

# AAAPC News - July 2023

Hello everyone,

August is here, meaning there is only 2 weeks until the conference! AAAPC has been finalising everything to ensure a fantastic get together. Make sure you don't miss any exciting updates, including:

- Conference program now available
- Conference program highlights
- AAAPC AGM save the date
- AAAPC Executive elections open

And much, much more...

Happy reading!

## AAAPC 2023 Annual Research Conference Updates

The theme for AAAPC's 2023 conference is *Strengthening Primary Care Research and Education: Networks, Collaborations and Infrastructure*. The conference will take place from Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> of August, at Melbourne University. We cannot wait to see you all there for our first in person conference in three years!

**You can still register for the AAAPC Annual Research Conference!** Member registration for the conference is \$550 for two days of fantastic academic primary care presentations (student discount available).

[Register Now](#)

AAAPC 2023 Annual Research Conference Program			
17th August 2023			
18th August 2023			
08:00	Registration		
08:30	Breakfast		
09:00	Chair: Prof. Lisa...		
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Conference Program

Check out the jam-packed [2023 conference program](#) available on the website! Two whole days of plenary presentations, oral presentations, poster walks and interactive workshops designed to inspire and educate - can't wait to see you there.

There will be a conference app from EventsAir with an interactive program, speaker information and more. Keep an eye on your inboxes for instructions on how to download the app within the next week.

### Plenary Panel Session: Models of Primary Care

Join in for a panel session on Thursday afternoon to hear about models of primary care, with perspectives from three countries. The session, chaired by **Professor Tim Stokes** will include three short presentations followed by open discussion from: **Professor Nicolette Sheridan** (Massey University, New Zealand) **Dr Michael Green** (Queens University, Canada) and **Associate Professor Liz Sturgiss** (Monash University, Australia).



### Past Presidents Panel

Make sure you stick around for the final plenary on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> of August, where Dr Phyllis Lau will lead us through the story of AAAPC over the last 40 years. Eight of AAAPC's past presidents, and our incoming president, will share their favourite and most impactful memories of AAAPC and there will be a fun surprise for all delegates!



### Conference Dinner (with the fishes)

Don't forget to take advantage of the [social program](#) too! We have some great opportunities to catch up with everyone, including dinner at SeaLife Aquarium - tickets have sold out! If you missed a dinner ticket but really want to attend, quickly email [secretariat@aaapc.org.au](mailto:secretariat@aaapc.org.au), we may be able to help you find a seat.

## Important Venue and Social Media information

Check out the conference information on our webpage, including [venue information](#) with details on the location, maps, and transport information.

In addition to your presentation, get ready to [tweet](#) all the great things about our conference! The more activity we get on social media, the more people will hear about AAAPC and your primary care research. Please use **#AAAPC23** to link with the conference

on socials, and remember to tag us at [@AAAPC\\_ANZ](#) whenever you can so that we can share all the news.



## 2023 Annual General Meeting Reminder

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held **5-6pm Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> of August**. We encourage all members to attend. At the meeting you will all hear what we have been doing, our plans for 2023/24, and have an opportunity to get more involved in our organisation. An agenda will be emailed the week prior to the conference.

You can see 2022 meeting minutes and reports on our [webpage](#). If you are unable to attend, you can [nominate a proxy](#) to vote on your behalf.

## AAAPC Executive elections

Help AAAPC to nurture a vibrant and supportive academic primary care community while building your leadership and academic service portfolios! **We are calling on all members to nominate for the AAAPC Executive Committee.** We need members to volunteer for Vice President, President, Chair of the Academic Policy and Advocacy subcommittee, Chair of the Education subcommittee, and Chair of the Conference subcommittee.

To nominate, please complete the [AAAPC AGM 2023 Exec Nomination Form](#) and return to [secretariat@aaapc.org.au](mailto:secretariat@aaapc.org.au) by 5pm August 14th. To find out more about the positions, please email [secretariat@aaapc.org.au](mailto:secretariat@aaapc.org.au) or any of the current executive committee members, listed here.

