2019 Annual Scientific Meeting wrap up

Spotlight on research: supporting members with research

Focus on advocacy: community engagement and patient support

New staff at College

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With great pleasure I have written this article having returned from the very successful Melbourne Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM). Our yearly major conference was well attended and greatly enjoyed, both in the lecture theatre and at the social events.

Tremendous thanks goes to both our own and our international speakers, who all added real substance to our scientific meeting and contributed to the success of our social engagements with their contributions. The Convenors Dr Anousha Yazdabadi, Associate Professor Rosemary Nixon and Dr Matheen Mohamed are to be congratulated, as well as College staff, The Association Specialists and all those who worked in the background including the Victorian Faculty as our hosts. As I take the reins as your President, it is essential to thank the outgoing President, Associate Professor Andrew Miller for his tireless and deeply thoughtful leadership. His commitment of time and attention to detail has been a fine example to all Fellows, young and old. A/Prof Miller has contributed to College selflessly over a long period of time and we wish him and his family well. He continues a long line of diligent leaders of College and I hope I can successfully follow in his footsteps.

I am honoured and excited to serve you, the Fellows, over the next few years. A new strategic plan covering 2020 to 2023 is in draft form and will be coming to Fellows shortly for comment before adoption. This provides the framework for my term. Ultimately, the plan is to make us all better dermatologists, as well as to train quality new dermatologists, so that optimum patient care is the outcome. We want to be unavoidably relevant to our patients, the community and government. The strategic plan hopes to support Fellows, both clinicians and researchers alike, underpinning this relevance. To achieve this, I need your support, your advice and your input. Please put your hand up where you can, to contribute at a local Faculty or national level, in any capacity – this is your College. Happily, you have a very capable team on the Board and at College staff level, to continue the good work of those that have gone before.

Some of you will have met our two independent directors, Philip Hyde and Genevieve Dolan, at the ASM. They bring a different perspective to our Board’s deliberations and have improved the Board’s governance and processes since their appointment. The addition of Associate Professor Anna Braue as Honorary Secretary will also provide further depth to College process. Staying on task with improved governance, I have recently graduated from an Australian Institute of Company Directors course and have participated in a ‘Role of the Board Chair’ seminar. This was very instructive and will help me get the best out of myself and your Board over the next two years.

Government engagement has been a hot topic recently, with Medicare audits and item number adjustments creating some confusion. College’s Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) Committee, with the support of College staff and others, are in ongoing discussions with the relevant government bodies. Your feedback on any of these issues, as well as on timed consultations, be they positive or negative, is imperative so that we are well equipped to continue robust and considered discussion.
Trainee welfare and flexibility in training are areas that the Australian Medical Council (AMC) review of College highlighted. It is essential that all Fellows do the bullying and harassment modules on the College website, as well as be cognisant of trainee issues and their suggestions to make their program more effective whilst ensuring all stakeholders are still being treated respectfully.

On 6 to 8 September 2019, our Rural Dermatology Meeting is being held in Orange, New South Wales. As well as a strong scientific program, we are looking forward to particularly relevant discussions canvassing the many and complex issues of providing quality dermatology services in rural and regional Australia. Please join us for this, whether you are regionally involved, or purely wish to show support and understand the challenges facing Fellows that practice outside of the city.

As always, there are many challenges ahead for a small but very special College over the next few years—please join me on this exciting journey.

Associate Professor David Francis
President

CEO’S REPORT

College is at a key point in its history. For the last three years College has been gradually transforming. The intent now is to build on the successes, with purpose and speed. College now has improved capabilities to accelerate—headquarters has staff, projects are underway, we have engaged members, committees and taskforces. I hope you can feel the value being delivered.

The profession is still playing catch up, so further investment will be sought through the Board. The encouraging aspect is that there is so much untapped potential. In this article I want to discuss the journal, community engagement, hospital presence, our perception by other medical practitioners and the Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) as touchpoints that we can take to new levels.

Those of you attending the Annual General Meeting (AGM), would have seen Dr William Ryman, Editor in Chief (with Associate Professor Marius Rademaker) do a short presentation on the Australasian Journal of Dermatology (AJD) metrics, which showed that the majority of the readership is from overseas and most read it online. A locally focussed print-based publication is no longer the core of this business. I am not saying that the print version is not important, but where might the AJD go from here? What Dr Ryman didn’t say is how impressed Wiley are with the Editorial Committee, how that group is committed and productive and how its management is a model of success. So how to capitalise on this strength? It is worth reflecting that the British Journal of Dermatology (BJD) now has an impact factor of over six and that it earns the British Association of Dermatologists over 50% of its revenue. How did the BJD get to this point? After a much longer history, for one, they now employ an editorial team of five. This investment repays their association many times over.

Perhaps College is at the point where the next step is to employ a part-time Editor in Chief? Is this type of investment worthwhile? The AJD could be a key to our ongoing international presence and a major reputational booster. If it raises more revenue through royalties this will be important for College operations, to pay the Editor and, in time, staff to assist the Editor.

College needs to develop a clear vision for the journal in five or 10 years’ time.

The quiet achievers in College are the Community Engagement Advisory Committee and the liaison work occurring with our patient support groups. At the ASM there was a roundtable with these groups. With community engagement processes now well established, advocacy for dermatology can form a pincer movement: College advocacy to government and community advocacy for dermatology and College.

Community engagement has built steadily. Many thanks to Haley Bennett and Mariam Zahid of College staff and the community members of the committee. When it comes to advocacy, College would like a strategy to counter anecdotes heard from your colleagues in other medical disciplines who form often derogatory views about dermatology. I hear from them that dermatologists have it easy, are protectionist and limit entry to the profession, are exclusive and hard to see. We really have to change these narratives and disabuse people of these notions where they are clearly false. For instance, we do not limit numbers in training by design, it limits itself because dermatologists clearly false. For instance, we do not limit numbers in training by design, it limits itself because dermatologists are not in every public hospital. There is no cunning protectionist strategy. There is enough patient demand for College to be comfortable producing many more dermatologists than 25 per year.

Hitting it easy? Well it’s clearly not an inpatient profession with the pressures of demand on beds, but it is not acceptable to have dermatology portrayed as easy or having no place in a hospital. Could we do more to get other medical practitioners on our side, especially in hospitals through their medical staff councils? It might help if dermatology was more widely established within the hospital system, making it more visible to more medical practitioners. Is it time for sustained effort to get to the hospitals where there are no appointed dermatologists? Every state Faculty could probably easily identify hospitals where any sensible medical practitioner would support having dermatologists as part of the service mix—where a good solid service could be built, based on high demand. The Victorian Faculty has done this at the Northern Hospital.
and leveraged resources. Over the next five years, adding new hospitals as teaching sites would assist in producing more Fellows per year, helping to counter negative perceptions in the other medical professions and within medical administrations.

If Faculties can target certain sites, College staff can help you negotiate and put pressure on at state and regional level, but this needs a readiness that is lined up in advance of the lobbying.

So it is my view that the profession is at another important juncture: its presence in hospitals. Being relevant to other clinicians is work we need to do. I will not discuss public perceptions today, but we must tackle perceptions of value versus cost for dermatologist’s service. And we must change perceptions about waiting lists and how urgent needs are met.

Finally, on the theme of transformations and things that we need to see change in, the ASM is transforming. The Scientific Meetings Steering Committee under Associate Professor Gayle Fisher’s leadership is making changes to slowly move the ASM to world-class level. The three streams at the Melbourne ASM were a part of this. I wish to acknowledge, thank and make special mention of the convenors Dr Anousha Yazabadi, Associate Professor Rosemary Nixon and Dr Matheen Mohamed, who really embraced this challenge. They came up trumps. We also had quite a few groups meet on the Friday. Thanks to Associate Professor Gregory Goodman and Associate Professor John Su who embraced these opportunities.

A world-class meeting in Australia that overseas dermatologists and clinicians will seek out, will include a Friday special interest group meeting day followed by a full and diverse conference program. A good start would be to build on what occurred in Melbourne. The Melbourne scientific program felt like a success to me based on the feedback I received. Next is to extend invitations to our Asian neighbours through scholarships to the ASM and we will find that this will be reciprocated.

I got my dose of clinical learning from Dr Jean Bolognia and my science learning from Professor Enno Schmidt. One wonders how a human allows their back to grow a Basal Cell Carcinoma (BCC) as big as a football. Speaking of football, the hugely fun trivia team event saw College robbed of victory by Melbourne-biased Australian Football League (AFL) questions, but this was a hilarious event. Well done Dr Gordon Rennick and team and the winners (from Victoria). This and the other social program changes that were made, most notably a party rather than a sit down dinner, got positive feedback. The Association Specialists (Jade Riolo and team) and Roshan Lewis put in a lot of thinking and effort to that party. We want to find the formula that gets ticks from most. Soon we will have more than anecdotes, with some statistics from the feedback through the App.

Tim Wills
Chief Executive Officer
ELECTRONIC VOTING

College is investigating moving away from postal ballots to electronic ballots. There are many good systems for reliable casting of votes and College would be simply catching up to what is standard practice in many other Colleges.

