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# AAAPC News - December 2022

Hello everyone,

December is coming to a close, as is 2022! AAAPC have powered through, meaning plenty of news for you this month. Make sure not to miss anything including:

- End of year President's message
- AAAPC travelling fellowship applications extended
- AAAPC 2022-23 strategic plan now published
- MDANZ upcoming webinar: *Talking MedEd*

...And more

Happy reading!

## **Seasons greetings from the President**



With the holiday season just around the corner, I wish to express AAAPC's most heartfelt thanks to our members – your support of AAAPC and its work is the greatest motivator for us.

My sincerest thanks also to our amazing and hardworking Executive Committee and Subcommittees. It's been a pleasure working alongside you this year!

On 29<sup>th</sup> November, the Executive Committee met in-person, the first time in two and a half years, to reflect on the many challenges we have met, the many lessons we have learnt, the many goals we have achieved and some goals we have not. But importantly we set our sights on the next three years, and reinvigorated our vision, values, mission and goals. We carefully articulated our objectives and activity targets so they do not get lost in the busyness of our academic lives. The AAAPC Strategic Plan 2023-25 will be available on our website by end of the year. Please watch out for it. We are naturally very aware that none of our plans would be achievable without you our members...

Finally, my best wishes to you and your family for a safe and happy holiday, and precious time spent with loved ones.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you in 2023!



Dr Phyllis Lau

AAAPC President



### **AAAPC Travelling Fellowship extended!**



AAAPC's travelling fellowship aims to foster collaboration and support primary care research. Applications are for up to \$2000. Successful applicants can use the funds to contribute to travel costs, accommodation, professional development, direct research costs and conference registration. Applications **now close January 16!** Apply now on the [AAAPC webpage](#).

### **AAAPC strategic planning day**

The AAAPC executive committee met in person on November 29 to evaluate performance against the 2019-2022 strategic plan and to reset goals for 2023-2025. The productive day included discussion and refinement of AAAPC's vision, mission and goals, as well as reports and forward plans for each subcommittee. The updated AAAPC Vision, mission and goals appear on our website [here](#). The strategic plan document can be read [here](#).

### **MDANZ *Talking MedEd* webinar: By Choice - not by Chance**

Access to skilled, professional, and local GPs is key to the health of our communities. Yet as we see the need growing, supply is failing to keep pace. This webinar will hear from Health Education England on their work over the last few years that has led to a 45 percent increase to their GP training capacity. Participants will explore what we could do here in Australia and New Zealand to realise similar growth and increase the number of junior doctors pursuing rewarding and dynamic careers in general practice.

**When:** Wednesday 22 Feb, 2023. 6-7:30pm

**Where:** [Zoom](#)

## **Members Noticeboard**

The AAAPC [members noticeboard](#) is *the* space to post national and international primary care opportunities: jobs, research projects, guidelines and resources – really whatever you like!



In case you missed any posts this month we have seen: Several job opportunities for researchers and for GP lecturer positions, A fully funded PhD position, Education PD opportunities, discussion on NHMRC funding, and call for research participation of doctors who treat other doctors.

To get regular updates on noticeboard posts in your emails, click [here](#) to subscribe, or navigate to the AAAPC members noticeboard (requires login) and click the subscribe button.

### **Using the noticeboard is as easy as 1 - 2 - 3!**

1. Sign into the AAAPC website and go to the [Members Only Section >> Noticeboard](#)
2. Underneath the big blue rectangle there is a 'Subscribe' button you can click to receive regular messages to your inbox.
3. If you would like to leave a message for other members, click the 'Create topic' button underneath the big blue rectangle.

## **AAAPC Subcommittee Updates**



AAAPC has 5 subcommittees dedicated to advancing the AAAPC strategic goals and building excellence in academic primary care.

If you would like to get involved in one or more of the subcommittees, email your interest to [secretariat@aaapc.org.au](mailto:secretariat@aaapc.org.au).

**Early Career Researcher subcommittee** is revitalising the Friends Advancing Careers via E-based Support (FACES) group! If you are a member, please check your inbox for a survey that will help direct the group activities for 2023. ECR subcommittee is also celebrating their fantastic webinar from November 24 on peer reviewing and editorial processes.

**Education subcommittee** is advocating for primary care education to be incorporated into all aspects of AAAPC. The subcommittee is committed to supporting education research by working with the conference subcommittee on education focused streams and activities, working with the ECR subcommittee to ensure appropriate early career support for education and teaching, and working with the executive committee to support member opportunities in education, such as the travelling fellowship.

**Membership Engagement subcommittee** is working on a strategy to increase engagement in New Zealand, ensure value for members, and expand AAAPC influence. This subcommittee creates all the external facing communications, and explores new ways to engage with you. Keep in touch with this subcommittee, and all of AAAPC, by following @AAAPC\_ANZ, tagging us in primary care related content, and liking our posts - this will help boost the reach of AAAPC to new audiences which can bring new opportunities for all members of AAAPC.

**Conference subcommittee** has decided on a face-to-face conference event at the university of Melbourne for 2023. The conference subcommittee is finalising the digital support required, and making plans to greet you at the registration desk. To support future conferences, the subcommittee is forward planning by connecting with new sponsors and venues that can support face-to-face conferences in 2024 and beyond.

