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Vision, values, purposes

Our vision ▼
To enhance the mental health of our nations through leadership in high quality psychiatric care.

Our values ▼
- Collaboration
- Excellence
- Integrity
- Respect
- Compassion
- Innovation
- Sustainability

Our purposes ▼

Advance the profession
A commitment to advancing the profession of psychiatry by facilitating the provision of high quality psychiatric care through the delivery of training and continuing medical education.

Improve the mental health of the community
A consultative approach to improving the mental health of the community through collaborative working models to better support mental health services.

Meet the needs and expectations of the membership
A dedication to meeting the needs and expectations of the membership to ensure the future growth of the College and enhance the collegial spirit.

Enhance external engagement and relationships
The enhancement of external engagement by building domestic and international relationships, to strengthen the College’s influence and leadership across the mental health sector.
Two years into its 2015-2017 Strategic Plan, the College has seen significant achievements against its four overarching purposes.

2016 was another productive year for the College. One of the most significant highlights was the successful international Congress in Hong Kong, the first time in nearly 30 years that the Congress has been held overseas. The decision to host the 2016 Congress in Hong Kong was due to concerted efforts in recent years to build closer links and partnerships in Asia, and to support the College’s growing relationships and collaborations within the region. The strong attendance at this year’s Congress – over 1,300 delegates – highlighted the high level of enthusiasm from members.

The event also resonated with an international audience, drawing 269 registrations from outside Australia and New Zealand, including strong local attendance from Hong Kong and China. A strong scientific program spanned over five days featuring 211 sessions and a record number of presentations and workshops. For the first time at Congress, the College ran Clinical Update sessions to provide robust educational updates for Fellows on key topics relevant to daily practice.

Other successful accomplishments during the year included, inter alia: the full transition of trainees and advanced training candidates to the College’s new competency based training program; the launch of a new online learning management system Learnit; delivery of a major report as part of the advocacy campaign on the economic cost of serious mental illness and comorbidities in Australia and New Zealand which calculated the economic cost of premature death of people with mental illnesses including schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, psychoses and severe anxiety and depression to be $15 billion (.9% of GDP) annually, and the cost overall to be $56.7 billion (3.5% of GDP). This report attracted widespread media attention in Australia and New Zealand.

Strategic Direction

Two years into the College’s 2015-2017 Strategic Plan has seen significant achievements against the four overarching purposes - advancing the profession, improving the mental health of the community, meeting the needs and expectations of the membership, and enhancing external engagement and relationships. Work on the development of the next Strategic Plan is progressing and will continue in 2017.

Advocacy

The College continued to engage in public debate through the media, and by formal responses to government and external bodies, across a wide variety of issues including the mental health of asylum seekers, provision of psychiatric care within private health insurance coverage, treatment of young people in youth detention, LGBTI mental health, direct to consumer advertising of pharmaceuticals and physician assisted dying.

The release of the next phase of the College’s advocacy strategy saw the development and release of a report on the economic cost of schizophrenia and related disorders and the management of mental illness and comorbidities in Australia and New Zealand which calculated the economic cost of premature death of people with mental illnesses including schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, psychoses and severe anxiety and depression to be $15 billion (.9% of GDP) annually, and the cost overall to be $56.7 billion (3.5% of GDP). This report attracted widespread media attention in Australia and New Zealand.

Policy development and submissions

The College continued to influence policy in Australia and New Zealand through more than 120 submissions on priority psychiatry and mental health topics. Importantly, 95 members, 10 trainees and 32 community members have directly participated in policy committees and working groups.

Sixteen position statements on a range of subjects from LGBTI health, alcohol-related harm, confidentiality of patient records, direct to consumer advertising of pharmaceuticals, and recovery and the psychiatrist were published in 2016. New clinical practice guidelines for the management of schizophrenia and related disorders and the management of deliberate self-harm were also produced along with a new eating disorders guide for the community. One new Professional Practice Guideline of note focused on psychiatrists working in detention centres. This Guideline was developed by the College’s Asylum Seeker and Refugee Mental Health Working Group, chaired by Professor Malcolm Hopwood, in response to concern that the capacity of psychiatrists and trainees to provide high-quality mental health care in detention centres is currently limited.
Reconciliation Action Plan 2016–2018

The College’s second Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) 2016 – 2018 adds to the College’s effort in advocating for, improving the health of, and increasing meaningful engagement with, all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It is a step towards a ‘stretch’ model for reconciliation which aims to ensure accountability and transparency for the actions taken by the College.

Some of the achievements of the 2014 – 2016 RAP involved providing trainees with the opportunity to undertake training in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people’s mental health and the development of online resources to support culturally appropriate mental health care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The College also published an updated position statement in support of the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Australian Constitution and instigated an acknowledgement of country before every College event and meeting. The College is now a signatory on an Accord with the National Congress of Australia’s First Peoples.

Member engagement and College activities

The College relies on the contributions of many of its members for the vast range of activities with which the College engages. In line with wanting to make it easier for members to contribute to the profession of psychiatry by involvement in the College, and to demonstrate the myriad possibilities available, the College launched a new information page at ranzcp.org/get-involved.

Member welfare and support service

In response to the Membership Engagement Committee’s study into the welfare of psychiatrists and trainees, and the recommendations of the Board’s Trainee Welfare Working Group, much work in 2016 went into implementing new ways to assist all members of the College. A new Member Welfare Support Line will be launched in 2017 to provide a free and confidential avenue for members to contact the College to discuss difficult situations they may be facing. The College will direct members to the most appropriate external service/s available. In some particular cases Support Fellows will be allocated to provide focused assistance to individual members as required. The “support” relationship may last for varying lengths of time. Medical or clinical advice will not be provided but rather the Support Fellow will be available to talk through some of the difficulties being faced and triage issues as appropriate.

The College has also focused on ways to provide support, outside of the formal training structure, for trainees and Specialist International Medical Graduates (SIMGs) to access greater assistance and advice when necessary. A pilot mentoring program, initially developed for rural trainees, was trialled with a cohort of metropolitan trainees in 2016 and orientation programs will now incorporate welfare and support through a series of videos, a trainee and SIMG reference guide and welfare-based promotional material. The Support for Psychiatrists webpage has been updated to incorporate the latest information and a comprehensive list of welfare services, ranzcp.org/support.

Voting rights for Affiliates and Associates

The College undertook a ballot for constitutional change to grant voting rights to Affiliates and Associates (trainees) to vote at the College’s Annual General Meeting and in electing the RANZCP Board. While the College acknowledges the disappointment of the trainees and Affiliates that the resolutions were not carried by the Fellowship, the awareness and importance of the work of trainees and Affiliates in College life has been raised. It is important to acknowledge that Affiliates and Associates (trainees) will retain voting rights at a Committee level, and the College looks forward to their ongoing involvement across the College.

Bi-national office facilities

The focus on members’ needs across the College’s Bi-national Offices continued to be a priority throughout 2016. The office and training facilities for the Queensland and South Australia Branch Offices were expanded; the increased activities of the New Zealand National Office were showcased at their annual conference in Christchurch; and consideration of further expansion or enhancements of other Bi-National Offices as part of a longer term strategy commenced.
Psychiatry Interest Forum (PIF)

The PIF, which was first launched in 2013 with 208 members, has now grown to over 1,800 members and continues to successfully engage and expose medical students and graduates to the field of psychiatry as a specialisation. Over the past four years the PIF has engaged with over 2,050 medical students, junior doctors and other medical practitioners from Australia and New Zealand and has seen 188 PIF members progress into psychiatry training. PIF members have attended Congress and other conferences, participated in the introduction to Psychiatry short courses, essay competitions and engaged with the College and other PIF members through their Facebook page.

A new initiative of PIF for 2016 was the schools project, which grew out of the recognition that senior school communities generally have a limited understanding of the role of psychiatrists and the differences between psychiatrists and psychologists. Work commenced during 2016 on development of the projects two phases. The first phase will focus on raising awareness in senior schools of the role psychiatrists do through visual, print and web based media. The second phase resources will focus on awakening the interest of students in psychiatry as a career. These resources will include a speaker’s kit for members who may be asked to speak at a secondary school careers event.

Membership structure

The new Faculty membership structure has been successfully embedded in the College with the approval of accredited membership criteria for all six of the College’s faculties with a strong take up of the tier-two Faculty membership by new members.

International Corresponding Membership

In 2016 the College introduced a new membership category for specialist qualified psychiatrists outside of Australia and New Zealand. This new category, International Corresponding Membership, aims to increase the College’s international profile, enhance external engagement and relationships, and advance the profession of psychiatry. International Corresponding Membership is a non-clinical form of membership which does not entitle the holder to practice in Australia or New Zealand, but provides holders with several benefits and opportunities to engage with the College.

Events

The College successfully managed 11 major conferences during 2016 to support the subspecialty groups and bi-national offices, including the International Congress in Hong Kong, the annual New Zealand conference, and events for the Faculties of Psychotherapy, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Forensic Psychiatry and the Psychiatry of Old Age. Successful conferences were held in the Queensland and Victorian branches, as well as for the Section of Electroconvulsive Therapy and Neurostimulation.

Responsive website

The College launched its new mobile-friendly website in 2016 to provide a better browsing experience for users visiting the site on smartphones and tablets. Members can now use a smartphone or tablet to check their CPD details, download clinical guidelines, view the latest jobs in psychiatry or register for events on-the-go. Trainees also have easier access to study and exam information, regardless of their device or location.

Your Health in Mind new website

In line with the College’s strategic objective of influencing and leading the mental health sector and building the profile of psychiatrists the College will launch a new public-facing website in early 2017. Much work and consultation went into developing this new website in 2016 and it will be an important resource for consumers, carers and family members. The website will host the ‘Find a Psychiatrist’ directory which will enable people who are looking for a psychiatrist to also easily access the expert information about mental health, treatments and how to find help. It will be mobile-friendly and accessible for people with a disability.

The development of this high quality mental health information for the public will position the College as an invaluable source of trusted mental health information, while also reinforcing the message that psychiatrists are the mental health experts.