There will be some proposed constitutional changes - see the article on Governance of College. College holds ballots to elect the President Elect, if there is more than one candidate and must canvas the membership to change the Constitution or the Auditor. It is proposed to adopt a system then seek the proposed constitutional changes through electronic voting. The Constitution allows the Board to determine the means by which it holds ballots. Postal ballots are a time consuming and costly process. The Board will shortly assess the cost savings from investing in and running a more efficient electronic system.

BOARD REPORT

The Board met on Friday 17 May 2019, just prior to the Melbourne ASM. All Directors were present. This was the final meeting of President, A/Prof Andrew Miller. The main points to note were:

1. The Board reviewed the two-year term of the Presidency, progress made and matters outstanding or in progress. At the change of a President there is a risk of corporate memory loss over time, or that good ideas are eventually passed over. This was discussed with a view to maintaining former Presidents in some way so as to keep momentum on ideas that span over more than one presidency – a good example is the endowment fund set up during Warren Weightman’s term that still holds currency, but we may have lost knowledge of the targets set for the fund over time.

2. The Board sighted the first draft of the new Strategic Plan - this aimed to capture the sentiments of the workshop of the Board and Faculties held in Melbourne on 1 December 2018. The Board agreed that the draft, subject to minor amendments, should be issued for broader consultation with members.

3. The Board agreed that the CEO is to investigate a new College headquarters location and concept. The options start with a simple office-only concept, an office plus a training/exam centre or the latter plus some clinical services for member remediation.

4. The Board assessed the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) of the CEO, which are to now align with a President’s term. The Deputy CEO will also develop KPIs for Board review.

5. The Board agreed to approach sponsors for education grants to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander trainees.

6. The Board sighted a template Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) so it may enter into high level agreements that express an intent to cooperate with outside entities. The first example was an MOU with the Australian Society of Cosmetic Dermatologists.

deed of indemnity, and Directors and Officer’s liability insurance. Those on Committees have professional indemnity cover as volunteers.

The other powers the College holds are those that the members grant to the Board via the Constitution.

Secondly, Faculties are not separate corporate entities. They hold no formal legal status. They may not enter into contracts nor pay suppliers, but they are vitalely needed and must work through College headquarters, consistent to College direction. College signs contracts on behalf of Faculties and pays Faculty bills out of Faculty bank accounts. All Faculties hold their own financial reserves. College expects Faculties to grow or spend reserves according to a purpose and that purpose cannot be counter to the College purpose (see the Objects in the Constitution). Technically, Faculties do not need to hold Annual General Meetings (AGMs). Companies, like College, must do so within six months of the end of their financial year. Faculties hold AGMs as a matter of custom and to set a formal point in the year for changeover of officers and other matters, such as considering Faculty fees. The Constitution does not spell out the roles of Faculties. Why is this the case? In the past, a role of a Faculty was to nominate a Fellow to be a Faculty representative on the Board. In 2015 when this was changed to no longer being necessary, the purpose of Faculties was reviewed. In 2017, the Board adopted regulations that outline Faculty roles. At the next constitutional change, the roles are proposed to be placed within the Constitution.
Kirsty Edwards is responsible for managing both the internal and external training programs offered by College, outside of the training program. She also supports the Mohs Group and the A-Z of Skin. Kirsty has an honours degree in business from London Guildhall University and five years’ experience working in the education sector. She has also worked for global management consultancies, migration agencies and in the medical events field. Outside of College, Kirsty has recently managed to finish her second triathlon and is now looking forward to potentially getting electrocuted at her first tough mudder.

Belinda Jackson coordinates and leads the development of strategic policy initiatives. She is actively searching for ways for College to have influence within government and health policy in Australia. Belinda is also eager to raise the profile of the College within the community. She is keen to work with members to make sure our community of professionals have a say.

Belinda has worked extensively with the NSW Government in a broad spectrum of policy portfolios including spatial data, disability and education, science and engineering. More recently she led the development of a youth homelessness prevention strategy in British Columbia, Canada. When she’s not working Belinda is either reading, riding, running, hiking or skiing.

Christy Li enjoys working in the friendly environment of College and expanding her knowledge and understanding of all related tasks at hand.

In the past she has worked at Inchcape Subaru Group overseeing day to day account transactions and reporting to the financial manager. Christy is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and completed a Bachelor of Accounting at University of Sydney. Apart from work, she has a very jolly personality and is interested in experiencing new things. Christy likes yoga, Zumba and family time with her little boy.
Lucy Luo is responsible for the accreditation of training positions, Special Training Program (STP) funded positions and International Medical graduates (IMG) selection.

Before starting with College, she had worked with Registered Training Organisation providers and specialised in managing admissions compliance for student recruitment. This role provides Lucy with the opportunity to utilise her knowledge in the education industry and understand and overcome the challenges of her current role with a strong customer focus.

She enjoys good food, travelling and spending time with family and friends.

Dr Cate Scarff’s role aims to create knowledge and recommend enhancements in matters relating to trainee support and welfare. It involves logistical and pastoral care elements to support trainees and works with other members in Victoria.

Dr Scarff’s background is in both dermatology and medical education. She completed her dermatology Fellowship in 2006 and commenced study in medical education at Monash University in 2011. Dr Scarff worked in the Department of Medical Education, University of Melbourne, in medical student support, curriculum development, assessment and professionalism roles and is an Officer in the Royal Australian Air Force reserves. She is currently taking time off clinical work while in the final year of her PhD in medical education at the University of Melbourne.

Alison Smith is searching dermatology workforce issues and developing College’s Research Strategy. With post graduate qualifications in science and business, Alison has worked with public, private and not-for-profit organisations in the science and health sectors for many years. Her most recent work has focussed on strategic foresight, organisational improvement and evidence based health service evaluation and planning.

Her hobbies include swimming, walking, reading, medieval history, furniture upcycling and attending contemporary dance performances.

Mariam Zahid has a background in sociology and has previously worked with the British Embassy in the capacity of human rights and raising awareness around legislation and implementation challenges. She is passionate about addressing the inequalities that exist in the health and education system and has recently moved to Australia.
“I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE A CHAT.”

THESE WORDS COULD BE SAID IN SO MANY PLACES:
SUPERVISOR TO TRAINEE, FELLOW TO FELLOW, MENTOR TO MENTEE, FRIEND TO FRIEND – THE LIST GOES ON.
THE CONTEXT OF THIS CHAT IS COLLEGE TO FELLOWS AND IT INVOLVES THE TRAINING PROGRAM.

All of you have been through the training program and many are involved in giving back to the College as a supervisor, through a committee or some other means, which College is thankful for. However with recent reports from the Australian Medical Council (AMC), Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) and internal reports on trainee welfare, we are now approaching a fork in the road with regards to the training program. The AMC process has led to a number of positive changes to the program, and I believe in order for us to further improve our training program, we need to consider more. Albert Einstein is quoted as saying “The world as we have created it is a process of our thinking. It cannot be changed without changing our thinking.”

Our thinking has already started to evolve when it comes to education at College. Appointing external members to the Academic Standards Committee, incorporating AMC conditions and considering the trainee welfare reports have brought about changes. We aim to continue to provide a positive learning experience for trainees and place the College at the forefront of dermatology training and research.
SO HOW DO WE DO THAT?

Criculina are generally reviewed every five years. The last review was implemented in 2016, so we would be aiming for a 2021 release, meaning work in 2020 will need to be done. I suspect most Fellows will have a view on the curriculum and how it is delivered. Consider the topics below, or others, and maybe start a conversation with your peers, trainees, Faculties and even other professionals and then provide us with your ideas or feedback. This is a great opportunity to have your say. It’s a big brainstorming exercise where no idea is wrong.

1 EDUCATION MODEL: The existing curriculum has been built around the CanMEDS framework. How can we best utilise this framework for the ongoing teaching and assessment of trainees?

2 CURRICULUM: The curriculum is no doubt extensive and the AMC provided good feedback on this. Does it still cover everything? Does it cover too much? Should it be looking at some areas in more detail? Have you looked at the curriculum in the eportal? Go to: Training Program>Training Program Key Information> Training Program Curriculum

3 TEACHING AND LEARNING RESOURCES: How can we ensure all trainees get access to the relevant resources they need such as lectures, presentations, online modules, books, articles, etc. Each Faculty usually runs a series of tutorials and education sessions. Can there be a more national and collaborative approach to learning? We are also working on an Information Technology (IT) systems review to consider our existing reporting and system tools.

4 ASSESSMENT: In 2020 we will be moving to criteria based assessment in the Fellowship exam. This will hopefully reduce some of the stresses experienced by trainees who feel they are competing against each other. Some Fellows have commented that the part 1 exams should be brought back. Others talk about barrier exams or assessments in first or second year to ensure people are on track. Other ideas for assessment include ‘entrustable activities’ where skills can be signed off as being competent. What are your thoughts on assessment? Do SITAs and WBA’s work? Is there a better way?