**Academic Policy & Advocacy subcommittee** is considering how best to engage with General Practice Head of Departments around GP workforce crisis in both Australia and New Zealand. The committee will kick off the new year with a response to the defunding of the [COVID-19 National Clinical Evidence Taskforce](#). Read more on this specific issue [here](#).

## **Upcoming Primary Care Opportunities**

### **International research funding opportunities**

The NIHR Health Technology Assessment Programme in the UK has a long-standing collaboration with the Australian NHMRC and advertise joint commissioned calls inviting collaborative international research proposals to address shared research priorities. These collaborative commissioned calls are announced on the [NIHR](#) and funding [NHMRC](#) websites. There is also opportunity to [suggest research topics](#) that could go through the NIHR prioritisation process for future funding consideration. Joint funding applications between the UK and Australia may be one way to provide opportunity and solidify international relationships in primary health care research.

Please contact the Secretariat if you have a research idea and we can put you in touch with the Society for Academic Primary Care (SAPC) in the UK who will assist with facilitating collaboration with NIHR.

### **Australian primary care specific funding opportunities**

A few primary care relevant grant opportunities that may be of interest for you or your team members:

- [MRFF International Clinical Trial Collaborations Grant Opportunity](#). Grant opportunity to propose a single clinical trial in Australia in collaboration with international counterparts. Applications close February, 2023.
- [MRFF Multiple Sclerosis Research Grant Opportunity](#). Primary care relevant opportunities particularly in stream 4. Applications close February, 2023.
- [MRFF Research Data Infrastructure Grant Opportunity](#). To harness multiple existing data infrastructure types in developing and implementing new approaches for addressing an unmet medical need. Applications close 13 Feb, 2023
- [MRFF Indigenous Health Research Grant Opportunity](#). To improve the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across six streams. Applications close 1 March, 2023

Please note MRFF have requested AAAPC highlight the following grant opportunities as having potential primary care applications:

- [MRFF Genomics Health Futures Mission](#). The MRFF team has specified stream 4 as targeted at primary care, with the aim to conduct education and/or implementation research on strategies for improving clinical capacity to apply genomics in the primary health care sector. Applications close 22 February, 2023
- [MRFF Assessment of High-Cost Gene Treatments and Digital Health Interventions](#). The MRFF team has specified Stream 3 with potential primary care application: To undertake a retrospective or prospective evaluation of an implementation of a digital health intervention that assesses the relative impact of augmenting face-to-face care with data from digital tools. Applications close 1 March, 2023.

**Remember to subscribe to [GrantConnect](#).** GrantConnect provides a centralised publication of all forecast and current Australian Government grant opportunities via an online portal. To receive personalised research grant updates, make sure to input your research key words (separated by commas) when you register!

### **WONCA 2023 Abstracts Open**

The World Organisation of Family Doctors Conference will be held in **Sydney Australia from 26-29 October, 2023**. Abstracts are now open! Submit [online](#) by February 9<sup>th</sup> 2023.



## Victoria PHN primary care conference

Western Victoria Primary Health Network will be running a Primary Care conference on the last weekend of May 2023. The focus of the Primary Care Conference 2023 is: Toddler to Teen Health – an Investment in the Future.

Details coming soon!



## Celebrating AAAPC Members



Congratulations to some of our members on successful publications:

- **Nor Akma Yunis** and team: [Reporting of the Translation Process of Qualitative Health Research: A neglected Importance](#). *Journal of Qualitative Methods*, November 2022.
- **Parker Magin** and team: [Educational models, participant experience and outcomes of a diploma course in practice management for Aboriginal Medical Services: a qualitative study](#). *Australian Journal of Primary Health*, November 2022.
- **Liz Sturgiss** and team: [Exploring behaviour change in general practice consultations: A realist approach](#). *Chronic Illness*, November 2022
- **Grant Russell** and team: [Enhanced primary care after hospitalization: General practitioner., pharmacist and patient feedback from the REMAIN HOME trial](#). *Research in Social and Administrative Pharmacy*, October 2022.
- **Liz Halcomb** and team: [Understanding how general practice nurses support adult lifestyle risk reduction: An integrative review](#). *Journal of Advanced Nursing*, November 2022.
- **Abigail Pigden** and team: [Developing a national primary care research network: A qualitative study of stakeholder views](#). *Journal of primary health care*, October, 2022.

This list does not comprehensively include the achievements of all of our members (sorry). Please send me an email at [katelyn.barnes@anu.edu.au](mailto:katelyn.barnes@anu.edu.au) when you or another member you know has an achievement that we can all celebrate! Some previous examples include a new PhD completion, publication, or an award. Remember to

also tag @AAAPC\_ANZ in tweets about achievements in primary care -- we would love to share the joy!

## **Welcome to New AAAPC Members**

We would love to introduce all new members in the newsletter - it is a great way to build networks within our community, highlight your areas of research interest and projects you might be working on. If you would like your bio to be published in the monthly newsletter, please email [secretariat@aaapc.org.au](mailto:secretariat@aaapc.org.au) or [katelyn.barnes@anu.edu.au](mailto:katelyn.barnes@anu.edu.au). We are excited to meet you!

Happy Holidays and see you all again in the new year!

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