

**AAAPC Subcommittee Report for AGM**

Date: August 2023

<b>Subcommittee</b>	Policy and Advocacy
<b>Name of group lead/chair</b>	Jon Emery
<b>Activities and achievements over last 12 months</b> (dot points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued efforts through discussions with MRFF and RACGP to lobby for funding for national practice based research networks</li> <li>AAAPC supported an application led by University of Melbourne with 11 other departments of general practice to the MRFF National Critical Research Infrastructure grant scheme to fund a national practice based research network (unsuccessful).</li> <li>Submission to consultation on future model of alignment of NHMRC and MRFF</li> <li>Potential responses to AAAPC lobbying over last 2 years to MRFF starting to be observed through specific primary care streams within MRFF calls beyond the single primary care annual call.</li> <li>Attempts to increase engagement with New Zealand and identify roles for AAAPC in supporting lobbying.</li> </ul>
<b>Please highlight future plans and/or issues of concerns</b> (dot points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jon Emery stepping down as Chair of this committee. Replacement TBA at AGM</li> <li>Given probable shift in focus by federal government for primary care research funding towards specific issues within the Strengthening Medicare report, how do we make a case for elements of research recommendations in the previous 10 Year Plan for Primary Care (eg a national translational research centre, a national PBRN)?</li> <li>How do we make a case that research and education is a critical part of the response to concerns about the shrinking primary care workforce?</li> </ul>