5 TRAINING SITES: College is currently exploring methods to increase available training sites, but what else can be done to ensure trainees are getting access to educational opportunities? How do we ensure that trainees are getting the support and exposure they need at the sites they work at? How do we increase rural exposure or access to rural sites?

6 RESEARCH: What about research? Are Australian dermatologists leading the way? Should College be providing more opportunities for trainees in this field and encouraging the development of future researchers? Is this outside the scope of the curriculum or should we be offering more research opportunities and if so how?

7 SUPERVISORS: What makes a good supervisor, and how can we help prepare and support supervisors in their roles. What level of training should they have? Consider the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) and Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) who have specific courses for their supervisors. How do supervisors get feedback and how do we reward good supervisors and train those requiring additional skills?

8 WELFARE: Recent reports highlighted a range of issues with trainee welfare. The Bullying and Harassment Taskforce has also indicated areas for improvement. How can we best support Fellows and trainees in the educational and working environment? How can we achieve more flexibility in the training program?

And finally, College wishes all candidates sitting the Fellowship examinations all the best.

Brett O’Neill
Director Education Services

There are many more topics to consider in the curriculum and training areas, so this is just a start.

If you feel that you would like to find out more about how you could be involved in the next curriculum review, please contact me at College on brett.oneill@dermcoll.edu.au or 02 8741 4199. Perhaps each Faculty could propose one or two people with an interest in education to be part of the curriculum review.
FURTHER TRAINING FOR FELLOWS

COLLEGE NOW OFFERS TWO APPROVED HIGHER EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS FOR FELLOWS. THE MASTER OF DERMATOLOGY AND THE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE OF COSMETIC DERMATOLOGY ARE CURRENTLY BEING OFFERED AND ARE AVAILABLE FOR ENROLMENTS.

The Master of Dermatology is based on the training program and offers Fellows an opportunity to gain a nationally accredited higher education degree that is both portable and accepted internationally. Fellows gain considerable Recognised Prior Learning and depending on their research background and year of Fellowship, may only be required to complete certain subjects in order to gain their Masters. Please take the time to review the course on the website. Go to: For fellows and trainees>Continued Learning & CPD>Master of Dermatology for more information. Enrolments for this course are now open.

Please contact Kirsty Edwards at the College on kirsty@dermcoll.edu.au for more information.

The Graduate Certificate in Cosmetic Dermatology comprises of four online subjects for Fellows interested in Cosmetic Dermatology. The course has a theoretical base, covering a range of key areas which may be considered foundational to further advancement in the development of knowledge and skills in the field of cosmetic dermatological practice. It focuses on principles, concepts and theories that underpin the sub-domain of dermatological practice that is cosmetic dermatology. Feedback from one student is: “I have recently completed subject 1 of the Graduate Certificate in Cosmetic Dermatology. It was an excellent course with a well-designed program. The reading and lecture materials were informative and interesting and the course tutors were all very helpful. I look forward to the next subject.” Please take the time to review the course on the website. Go to: For fellows and trainees>Continued Learning & CPD>Master of Cosmetic Dermatology for more information. Enrolments for this course are now open.

Please contact Kirsty Edwards at the College on kirsty@dermcoll.edu.au for more information.

TRAINING FOR GPS

COLLEGE CONTINUES TO OFFER TRAINING TO GENERAL PRACTITIONERS (GPS) IN THE AREA OF SKIN CANCER.

This is becoming an increasingly competitive education market with the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP), Health Cert and other providers offering similar education certificates. In surveys conducted by College, GPSs indicated that they prefer to be taught by dermatologists as they see them as the experts. This is one of the reasons why College feels it is important to invest in this field. College also sees it as an important part of patient care to ensure that GPSs are aware of their skills and know when to refer to dermatologists.

The GP Taskforce has been busy with the promotion and teaching of four modules. These include: practical dermoscopy, benign and precancerous skin lesions, melanoma and other skin cancers and a practical workshop. A fifth module (practical therapies) is currently being developed. College has also been working closely with the Cancer Council Victoria to deliver a purpose built dermoscopy module. To date College has trained over 200 GPSs in the area of dermoscopy alone.

Please help College provide expert training for GPSs. We provide honorariums for this work and complete administrative support. This vital education ensures that GPSs have adequate skills to enable them to act and/or refer appropriately. College would love to hear from any Fellows who are interested in teaching or marking in this area.

If you have an interest, please contact Kirsty Edwards at College on kirsty@dermcoll.edu.au.

TRAINEE CORNER

HIGH TEA AT HOTEL CAFE ROYAL IN LONDON, ENGLAND – DR MICHAELA ZALLMAN, DR LAUREN ANDERSON AND DR MINHEE KIM

THE MOLE ● WINTER 2019
GOVERNMENT, POLICY AND ENGAGEMENT

ADDRESSING MALDISTRIBUTION OF DERMATOLOGY SERVICES

BACKGROUND

Over 90% of dermatologists in Australia live and practise in major metropolitan centres.

This urban-centric distribution is not unique to dermatology – inequitable access to services in regional and rural areas is observed for most medical specialties and this is reflected in poorer patient outcomes across several key health measures.

Federal and state governments have implemented a number of strategies over the years to address maldistribution of the health workforce, using policy levers such as financial incentive schemes and bonded placements. However, these strategies have not made an adequate impact over the long term. Increasingly, evidence suggests that the strongest predictor of practicing regionally is location of origin i.e. those from the country are more likely to stay or return to the country. Thus the most recent approach implemented by government has been an investment in decentralising medical undergraduate training, with a view to increasing specialist training opportunities in the regions so that strong regional specialist pipelines exist. Within this context, and while this remains a strategic priority for governments and an area of investment, College will continue to actively explore opportunities to grow training and services in regional and rural areas.

COLLEGE APPROACH TO ADDRESSING MALDISTRIBUTION

To achieve the goal of equitable access to dermatological care, areas in which College can work to make a positive contribution have been identified:

1. Increasing the number and retention of dermatologists in regional areas
2. Increasing the number of training positions in regional areas
3. Increasing the capacity for remote service delivery
4. Increasing the capacity for outreach service delivery

Over the last three years, College has undertaken a number of pieces of work, which will inform a long-term strategy for addressing maldistribution. The ultimate goal is a stable regional workforce with sufficient capacity and secure funding to deliver both dermatology services and registrar training. As such, it is recognised that there is no single solution and a multi-faceted approach involving activities within Education, Policy, Government and Community Advocacy has commenced.

In many cases, these activities have been in scoping projects aimed to provide robust data on which to evaluate future success, to inform evidence-based recommendations related to the training program, or to provide a rationale for target setting, should this approach be supported.

DATA TO INFORM WORKFORCE PLANNING

Workforce data and capacity modelling was undertaken with the Department of Health in 2017. From this, the Dermatology Workforce Action Plan was developed in collaboration with the Department, against which College reports periodically to the National Medical Training Advisory Network (NMTAN; now the Medical Workforce Reform Advisory Committee).

While the opportunity to work with NMTAN and highlight dermatology workforce issues has been of key strategic importance, no targets have been set against the Action Plan. Thus, it is difficult to measure tangible success, noting that intangible outcomes include improved engagement with Federal and jurisdictional health departments and profiling of College helping to gain traction with our advocacy efforts.
GOVERNMENT ADVOCACY - EXPANSION OF SERVICES AND REGISTRAR FUNDING

Our strategy at this early point has focused on engagement and building relationships with jurisdictional health departments and health services/districts, predominantly through face-to-face meetings. The approach has been to work with Faculties to identify locations appropriate for expansion or establishment of dermatology departments and build on this local knowledge to have some quick wins, both within metropolitan and regional areas.

To inform a more targeted evidence-based approach, we have secured Commonwealth funding to undertake a rural needs analysis. This will involve collection of data on regional services, mapping these against areas of need according to epidemiological data and electorate information and developing an advocacy strategy to target specific local, state and Federal ministers.

A pilot project for remote delivery of services and training using teledermatology was proposed in College’s Federal 2019-2020 pre-budget submission. While not successful, we will build upon this initial work as part of our 2020-2021 Federal government advocacy strategy. Disappointingly, the post-election Morrison Government has not established a dedicated rural health portfolio, however we will continue to engage with the Health Minister Greg Hunt MP and the newly-appointed Regional Services Minister, Mark Coulton MP.

COMMUNITY ADVOCACY

Raising awareness of the impact of inequitable access to specialist dermatological care is the focus of College’s current community engagement strategy. A white paper and two videos are in development with patient support groups, which aim to highlight the experiences of patients with chronic skin conditions and an accompanying call to action for increased funding for dermatology services and training. These will be launched online for World Skin Health Day 2019, as a grassroots approach complementary to our government advocacy strategy.

Engagement with local regional communities will be critical for future approaches to local governments and health services, to be developed following findings from the rural needs analysis project.

TOOLS AND RESOURCES

To support supervisors establish outreach clinics and optimise the training experience for accompanying registrars, we are developing a supervisors toolkit and resource package, to be developed by an external agency, through consultation with Fellows experienced at working in these settings and informed by evidence of best practice models of outreach.