Public fact sheets

The RANZCP’s commitment to improving information about mental health and the range of mental health services available to the community led to the development of a range of fact sheets that provide information about psychiatry and mental health care. The fact sheets offer material about various mental health conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder, addiction and obsessive-compulsive disorder, as well as information about psychiatrists, treatments and how to get help. Fellows from a number of Faculties and Sections, as well as the RANZCP’s Community Collaboration Committee contributed their expertise.

As medical doctors with specialist training in treating mental illness, psychiatrists have an important role in providing quality assured and trusted information about mental health care for the benefit of the community. These fact sheets are available now on the public website and will move to the new Your Health in Mind website in early 2017.
Media

The College continued to develop its media profile through the dissemination of 57 media releases during the year covering a wide range of topics. More than 100 media enquiries were received from a variety of media across Australia and New Zealand. The College’s social media profile continued to grow with a total of 5,205 followers across Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn – this is forecast to increase with the launch of the new public-focused website. The College’s website traffic has also continued to increase with an average of 49,000 visits per month, a 25 per cent increase on 2015. Visitors to the website are looking at an average of five pages per visit with 16 per cent using the Find a Psychiatrist database.

Transition to new training program

All 700 trainees and eligible SIMGs (90 plus) were transitioned to the 2012 training program in 2016. In 2012, the College introduced a new and more structured Fellowship training program. While it incorporates many elements of the previous program, the new program includes more emphasis on ongoing feedback from supervisors and utilises Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs) – core activities in which trainees demonstrate their ability to perform with only distant (reactive) supervision. The College has been a leader among specialist medical Colleges in the introduction of EPAs.

Continuing Professional Development Program redevelopment

In anticipation of the proposed approach to revalidation, in 2016 the College reviewed its Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Program and associated framework. The review determined that any changes to the CPD program should reflect a program that would enable members to satisfy any regulatory requirements without adding any extra burden. The changes, implemented in January 2017, were developed to align College processes and member compliance with the revalidation proposals of the Medical Board of Australia and Medical Council of New Zealand.

In short, these changes will see the CPD program emphasise both self-directed education and practice improvement activities as essential elements of modern CPD. They will assist members with the requirements associated with future revalidation. In particular, the inclusion of a Practice Development, Quality Improvement and Review activity is a positive addition which will be of great benefit to members’ practice and is a process that many members already currently undertake.

To assist with these changes the College launched Learnit, a new free online CPD solution for members. It replaces the previous CPD Online and provides members with access to hundreds of learning activities including modules, podcasts, videos and webinars in one convenient location. Importantly, the content also includes useful information on areas such as mentoring and self-care.

Members of the RANZCP comprise Fellows, Associates (trainees) and Affiliates.

Members are based throughout Australia and New Zealand, as well as in 21 other countries worldwide. Fifty per cent of members are located in New South Wales or Victoria, followed by Queensland and New Zealand.

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Throughout 2016, several members of the RANZCP were publicly honoured in both Australia and New Zealand for their achievements and contributions to psychiatry and mental health.

The RANZCP congratulates the following members:

Dr Cecilia Casware Smith-Hamel (New Zealand)  
**Queen’s Service Medal**

New Zealand Fellow Dr Cecilia Casware Smith-Hamel was awarded the Queen’s Service Medal in recognition for services to mental health. She has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for her patients for more than 15 years, and has been credited with shaping the Timaru Mental Health Service into a centre of excellence.

Dr Smith-Hamel is known for her stringent ethical framework, perseverance and boundless empathy. She has worked to improve the quality and responsiveness of mental health services for the people of South Canterbury in a way that is above and beyond the responsibilities of her role.

Dr Smith-Hamel has worked for over 23 years as a consultant and a clinical director across Canterbury and South Canterbury District Health Boards, and has served as a consultant and researcher at the University of Otago since 2000.

Professor David Copolov (Victoria)  
**Officer of the Order of Australia (AO)**

Victorian Fellow Professor David Copolov was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia for distinguished service to tertiary education administration, to medicine in the field of psychiatry, to mental health research, and to the community.

From 1985 to 2004, Professor Copolov was the Executive Director of the Mental Health Research Institute (MHRI) of Victoria working with others to build it up from a small Victorian Government epidemiological research organisation into an incorporated clinical and laboratory-based neuroscience research institute, which focused on investigating schizophrenia and Alzheimer’s disease.

He headed up a unit within MHRI which investigated the subjective experience and neurobiological underpinnings of auditory hallucinations and also conducted research into novel treatment approaches.

He was the Chief Investigator of the National Health and Medical Research Council’s (NHMRC) Brain Network into Mental Disorders (1994-2000), and was co-director of the NHMRC Schizophrenia Research Unit (1988-1996).

He was the psychiatric expert on the Australian Drug Evaluation Committee (1992-2000), President of the Australasian Society of Psychiatric Research (1991-1993), and was a recipient of the RANZCP’s Organon Senior Research Award (2006).

Professor Copolov is the Pro Vice Chancellor of Major Campuses and Student Engagement at Monash University, as well as a Professor of Psychiatry at Monash University and the University of Melbourne and an Honorary Professorial Fellow at the Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health.

He is a Board Director of the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation, and of the Royal Women’s Hospital. He was a Board Director of the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre from 2004-2013, and was its Deputy Chairman from 2007-2013.

Professor Derrick Michael Silove (NSW)  
**Member of the Order of Australia (AM)**

New South Wales Fellow Professor Derrick Michael Silove has been made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the General Division for significant service to medicine in the field of psychiatry, to medical research as an academic, and to the promotion of mental health and human rights.

Professor Silove is the Director of Psychiatry Research and Teaching Unit and Academic Mental Health Unit at the University of New South Wales and South Western Sydney Local Health District. He is a member of the Mental Health and Quality Council as well as Chair of the Mental Health Research and Practice Committee. Previously an area director of mental health, he was involved in the establishment of the Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors. He chaired the NSW Service and is still a current board member.

Professor Silove has been a Foundation Professor of Psychiatry at Southwest Sydney Clinical School, University of New South Wales since 1991. He has also held several appointments on committees relating to research, refugee mental health, and more.

Professor Silove has developed guidelines in refugee and post-conflict mental health for WHO and UNHCR. He was Commander, Mental Health, State Emergency Plan, Safe Havens for Displaced Kosovar and Timorese.

**Continued overleaf**
As part of the RANZCP Membership Recognition Program, we acknowledge the contributions to the College and the profession from the following Fellows, who reached the milestone of 50 years of College Membership in 2016.

* Dr Theodore Chatz
* Dr Karl Koller
* Dr Maxwell Westerink
* Dr Fabian Bryant
* Dr John Chick
* Dr John Davis
* Dr Max Harper
* Dr John Hoskin
* Prof Ivor Jones
* Dr Donald Scott-Orr

He is the Director, Emergency Mental Health Service (PRADET) Timor-Leste and Advisor, First National Mental Health Program. An associate editor of *BMC Psychiatry* since 2012, he has published over 350 publications and received grants totalling over $30 million.

Professor Silove has received numerous awards and recognition, including the Ian Simpson Award, RANZCP, 1992 for contribution to service development in psychiatry; the Lady Fairfax Award for Distinguished Researcher, Ingham Institute for Applied Medical Research, 2013; and the Dean’s Lifetime Achievement Award, Faculty of Medicine, University of New South Wales, 2010.

**Emeritus Professor Sidney Bloch (Victoria) – Member of the Order of Australia (AM)**

Victorian Fellow Emeritus Professor Sidney Bloch has been made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the General Division for significant service to medicine in the field of psychiatry, to medical education as an academic and author, and as a mentor and role model.

Emeritus Professor in Psychiatry at the University of Melbourne, Professor Bloch is also the Visiting Professor, Chinese University of Hong Kong and the Hebrew University Jerusalem and Columbia University, New York.

An author and editor of over 14 books, 200 articles and book chapters, his publications have focused on the field of psychiatric ethics and psychological treatment in psychiatry and oncology.

A senior psychiatrist at St Vincent’s Hospital, Emeritus Professor Bloch is also a tutor at the City of Melbourne University of the Third Age. He previously held the role of Head of the Psychotherapy Department, Warneford Hospital, Oxford, United Kingdom.

A Fellow of the College since 1989, he was awarded the College Citation in 2005 in honour of his special service to the RANZCP and psychiatry. He has also served as editor of the College’s journal, the *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Psychiatry* for 13 years.

He was co-editor of the *Psychiatric Bulletin* and editorial board member of the *British Journal of Psychiatry* for several years.

**Dr John Westerink (NSW) – Medal of the Order of Australia in the General Division (OAM)**

Now South Wales Fellow Dr Gerrit Jan Westerink has been recognised with a Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia in the General Division for service to medicine, particularly in the field of psychiatry.

Dr Westerink is the co-founder of the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Unit at St John of God Hospital Richmond which opened in 1994.

A Staff Specialist since 2006, he was Clinical Director of Trauma Unit from 1993 to 2003, and Clinical Lecturer in the Discipline of Psychiatry at the University of Sydney Medical School for 26 years. An Inaugural Director at Banks House, Bankstown Hospital, Dr Westerink has held several positions at the Cumberland Hospital, Parramatta, New South Wales, including Director of Training and Clinical Supervisor, Medical Superintendent and Director of Medical Services.

A past Director of Blacktown Mental Health Community Team, Dr Westerink has served on hearings for the New South Wales Medical Board since 1990. A Fellow of the College for 50 years, he has dedicated his time as an examiner in specialist examinations.
Each year, the College presents a variety of awards to acknowledge outstanding achievements in psychiatry, to recognise excellence in psychiatric research and training or to encourage new and emerging researchers.

The following awards were conferred at Congress in Hong Kong in May 2016.

**The College Medal of Honour**
The College Medal of Honour was conferred to Professor Philip Boyce. The honour is the RANZCP’s highest and most prestigious award, and is presented only for distinguished and meritorious service to the College.

**College Citations**
The College Citation was awarded to Conjoint Professor Bryanne E.W Barnett, AM for her achievements in the field of perinatal and infant mental health and for her broad contributions to the field of psychiatry.

**The Ian Simpson Award**
The Ian Simpson Award was presented to Dr Matthew Eggleston for outstanding contributions to clinical psychiatry, as demonstrated through service to patients and the community, as well as his dedication to training and education.