## 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!



This month we have been busy, with: An Assistant Professor opportunity at Bond University; A Deputy HOS opportunity at Griffith University; Research calls for GPs in mental health care, and community hypertension management; Announcements for RACGP top up scholarships and NAPCRG Phillips Futures fellowships; A discussion about MRFF; and A GP research training event.

Keep up to date with all the news by getting 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.

### **AAAPC Subcommittee Updates**



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

[AAAPC strategic plan](#) and

Would you like to contribute to AAAPC in an official capacity? Build your networks and share your leadership expertise by [nominating](#) to chair one of the AAAPC Subcommittees. Keen to get involved as a member? Email your interest to [secretariat@aaapc.org.au](mailto:secretariat@aaapc.org.au)

**APA:** Crafted and submitted a consultation response to the [discussion paper about alternative MRFF models](#). To read AAAPC's response [here](#). Professor Jon Emery, chair of the APA subcommittee will be stepping away from the chair position. Thank you Jon for leading our primary care policy and advocacy work the last 2 years - it has been a big job! If any AAAPC member would like to lead AAAPC's Academic Policy and Advocacy subcommittee, complete the [nomination form](#) and return by 5pm April 14th..

**Education:** Is currently working on a white paper outlining the value of multidisciplinary care teams. This subcommittee will also be coordinating a webinar for September-ish 2023, focussing on primary care education. Associate Professor Kylie Vuong, chair of the education subcommittee is stepping away from the chair position. Thank you Kylie for your incredible work advocating for education to be a priority within and beyond AAAPC. If any AAAPC member would like to lead AAAPC's Primary Care Education subcommittee, complete the [nomination form](#) and return by 5pm April 14th.

**ME:** Has been tweeting up a storm and preparing for 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations at the AAAPC Conference. Check out the beautiful new branding across our [webpage](#), developed by this team! If you have a passion for communications and ensuring AAAPC provides value for members, join this subcommittee today! Email your interest to [secretariat@aaapc.org.au](mailto:secretariat@aaapc.org.au)

**Conference:** Has been finessing the event logistics, and forward planning for the ARC 2024. Keep an eye on the *Australian Journal of Primary Health* who will be publishing 2023 ARC Abstracts in the next couple of weeks. Dr Renee Fiolet, and Dr Lynsey Brown the conference chairs, will be stepping away from the chair roles after the AGM. Thank you Renee and Lynsey for spearheading two fantastic conferences, connecting us all during the pandemic and getting us together in person this year. If any AAAPC member would like to step up to lead and connect us all through the AAAPC annual research conference for 2024 and 2025, complete the [nomination form](#) and return by 5pm April 14th.

**EMCA:** Has been finalising the EMCA mentoring program and a networking event for the conference. The mentoring program will be open to all members, and the EMCA subcommittee will run a formal evaluation to ensure continued quality improvement of the program. The networking event, Thursday lunch at the conference, is targeted at Early- and Mid-Career Academics but open to all members. In other wonderful news, EMCA Chair Jess Bottfeild is off on maternity leave -- we all wish Jess a smooth and loving journey. BIG thank you to Leah East for stepping into the acting chair position in the mean time.

## **Upcoming Primary Care Opportunities**

### **RACGP top-up scholarships**

The RACGP Foundation is offering two PhD top-up scholarships to support outstanding GPs and GPs in training to undertake PhD research in 2024. The scholarships will provide \$25,000 per annum (FTE), with an additional \$5,000 per annum (FTE) for use towards professional development and research translation activities. Applicants will be expected to hold a base PhD scholarship, or similar salary support, at an Australian university. Find

out more [here](#).

### **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 may be able to assist with facilitating collaboration with NIHR.

The **NHMRC-EU Collaborative Research Grant Scheme** supports Australian participation in international collaborative research under Horizon Europe. Several topics streams are available, with primary care applications for all streams. Find out more about how to

apply [here](#), via GrantConnect.