College is finalising our teledermatology guidelines, which set out standards for teledermatology delivery. This, in turn, will form the basis of embedding learning outcomes in the training curriculum.

PRIVATE PRACTICE TRAINING

Currently, Specialist Training Position (STP) funding supports some rural training, however this funding pool is unlikely to increase. As such, College is undertaking a project to determine whether a sustainable and autonomous model of private practice training can be developed and to identify barriers, risks and other issues relating to training in the private setting.

Haley Bennett
Deputy CEO
College will continue to offer competitive project grant funding from the ACD Scientific Research Fund later this year. This fund is made possible by the generous support of our members and we sincerely thank you for your contributions. Unfortunately we are no longer able to offer the F&E Bauer Foundation scholarships as the Foundation trustees have not renewed their funding with us. However, we would like to encourage all members to continue donating to the Scientific Research Fund so that College can secure our Fellows and trainees place in Australian and international dermatology research, now and into the future.

Alison Smith
Research Officer

NEW IMMUNE CHECKPOINT THERAPY FOR MELANOMA GETS BOOST FROM COLLEGE GRANT

College Fellow, Professor Nikolas Haass, heads the Experimental Melanoma Therapy Group of The University of Queensland Diamantina Institute (UQDI). Prof Haass and PhD student Sheena Daignault are trying to turn an immunologically ‘cold tumour’ into a ‘hot tumour’ by introducing immunogenic cell death (ICD) in melanoma cells. Cells undergoing ICD release so-called ‘find me’ and ‘eat me’ signals, addressed to immature dendritic cells, which in turn mature and then educate T-cells to recognise and kill melanoma cells.

In 2018, Prof Haass was awarded the College Scientific Research Fund grant for 'Improving Immune Checkpoint Therapy of Melanoma,' which is supporting Sheena’s project on ‘Enhancing ER stress induced apoptosis and immunogenic cell death in melanoma.’

Using cutting-edge technology, such as real-time cell cycle and cell death imaging of melanoma cells in three-dimensional cell culture and in vivo, Prof Haass and his team investigate the role of tumour heterogeneity in melanomagenesis and therapy response, with the goal to develop novel therapeutic approaches. This work has contributed to the understanding and subsequent development of targeted therapies for melanoma and proposed a number of novel drug targets.

Only a few agents can elicit bona fide ICD, including some clinically established drugs such as the proteasome inhibitor bortezomib (Velcade®), a Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA)-approved drug for multiple myeloma and mantle cell lymphoma. Importantly, current systemic therapies for melanoma do not trigger ICD.

Prof Haass proposes that targeting metastatic melanoma with the ICD-inducer bortezomib could improve therapy outcomes, by essentially immunising the patient with their own personalised cancer vaccine in the form of antigens expressed on melanoma cells undergoing ICD. This new idea was based on the apparent failure of a clinical trial testing the combination of the RAF-inhibitor sorafenib with bortezomib (Velcade®). The team found a mechanism through which sorafenib inhibits the activity of bortezomib, which was explained in a recent paper in Journal of Investigative Dermatology and subsequent viewpoint in Experimental Dermatology by Prof Haass and his team. This discovery highlights the importance of a bilateral sharing between basic science, translational and clinical research.

Born and raised in Mannheim, Germany, Prof Haass studied medicine the University of Heidelberg and then gained his PhD at the German Cancer Research Centre in 1999. He became a board-certified dermatologist in 2003 after training at the University Hospital Hamburg-Eppendorf and was funded by the German Research Foundation for five years as a post-doctoral Fellow at the Wistar Institute (University of Pennsylvania) in Philadelphia, USA. After being awarded the Cameron Melanoma Research Fellowship, Prof Haass headed the Experimental Melanoma Therapy group at the Centenary Institute in Sydney from 2007 to 2013. Becoming a College Fellow in 2013, Prof Haass commenced his current position at UQDI in 2013. He is also past president of the Australasian Society for Dermatology Research (ASDR).

Further reading:


Australian and international dermatology research, now and into the future.

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT COLLEGE?

THE MOLE ● WINTER 2019
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Community Engagement Advisory Committee (CEAC) was established in 2016 to provide strategic advice and support to the Board of Directors on dermatological issues relevant to the community, including consumer health care needs and priorities, the impact of College’s educational programs and the delivery of dermatological services.

THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF CEAC IS TO:
- Collaborate with the Board to improve College governance in all its forms by bringing a community perspective
- Collaborate with College’s educational leaders to promote understanding of dermatological health care needs and community perspectives of care, so that College’s educational programs reflect and include these perspectives
- Co-design community engagement activities and strengthen collaborations for the mutual benefit of the skin health of communities and for College cultural and community sensitivity.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Gayle Murphy (Chair): Gayle has been a principal/teacher for 40 years. She has extensive consumer health experience and is the Chair of the Murrumbidgee Local Health District (MLHD)- NSW Health (2012 to present)

2. John Stubbs: John is a regular speaker at medical conferences internationally and in Australia on health and cancer policy, advocacy, clinical trials, research and related issues. He is a board member of Cancer Institute NSW and sits on the Medical Services Advisory Committee and Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) Review Oncology Drugs Clinical Committee

3. Terry Kirkpatrick: Terry is a registered psychologist and has over 30 years’ clinical experience working in mental health across various sectors. He is currently appointed by the Minister of Health to the Official Visitor Program under the Mental Health Act (2007) and is the former Deputy Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Mental Health Association NSW

4. Mary Karras: Mary is a passionate believer in the principles of multiculturalism. She is the CEO of the Ethnic Communities Council of NSW. Mary sits on numerous Boards, advisory panels and committees and contributes to the broader agenda of enhancing social cohesion and community harmony

5. Judithe Hall: Judithe has enjoyed a diverse career, mostly in the fields of education and librarianship. Her association with the College began with International Medical Graduate (IMG) training in March 2014, and as a lay member of the Teaching, Learning and Curriculum Committee working on the new curriculum for trainees

6. Roslyn Lawson: Roslyn is a trained consumer representative through Breast Cancer Network Australia (BCNA) and has acted as a consumer representative on many health-related projects.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT—OUR WORK WITH PATIENT SUPPORT GROUPS

College continues to work closely with representatives from dermatological patient support groups. Building strong relationships with these groups helps us gain a better understanding of patient need, not only the clinical challenges of treating dermatological conditions, but also their unique challenges in navigating the healthcare system, health literacy issues and the psychosocial impact of skin disease.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE PATIENT SUPPORT GROUP MONTHLY SERIES

As part of our ongoing engagement with patient support groups, the College is running a monthly series on social media. This series is an exciting opportunity to emphasise that for patients, dermatology is more than just skin. It is aimed at providing College and the support groups with a platform to come together to raise awareness of particular skin conditions and the support mechanisms for patients that exist within the community.

To date, College has run two features in this monthly series, with Melanoma Patients Australia in April 2019 and Eczema Association Australia in May 2019. The series included content to profile each organisation, the principal services they provide and individual patient stories. It was published on College Facebook and Twitter pages. The posts had a collective reach of more than 3,500 people.
OUR CAMPAIGN FOR WORLD SKIN HEALTH DAY 2019

Following our successful social media campaign for World Skin Health Day 2018, we have commenced work on this year’s activities.

For 2019, we will be releasing several resources developed in collaboration with patient support groups to support our government advocacy initiatives. With a ‘Call to Action’ for increased government funding of dermatology training and services, we are producing two videos and a report to highlight access issues to specialist care from the patient’s perspective.

During the Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM), we started work on this important initiative. College hosted its third annual roundtable with patient support group representatives on Monday 20 May 2019. This year’s roundtable was used as an opportunity to discuss and collect feedback to create content for the policy report. The patient support groups will contribute in the development of this report by sharing their patient stories and case studies.

We also collected footage for our advocacy videos, which will feature six patient support groups, the President Associate Professor David Francis and CEAC Chair Gayle Murphy. The videos highlight the chronic and prolonged nature of skin diseases and how dermatologists play an important role in the diagnosis and management of these conditions.

We are very pleased that patient support groups have come together to support College’s call for more funding from the government to address the projected critical shortage of dermatologists. Through a united voice with patients, we are hopeful that our advocacy activities will gain further traction and visibility with Federal and state governments.

PLEASE LET YOUR PATIENTS KNOW ABOUT THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO THEM THROUGH VARIOUS PATIENT SUPPORT GROUPS. THE NEW PATIENT SUPPORT GROUP FLYER CAN BE ACCESSED ON THE COLLEGE WEBSITE. PLEASE CONTACT COLLEGE IF YOU WOULD LIKE PRINTED COPIES SENT TO YOUR PRACTICE.

Mariam Zahid
Engagement Officer

MARKETING CAMPAIGN

Phase one of the marketing campaign has resulted in several pieces on cosmetic dermatology featuring College Fellows being published in online media. For phase two, a Medical Journal of Australia Insight piece will be co-authored by incoming President Associate Professor David Francis and Professor H Peter Soyer.