**The Maddison Medallion**
The Maddison Medallion was awarded to Dr Gabrielle Hart to recognise and encourage excellence in the study of psychiatry throughout Fellowship training and examinations.

**The Margaret Tobin Award**
The Margaret Tobin Award was presented to Associate Professor Simon Stafirce for significant contribution to administrative psychiatry in Australia and New Zealand over the preceding five years.

**The Mark Sheldon Prize**
The Mark Sheldon Prize was awarded to Ms Moe Milne and recognises continuing and outstanding contributions to Indigenous mental health in either Australia or New Zealand.

**The RANZCP Senior Research Award**
The RANZCP Senior Research Award was presented to Professor Daniel Lubman in recognition of his significant contribution to psychiatric research in Australia and New Zealand over the past five years.

**The Addiction Psychiatry Prize**
The Addiction Psychiatry Prize was awarded to Dr Oluwaseun Akosile. The prize encourages achievements and excellence in addiction psychiatry.

**The Connell Werry Prize**
The Connell Werry Prize was awarded to Dr Joey Le. The prize honours Dr Helen Connell and Professor John Werry who were pioneers in the field of child and adolescent psychiatry in Australia and New Zealand.

**The Medlicott Award**
The Medlicott Award was presented to Dr Lillian Ng. The award was established in honour of Professor Emeritus Reginald Medlicott, and recognises meritorious research in the field of forensic psychiatry.

**The Faculty of Psychiatry of Old Age Psychiatric Trainee Prize for Scholarly Project**
The Faculty of Psychiatry of Old Age Psychiatric Trainee Prize for Scholarly Project was awarded to Dr Usman Ali for the best scholarly project focused on issues relevant to psychiatry of old age.

**Faculty of Psychiatry of Old Age Basic Psychiatric Trainee Prize**
The Faculty of Psychiatry of Old Age Basic Psychiatric Trainee Prize was presented to Dr Joanna Wang. This prize is awarded to a psychiatry trainee whose essay best promotes excellence in the delivery of quality of life in older people with mental illness.
This full year of my presidency has been active and fulfilling as the RANZCP continues to implement its strategic plan.

Focus on international engagement during 2016 has enhanced the profile of the College and increased efforts to advocate bi-nationally. Congress in Hong Kong in May was a pinnacle for the College. The participation of many speakers and attendees from across the Asia Pacific region ensured the discussions focused firmly on regional challenges and worldwide influences. I was very pleased by the high attendance rate and delighted to welcome 800 delegates to our reception on the first day of Congress at Sky100, one of Hong Kong’s major tourist attractions.

In addition to Congress, the RANZCP was invited to participate in many and varied forums across the world including the Canadian Psychiatric Association Annual Conference in Toronto and the Sri Lanka College of Psychiatrists Annual Academic Sessions in Colombo, where we assisted with the roll-out of their CPD program.

It has been a particularly interesting time to travel and discuss mental health issues in other parts of the world. I had the privilege of participating in mental health and psychiatry conferences in Ghana, Thailand, Philippines and Indonesia. Presenting in Ghana, where there are eight psychiatrists for a population of 28 million, was a stark reminder of the challenges facing mental health care from a global perspective. The CEO and I also attended the World Psychiatric Association International Congress in Cape Town, during which we received great interest in our position on Physician Assisted Suicide and our Reconciliation Action Plan.

Continued focus on policy work resulted in the RANZCP producing a number of position statements and submissions addressing issues of great concern to the membership and the wider community, such as asylum seeker mental health, LGBTI issues, and the damage caused to the patient-psychiatrist relationship by forcible disclosure of clinical records through subpoenas.

The RANZCP’s report on the economic cost of serious mental illness and comorbidities in Australia and New Zealand that estimated the economic cost of premature death of people with mental illnesses to be A$15 billion (0.9% of GDP) annually, and the cost overall to be A$56.7 billion (3.5% of GDP) was an important piece of advocacy work and attracted widespread media interest. By encouraging services to address the gap in physical health care provision to screen and support people with mental illness, the RANZCP believes the Australian Government could gain back years of income tax contributions and lessen the disability-adjusted life years experienced by people with serious mental illness.

Another important piece of ongoing work is the RANZCP’s response to the Australian Government’s draft Fifth National Mental Health Plan. It is pleasing to see inclusions in the plan that align with the College’s priorities, including the physical health of people living with mental health issues, increased support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mental health workers, and stigma and discrimination reduction. The RANZCP’s submission, however, will also highlight several areas where we believe more detail is required, such as actions and strategies to address workforce capacity, prevention and early intervention.

Over the year the RANZCP has consolidated its delivery of high quality psychiatric training by successfully transitioning all trainees across to the new Fellowship program, which continues to be evaluated. A great deal of work has also gone into developing and implementing the recommendations from the working groups established on member and trainee welfare and this work will see new resources for trainees and members implemented, including a Member Welfare Support Line.

Pleasingly, the RANZCP has reported a solid financial result for the year, continuing the trend of an annual operating surplus and maintaining a sound working capital position.

Some of the challenges the RANZCP will face in 2017 include the mental health aspects of the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) Taskforce, to which the College has already submitted a number of responses, and will continue to monitor and respond as necessary. Proactive revision of the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) program, in light of the Medical Board of Australia’s consultation on revalidation, has resulted in a new integrated system with the introduction of an online CPD portal and a selection of resources on the newly implemented e-learning tool LearnIt.

In May 2017 Dr Kym Jenkins will assume the mantle of President. I look forward to working with her and the Board in the first part of the year to assist with a smooth transition of roles and strategic objectives. I would like to thank the CEO, Andrew Peters, and the staff of the College for their ongoing support throughout the year.

Professor Malcolm Hopwood
President
The RANZCP’s achievements in 2016 have been substantial and the support we receive from our membership, through our Faculties and over 100 committees, is crucial to our ongoing success.

As the RANZCP continues to grow the increased involvement of our members has led to a more dynamic and agile organisation responding to the important issues confronting the community and the profession.

Our members’ support for our International Congress in Hong Kong was demonstrated through the record number of abstracts submitted, the high attendance of delegates and strong international engagement and participation. The RANZCP works hard to bring innovation to all our activities and, alongside holding our Congress in Hong Kong, delegates enjoyed the use of a Congress App to navigate the program, read abstracts, get directions and customise a personal schedule. This was complemented by the use of electronic facilities to display 45 poster presentations. We also initiated clinical update sessions to provide members with essential information and updates on key topics relevant to daily practice. I congratulate all members and staff involved in the planning and management, and acknowledge the vision of the Board and the Victorian Branch for agreeing to the initiative.

Involving as many members as possible in College activities was also a priority in 2016 and we were pleased to welcome 150 trainees to Congress, with many program highlights geared specifically towards them. As in previous years, Congress also included a significant program for medical students and members of the RANZCP’s Psychiatry Interest Forum.

The importance of contributing to and leading discussions on mental health care has meant an active year in policy development and advocacy. Our commitment to policy saw new policy positions filled in most branches. The support and involvement of our members in the development of policy through committees and working groups has meant an increase in our government and non-government submissions, position statements and clinical practice guidelines.

Our new public facing website will be launched in early 2017 positioning the RANZCP as the trusted source of mental health information, particularly concerning serious mental illnesses and disorders. In preparation for the new website the RANZCP has worked closely with Fellows to develop and publish a series of fact sheets; the involvement of experts from the Fellowship has been invaluable in the development of this new content and I am grateful for their considered input.

Another important area of work undertaken in 2016, and to be published in 2017, is the development of practical resources around establishing and conducting private psychiatry practices. These resources are designed to assist members with a range of contingencies that can emerge in relation to private practice including: what is required to set up a practice; closing a practice; what needs to be done in the event of a colleague’s death; and the selling or transferring of a practice. The complexities around the required periods for the retention of records in different states, and in various situations, is also addressed.

The College has responded to the challenges of the introduction of revalidation by reviewing and revising our continuing education program. In 2016 we launched LearnR, our free online CPD solution which provides members with access to a great many modules, podcasts, videos and webinars. All activities on LearnR are accredited for CPD and are overseen by Australian and New Zealand psychiatrists for quality and relevance. The system also facilitates the tracking of CPD online activities by keeping records and producing activity reports and certificates of completion.

The RANZCP’s strong financial position continued, with a pleasing financial result for the year. This position was achieved while the RANZCP advanced a range of key initiatives in alignment with the strategic plan and made significant capital investments in College infrastructure.

The effectiveness of the College is dependent on the input of its members and I encourage members to contribute their opinions, influence the collegiate experience and lead the College’s direction. The valued and substantial work undertaken by members is something I am continuously grateful for and proud of. Without this, and the collegial spirit it brings, the College would not be the successful organisation it is.

Ultimately, the success of the RANZCP is built around this commitment in conjunction with the support, dedication and work of the College staff. While acknowledging this meaningful commitment, I encourage any member to consider being involved in the many aspects of the RANZCP, including inter alia: writing an article for a newsletter, commenting on a thread on the online discussion forum, joining a College committee, getting involved in examining, or contributing to position statements and professional practice guidelines.

2017 will see Dr Kym Jenkins assume the role of President and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Professor Malcolm Hopwood for his guidance and leadership during his tenure as President. It has been a pleasure working with Mal and the College has benefited greatly from his wisdom and generosity. I would also like to express my thanks to the management team and staff in supporting the College’s work and importantly to the many members of the RANZCP for contributing their expertise, time and energy.

Mr Andrew C. Peters
Chief Executive Officer
2016 was a year of change and planning for the future. It welcomed a new Board and saw a changeover of Director portfolios in May.

The Reconciliation Action Plan 2016-2018 was finalised and launched, the development of the next Strategic Plan commenced, and the Board and membership considered extending voting rights to Associate (trainee) and Affiliate members of the RANZCP.