### **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 2023 Models of Care for Sexuality & Gender Diverse People grant opportunity](#). To support projects that develop, implement or evaluate models of care that support best practice care for sexually diverse or gender diverse people. Projects should involve co-design with community members. Applications due August 23, 2023
- [Targeted call: Ensuring the quality and safety of telehealth 2023](#). To stimulate research on telehealth and it's potential to achieve positive health outcomes. Due 30 August, 2023.
- [Public Health and Chronic Disease Program Increasing Awareness of Endometriosis in Priority Populations](#). To ensure priority populations affected by endometriosis, their families/carers and wider population have access to evidence-based education resources, care and support. Due 7 September, 2023.

- [MRFF 2023 Cardiovascular Health Mission](#). To develop and/or test tools, resources, and/or strategies that could be implemented to improve both the health care provision for and experience of consumers. Streams 5 and 2-4 have potential primary care opportunities. *UPDATED DUE DATE*: November 15, 2023.
- [MRFF 2023 Dementia aging and aged care mission](#). To improve access to preventive health interventions and improve quality of care for older Australians NHMRC Clinical Trials and Cohort studies. To support high-quality clinical trials and cohort studies that address important gaps in knowledge, leading to relevant and implementable findings for health. Due 15 November, 2023.
- [MRFF Million Minds Mental Health Research Mission](#). To improve quality of life for those who might not otherwise benefit from mental health research. Of the four streams available, primary care could fit within all. Due 29 November, 2023.
- [MRFF Indigenous Health Research Fund](#). Within this opportunity are three targeted calls aimed at exploring social determinants of health, interventions for cancer incidence reduction, or strategies for infectious disease reduction. Two more streams target small-scale projects to explore concepts of health and wellbeing within health systems and ways to support health care systems to support cultural and social determinants of health. Due 29 November, 2023.
- [MRFF Research Data Infrastructure Grant](#). To support strategic investments that establish and extend national research data infrastructure that supports health and medical research. Due December 1, 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!

### **Australian Practice Nurses Festival of Nursing**

[APNA Festival of Nursing](#) will be held **27-29 July** in Perth. Speakers will be discussing topics such as patient-centred care, the use of technology in nursing, the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration in healthcare and a vast range of clinical

topics. [Abstracts open now!](#)

#### **FESTIVAL OF NURSING**





## WONCA 2023 Abstracts Open

The World Organisation of Family Doctors Conference will be held in **Sydney Australia** from **26-29 October, 2023**. Late breaking abstracts will open on May 24. [Find out more here.](#)



### Celebrating AAAPC Members



Congratulations to some of our members on successful publications:

- **Annette Peart** and team: [Online Peer-Led Support Program for Affected Family Members of People Living with Addiction: a Mixed Methods Study](#). *Int J Ment Health Addiction*, May 2023.
- **Felicity Goodyear-Smith** and team: [Building culturally centered system dynamics logic models for the Brown Buttabeen motivation organization: Protocol for a systems science approach](#). *JMIR Research Protocols*, June 2023.
- **Clare Hutton** and team: [Doctors' experiences when treating doctor-patients: A scoping review](#). *BJGP Open*, July 2023.
- **Jon Emery** and team: [Failure to follow up abnormal test results associated with cervical cancer in primary and ambulatory care: a systematic review](#). *BMC Cancer*, July 2023.
- **Sharon Leitch** and team: [Treatment Harms in paediatrics primary care](#). *International journal of environmental research and public health*, July 2023.
- **Danielle Mazza** and team: [The role of primary care in optimising women's sexual and reproductive health](#). *Australian journal of primary health*, July 2023.
- **Liz Sturgiss** and team: [Community-based access to oral antiviral treatments for COVID-19 in Australia](#). *Australian Journal of General Practice*, June 2023
- **Liz Halcomb** and team: [Exploring leadership in health professionals following an industry-based leadership program: A cross sectional survey](#). *Journal of Advanced Nursing*, June 2023.

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!

See lots of you in two weeks!

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