

AAAPC News - June 2023

Hello everyone,

We have made it half way through 2023! AAAPC is powering through, we hope you are too. Make sure not to miss any updates including:

- AAAPC Research and Teaching Awards open now
- AAAPC Conference updates including plenary speaker announcement
- AAAPC AGM and election for officers
- Subcommittee updates
- Student conference scholarship winners

And much more...

Happy reading!

AAAPC Research and Teaching awards

AAAPC is committed to promoting and nurturing scholarly activity in primary care. As part of this commitment, AAAPC has two awards to recognise outstanding and ongoing primary care excellence in research or leadership in education. **Applications close 5pm July 31st.** Winners will be announced at the conference!



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 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.

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 17th and Friday 18th of August, at Melbourne University. We cannot wait to see you all there for our first in person conference in three years!

Early bird prices are over, but you can still register for the AAAPC Annual Research Conference! Member registration for the conference starts at \$450 for two days of fantastic academic primary care presentations (student discount available). Don't forget to add your conference dinner ticket to get the most out of the whole conference experience.



Plenary Speaker: Professor Nicolette Sheridan

Nicolette Sheridan is Professor and Head of the School of Nursing at Massey University in Aotearoa New Zealand. She has a PhD and Master of Public Health from the University of Auckland and is a registered nurse with 30+ years in clinical practice, education, and research. Professor Sheridan is the principal investigator of a national study investigating patient health outcomes in different models of general practice with co-investigators from five universities including Cambridge University (UK) and the Karolinska Institute (Sweden). She has led or been a co-investigator in 40+ studies; chaired government expert advisory groups, Health Research Council funding



panels, is a member of the Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery Australia and New Zealand and is an industry monitor of nursing programmes. She has tribal affiliations to Ngāpuhi, Te Hikutu, Te Māhurehure, Ngāti Pākau, and Ngāti Rauwawe.

Professor Sheridan will be presenting in a plenary session on models of care.



Abstract and Program updates

All speakers have now been invited! Remember to check the webpage for the [conference presenter information](#), containing all the details and specifications for your presentation.

If you have not heard about your abstract submission contact secretariat@aaapc.org.au

The conference program is almost ready!

Keep an eye on our webpage and twitter for our jam packed program, filled with fantastic primary care presentations and posters. Don't forget to take advantage of the [social program](#) too! Given this is our first face-to-face conference in three years, we have designed some great opportunities to catch up with everyone, including: dinner at SeaLife Aquarium, a meet the editor session with Australian Journal of Primary Health, and the opportunity to host special interest discussion sessions.

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

Finally, 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. We will be using the hashtag **#AAAPC23** 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 17th 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.

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.

Several positions in the AAAPC executive committee are due for election. We welcome nominations for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Chair of APA subcommittee, Chair of Education Subcommittee and Chair of Conference Subcommittee. Please complete

the [AAAPC AGM 2023 Exec Nomination Form](#) and return to secretariat@aaapc.org.au by 5pm August 14th.

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 seen: An EOI for AAAPC representative on 2024 RACGP Academic Post applications; A Lecturer position at Griffith University; Calls for participation in GP Registrar research; The "Deep End Living Lab" Seminar for GPs; and a new PhD Scholarship for GPs at Griffith University.

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 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

APA: Is currently working on a consultation response to the [discussion paper about alternative MRF models](#), for **submission July 14**. If you are a member of this subcommittee, please check your emails and contribute to the response. Professor 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 40th 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

Conference: Has been finalising the conference program, finessing the event logistics,

and forward planning for the ARC 2024. Keep your eye on the [webpage](#) for the

program release soon! Dr Renee Fiolet, the conference chair, will be stepping away from the chair role after the AGM. Thank you Renee 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 increase their profile by leading the AAAPC

annual research conference coordination for 2024 and 2025, complete the [nomination form](#) and return by 5pm April 14th.

EMCA: Has been finalising the EMCA mentoring program, and planning for the launch around the AAAPC ARC 2023 to best engage members. Keep your eye out at the conference for the EMCA booth, where you can meet the subcommittee members and join the network!

Upcoming Primary Care Opportunities

Call for papers: Australian Journal of Primary Care Special Issue

AAAPC members are leading a special issue in the AJPH on *Access to Primary Health Care*. The special issue invites papers on access to health and social care services in community-based primary health care settings: the current status of access for people and communities, factors contributing to improved – or worsened – access, and ways to improve access. We are interested in diverse submissions including research reports, articles describing innovative practice or implementation of evidence, literature reviews, and forum articles that address important issues. Articles due by October 31, 2023.

You may send your abstract as an *expression of interest by June 30 2023* to Dr Peart at annette.peart@monash.edu to confirm its suitability for the special issue. 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 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 Preventive and public health research initiative.** [Consumer-led research grant opportunity](#), [Chronic Respiratory Conditions Grant opportunity](#), [Maternal Health and Lifestyles grant opportunity](#). All applications due June 14, 2023.
- **MRFF Clinician Researchers Initiative.** To support General Practitioner clinicians to improve the quality of health care, practice and systems in their area, or implement and evaluate evidence-based practice. Applications due August 2, 2023
- **MRFF Primary Health Care Research Initiative.** To support projects that address one or more priorities in the Strengthening Medicare Taskforce or to evaluate or implement best practice multidisciplinary care models. Applications Due August 2, 2023
- **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
- **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 DU 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.

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!](#)



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 several AAAPC members for successful AAAPC Conference Scholarships!

The AAAPC Student scholarships to support attendance at the 2023 Conference have been announced! Congratulations to: **James Mbinta** (Victoria University of Wellington); **Caroline Gibson** (University of Newcastle); **Diedre McGowan** (University of Tasmania); **Emma Baillie** (University of Queensland); **Kimberly Norman** (University of Waikato & Monash University); **Cristina Thompson** (University of Wollongong). We are looking forward to meeting you and hearing about your research in August!

Congratulations to some of our members on successful publications:

- **Liz Sturgiss** and team: [A multifaceted intervention to increase the delivery of alcohol brief interventions in primary care: a mixed methods process analysis](#). *British Journal of General Practice*, June 2023.
- **Caroline Gibson** and team: [Best-practice recommendations to inform general practice nurses in the provision of dementia care: a Delphi study](#). *Australian Journal of Primary Health*, June 2023.
- **Kimberly Norman** and team: [Barriers to obesity health care in general practice from rural Waikato GP perspectives: A qualitative study](#). *Australian Journal of Rural Health*, June 2023.
- **Louise Stone** and team: [Mapping young people's journeys through mental health services: A prospective longitudinal qualitative study protocol](#). *Plos One*, June 2023.

- **Danielle Mazza** and team: [Women's perspectives of direct pharmacy access to oral contraception](#). *Australian Journal of Primary Health*, July 2023.
- **Renee Fiolet** and team: [Exploring the use of story completion to understand the perpetration of technology-facilitated abuse in relationships](#). *Qualitative Research Journal*, May 2023.
- **Kyle Eggleton** and team: [Understanding and experience of climate change in rural general practice in Aotearoa—New Zealand](#). *Family Practice*, June 2023.
- **Grant Russell** and team: [Changes in opioid and other analgesic prescribing following voluntary and mandatory prescription drug monitoring program implementation: A time series analysis of early outcomes](#). *International Journal of Drug Policy*, May 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 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 like to warmly welcome **Kimberly Norman** who recently joined Monash University from the University of Waikato!

[Kimberley Norman](#) is an emerging health researcher with primary interest in improving health outcomes, reducing inequity