In May, Professor David Castle and Dr Saji Damodaran were welcomed to the Board, which led to changes to the Board Director portfolios. Dr Damodaran stepped into the role of Chair of the Finance Committee, which saw current Director, Associate Professor John Allan move into the Corporate Governance and Risk portfolio. Professor Castle took the helm of the Membership Engagement Committee as Chair, whilst Directors Dr Margaret Aimer and Dr Peter Jenkins continued in their portfolios of Education, and Practice, Policy and Partnerships respectively. President-Elect, Dr Kym Jenkins, also continued her work as Chair of the Members Advisory Council and Audit Committee.

As part of ensuring a broader focused Board, in mid-2016 each Director was appointed to an additional Board Constituent Committee as a Committee Member. This was implemented with a view to evaluate in 12 months, to enhance Director’s knowledge of the work of Board Constituent Committees, to provide them with additional support from a peer, and to assist with planning for the RANZCP’s future.

The Board and College said farewell to inaugural Board Directors Associate Professor Victor Storm and Dr David Alcorn. On behalf of the Board and members, I would like to extend my gratitude to them for their contribution to the Board’s success following the transition from General Council in 2013, and especially in the areas of Corporate Governance and Risk, and Finance respectively.

The Board were supporters of extending voting rights to Associates (Trainees) and Affiliates to vote to elect the President, President Elect and/or Elected Directors and at the RANZCP’s Annual General Meeting (AGM). Whilst neither resolution reached the required number of votes for the changes to be implemented, the Board remains committed to working with Affiliates and Associates (trainees) to raise their profile in the College, increase their involvement in RANZCP activities, and to identify avenues for greater engagement.

Raising the profile of the RANZCP internationally was enhanced by the successful hosting of the College’s Annual Congress in Hong Kong, which saw the Congress being held offshore for the first time in nearly thirty years, and with the President and Board Directors’ attendance at key international psychiatric conferences and annual meetings.

Strong engagement with RANZCP members also continued with the President and Board Directors attending many College committee meetings throughout the year. Meetings of the Board were held in Hong Kong and in various bi-national jurisdictions throughout the year, including Western Australia, South Australia, Queensland, Victoria and New Zealand. These coincided with locally run RANZCP events and Congress, which gave the Board the added opportunity to engage with members.

The Board held two strategic planning meetings during the year to ensure that the purposes, strategies and activities within the current Strategic Plan 2015-2017 and Operational Plan were progressed and remain on track for completion prior to its expiration at the end of next year. Parallel to this, the Board has started considering the RANZCP’s future strategic direction to inform the development of the next Strategic Plan, which will involve input from College committees and groups throughout the various development stages to ensure it accurately reflects the needs and wishes of the membership.

The Board was pleased with the finalisation of the RANZCP’s second Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) for December 2016 – December 2018 and expresses its gratitude to the RAP Steering Group and the Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Mental Health Committee, both chaired by Dr Jason Lee, for their commitment to its development. The RANZCP’s RAP has received positive comments from international stakeholders, specifically on the College’s accountability to increasing meaningful engagement with, and helping work towards improving the health and wellbeing of, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The recommendations from the Board’s Trainee Welfare Working Group – which was established to review key welfare and support issues facing trainees, document the range of support measures currently available and recommend specific initiatives for the RANZCP to develop further – were progressed. The final report identified that trainee welfare and wellbeing can be affected by many factors including educational processes and Fellowship attainment, workplace stressors, personal circumstances (such as family stress, finances, illness and predisposition) and individual self-care. A number of new resources are currently being developed as a result of this work.

There are more changes ahead for the Board, with the election of the next President-Elect (2017-2019) in the new year and Dr Kym Jenkins stepping into the role of President in May 2017. On behalf of the Board, I would like to take this opportunity to thank RANZCP members, who all contribute in various ways to the ongoing success of the College.

Professor Malcolm Hopwood
President

Board members:
- Professor Malcolm Hopwood, President
- Dr Kym Jenkins, President Elect
- Dr Margaret Aimer, Elected Director
- Professor David Castle, Elected Director
- Associate Professor John Allan, Elected Director
- Dr Peter Jenkins, Elected Director
- Associate Professor Saji Damodaran, Elected Director

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Audit Committee

Chair, Dr Kym Jenkins

The primary objective of the Audit Committee is to oversee and monitor the RANZCP’s audit processes, including the College’s internal control activities.

The Audit Committee is responsible for recommending to the Board the appointment and terms of engagement of an external auditor and the audit plan. The Board accepted the Audit Committee recommendation and reappointed auditor RSM Australia Partners for the audit of the RANZCP 2016 financial report.

Each year the audited financial report, including the auditor’s report, is presented to RANZCP members at the Annual General Meeting.

The Audit Committee is also responsible for ensuring compliance with applicable laws, regulations, standards and best practice guidelines. The RANZCP is endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) for charity tax concessions including income tax exemption. The ATO recommends that a yearly self-review of status be undertaken by organisations endorsed for charity tax concessions. The RANZCP has adopted this recommendation and conducted the annual self-review of College structure and operations during the year. Based on the outcome of the self-review, the Audit Committee has concluded that the RANZCP remains compliant with the ATO endorsement for charity tax concessions.

During the year, the Audit Committee gave careful consideration to changes to financial reporting requirements arising from new and revised Australian Accounting Standards (AAS). The College has adopted all of the Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the AAS Board that are mandatory for the 2016 reporting period.

Following Board elections in 2016, the committee welcomed Associate Professor Damodaran as a new member.

The priorities for the Audit Committee for 2017 include reviewing the outcome of the audit of the 2016 annual financial report and overseeing the audit process for the following year.

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Committee members

» A/Prof John Allan
» A/Prof Saji Damodaran
» Dr Kym Jenkins
» Dr Nick Judson

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The year 2016 saw the implementation of the new Objective Structured Clinical Exam format, which included an increase in the number of stations to 11 and on the RANZCP website.

The Learning Management System, LearnIt, was successfully launched in September 2016 providing a platform for members to access learning modules, webinars, podcasts and other resources.

The results of the 2015 evaluation of Stage 1 and 2 of the 2012 Fellowship program have been analysed and a report and a series of recommendations have been made available to key committees and on the RANZCP website.

The Training Program

In 2016, Stage 3 of the 2012 Fellowship program was implemented. Transition of 2003 generalist trainees into the 2012 Fellowship program has been successfully completed. The transition of advanced certificate trainees and Fellows-in-training has also been achieved over a slightly longer timeframe with some remaining under the 2003 program until December 2016.

The year 2016 saw the implementation of the new Objective Structured Clinical Exam format, which included an increase in the number of stations to 11 and both trainees and specialist international medical graduates (SIMGs) sitting the same examination. To support trainees and SIMGs in their general examination preparation, the number of resources available on the website has been increased with plans for more resource development in 2017.

Several major projects were undertaken by the Corporate Governance and Risk Committee (CGRC) in 2016.

These included:
- oversight of the Board (Elected Directors’) election
- evaluating the Board’s performance
- reviewing the Board Election process – vote and count methods
- finalising the process for appointing trainees to RANZCP committees

One of the major areas of activity for the CGRC during 2016 was undertaking the ballot to amend the Constitution to allow Fellows and Associates (trainees) to vote at the Annual General Meeting and in electing the RANZCP Board. Fifty percent of Fellows who voted were in support of Associates being granted voting rights, and 48% were in favour of Associates (trainees). (For a resolution to be passed, 75% of those voting are required to vote in favour of that resolution). Thus, whilst the resolutions were not carried by the Fellowship, the awareness and importance of the work of Associates and Associates (trainees) in College life was raised. The CGRC supports the Board in its commitment to working with Affiliates and Associates (trainees) to raise their profile in the College, increase their involvement in RANZCP activities and to identify avenues for greater engagement.

As 2016 drew to a close, two nominations were received for the position of President-Elect, which falls vacant in May 2017.

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A webinar explaining the changes and the rationale behind them was delivered in August and a recording of this webinar is also available on the website. The College has mandated that all Fellows must meet the requirements of the RANZCP CPD program each year.

The Education Committee recognises the efforts of all those involved in the development, delivery and accreditation of RANZCP education programs and would like to thank those Fellows who have given their time to participate in 2016.

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» Release of the findings from the Member Welfare Study to members, together with a series of recommendations that were accepted by the RANZCP Board. Data from the study was presented at Congress and further explored in a series of articles set for publication in *Australasian Psychiatry* in 2017.

» Development of a new resource to help members identify the many ways they can get involved or volunteer with the RANZCP, based on interest area, member type and time commitment required. A College-wide approach to acknowledging and thanking members for their contributions to RANZCP activities was also developed.

» Near completion of a project to develop additional resources to support trainees and specialist international graduates. An expanded pilot mentoring program has been delivered in 2016, and a suite of online information and enhanced orientation material will be launched in early 2017.

» Overseing of the development of a new member communications strategy, which reviewed the RANZCP’s existing member communications channels and identified several ways to improve their effectiveness.

» Review of the MEC’s responsibilities and functions as part of the regular cycle of Board constituent committee reviews, which will ensure that the committee is in the best possible position to support members effectively and drive membership initiatives and strategies.

» Delivery of a series of clinical update sessions at Congress for the first time, to provide members with an update and review of recent findings, advances and trends on core topics relevant to clinical practice. Sessions on mood disorders, schizophrenia and old age psychiatry were presented in 2016 and were a major highlight of the Congress program.

The MEC welcomes the opportunity to discuss issues with members, and I encourage all members to contact us with their comments, feedback and suggestions.

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The Practice, Policy and Partnerships Committee (PPPC) oversees six committees encompassing professional and clinical practice, research, and collaboration with community members including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and Māori.

During 2016, PPCP:

- completed more than 120 submissions on priority policy topics
- published new position statements on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) mental health; acknowledging and learning from past practices; the contribution to practice made by psychiatrists who have personal experience of mental illness; recovery and the psychiatrist; direct-to-consumer advertising of pharmaceuticals; principles for the treatment of persons found not criminally responsible or not fit for trial due to mental illness or cognitive disability; confidentiality of patient records; and alcohol-related harm
- published updated position statements including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health Workers; physician-assisted suicide; psychiatrists and social media
- published new clinical practice guidelines for the management of schizophrenia and for the management of deliberate self-harm
- launched a new guide for the public on eating disorders to complement the clinical practice guideline published in 2014
- developed a new Reconciliation Action Plan
- awarded $43,700 in research grants.

