
AAAPC News - June 2022

Hello everyone

We have reached the end of June! AAAPC has been a flurry of activity meaning there is plenty of news for you. Make sure not to miss anything including:

- AAAPC 2022 AGM announcement
- Conference updates, including preliminary program
- Charles Bridges-Webb and Neil Carson medal applications open
- Subcommittee updates
- Call for new subcommittee chairs

...And much, much more. Happy reading!

AAAPC 2022 Annual General Meeting

The AAAPC AGM will be held online, on **Wednesday 17th of August, from 6-7pm**. All current financial members are encouraged to attend. Keep an eye on the AAAPC website, and your inboxes, for details on how to join.

You can also review the 2021 AGM meeting minutes on our [webpage](#).



AAAPC Conference Updates

Get Ready...

AAAPC's 2022 provisional [conference program](#) is available on our website today! Check the program to plan out your ideal AAAPC conference timeline of speakers, posters, workshops and plenary's.

In addition to the engaging speaker program, make sure to join us for the [social program](#)! Come and meet other primary health care researchers through the conference satellite dinners, ECR networking lunch, and special interest group meetings.

Gather 'round!



Satellite conference dinners

For Australian attendees - AAAPC is holding dinners in some cities on **Thursday 18th August**. We have dinners for Adelaide, Melbourne, Canberra, Sydney, Gold Coast and Brisbane. If you are interested in attending, please make sure you tick the box during registration or email secretariat@aaapc.org.au.

Friends Advancing Careers through E-based Support (FACES) Conference lunch

Join your for a virtual lunch on **Thursday 18th of August, 12noon**. The ECR subcommittee has coordinated an online peer-networking session to connect with FACES participants and conference attendees. The session will use breakout rooms to help facilitate small group discussions.

AAAPC Conference Special Interest Group Discussions

Do you have a special interest and would like to meet others at the AAAPC Conference who share your passion? We are providing delegates with the option to host their own special interest networking session at breakfast or lunch time on either day of the conference. Whether your interest is aged care, LGBTIQ+, lifestyle medicine, sustainability or more, we will help to ensure the opportunity to speak with your peers and make new connections. Please email secretariat@aaapc.org.au to liaise with the conference committee and get your session into the conference program.

...Get Set...

Speaker guidelines now available

All speakers have been invited. Remember to check the webpage for the [conference speaker guide](#), containing all the details and specifications for your presentation. Mark in your diary to attend the pre conference session, **Wednesday 17th of August from 7pm** (after the AGM), to familiarise yourself with the webinar software, ask the conference gurus any questions, and feel prepared to ace your presentation!

Conference scholarships

AAAPC is offering scholarships to cover annual membership and conference registration! Scholarships are available for both (i) Students; and (ii) and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, and Māori and/or Pacific Peoples. Find out how to apply, and submit an application, via our [webpage](#).



...Go!

Register to attend the AAAPC 2022 conference online **Thursday 18th & Friday 19th of August**. We have a jam-packed two days planned with inspirational [keynote speakers](#), engaging [speaker program](#), [awards ceremony](#), and spectacular [social program](#).

[Register Now!](#)

AAAPC Research and Teaching Awards



The [Charles Bridges-Webb Medal](#) is awarded to an AAAPC member who has made, and will continue to make, sustained high level contributions to academic environment of primary care research.

The [Neil Carson Medal](#) is a new award, installed in 2020, and is awarded to an AAAPC member who has made, and will continue to make, sustained high level contributions to the leadership in primary care and medical education.

These two awards are one of the ways AAAPC commits to fostering and supporting career development in academic primary care. Application instructions and nomination forms are available on the prizes tab of the AAAPC webpage. **Applications close 5pm 8th July 2021.** Prizes will be announced during the AAAPC Conference!

AAAPC Subcommittee Updates

Ever wondered how to get more involved with primary care research, education, and policy? Join a subcommittee today! Email your interest to secretariat@aaapc.org.au to be linked in to a subcommittee that interests you.

A quick update from the subcommittee chairs about what they have been working on:



Research, Policy & Advocacy subcommittee will be meeting soon to discuss another call to Australian government about the impact of changes to payroll tax on PIP payments and the impact on teaching medical students. The subcommittee continues to respond to academic primary care policy related issues as they arise.

Early Career Researcher subcommittee is excited to be hosting an ECR networking lunch on Thursday 18th of August via the AAAPC conference - find more details [here](#). BIG thank you to subcommittee chair Habiba Jahan, for her perseverance and leadership in 2021/22. Habiba is stepping down as chair for 2022/23. If you would like to get involved with AAAPCs ECR support, career building and mentoring, come and get involved! Check out FACEs on our webpage to find out what the ECR subcommittee do, and

email secretariat@aaapc.org.au to get express your interest in either FACEs or the ECR subcommittee.

Education subcommittee is currently finessing the requirements for the Education travelling scholarship - keep your eyes on the website for application instructions as they will open soon! If you have ideas on how to strengthen primary care education research and practice, please join this subcommittee! Email: secretariat@aaapc.org.au.

Membership Engagement subcommittee is continuing to supporting the conference subcommittee to ensure the conference and surrounding events are the best they can be. CONGRATULATIONS and farewell to our subcommittee chair, Belinda Parker. Belinda has an exciting new job opportunity and will be unable to continue in the role as chair. We wish you all the best and thank you for your leadership! If you would like to see more opportunities provided by AAAPC for you and your colleagues, come and get involved in the membership engagement subcommittee. Please get email your interest to secretariat@aaapc.org.au.

