programs.

The College remains engaged with the Australian Indigenous Doctors Association, The LIME Network and The Maori Medical Practitioners Association, Te Ora.

FINANCE

The CEO presented the unaudited financial results for 2018 (the auditors will complete the financial statement by the end of April). The 2018 calendar year was again a successful year for the College, with an operating surplus of \$400k, around 8% of revenue. In addition to this we also receive funding through the Commonwealth Specialist Training Program (STP) however this grant funding sits outside of our operating budget. Our investment portfolio with Credit Suisse did not perform well over the last three months of 2018, and overall our return from our investments for the year was only \$118k, compared with \$375k in 2017. The College is in a strong financial position and has the capacity to now begin to look for an appropriate property as a permanent home.



Dr Raymond Raper AM

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