An animation titled ‘About dermatology’ has been finalised as part of the campaign and is now available to be shared on the College YouTube channel and website.

SPONSORSHIP TASKFORCE

The Sponsorship Taskforce met for the first time in April 2019. Formed through the Professional Standards Committee, the aim of this taskforce is to garner membership opinion on sponsorship with a view to forming College sponsorship policy and guidelines. Each member of this taskforce has an interest in, or experience of this area. Sponsorship is a hot topic that provokes strong opinions, however College needs to make headway in this area. Does sponsorship entail money only? Who do we accept sponsorship from? What will be the restrictions? What are the goals of sponsorship?

2023 WORLD CONGRESS OF DERMATOLOGY

The bid video has been completed and at the time of writing the presentation was being rehearsed by bid President Professor H Peter Soyer and General Secretary Associate Professor Stephen Shumack. They are to present our bid at the 2019 World Congress of Dermatology in June 2019 in Milan, where our final networking function for the bid will be held before the vote.

2021 INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF DERMATOLOGY

The Local Organising Committee have met twice, with the next meeting to be held in August 2019. A detailed marketing plan is being implemented for the event and the program shell is being worked on. The meeting Convenor, Professor Dedee Murrell, accompanied Dr Jean Bologna for hotel inspections in May 2019.
The month of April 2019 saw me go away for professional development to England and Scotland to improve my understanding about photodermatology. I find these focused visits with one-to-one discussion with experts more useful than attending a conference listening to experts speak on disparate topics. I attended the photobiology units at Guy’s and St Thomas’ Hospital, London and Ninewells, Dundee, graciously hosted by Dr John Ferguson and Dr Robert Dawe at their respective sites.

Photodermatoses are more common in the United Kingdom (UK). Polymorphous light eruption is a relatively rare diagnosis in Sydney – I usually see it at the start of spring in women who are culturally covered. I was intrigued to see the acute variant of Chronic Actinic Dermatitis in women with darker phototypes as I sat in with an expert in photobiology, Dr Hiva Fassihi, and will look out for it amongst my patients. I wonder if acquired photodermatoses is a bit like the peanut allergy conundrum where the avoidance actually leads to the disease.

The implications of vitamin D deficiency in photodermatoses and the role of supplementation remains unclear. There remains a controversy about whether the immune benefits of vitamin D can be achieved with supplementation alone.

Visit the College website event page for more information on how to register, accommodation and travel options.

Five sponsors have now been confirmed for the event: Abbvie, Janssen, Lilly, Novartis and SunPharma. We thank them for their support.

We look forward to seeing you in Orange on 6 to 8 September, for what promises to be a robust program exploring rural research, training and teaching, shared care in rural practice and sustainability and solutions.

Roshan Lewis
Marketing and Communications Specialist
Sitting in the clinics, I realised that multicultural Australia faces different challenges, where up to 20% of our consultations are carried out through an interpreter, while the UK has second generation immigrants who are universally fluent in English.

The vitiligo clinic at Guy’s and St Thomas’s Hospital has been initiated recently, but was already inundated with referrals, which provided us with the opportunity to exchange notes on managing the condition.

I spent half a day with medical physicists Paul and Grace learning about the physics of radiation, which was a back to high school feeling for me. I learnt about the importance of calibrating devices and the use of a spectrophotometer in measuring output from different light sources, including electronic devices.

Phototherapy in the UK sits in hospital based departments so it is harder for patients to access the treatment due to inconvenience of location.

The number of patients treated, at 60 to 100 a day, was comparable to a busy suburban practice in Australia.

The total number of phototherapy sessions delivered across Australia is likely to be higher due to ease of access in a dermatologist’s office close to work or home.

However, we have a more timid way of delivering treatment in Australia, valuing safety over efficacy. We use lower dose, longer treatment courses and maintenance regimes, resulting in higher cumulative doses. We need to remain mindful that our patients receive ‘ambulant phototherapy’ from living in a sun drenched continent, hence I felt the need for Australian protocols to be different from British or American ones.

I had long discussions about the safety of Narrowband UVB (nbUVB). It is clear that nbUVB is different from UVA and Psoralen (PUVA) and all protocols, studies and experiences cannot and should not be extrapolated from one to another. The PUVA experience has muddied the waters for nbUVB.

I returned with copious hand written notes, lots of printed protocols and a jumble of thoughts to sort out after discussion with my peers.

I enjoyed the long relaxed consultations, up to an hour long in the special clinics allowing for the opportunity for greater physician to patient interaction and sensed a high level of patient satisfaction from the consultation.

The patients sharing their stories in the photobiology clinics was memorable. Learning through the patient experience from the consultation.

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Nurses and photobiology technicians are an invaluable part of the team in putting together the pieces of the diagnostic puzzle of a photodermatoses and were extremely knowledgeable. Trish Garibaldinos, the phototherapy nurse at Guy’s and St Thomas’s Hospital, shared pearls of wisdom from nearly three decades of experience.

I later visited the Florence Nightingale museum across from the hospital and appreciated that she was a feminist well ahead of her time.

A visit to the London Museum revealed that the Thames valley was a bog and the Romans turned it into the organised city that we see today.

Photonet, Scotland, is a very well organised national network of phototherapy services connected as a hub and spoke model through the National Health Service (NHS).

This was established in 2002 following an extensive audit by Dr Dawe as part of his thesis, with the aim to deliver consistent training and delivery of phototherapy across the country.

The phototherapy unit at Dundee is recognised as a centre of excellence in its field. I will remember Dundee as a field of daffodils in spring and now understand Wordsworth’s poem better after never having held the sight, growing up in a tropical country.

Adding a Scottish flavour to anything is easy—just add whisky. After a whisky tasting and education session I now know my single malt from a blend.

Dundee was famous for the three J’s – jams, jute and journalism. The thriving jute industry resulted in the term ‘house husbands’ as it employed 70% women as labour, the story told eloquently through a working museum housed in a jute mill.

Easter in Edinburgh had me marvelling at not just the history around the city, but the highly imaginative young woman strolling through the streets with a child in a pram who brought reading books back in history around the city, but the highly imaginative young woman strolling through the streets with a child in a pram who brought reading books back in

Everyone was extremely generous in sharing their time and expertise during my visit to these hospitals and I am grateful for the insights the trip provided.

I may have walked a few extra kilometres in the wrong direction as I tried to follow a paper map rather than Google maps, but so what? I saw more of the city I was visiting and added the steps to my ten thousand steps daily goal.

I realised my mistake with my Airbnb bookings as I dragged my 23kg suitcase up a flight of stairs, thereby learning to apply more filters to my booking to ensure lift access. I also vowed to not worry so much about helping the local economy through my shopping and keeping my baggage light.

Lastly, I learnt about the need for addressing the gaps in training and inconsistencies in delivering phototherapy across Australia and hope to improve the antipodean services by establishing an Australian and New Zealand photodermatology group or users group after conducting a survey for members.

Dr Monisha Gupta
I had the wonderful opportunity to extend my nail knowledge by observing some of the best nail specialists in the world, thanks to the support of the Florance Bequest and the Skin and Cancer Foundation of Victoria.

My first stop was Brussels, Belgium to do a fantastic and highly recommended nail surgery course through the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV). The course was excellent and was attended by nail consultants from all over the world. Lectures were from the German nail guru, Professor Haneke, and dermatology surgeons that specialise in nails, Chief of Dermatologic Surgery at the University Hospital, Zurich, Dr Läuchi and Dr Cogrel from the University Hospital Bordeaux, France. It covered all aspects of nail surgery and basic information on anatomy, perioperative management and postoperative care. Surgery included simple techniques such as biopsies, avulsions and ingrown toenails and more advanced techniques including excision of benign tumours, skin cancers and reconstructive measures. What was brilliant was that all topics featured videos of live surgery after techniques were explained. I highly recommend it for nail dermatologists and non-nail dermatologist alike.

Next was Bristol, England, to observe another brilliant nail specialist Dr David de Berker at the Bristol Royal Infirmary. I was able to see many nail presentations including inflammatory diseases and nail tumours. I then attended the high informative British Association of Dermatologists (BAD) Annual Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Last stop was to observe Professor Hanake at both his private nail clinic in beautiful Freiberg, Germany and also at the University Hospital Inselspital in Bern, Switzerland. What a picturesque city Bern is. Known for being the home of bears, which you can see roaming grassy banks of the River Aare. If you are game, like the locals, you can swim the currents of this beautiful river which runs through the middle of the old town. The hospital is enormous with an amazing network of underground tunnels that are so large that staff can ride their bikes through them to other departments. The hospital has its own dermatology building that includes an inpatient ward and a large dermatology staff of consultant, registrars, residents and specialist nurses. I was wholeheartedly welcomed and it was humbling to attend clinics where patients attend from all over Europe for nail advice and both patients and doctors seamlessly changed between English, Swiss, German, French and Italian.

I was able to attend both adult and paediatric clinics and theatre to observe nail surgery. The lovely department could not have been more helpful and I am very grateful for this wonderful opportunity to enhance my professional development.