Conference subcommittee is busy preparing the amazing 2022 conference for you. The subcommittee is working with AAAPC conference partners to ensure the conference online platform and satellite social events are accessible, engaging and most of all FUN! The subcommittee has published the preliminary program and speaker guidelines. Remember to keep an eye on the website and on our twitter page to keep up with the conference happenings.

Upcoming Opportunities



Subcommittee chair positions open

AAAPC needs you! Get involved while demonstrating or developing your leadership and mentoring skills through AAAPC. **Applications open July 5, all members will receive an email with details.** Find out more about our subcommittees on our [webpage](#).

The following subcommittees are looking for a new chair in 2022/23:

Membership & Engagement: Do you have a passion for communications and events? Are you creative and do you want to steer AAAPC to do things impactful for you and your colleagues? Put your hat in the ring to chair this vibrant subcommittee; email secretariat@aaapc.org.au for details on how to apply.

Early Career Researchers: Are you an ECR or MCR in primary care? AAAPC needs you to lead the ECR network and guide AAAPC on the needs of early career researchers. Put your hand up to be chair by emailing secretariat@aaapc.org.au who will share details on how to apply.

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:

- **Clinical Trials Activity** grant opportunity with Primary care specific opportunities in streams 5 and 6. Applications close 6 July, 2022.
- **Preventive and Public Health Research Initiatives:** [Maternal Health and Healthy Lifestyles Grant](#), [Consumer-Led Research Grant](#), and [Chronic Respiratory Conditions](#) (stream 2). All Opened 20 December, 2021, and close 13 July, 2022.
- **Primary Health Care Digital Innovations** grant to develop novel digital health tools and technologies to improve access to primary health care services in disadvantaged and/or vulnerable populations. Applications close on 22 July, 2022.
- [MRFF Effective Treatments and Therapies](#) grant opportunity (Focus on exercise and physical activity interventions). Applications close 27 July, 2022.
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- [MRFF Dementia, Ageing and Aged Care](#) grant to support older people to maintain their health and quality of life (particularly streams 1 and 2). Applications close 7 September, 2022.
- [MRFF Cardiovascular Health](#) grant opportunity (particularly stream 3). Applications close 7 September, 2022.

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!

Primary care specific publication opportunities

A few AAAPC members are leading upcoming special issues with a focus on primary care!

[Climate Crisis and Primary Health Care](#), a special issue in *Family Practice*, is calling for submissions on how primary health care can adapt to changes in disease and illness incidence and prevalence, and preventive and health promotion activity to ameliorate the burden of disease. An outline of accepted formats is available through the link above. Submissions due 1 September 2022. For questions, please email Guest Editor: [Dr Liz Sturgiss](#).

[Oral Health in Healthcare](#), a special issue in *Healthcare*, is calling for submissions on the role of oral health in the bigger picture of healthcare to bring attention to the relationship

between oral and systemic health, and the need for collaboration between oral health and other healthcare practitioners. Full submissions due by 31 October 2022 via the Healthcare portal, with subsequent peer review in the usual manner. For questions, please email Guest Editor: [Dr Phyllis Lau](#).

Members Noticeboard

The AAAPC [members noticeboard](#) is a 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 in June we have seen: Job opportunities at Griffith University; as well as calls to contribute to a stakeholder meeting for MonREN, the south east melbourne practice based research network.

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 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.



Celebrating AAAPC Members



Congratulations to **Ms Deb Bowen**, who has been awarded one of AAAPC's conference scholarships! Deb is a Ngemba Wailwan women and Early Career Researcher with University of Melbourne's Indigenous Health Equity Unit. Well done Deb – looking forward to seeing you online at the conference in August!

Congratulations to some of our members on successful publications

- **Tim Usherwood** and team: [Assessing tics in children](#). The BMJ. 2022

- **Kathleen O'Brien** and team: [COVID-19 vaccinations and counselling: a mixed-methods survey of Australian general practice in July 2021](#). Australian Journal of Primary Health. June, 2022.
- **Simone de Morgan** and team: [Health and service needs, priorities and initiatives of Primary Health Networks related to chronic pain](#). Australian Journal of Primary Health. June, 2022
- **Liz Sturgiss** and team: [Pharmacotherapy for adults with overweight and obesity](#). The Lancet. June, 2022.
- **Amy Kirkegaard** and team: [A novel perspective of Australian primary care dietetics: Insights from an exploratory study using complex adaptive systems theory](#). Journal of Human Nutrition and Dietetics. June, 2022
- **Liz Halcomb** and team: [Australian general practice nurse involvement in mental health: A descriptive survey](#). Collegian. June, 2022.
- **Abhir Nainani** and team: ['I can't understand why others don't screen more': a qualitative study exploring why Australian general practitioners screen for primary aldosteronism](#). BMJ Open. June, 2022
- **Samantha Chakraborty** and team: [Building a practice-based research network for healthcare integration: a protocol paper for a mixed-method project](#). BMJ Open. June, 2022
- **Andrew Bonney** and team: [Effectiveness of Quality Incentive Payments in General Practice \(EQuIP-GP\) cluster randomized trial: impact on patient-reported experience](#). Family Practice, June 2022.
- **Kyle Eggleton** and team: [Scope and activities of Māori health provider nurses: an audit of nurse–client encounters](#). Journal of Primary Health Care. June, 2022
- **Felicity Goodyear-Smith & Tim Stokes**: [Two heads are better than one?](#). Journal of Primary Health Care. June, 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 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 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 or katelyn.barnes@anu.edu.au. We are excited to meet you!

Until next time,
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