New initiatives commenced for completion in 2017 include: review of the RANZCP’s Code of Ethics; participation in the Medicare Benefits Schedule Review Taskforce; development of guidelines for electroconvulsive therapy and other neurostimulation techniques; practical resources for private practice psychiatry; a new position statement on private health insurance; and a review of mental health legislation to inform a new position statement.

Throughout the year 95 Fellows, 10 trainees and 32 community members have directly participated on the PPCP, its constituent committees and working groups. Hundreds of members have contributed to submissions, policies and guidelines; I hope many more members and the community will benefit from this work.

Acknowledgement and appreciation is extended to all members of the PPCP, its committees and working groups, and to RANZCP staff for their excellent support.

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The MAC met twice in 2016, and key topics included:

- communications and relationships between Branches, Faculties and Sections
- changes to the RANZCP’s Continuing Professional Development program in 2017
- RANZCP assessments and the training trajectory
- private health insurance and mental health
- revalidation
- voting rights for Associates (trainees) and Affiliate Members
- engagement with Primary Health Networks
- mental health legislation
- increasing information for the public on the role of psychiatrists
- funding for consultation-liaison psychiatry services
- clinical guidelines and credentialing for ECT
- Specialist Training Program funding and support projects.

Chair, Dr Kym Jenkins

The Members’ Advisory Council (MAC) provides information and advice to the Board on a variety of issues, and acts as a forum for members to raise and discuss issues or provide feedback relevant to the RANZCP or mental health.

With representation from all Branches, Faculties, Sections and the New Zealand National Committee, as well as the College’s community, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Māori mental health committees, the MAC meeting discussions were wide ranging and enthusiastic.

Committee members

- Dr Margaret Aimer
- A/Prof John Allan
- Dr Agnew Alexander
- Dr Michelle Atchison
- Dr Justin Barry-Walsh
- Dr Nicola Beamish
- Dr Chad Bennett
- Dr Pamela Bennett
- Dr Jane Casey
- Prof David Castle
- Dr Paul Fung
- A/Prof Saji Damodaran
- Dr Michael Daubney
- Dr Gary Galambos
- Dr Ettore Guaila
- Dr Scott Harden
- Prof Malcolm Hopwood
- Dr Andrew Howie
- Dr Kym Jenkins
- Dr Peter Jenkins
- Dr Nicholas Kowalenko
- Dr Jan-Paul Kwasik
- Dr Mark Lawrence
- Dr Jason Lee
- Dr Carolyn Little
- Prof Jeffrey Looi
- Prof Daniel Lubman
- Dr Milford McArthur
- Dr Elizabeth Moore
- A/Prof Richard Newton
- Dr Nicholas O’Connor
- Ms Louise Salman
- Dr James Scott
- Dr Carol Silberberg
- Ms Ana Sokratov
- Dr Can Tuncer
- Prof Dennis Velakoulis
- Dr Alan Weiss
- A/Prof Michael Wong

A separate meeting of the RANZCP’s Branch and New Zealand National Committee Chairs, prior to each MAC meeting, continues to be an invaluable experience and shared learning opportunity. Issues identified during MAC meetings for the Board’s further discussion are tabled at subsequent Board meetings. They are progressed as a priority by the RANZCP’s senior management group, chaired by the Chief Executive Officer, with feedback and consultation to the wider membership as appropriate.

On behalf of the Board I would like to acknowledge the important role played by the MAC in 2016 in raising issues for discussion, providing advice to the Board and representing the views and interests of the wider membership.
Trainee Representative Committee

Chair, Dr Jan-Paul Kwasik

The Trainee Representative Committee (TRC) has continued to work on several priorities including exams, assessment and the Competency Based Fellowship Program (CBFP), voting rights and trainee representation, and RANZCP–trainee communication.

The TRC’s main priority is to work with the College to address trainee concerns regarding assessments and the 2012 CBFP more broadly. The TRC has lobbied the College to have more input into improving the program, and has also responded to the Australian Medical Council’s review of the CBFP. One improvement has been the extension of the timeframe for when exams can be attempted.

The TRC thanks the Board and RANZCP leadership for proposing and supporting the recent ballot to amend the Constitution to grant voting rights for trainees to elect Board members. Although the membership vote was not in favour of the changes, the TRC was heartened by the near-50% ‘yes’ result and found the process was a good opportunity to highlight the positive contribution that trainees are already making to many RANZCP committees. The TRC will continue to advocate to ensure that trainees interests are represented across the College.

Trainee health, wellbeing and safety is an ongoing priority for the TRC and we have progressed this in several ways, including working with Branch committees to review the RANZCP recommendations and how they can be implemented at a local level. The TRC has also been involved in the development of the first-year orientation package, focusing on mentorship, collegiality and self-care.

A new initiative for the TRC in 2016 has been a review of the TRC and College trainee communications strategy. We have begun with a revamp of the TRC page of the RANZCP website, and email communication with trainees.

I thank my fellow committee members for their tenacious work in representing trainees.

Committee members

- Dr David Barison
- Dr Judith Clarke
- Dr Alexandra Dunne
- Dr Lois Evans
- Dr Amro El Sholkami
- Dr Rebecca Graham
- Dr Jessica Green
- Dr Husaini Hafiz
- Dr Donal Hanratty
- Dr Hannah Kim
- Dr Jan-Paul Kwasik
- Dr Tabitha Mok
- Dr Paran Nadeswaran
- Dr Rima Staugas
- Dr Alison Taylor
- Dr David Ward
Overseas Trained Psychiatrists’ Representative Committee

Chair, Dr Ettore Guaia

2016 has been a busy year, building on activities of previous years and developing strategies to meet the needs of overseas trained psychiatrists (OTPs).

The Overseas Trained Psychiatrists’ Representative Committee held strategic planning discussions regarding the committee’s responsibilities, purpose and composition. Specific priorities and activities within the RANZCP Strategic and Operational Plans were considered leading to the development of priorities for a new work plan for the committee.

The committee is developing strategies to promote the physical health, mental health and welfare of OTPs before and after attaining Fellowship, in conjunction with the Membership Engagement Committee. It continues to develop strategies to enhance the position of New Zealand Affiliates within the RANZCP following the outcome of the voting rights results, and to improve OTPs’ engagement with the committee and College.

The issue of ‘10 Year moratorium’, better known as the 19AB restriction of Medicare Benefit Scheme, still makes the top of our agenda. This is relevant to all psychiatrists, 60% of whom are international medical graduates (IMGs). Discussions within the College have been held, and the possibility of the development of a RANZCP position statement has been raised. I would stress the importance for all IMGs to join our group to keep across this important matter. Discussions have been held regarding the revival of an OTP newsletter.

We held a well-attended symposium titled ‘Global outlook on international migration of Psychiatry’ and networking lunch at the 2016 International RANZCP Congress of Psychiatry as well as a successful networking session during the RANZCP New Zealand Conference in Christchurch.

I would like to thank the committee for their support and work this year, with a special thanks to Dr Johan Jurgens, Dr Vikas Garg, and Dr Florian Wertenauer. I invite members to nominate for elections for the new term of the committee in 2017.

Committee members

» Dr Rewant Desai
» Dr Susanna Galea
» Dr Ettore Guaia
» Dr Scott Hall
» Dr Annette Van Zeist
» Dr David Ward
» Dr Florian Wertenauer
» Dr Nader Yakoub
» Dr Afraz Zaman
» Prof Carlos Zubaran Jr
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#### Highlights
- 50th anniversary of RANZCP
- New brand created: Your health in mind
- Membership Engagement Committee and Members’ Advisory Council created
## ANNUAL REVIEW 2016

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- **Physical health and mental illness advocacy campaign**
- **Two new offices purchased (South Australia and New Zealand)**
- **Māori name introduced for New Zealand National Committee**
In July the NZNC developed a position statement on direct-to-consumer advertising of pharmaceuticals which was timely given the development of legislation on the Therapeutic Products Bill. The NZNC made a submission on the proposed Bill and discussed the key issues with Ministry of Health officials.

The NZNC has strengthened relationships with New Zealand-based Faculties, collaborating on key submissions, including the Draft Disability Strategy and meeting with stakeholders. The Faculties have also held workshops to further engage with New Zealand members.

The NZNC continues to participate in the Equally Well Collaborative (an initiative to improve the physical health of those experiencing mental illness) and is part of a working group developing resources to enhance doctor-patient communications. During 2016 the NZNC engaged key stakeholders including Health Workforce New Zealand, the Health and Disability Commission, the Ministry of Health, and Procare.

This year, the NZNC welcomed the appointment of its inaugural Consumer Representative, Ms Dawn Hastings. As well as bringing a consumer viewpoint to discussions and submissions, Ms Hastings has contributed greatly to the development of the RANZCP’s consumer fact sheets.

The RANZCP’s annual New Zealand Conference titled ‘Recover, rebuild, regenerate’ was held in Christchurch and focused on mental health issues arising from Christchurch’s recent earthquakes and the resolve of locals to rebuild. The conference included opportunities for overseas trained psychiatrists and trainees to meet and discuss New Zealand specific issues. It was pleasing that the RANZCP was able to support 20 medical students, including two Māori students, to attend.

In November the NZNC named the boardroom at the National Office in Wellington the Sir Mason Durie Room in honour of RANZCP Fellow, Emeritus Professor Sir Mason Durie.

The NZNC recognises the efforts of all the New Zealand members who have assisted with the numerous policy submissions and projects that the NZNC has completed in 2016 and we look forward to an equally productive 2017.

The whakataukī that introduces the report reminds us to learn and gain knowledge from our past to help shape our future. This is an inherent function of Tu Te Akaaka Roa.
New Zealand National Committee members

- Dr Margaret Aimer
- Dr Arran Culver
- Dr Rishi Duggal
- Dr Rosie Edwards
- Dr Lois Evans
- Dr Susanna Every-Palmer
- Dr Susanna Galea
- Ms Dawn Hastings
- Dr Joanna Jastrzebska
- Dr Mark Lawrence
- A/Prof David Menkes
- Dr Murray Patton
- Mr Arama Pirika (Kaumatua)
- Dr Alma Rae
- Dr Greg Spencer
The Australian Capital Territory (ACT) serves a small but growing community of 390,500 people with a Branch membership of 61 RANZCP Fellows and 32 trainees.

The majority of Fellows within the ACT work within the public sector. The Branch is aware of the reduction in the number of Fellows working in private practice, and the increased challenges and demands on them. We also hope to expand the Psychiatry Interest Forum activities in 2017 to encourage medical students and junior medical officers to consider a career in psychiatry.

The 2016 Annual Scientific Meeting held in early April was a major highlight, and was well attended by Fellows and Registrars. The 2017 meeting will be held again at Lake Crackenback, NSW, on 25 and 26 March 2017 and Professor Steve Kisely has agreed to be the keynote speaker.

The Branch was delighted to welcome the 2016 Travelling Professor, Professor Lars Vedel Kessing, in September.

Dr Peter Norrie, Chief Psychiatrist, and Professor Beverly Raphael, former RANZCP President, are retiring from their positions after long and dedicated service.

The ongoing involvement of Fellows in the ACT Branch Committee continues to be a considerable challenge as experienced committee members finish their terms. The Branch committee is particularly keen to encourage recently qualified Fellows to serve on the Committee, with potential opportunities for involvement in an ACT psychiatric workforce review, assessment of the impact of new mental health legislation, organisation of the 2017 Annual Scientific Meeting and the 2019 RANZCP Annual Congress.

The results of the second survey of public sector psychiatrists. This follow-up survey highlighted crucial issues such as inadequate beds (particularly subspecialty beds), poor integration of services, a declining psychiatry workforce and a lack of clinician leadership on mental health care resourcing and design. This trend data enabled a proactive media, public relations and lobbying campaign.

There was extensive dialogue with the NSW Government and NSW Health including the submission of a comprehensive response to the NSW Mental Health Commission’s ‘Living Well’ 10-year Strategic Plan (the Plan) that underscored its strengths and gaps. The NSW Branch worked collaboratively with the NSW Faculty of Psychiatry of Old Age on an addendum to the Plan entitled ‘Living Well in Later Life’ that addressed one of the identified gaps.

The NSW Mental Health Minister, accompanied by the NSW Chief Psychiatrist, attended a NSW Branch Committee meeting to discuss NSW psychiatric leadership, mental health service workforce issues and future directions, which was certainly a first for the Branch.

The NSW Branch, in conjunction with the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, was also proud to submit a proposal for a state-wide gender dysphoria subspecialty network to the NSW Mental Health Minister.

The NSW Rural Psychiatry Project concluded with a variety of activities including three trainee grants, a Sydney-based training Forum and several rural site-based educational events.
Northern Territory
Chair, Dr Carolyn Little

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South Australia

Chair, Dr Michelle Atchison

2016 has been a year of settling into our new Branch headquarters. Social and continuing medical education meetings have helped to introduce the new premises to Fellows and trainees. The office is being used by other groups for their Continuing Professional Development meetings and regularly hosts the Faculties and Sections. Regular meetings by the convening and scientific committees are preparing for the RANZCP’s Congress, which will be held in Adelaide in 2017. My thanks to our Branch Manager, Trudy Lisk, for organising and hosting these meetings, many of which require after-hours work.

The Branch has been active at the state government level, meeting with the new Minister for Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Ms Leesa Vlahos. There are several specialty units within South Australia that are substandard and require overhaul, including much of our Forensic services and an outdated older persons’ unit at Oakden. Mr Chris Burns has been appointed as the State Mental Health Commissioner to develop the next Strategic Plan for mental health in South Australia. The Branch committee has begun meetings with him and hopes to take a central role in this important work.

The Annual SA Branch dinner was held this year at the South Australian Museum, amongst the Pacific Island cultural exhibit. Mr Alex Ward, a well-known lawyer, gave a hilarious presentation on how psychiatrists are seen by the legal profession. Dinner guests needed a thick skin! Mr Wayne Schwass, an ex-North Melbourne footballer, was our speaker for the annual Barton Pope lecture, the SA Branch and Ramsay Health Care’s contribution to Mental Health week.

My thanks go to the outgoing Branch committee members and to those on the current committee.

Tasmania

Chair, Dr Milford McArthur

The Tasmanian Branch has had a busy 2016 with RANZCP events, including a successful and popular visit from the President on 22 April.

We congratulated Consultant Psychiatrist, Dr Anil Reddy, for attaining Fellowship in 2016 with our membership now comprising 58 Fellows, two Affiliates and 20 Associates.

The Director of Training, Dr Stephane Auchincloss, would like to congratulate the 20 trainees for their hard work and especially those who had exam success.

The Specialist Training Program (STP) Tasmanian Initiative has funded 22 visiting lecturers who presented tutorials to the registrars, nine of them continuing medical education meetings in Hobart and an ECT workshop in Launceston.

STP also funded five interstate speakers and 35 members to a second annual weekend workshop at Freycinet, Coles Bay in March. The Branch was very pleased to welcome the 2016 Travelling Professor, Professor Lars Vedel Kessing, to Hobart in October where he was the main speaker at a weekend workshop on mood disorders.

The Branch continued its involvement in a series of psychiatric health-related matters including lobbying the state government for improvements in psychiatric care. An example was advocacy for the evidence-based suicide reduction method of installing a barrier on the Tasman Bridge.

Other issues included advocacy for adequate inpatient bed numbers in the yet to be built psychiatric unit of the Royal Hobart Hospital and also attempting to ensure the new unit is consistent with contemporary practice, especially with regard to open space.

The Branch was also involved in attempting to obtain functional improvement in the operation of the Tasmanian Mental Health Act (2013).
First and foremost, I would like to acknowledge the very sad and sudden death of our longest-standing Branch member, Graham Burrows.

Graham gave an enormous amount of time to the Branch committee and had a very long corporate memory; he will continue to be missed.

The Victorian Branch had a busy 2016. Educational highlights include the well-attended weekend conference in Lorne and our rural Continuing Medical Education workshop on ‘recovery’, in Ballarat. In collaboration with the bi-national secretariat we hosted the successful International RANZCP Congress of Psychiatry in Hong Kong. We also hosted the 2016 Travelling Professor Vedel Kessing. In 2017, we will be hosting our third joint workshop with the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners discussing family violence matters.

The Family Violence Working Group presented a survey seeking the perspective of psychiatrists and trainees in Australia to inform training material and guidelines. A second roundtable discussion with stakeholders is in progress. We are working with the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to develop a position statement and educational material for psychiatrists, using rigorous co-production methodology.

The Branch Consultation–Liaison Reform Working Group distributed an exceptional report to DHHS; and a service model to improve service quality and patient flow. The Branch continues to foster relationships with stakeholders to further influence the improvement of mental health services. We have appointed a consumer to the Branch Committee.

I thank the Branch Committee including immediate past Chair, David Castle, Secretary Nader Yakoub, Treasurer Kerryn Rubin and Branch Coordinator, Jacki Lindsay, for their support of Branch activity.

There will be a state election in March 2017 and both the Opposition and the Minister continue to be briefed by the Branch on these and other matters including the further implementation of the State Mental Health Plan.

The Branch has been more visible, partnering with the WA Association for Mental Health on activities during Mental Health Week. It is pleasing to see the interest in psychiatry as a career from the WA Medical Student Association and the dynamic Psychiatry Interest Forum ambassadors.

The WA Branch Meritorious Service awards were presented to Dr Prue Stone and Dr Simon Byrne by the President and CEO at our annual dinner.

In closing, my thanks to our hard working branch committee members and to our Branch Coordinator Ms Angie Padoan, who makes this work possible.
Faculty highlights

Faculty of Addiction Psychiatry
Chair, Professor Daniel Lubman

The Faculty of Addiction Psychiatry bi-national committee has had a busy year, meeting regularly as we have transitioned from a Section to a full Faculty. The establishment of the Faculty is a major achievement, which firmly establishes Addiction Psychiatry as a major career option, and reiterates the RANZCP’s role in being a key contributor to alcohol, drug and gambling policy and practice bi-nationally.

The Committee continues to contribute to relevant RANZCP policy documents which, in 2016, has included position statements on disordered/problem gambling, medicinal cannabis and recognising and reducing alcohol-related harm, as well as responding to related media requests. Earlier this year we launched an updated version of the joint alcohol policy with the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, which makes significant recommendations for policy change, including calling for a rethink of the existing drinking cultures of both Australia and New Zealand.

Interest in enrolling in Addiction Psychiatry training is increasing, as more trainees recognise the subspecialty as an exciting career choice that offers great clinical diversity. We are working on a new format for the Faculty newsletter, which we hope will provide regular updates about advances and events in the addiction field. The Faculty is also gearing up for the next International Medicine in Addiction Conference, taking place in Sydney on 24 and 26 March 2017, which offers a fantastic opportunity to hear from international experts in the field and to network with addiction specialists across the region.

Committee members

» Dr Nicolle Ait Khelifa
» Dr Shalini Arunogiri
» Dr Enrico Cementon
» Dr Mark Daglish
» Dr Bernard Hickey
» Dr Lisa Juckes
» Prof Daniel Lubman
» Dr Sam McBride
» Dr Oliver O’Connell
» Dr John Reilly
» Dr Emma Schwarcz
» Prof Helen Slattery
Faculty of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

Chair, Dr Nick Kowalenko

The work of the Faculty of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (FCAP) promoting child and adolescent psychiatry, in the interests of our patients and their families bi-nationally, continues to expand into the Asia Pacific region.

A successful two day pre-conference workshop was held before the 2016 International RANZCP Congress of Psychiatry. Held in conjunction with the Hong Kong College of Psychiatrists, the workshop dealt with family approaches to child and adolescent mental disorders, bringing together 70 local and international delegates. FCAP continues to build links with colleagues throughout Asia and the Pacific. This includes a pilot mentoring program developed in Vanuatu and the establishment of a peer group for psychiatrists working in the region, supporting the training, education and mentoring that took place in Hong Kong, Vanuatu, Sri Lanka, Fiji and PNG in 2016.

The Faculty has contributed significantly to RANZCP policy submissions such as the ACSQHC Atlas of Healthcare Variation and the NHMRC report on evidence for parenting practices. The Faculty is nearing the completion of the workforce project following consultation with members and providing advice about the ABF, NDIS, and revalidation.

Another successful FCAP New Zealand Conference was held in Turangi, New Zealand in 2016, which continues as a focal point for New Zealand Child and Adolescent Psychiatry developments.

In October, the Faculty’s annual conference took place in Hobart with 200 delegates. Its collegial nature was a highlight. Child and adolescent psychiatry in Tasmania has expanded dramatically and has established enviable conjoint working relationships.

We look forward to another busy year both at Congress and our annual FCAP conference in Adelaide, ‘Growing minds: the early origins of mental health and mental disorders’, in October 2017.

Committee members ▼

» Dr Allister Bush
» Prof Valsamma Eapen
» Dr Michelle Fryer
» Dr Colette Halpin
» Dr Nicholas Kowalenko
» Dr Prudence McEvoy
» Dr Denise Riordan
» Dr Paul Robertson
» Dr Sally Tregenza
» Dr Fiona Wagg
» Dr Tanya Wright

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ways to advance this. The issue of funding remains of significant concern, leading to inadequacy of service and uncertainty about the future of CL and training positions.

The committee is looking to further engage with Faculty members, such as a newsletter or online platform. We always welcome feedback from our members on these issues. The committee is keen to appoint a member who can hold the portfolio for communications; members are encouraged to contact the committee with expressions of interest.

Congress 2016 in Hong Kong included well-received CL events, such as a pre-congress workshop presented jointly with the Faculty of Old Age Psychiatry. Our colleagues in New Zealand ended the year with a successful education day in Wellington. Topics were wide-ranging, including psychogenic non-epileptic seizures and the use of covert medications. We look forward to this becoming a regular event for our colleagues. Finally, we look forward to Congress in 2017 where there will be several CL activities, including another pre-congress workshop.

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Faculty of Consultation–Liaison Psychiatry
Chair, Dr Carol Silberberg

The Faculty spent 2016 liaising with the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority and the Australian Mental Health Care Classification to highlight the extent of the potential impact on Consultation–Liaison (CL) Psychiatry in an Activity Based Funding environment, and to further convey the diversity of CL roles. The committee, in liaison with our members, will continue to look at ways to evolve our field and increase our voice. The Victorian Consultation Liaison Psychiatry Reform working group completed its report and the Faculty is exploring people acquitted on an insanity finding or found unfit to stand trial, and involuntary mental health treatment in custody. The Faculty has also provided feedback on the College’s Mental Health Legislation project. In recognition of the workload these matters create, the committee is planning a face-to-face meeting in March 2017, where a major focus will be on the best approaches to the demands of advocacy and development of position statements. A second area of attention will be further work to bolster the improved communication between the Branch committees and the bi-national committee.

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Faculty of Forensic Psychiatry
Chair, Dr Justin Barry-Walsh

The Faculty has had a full 2016 with involvement in RANZCP activities, informing on government and advocacy issues related to the field.

The committee has been busy finalising position statements on electronic monitoring of people using forensic mental health services, treatment of
Faculty of Psychiatry of Old Age

Chair, Dr Jane Casey

The Faculty of Psychiatry of Old Age (FPOA) has enjoyed a solid 2016 engaged in a diverse range of activities. Increased involvement and profile during the 2016 International RANZCP Congress of Psychiatry was enjoyable and rewarding for members. The specialty had representation in the keynotes, invited speakers, pre-congress workshops and symposia. Papers for the Faculty prizes were presented and these worthy recipients were acknowledged at the RANZCP ceremony. This sweeping presence of the Faculty will be replicated in Adelaide in 2017.

The Faculty has revised and updated our position statements and practice guidelines and members have contributed to broader College policy areas, most notably the revision of College position statement 61, Physician-assisted suicide.

The importance of exposure to Old Age Psychiatry in basic training and the development and oversight of the advanced trainee curriculum are an ongoing focus. The Faculty acknowledges the need to broaden knowledge in psychogeriatrics across the psychiatric workforce, with various options being discussed. Our ageing population, the threat of ageless services and our own ageing workforce are of serious concern to the Faculty and the creative use of resources, continuing education and succession planning remain priorities.

There have been numerous Old Age Psychiatry service and research developments by Faculty members bi-nationally. The Faculty webpage has captured some of these achievements and in 2017, we aim to enhance communication and dissemination of information. A survey was distributed, aiming to improve member engagement. The responses will guide the committee to relevant focal points and help shape communication to members, as well as generating ideas for the 2017 annual scientific meeting (ASM), being held in Queenstown. The idea of the survey originated from the successful and stimulating ASM held in Melbourne in November, which enhanced networks and collegiality.

As my term as Faculty Chair draws to an end, I thank members for their guidance, and the staff at the College for their encouragement and support. Looking to the future, the FPOA is in a cohesive and robust position for our members, our patients and their families.

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- Prof Gerard Byrne
- Dr Jane Casey
- Dr Gary Cheung
- Dr Brendan Flynn
- Dr Prakriti Gopinathan
- Dr Joanne Hill
- Dr Francois Hugo
- Dr David Lie
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- Dr Helen McGowan
- Prof Carmelle Peisah
- Dr Christos Plakiotis

Faculty of Psychotherapy

Chair, Dr Michael Daubney

2016 was another productive year for the Faculty, with the committee continuing to have a significant voice in RANZCP affairs.

The bi-national committee has regularly discussed the Psychotherapy Written Case (PWC) during the past year, reflecting the importance with which it is viewed by the Faculty and its keenness to seek opportunities to support trainees and supervisors. The Long Case Committee has offered a tremendous opportunity by considering assisting supervisors to observe the calibration meetings for markers. The Faculty continues to look at ways to communicate the benefits of this experience broadly.

Other issues of interest are the planned changes to the RANZCP Continuing Professional Development program. A meeting of all College Faculties and the Chair of the Committee for Continuing Medical Education (CCME) was held where issues raised by our members were discussed and these discussions are continuing. Thank you to the many members who were able to participate in the Faculty’s inaugural Member’s Forum at the annual Faculty Conference and expressed their concerns on this issue.

The annual Faculty Conference was held at Coogee Bay, New South Wales. A highlight of the conference was keynote speaker, Dr Anton Obholzer from the UK who ran a workshop, keynote address and an open discussion based on everyday work and its vicissitudes. The Faculty committee extends its thanks to the hard-working Conference Organising Committee and looks forward to the next conference in the Northern Territory.

Thank you to the members of the bi-national committee, to Dr Jenny Randles, the newsletter editor, and the excellent College staff. The Committee has a New Zealand representative after a break of several years, meaning we are a bi-national voice.

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- Dr Paul Cadzow
- Dr Paul Cammell
- Dr Dudridee Charoenporn
- Dr Michael Daubney
- Dr Roger Elliott
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- Dr Paul Foulkes
- Dr Melinda Hill
- A/Prof Loyola McLean
- Dr Ilana Nayman
- Dr Jennifer Randles
Section of Child and Adolescent Forensic Psychiatry

Chair, Dr Scott Harden

The Section of Child and Adolescent Forensic Psychiatry has had a busy and productive year, meeting regularly and now participating in the Members Advisory Council twice a year.

The Section bi-national committee has been involved in reviewing several RANZCP policy documents and also had the opportunity to submit feedback to both the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and the inquiry into indefinite detention of people with cognitive and psychiatric impairment in Australia.

As a relatively young Section we continue to work to establish and maintain representation and feedback from the various jurisdictions in Australia and New Zealand. Building links between public sector child and adolescent forensic services has been a high priority over the last year.

The Section has released its inaugural newsletter, “The Tag”, and will continue to release these for our members throughout the year. Any members wishing to contribute to the newsletter is encouraged to contact the committee.

A successful conference took place from 18 to 19 November in Melbourne with 40 delegates in attendance and the Section looks forward to organising an annual conference each year.

Committee members

» Dr Caleb Armstrong
» Dr Teresa Flower
» Dr Scott Harden
» Dr John Kasinathan
» Dr Katinka Morton
» Dr Yolisha Singh
» Dr Marshall Watson
» Dr Malgorzata Wojnarowska

Section of Early Career Psychiatrists

Chair, Dr Paul Fung

2016 has been a busy and exciting time for the Section, with the bi-national committee meeting regularly throughout the year.

The Section contributed to Congress through a pre-Congress workshop, working closely with the Section of Leadership and Management, as well as hosting the popular senior psychiatrist panel: ‘The most important lessons I have learnt in psychiatry’.

The Section also held several events for members in their local branch offices. A successful workshop held at the picturesque Waiheke Island, New Zealand, resulted in the publication of an article in Australasian Psychiatry, synthesising the information and advice discussed. Events have been held in New South Wales and Queensland and the coming year will see an increase in the number of local events in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and New Zealand.

2017 promises to be another exciting year which will also see an increase in the communication and engagement with Early Career Psychiatrists as well as the development of international links.

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» Dr Yara Khedr
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Section of Neuropsychiatry

Chair, Professor Dennis Velakoulis

A highlight of 2016 for the Section of Neuropsychiatry was our fifth annual conference in November. The conference was held on the Gold Coast, QLD, under the auspices of the Section of Neuropsychiatry (RANZCP) and Queensland Neurosciences Annual Scientific Meeting.

This was the first time the meeting was held outside Melbourne and it proved a major success, thanks to the work of the organising committee led by Professor Harry McConnell and Dr Andrew Wong. The 2017 next meeting will be held in Sydney, NSW.

The committee met early in 2016 to re-initiate work on an advanced training neuropsychiatry curriculum. The committee acknowledged the difficulties accessing neuropsychiatry training in all parts of Australia and New Zealand and the impact this would have on meeting the requirements of a comprehensive curriculum. It was proposed that liaison with other Faculties and Sections, with which there is clinical overlap, may allow for accreditation of training experiences that have been undertaken in non-neuropsychiatry clinical settings.

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- Dr John O'Connor
- Dr Adrian Keller
- A/Prof Beth Kotze
- Dr Balaji Motamarri
- A/Prof John Newton
- Dr Nick O'Connor
- Dr James Oldham
- Dr Richard Steane
- Dr Matthew Fasnacht
- Dr Gregory Finucane
- Dr Bradleigh Hayhow
- A/Prof Satish Karunakaran
- Prof Jeffrey Looi
- Dr Basil Mantzioris
- Prof Harry McConnell
- Dr Ramon Mocellin
- Dr Adith Mohan
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Section of Leadership and Management

Chair, Dr Nick O'Connor

The Section of Leadership and Management (SLAM) bi-national committee met in March, April, August, October and November of 2016 and held a members’ forum at the Hong Kong Congress followed by a joint SLAM/Early Career Psychiatrists (ECPs) dinner. The Section partnered with the Faculty of Psychotherapy to plan and deliver a very successful conference in Sydney, NSW, in September that looked at organisational issues in delivering mental health care. There was a strong stream of leadership and management sessions at Congress 2016, including the debate in relation to peer workers.

The focus for 2017 will be on: developing a mentorship program for ECPs interested in leadership; further developing the Leadership and Management learning resources; continuing to develop the Leadership and Management pre-Congress workshop format; and growing the SLAM membership and engagement in SLAM initiatives.

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- Dr Adrian Keller
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Section of Perinatal and Infant Psychiatry

Chair, Dr Nicola Beamish

In 2016, the main focus of the Section has been developing a document that lists training posts available throughout Australia and New Zealand. This document will be an easy reference for those seeking training in perinatal and infant psychiatry and will be kept up to date by the committee. This document can be found under the Sections page on the RANZCP website.

The committee also assisted in the preparation of Entrustable Professional Activities for perinatal psychiatry, reviewed reports for other organisations related to perinatal and infant mental health, and has had a voice in advocacy roles.

The committee has begun considering how to support other medical specialties such as paediatricians and obstetricians who have perinatal and infant psychiatry (PIP) training components.

The Section meets every two months. Membership of PIP will, from 2017, come at a small cost to members. This is in line with other Sections and revenue will be put toward undertaking committee roles that require face-to-face meetings and training opportunities for members.

The committee was pleased to see enormous growth membership in the past year and stays committed to having a voice in our field on behalf of you all.

Committee members ▼
» Dr Janet Bayley
 » Dr Nicola Beamish
 » Dr Anastasia Braun
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 » Dr Beate Harrison
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 » Dr Vanitha Kalra
 » Dr Elizabeth MacDonald
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 » Dr Adaobi Udechuku

Section of Private Practice Psychiatry

Chair, Dr Michelle Atchison

2016 has been a busy year for the Section of Private Practice Psychiatry. We have a new but enthusiastic committee, although many states in Australia are under-represented and new committee members are actively encouraged.

The committee and associated Fellows have provided input to RANZCP activities including: changes to the ‘Find a Psychiatrist’ online directory, which should be running in 2017; the Community Content project, with the development of several documents aimed at consumers, explaining the role of a psychiatrist; input into the Medicare Benefits Schedule Review Taskforce, which the committee sees as a central task for 2017; input into the Confidentiality of Clinical Records working group – my thanks to Dr Gary Galambos for his hard work here, leading to a recently published RANZCP position statement.

In 2017 the focus will include the Medicare rebate freeze, private health insurance’s neglect of psychiatric care and supporting private practitioners with changes to the RANZCP’s Continuing Professional Development program.

Committee members ▼
» Dr Michelle Atchison
 » Dr Gary Galambos
 » Dr Paul Cadzow
 » Dr Renate Mundl
 » Dr Virginia Loftus

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Section of Rural Psychiatry
Chair, Dr Andrew Howie

The Section of Rural Psychiatry has continued to be actively involved in College activities in 2016, including involvement in the Rural Mentoring and Welfare program, the Self-Care for Rural Psychiatrists working party and the Rural Psychiatrists’ Continuing Professional Development project. The Section has also been active in the Member’s Advisory Council.

Consultation has been sought from the committee on a number of issues including service provision in rural and remote areas and the National Disability Insurance Scheme ILC commissioning framework.

The Section is planning several presentations during Congress 2017 in Adelaide. The membership survey conducted in 2016 will shape our activities and priorities in 2017 as we continue working to increase our engagement with our members.

Section of Psychiatry of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
Chair, Dr Chad Bennett

During 2016, Section committee meetings were held in February, June and October. The Section was well represented at the International RANZCP Congress of Psychiatry in Hong Kong with interesting presentations and workshops delivered by Section members. A successful member’s forum was held at Congress along with members having the opportunity to experience Hong Kong dining and to get to know one another in less formal settings.

The Section contributed to the RANZCP position statement titled ‘Principles for treatment of persons acquitted on an insanity finding or found unfit to stand trial because of mental illness or cognitive disability’. There have also been several submissions in relation to the roll out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme and concerns about its impact on people with complex disability and mental health problems.

An important role undertaken by the Section was to provide evidence to the Senate inquiry into indefinite detention of people with cognitive and psychiatric impairment in Australia, which provided the opportunity to highlight the vulnerability of this population and the lack of services and appropriate safeguards in relation to involuntary treatment in custodial settings.

Members endorsed and commended the University of New South Wales production of ‘Positive cardiometabolic health for people with intellectual disabilities: an early intervention framework’ by Professor Julian Trollor’s 3DN unit, which continues to be very active in this space.

The Section is planning activities for the RANZCP Congress in Adelaide, has proposed a guest speaker and is exploring options for symposia.

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- Dr Chad Bennett
- Dr Juan Carlos D’Abrera
- Dr Catherine Franklin
- Dr Jennifer Harrison
- Dr Lynn Jones
- Prof Harry McConnell
- Dr Sergio Starkstein
- Dr Maria Tomasic
- Dr Jennifer Torr
- Prof Julian Trollor
- Dr Alice Chang
- Dr Murray Chapman
- Dr Tristram Duncan
- A/Prof Neeraj Gill
- Dr Jennifer Hodgson
- Dr Andrew Howie
- Dr Rita Kronstorfer
- Dr Brian McKenny
- Dr Brian Young
Section of Youth Mental Health
Chair, Associate Professor James Scott

In 2016, the Section of Youth Mental Health met every month and focused on member engagement and training issues. Professor Andrew Channen was the Section’s invited speaker for the 2016 Congress, delivering a presentation on ‘Divorce and suicidal risk: an East and West comparison’. It was a good opportunity to contribute to social and cultural aspects of suicide. Professor Yip was also part of the symposium on ‘Untying the knot: family violence, bullying and suicide’. The SSCP is looking forward to increasing membership of the Section in 2017.

The Section committee conducted a survey of members to identify educational topics of most interest to members and the platform by which the material could be delivered. The top five topics were: early psychosis; trauma spectrum disorders; youth mental health service development; autism spectrum disorders; and mood disorders. The preferred platforms for delivery of content were through downloadable recordable keynote lectures and brief focussed information.

The committee is currently focussing on identifying and developing online educational material on youth mental health for our members. The Section looks forward to another busy year where we will continue to have a voice for our members.

Committee members
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» Dr Sharon Foley
» Dr Peter Jenkins
» Dr Lisa Juckes
» Dr Megan Kalucy
» Dr John Koutsogiannis
» Dr Hugh Morgan
» A/Prof James Scott
» Dr Paul Vroegop
**New Fellows**

During 2016, 127 candidates were admitted to Fellowship of the RANZCP.

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- Dr Rodney Blanch

**New South Wales**
- Dr Jeffrey Ball
- Dr David Burton
- Dr Cheryl Colquhoun
- Dr Caroline De Vries
- Dr Emma Dickens
- Dr Alicia Foran
- Dr Lisa Gerlach
- Dr Emma Gilbert
- Dr James Goldstein
- Dr Yolandie Goodyear
- Dr Justin Ho
- Dr Jacqueline Huber
- Dr Mariann Jackson
- Dr Vivienne James
- Dr Katherine Kelly
- Dr Sally Lambert
- Dr Kim Le
- Dr Jennifer Macks
- Dr Ginja Mahale
- Dr Fortunate Mchechesi
- Dr Narayani Nair
- Dr Sujata Ojha
- Dr Clint Pilstili
- Dr Vanessa Powick
- Dr Wimaladharma Ranasinghe
- Dr Amirreza Shameli
- Dr Lauren Taylor
- Dr Joshua Tobin
- Dr Sujatha Arkalgud Venkatesh
- Dr Sunny Wade
- Dr Karen Williams
- Dr Kellie Winter

**Northern Territory**
- Dr David Chapman

**Queensland**
- Dr Hesitha Abeysundera
- Dr Sivagnanam Agilan
- Dr Carrick Anderson
- Dr Arulmathy Arunachalam
- Dr Davide Bertorelli
- Dr Shailendhra Bethi
- Dr Harish Bhat
- Dr Tessa Cookson
- Dr Krystal Dixon
- Dr Julian Dodemaide
- Dr Lorna Duggan
- Dr Mohammad Faizal
- Dr Deepak Gang
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- Dr Manoj George
- Dr Sunanda Ghosh
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- Dr Bonita Lloyd
- Dr Jeremy Loy
- Dr Heidi Newton
- Dr Hollie Williams

**Tasmania**
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- Dr Brian O’Donoghue
- Dr Karen Phillips
- Dr Arun Pillai-Sasidharan
- Dr Sophie Price
- Dr Nadered Radhakrishna
- Dr William Soo
- Dr David Syfret
- Dr Alberto Veloso
- Dr Yang Yun

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**New Zealand**
- Dr Christopher Ansley
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- Dr Sasha Todorovski
- Dr Kirsten Young
Certificates of Advanced Training

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Addiction Psychiatry
- Dr Lea Foo
- Dr Anvind Kendurkar
- Dr Kitty Lo
- Dr Allan Pascoe
- Dr Kavita Seth
- Dr Andrea Stimming

Adult Psychiatry
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- Dr Ranko Boljevic
- Dr Anantha Kovvuri
- Dr Raguraman Janakiraman
- Dr Jasmina Milosevic
- Dr Surendhra Naidu
- Dr King Yong

Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
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