Dr Marguerite Seith
STATE FACULTY REPORTS

NEW SOUTH WALES FACULTY REPORT

The New South Wales (NSW) Faculty recently had its Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Newcastle, following the Newcastle Annual Clinical Meeting. The Clinical Meeting was, as always, a very educational event, and the Faculty is grateful to the patients and staff of the department for organising the event.

Among the many issues raised at the AGM was the welfare and training of two groups of trainees—rural trainees and International Medical Graduates (IMGs). While these are complicated issues with no magic bullets to fix, it is the intention of the Faculty to continue to raise, discuss and work with the relevant committees of College in order to move forward.

Another issue that was raised was communication among NSW members, particularly with regards to specialty clinics or clinical trials. I would take this opportunity to promote the Connect platform, which is one vehicle to improve communication among members. You will be familiar with this platform that hosts the Dermo group. There is a separate forum titled NSW Faculty that can be used for the NSW Fellowship to discuss issues. I would encourage NSW Fellows to set up their accounts and emails if they have not already done so and there are helpful videos on the College website to assist in this.

At the AGM, the Faculty elected Dr Li-Chuen Wong and Dr Nicholas Stewart as the new Chair-Elect and one of the Directors of Training (DOTs) respectively. Congratulations to both. This was due to Associate Professor Saxon Smith and Dr James Choi stepping down after completing their terms. The Faculty is grateful for the immense time and effort these individuals have given to helping run the Faculty. In particular, I wish to express my thanks for the guidance, wisdom and support A/Prof Smith has shown me. I have been constantly amazed with the number of after-hours he puts into College activities, his professionalism and experience he has with governance. Individuals like this are an asset to College and I am sure A/Prof Smith will continue to serve College for years to come.

Dr Keng Chen
Chair, NSW Faculty

VICTORIAN FACULTY REPORT

Thank you to all that attended the College Annual Scientific Meeting this year. Melbourne came to the party with lovely late autumn weather and the general feedback from attendees has been overwhelmingly positive. Particular thanks to Dr Anousha Yazdabadi and her Co-Convenors Dr Matheen Mohammed and Associate Professor Rosemary Nixon for creating an engaging academic and social program. Special mention to Dr Gordon Rennick and his team for a memorable dermatology trivia night. The bar has been set high for Adelaide next year.

I am pleased to report that our consultation with the Victorian Department of Health regarding new regulations that would impact on procedures in our rooms versus day surgery facilities has been fruitful. In short, the status quo has been maintained with no meaningful change in our ability to operate in our rooms and in day surgery facilities legally. Thanks to Dr Vanessa Morgan who has coordinated these negotiations over the past year.

Faculty continues address work force shortages in country Victoria both in maintaining and securing Specialist Training Position (STP) funding for registrars and encouraging consultants to take part in outreach clinics. As our country dermatology workforce ages and the population continues to grow, this will need to be an ongoing high priority for College. We are hoping to have further announcements on this subject in future editions of The Mole.

Congratulations again to Associate Professor Peter Foley and Dr Philip Bekhor for their Certificate of Meritorious Service. They have both had a tremendous impact on Victorian dermatology and are worthy recipients of this award.

The Skin and Cancer Foundation Inc in Melbourne has recently undertaken a wide ranging review into its identity and brand to cement its future as a hub of dermatology research, service provision and registrar training. President Mei Tam’s report will expand on this further.

Dr Paul Curnow
Chair, Victorian Faculty
QUEENSLAND FACULTY REPORT

The Queensland (QLD) Faculty held its second Clinical Meeting for the year at the Princess Alexandra Hospital on 27 April 2019. This meeting consisted of an excellent mix of complex and interesting cases that I’m sure challenged all members who were able to attend. It was followed by the second general business meeting of the year.

The Board has approved a second state examiner position for QLD, a position which will start in August this year. This has been proposed in line with the increased number of trainees, with more than thirty candidates each year sitting the exam Australia wide. QLD’s current state examiner is Dr Catherine Faulkner. At our recent general business meeting, Dr Karen Behne was nominated for and has accepted the position of the second QLD Faculty State Examiner.

Professor Kiarash Khosrotehrani has been promoted to Chair of the College Academic Research Committee. He has also taken over as Supervisor of Training (SOT) for the five QLD trainees based at the Queensland Institute of Dermatology. Dr Erin McMeniman remains on the Academic Research Committee as our other QLD representative. Dr McMeniman has also been promoted to Chair of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Committee that she has been a member of for the last few years. I would like to congratulate them both and thank them for their ongoing contribution to Faculty and College. Many other QLD members are involved in College committees and I would also like to thank them for their contributions on behalf of the Faculty.

At this year’s Annual General Meeting (AGM), the QLD Faculty voted to reintroduce Faculty fees in the next financial year. A fee of $200 plus GST was decided on, and will be invoiced on 1 July 2019. The main driving force behind this was to enable the QLD Faculty to offer financial support to the University of Queensland endowment fund for a Chair in dermatology.

The QLD Faculty continues to work in conjunction with College and QLD Health to expand and improve dermatology services to regional and rural Queensland. The QLD Faculty was pleased to have three new Fellows graduating at the recent Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) in Melbourne. We warmly welcome Dr Lauren Buchanan, Dr Andrew Freeman and Dr Nerilee Wall to the Faculty and wish them all the best in their future careers in dermatology. We also congratulate Dr Lauren Buchanan on being awarded the Kossard Award for Dermatopathology. We would like to congratulate Professor H Peter Soyer who was awarded the Belisario Award for academic dermatology. This was certainly very well deserved. Prof Soyer has made a massive contribution to academic dermatology in QLD and Australia, and continues to do so. The QLD Faculty would also like to congratulate Associate Professor David Francis on becoming the President of College. We wish him all the best during his term.

It was great to see so many QLD members attend the ASM in Melbourne. The academic component of the program was interesting and informative and the social program was enjoyed by all those who were able to attend.

Dr Amanda Godbolt
Chair, QLD Faculty.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FACULTY REPORT

The recent Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) was well attended by members. We look forward to the next ASM, which will be held in Adelaide.

Congratulations to Dr Arabella Wallea and Dr Corinne Maiolo for graduating as Fellows. We wish our fourth year trainees Dr Matt Cho, Dr Georgina Harvey and Dr Janet Kim all the very best in the upcoming Fellowship examinations. This means considerable hard work and time for our State Examiner, Dr Karen Koh, for which all are thankful.

Associate Professor Gillian Marshman was awarded the International Outreach Award at the ASM. She is congratulated on this outstanding achievement and her dedication. Since 2005, A/Prof Marshman has volunteered annually in Kupang and West Timor, Indonesia. As a team member of the Flinders Overseas Health Group, she has supported the dermatology unit at Professor Johannes Hospital in Kupang. A/Prof Marshman has been teaching at the medical school of the university in Kupang since its inception, including field research on scabies. Other work has included helping establish a reliable pathology service, promoting the concept of multidisciplinary clinical meetings and helping improve specialist nursing for areas including oncology and wound management.

We look forward to catching up with fellow colleagues at our annual Faculty dinner shortly, which has been organised by Dr Elizabeth Ellis.

Dr Romuald Czecowicz
Chair, SA Faculty
WESTMEAD REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT- NSW GOVERNMENT

Work has now started on the Westmead Redevelopment Project. As the biggest health infrastructure project in the state, it will transform the Westmead health, education and research precinct. This is an exciting time for The Skin Hospital, Westmead, located in the heart of the health precinct. It is well positioned to be an integral part of the proposed innovation hub.

CLINICAL SERVICES

PLASTICS & MOHS SURGERY

The Skin Hospital is continuing to expand and strengthen the collaboration between Mohs surgeons, plastic surgeons and oculoplastics. There are five oculoplastic and plastic surgeons, working with our Mohs surgeons, performing repairs and closures on the same day and delivering superior outcomes and experiences for patients.

NEW PSORIASIS CLINIC OPENS AT WESTMEAD

Dr Ebrahim Abdulla has opened a dedicated psoriasis clinic at Westmead. The clinic offers considerably shorter wait times and provides immediate access for more urgent cases.

MALE DERMATOSES CLINIC

Dr Bruno Blaya recently joined The Skin Hospital after becoming a Fellow of the College in 2019. Dr Blaya specialises in male dermatoses and has dedicated male dermatoses clinic at the Westmead Skin Hospital.

NEW PIGMENTARY DISORDERS CLINICS

Dr Monisha Gupta set up Australia’s first specialised Pigmentary Disorders Clinic (PDC) at The Skin Hospital Darlinghurst over five years ago. With the increasing demand for this service Dr Gupta is running a new clinic at our Westmead Hospital.

DOCTOR ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP

In March 2019, a doctor engagement workshop was held at The Skin Hospital, with a group of Hospital doctors, to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing the Hospital. The outcomes from the workshop have provided valuable information to help ensure the Hospital continues to provide the very best environment for our patients and our doctors going forward.
Congratulations to Dr Nick Stewart who has been appointed Deputy Medical Director at The Skin Hospital, Westmead. Supporting the Medical Director, Associate Professor Robert Paver, he will be providing medical leadership, mentoring junior doctors and advising management on best practice clinical services.

Congratulations to Yvonne Elliott, Deputy Director of Nursing at Darlinghurst. Yvonne is the recipient of the Australian Dermatology Nurses Associate (ADNA) Ego Nurses Fellowship. She will have the opportunity to visit the British Dermatology Nurses Group in England or The National Skin Cancer Centre Singapore.

Congratulations also to Dr Deshan Sebaratnam who was awarded the 2019 World Congress of Dermatology Rising Star Scholarship for his achievements in research and teaching.

In recognition of her expertise and contributions, Director of Nursing Services Bronwyn St Clair has been invited by Day Hospitals Australia to represent them in the Open Disclosure Advisory Group for the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care. The Commission sets the National Standards in healthcare and is endorsed by the Health Minister. Congratulations go to Bronwyn.

Welcome back to Dr Tasman Lipscombe who returns to The Skin Hospital full time. Dr Lipscombe will continue to provide skin cancer consultations, mole checks and Mohs surgery.

**EDUCATION**

The Hospital held seven educational events in the first half of 2019, predominantly focused on events for dermatologists and dermatology registrars, General Practitioners (GPs) and medical students. The 2019 Skin School was held at Darlinghurst in May 2019 and was well attended by medical students and junior medical officers with an interest in dermatology. The content covered different areas of dermatology with presentations from Associate Professor Stephen Shumack, Dr Deshan Sebaratnam, Dr Shivam Kapila, Dr Burcu Kim, Dr Karen Cheung, Dr Munther Zureigat and Dr Linda Chan.

**OTHER EVENTS HELD THIS YEAR**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**CLINICAL TRIALS- PATIENTS WANTED**

The Hospital conducts a range of clinical trials throughout the year and is often looking for suitable people to participate. We are currently undertaking trials for the following skin conditions:

- Eczema
- Urticaria
- Alopecia areata.

You can register patients online at skinhospital.edu.au/register-clinical-trial/
10TH ANNUAL HEALTHY SKIN AWARDS

Entries for the 10th Annual Healthy Skin Awards are now open.

The Healthy Skin Awards acknowledge and recognise individuals and organisations throughout Australia who support and encourage excellence in the promotion of skin health and/or the provision of skin health services.

Past winners have included the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, Macquarie Bank, Dogs Victoria and the Australian Meat Industry Employees Union (AMIEU).

Information Packs and Entry forms are available on the Skin & Cancer Foundation Inc’s website at www.skincancer.asn.au/hsa. Entries close on Friday 2 August 2019.

This year, the 10th Annual Healthy Skin Awards ceremony will be held at a famous historical private residence in Melbourne on Thursday 29 August 2019, which is shaping up to be another night to remember.

WALK ACROSS NECK OF SCOTLAND

In June 2019, nine intrepid people walked for seven days across the neck of Scotland to raise money for melanoma research.

The walkers, led by the Foundation’s Corporate Affairs Director, Peter Monaghan, crossed Scotland from Fort William on the west coast to Inverness on the east coast. The 127km walk took them the lengths of Loch Ness, Loch Oich and Loch Lochy. The route is considered one of Scotland’s four great long-distance walks.

COLLEGE ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING (ASM) PRIZE WINNERS

This year’s College prize for best presentation at the ASM was shared by three Victorian dermatologists. Director of Education at the Foundation, Associate Professor Alvin Chong, spoke on ‘Anti-vaxxers and Flat Earthers: An exploration of science denialism and how we can respond.’

Dr Michelle Goh’s presentation was titled ‘Toxic epidermal necrolysis update’ and the presentation by Associate Professor John Su was an ‘Update on therapies for eczema.’

John Fewings Memorial Prize

The Foundation congratulates Dr Adriene Lee for winning the John Fewings Memorial Prize for the Best Paper in Contact Dermatitis.

The Foundation established this annual award in 2003 to remember John Fewings who was not only a great doctor, but also a kind, gentle and modest soul who was loved by all who knew him. His capacity to remember and recall voluminous amounts of detail about contact allergens was a constant source of wonderment to all who worked with him in clinics. The prize commemorates his interest in contact dermatitis.

Dr Lee has a keen interest in contact dermatitis and occupational skin diseases. She undertakes patch testing clinics both at Monash Health and at the Foundation in Melbourne.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE COUNTRY?

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR JOHN SU, DR MICHELLE GOH AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR ALVIN CHONG

THE FOUNDATION CONGRATULATES THEM FOR THEIR EXCELLENCE.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR CHRISTOPHER BAKER PRESENTING AT THE HEALTHY SKIN AWARDS
**2019 International Clinical Trials Day**

The 2019 International Clinical Trials Day was celebrated by the Foundation and Australian Clinical Trials Alliance (ACTA) at an awards ceremony held on 20 May 2019. The Foundation’s annual awards event recognises the extraordinary contribution of investigator-led trials to the health and wellbeing of Australians and was opened by Foundation Executive Director, Chris Arnold, followed by keynote speaker Professor Anne Kelso AO, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC).

Four awards were presented at the event. The winner of the Foundation’s Excellence in Clinical Trials Award was clinical trials coordinator, Ms Thobekile Mthethwa, for providing expert patient and family focused care, delivering complex trial designs and mentoring colleagues.

**Corporate Skin Check**

In March 2019, Dr Peter Berger travelled over 2,500kms in the Goulburn Valley region conducting corporate skin checks to over 400 employees of a major utility company base in the region.

During his three week sojourn, Dr Berger visited a number of small towns and regional centres including Pyramid Hill, Kerang, Baringhup, Rochester, Eildon, Tatura, Shepparton and Wangaratta, examining over 400 staff.

Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW) has a long-standing policy regarding sun protection, providing sun preventative clothing to its employees, many who routinely work outdoors maintaining water storage infrastructure and thousands of kilometres of irrigation channels across nine regional locations. GMW’s sun safety policy was extended by introducing free skin cancer checks across the organisation.

Dr Berger’s work attracted media attention for his work in the region with articles appearing in regional newspapers.

**GP Workshops**

In May 2019, the Foundation held a highly-interactive one-day skin cancer workshop for General Practitioners (GPs), developed by the Foundation’s Director of Education Associate Professor Alvin Chong.

The workshop upskilled GPs on identifying common benign and malignant skin lesions, dermoscopy, management of melanomas and non-melanoma skin cancers and biopsy techniques. It also included interactive sessions for GPs on suturing and biopsy techniques.

These workshops sell out well in advance and are an important part of the Foundation’s education program. Over 500 GPs have now attended these GP workshops conducted by the Foundation. Feedback has been excellent, and the Foundation has now be running a new half day GP Workshop on dermoscopy in response to that feedback.

The May 2019 workshop included presentations by plastic surgeon, Jeremy Richardson, Shannon Jones from SunSmart, dermatopathologist Dr Surabh Prakesh, Dr Lena Ly and Associate Professor Alvin Chong.
THE 52ND ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING (ASM) WAS HELD ON 18 TO 21 MAY AT THE MELBOURNE CONVENTION CENTRE IN VICTORIA.

The program theme was practical dermatology for the curious dermatologist and the sessions did not disappoint in this area. The inclusion of a third stream allowed for more varied content, such as the interesting sessions on global climate change.

The six international speakers, Dr Jean Bolognia and Dr Chysalyne Schmults from America, Dr John McFadden from England, Professor Kenji Kabashima from Japan, Professor Enno Schmidt from Germany and Dr Pierre Vabres from France; provided updated global information in dermatology.

The Friday workshops for special interest groups, such as atopic dermatitis and facial anatomy, were a welcome addition to the meeting.

The larger College booth in the middle of the exhibition allowed for the presentation of poster pearls, viewing of the many posters submitted for the event and headshot photography for Fellows. Thank you to the Skin & Cancer Foundation Inc for loaning us their dermatology books for the display.

The new format College party was excellent, with the silent disco being very popular. And the new trivia event with quiz master Dr Gordon Rennick was great fun, whilst still being educational.

Convenors, Dr Anousha Yazdabadi, Associate Professor Rosemary Nixon and Dr Matheen Mohamed are to be congratulated on putting together such a fantastic event.

This year, the John Reid orator for the Ceremony for Conferring of Diplomas and Awards was Ms Lidia Thorpe who delivered a confident speech.

Thanks again to our Professional Conference Organiser, The Association Specialists, who handled every aspect of the event in a professional manner contributing to another successful College ASM.

Next year the 2020 ASM will be held in Adelaide from 16 to 19 May, with more pleasant surprises for members to be expected.
CEREMONY FOR
CONFERING OF
FELLOWSHIP AND
AWARDS

SILVER MEDAL
Dr Ian McCrossin
Associate Professor Orli Wargan OAM

CERTIFICATE OF MERITORIOUS
SERVICE
Associate Professor Peter Foley
Dr Anne Halbert
Dr Shawn Richards
Dr Philip Bekhor
Dr Howard Studniberg

HONORARY FELLOWS
Dr Paul Salmon

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
Dr Juliet Burn
Dr Karen Cheung

BELISARIO AWARD FOR ACADEMIC
DERMATOLOGY
Professor H. Peter Soyer

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH AWARD
Associate Professor Gillian Marshman

MERVYN GOLD, OAM, AWARD
Dr Deborah Holt

GRADUATE FROM THE ACD MOHS
MICROGRAPHIC SURGERY TRAINING
PROGRAM
Dr Gilberto Moreno Bonilla
Dr Glen Foxton
Dr Shivam Kapila
Dr Adam Quinn
Dr Simon Swan
Dr Simon Tucker
Dr Amit Verma

FELLOWS ELECTED UNDER CLAUSE 3.2 OF THE COLLEGE CONSTITUTION
Dr Alexis Lara Rivero

INDUCTION OF NEW FELLOWS
Dr Shreya Andric
Dr Rachael Anforth

Dr Bruno Blaya Alvarez
Dr Lauren Buchanan
Dr Shien-Ning Chee
Dr Andrew Chen
Dr Andrew Freeman
Dr Sarah Gomboni
Dr Alexander Gin
Dr Burcu Kim
Dr Patrick Mahar
Dr Corinne Maiolo
Dr Margit Polcz
Dr Sarah Shen
Dr Alicia Thornton
Dr Shreya Tiwari
Dr Ryan Toholka
Dr Philip Tong
Dr Thevaki Wain
Dr Nerilee Wall
Dr Arabella Wallett
Dr Celestine Wong
Dr Joy Yee

AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF
DERMATOLOGISTS TRAVELLING
FELLOWSHIP FROM 2017
EXAMINATIONS
Dr Shreya Tiwari

FOUNDERS’ MEDAL FOR
PROCEDURAL DERMATOLOGY FOR
2017
Dr Andrew Chen

KEN PAVER MEDAL FOR MEDICAL
DERMATOLOGY FOR 2017
Dr Shreya Tiwari

KOSKARD AWARD FOR
DERMATOPATHOLOGY FOR 2018
Dr Lauren Buchanan
Dr Shreya Tiwari

ADRIAN JOHNSON MEMORIAL
PRIZE FOR 2017
Dr Margit Marisa Polcz

EILEEN COLLINS MEMORIAL PRIZE
FOR 2017
Dr Cathy Zhao.
BEST PRESENTATION AT THE ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING, MADE POSSIBLE BY COLLEGE
Associate Professor John Su- ‘Update on topical and systemic therapies’, Dr Michelle Goh- ‘Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis (TEN) update’, Associate Professor Alvin Chong- ‘Anti vaxers and flat earthers: An exploration of science denialism and how we respond’ and Simone Baird- ‘Lessons to be learned from as parent of a child with chronic disease’

BEST PAPER IN A REGISTRAR’S FORUM, MADE POSSIBLE BY AN UNCONDITIONAL GRANT FROM SILVER SPONSOR GALDERMA
Dr Stephanie Rea- ‘Cost burden analysis of renal transplant patients in tropical far north Queensland’

BEST POSTER PRIZE, MADE POSSIBLE BY COLLEGE
Dr Francis Lai- ‘Does phototherapy change long term clinical outcomes in vitiligo? A ten year follow up study’

BEST PAPER/POSTER BY A NEW SOUTH WALES REGISTRAR, THE EILEEN COLLINS MEMORIAL PRIZE
Dr Linda Chan- ‘The oncological survival and prognosis of individuals receiving PD-1 inhibitor immunologic cutaneous adverse events: A prospective study’

BEST PAPER IN CONTACT DERMATITIS, JOHN FEWINGS MEMORIAL FUND, FUNDED BY THE SKIN & CANCER FOUNDATION VICTORIA
Dr Adriene Lee- ‘The top ten allergens for the SCF in Victoria in 2018.’

9M OR LESS – Propaira
18-27M – UCB
36M OR MORE – Abbvie

TENNIS WINNERS
Men’s – Dr Edward Upjohn
Women’s – Dr Michelle McRae

GOLF WINNERS
Men’s – Dr Godrey Wagner
Women’s – Jill Armati
Our first day began on Friday 17 May with a leisurely bus tour to the Ego factory at 1pm. Melbourne put on a lovely autumn day and was enjoyed by all who attended. The bus returned everyone back at the conference centre at 5.30pm, just in time to freshen up for welcome drinks and some well-needed networking before the big day on Saturday.

Saturday proved fast paced and full of relevant information for dermatology nursing. It began with Emma Woodhouse launching the new Post Graduate Course in Dermatology, meaning all registered nurses can now, upon completion, have a fully accredited dermatology qualification in the profession of Dermatology Nursing, which is an enormous leap for Australian College of Dermatology Nurses (ADNA).

Presentations by doctors included: Dr Rebecca Saunderson and Dr Julie Rhodes explaining legalities and complexities of informed consent; Professor Geoff Sussman on wound management, what not to do and best dressings for all types of wound care; and Dr Arthur Martin on dermoscopy and basal cell carcinoma (BCC) diagnosis, which supported the information gained in the College melanography essentials course, plus his very exciting promo of his work in Nepal. A snippet from Dr Robert Stephens followed, which tied in the use of Optical coherence tomography (OCT). Dr Ben Thompson reflected on work/life balance—this triangle of happiness requires sense of purpose, strong personal relationships and sense of financial control. Professor Diana Damien hilariously related skin cancer prevention and its practical applications; Dr Bruna Melhoranse-Gouvela explained the difficulties in diagnosing mycosis fungoides; Dr Stephanie Blake presented Dr Esther Hong’s paper on paediatric dermatology; and Dr David Luk from Hong Kong gave insight into the vast dermatological health problems his hospital are seeing daily amongst the Chinese and the psychological affect on patient’s well-being and the longevity in paediatric dermatology.

Nurse presentations were dispersed throughout the program, adding an abundance of information. Amanda Palmer explained patch testing; Ezgi Polat experienced in Procedural Dermatology Assessment (ProDA) systemically showed how to send patient data online to Medicare for biologic application approval; and Charmaine Peras was thorough in phototherapy protocol and its purpose.

We finished the Saturday with the award presentations. All the lucky recipients were presented by the sponsors of each award. So many nominations for so many highly regarded nurses were submitted to the committee. Congratulations to all the winners for 2019.

Another quick freshen up and on with the party frock and high heels ready for the Saturday night Ego dinner at Crown. Great venue, food, drinks and music as always, by our wonderful EGO hosts. Sore feet the next day and Panadol, but well worth it.

Guest speakers were: Dr Cath Murphy from Australian College of Perioperative Nurses (ACORN) who presented best practice in infection control, reminding all health professionals how patients and staff need barrier protection and aseptic techniques in all workplaces; and Vera Koslava-Fu and Rita Massimo from Australian Society of Dermal Clinicians (ASDC) who showed the synergies between the dermal clinic and dermatology and how we can work collectively to upskill each given profession. Melanie Funk from Eczema Support Australia spoke on her struggle with single-parenthood with her twin boys who were born suffering from severe atopic eczema and the constant daily life struggles, how medical advice has helped, but how nurses need to direct their patients to outside support groups because it is extremely lonely and financially draining, living with eczema. The whole room was in tears after her emotional video was shown and then her twins appeared on stage.

Our keynote speaker, Rob Edwards, reminded us nurses to put things in perspective and ensure our good health and well-being first before home and patient care, to prevent workplace burnout. Unfortunately a common occurrence.

Finally, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) went smoothly and only lasted thirty minutes this year.

ADNA President, Karen Dazkiw, will continue for one more year to ensure the first year of the Post Graduate Course in Dermatology remains funded and viable and is launched successfully. Vivienne Spears resigned as Secretary, but due to no nominations for the position the executive committee have appointed Inga Parks, who will kindly take on the role of temporary Secretary until the next election at the 2020 AGM. Narelle Briggs remains the Treasurer for another year as per her term and every state has a representative for conducting an education day this year. Many thanks.

The ADNA Executive would really appreciate all dermatologists to encourage their nurses to both join ADNA and attend the State Education Days in their respective States, so we can ensure current evidence-based information is disseminated to dermatology nurses.

Vivienne Spears
ADNA Secretary
The 6th Annual Patch Test Training Day was once again well-attended by 120 dermatologists, registrars, trainees and nurses. This time we trialled a slightly different format, Patch Test Interactive, which worked well and included discussion regarding patch testing a number of real cases of occupational and non-occupational dermatitis.

Additional highlights included talks on ‘Preservative Allergy’ by Dr Adriene Lee, ‘Cheilitis’ by Dr Mei Tam and ‘Patient Education’ by Mandy Palmer. Dr Nishan Amerasinghe alerted participants to the new epidemic of allergic contact dermatitis to isobornyl acrylate in glucose sensors, as well as reporting a case of a patient reacting to methylisothiazolinone in a freshly painted house. Dr Bruce Tate spoke about sunscreen allergic contact dermatitis. I also spoke on ‘Prosthetic joint allergy,’ ‘What’s new in contact dermatitis’ and ