

PRESIDENTS REPORT **Prof Dimity Pond**

2013 has brought a number of new challenges and new opportunities. For our organisation. We are strengthening our change of name to AAAPC several years ago by working to change the constitution to reflect that change at this meeting.

Achievements during the year include a response to the McKeon review - the strategic Review of Health and Medical Research. WE had prepared a submission to this in 2012 and were disappointed with the poor showing of primary health care in the draft review. The full final version of the review did show make some reference to primary care research, but means there is still much work to be done.

We were also successful in receiving our first ever grant as an organisation. This is a relatively modest sum to run a national coordination body for Practice Based Research Networks (PBRNs). We had a very successful first reference group for this meeting today with many good ideas for progressing the work of the group.

We are very much in need of expanding our organisation to increase critical mass and our traction with policy makers and others. We have developed some flyers that would be suitable for academic primary care nursing and allied health as well as general practice. WE have also been discussing future collaboration with our New Zealand colleagues. More of this later in the meeting.

I am standing down as president at this meeting but look forward to seeing AAAPC move on in what is really a new exciting time for academic primary care not only in Australia but worldwide.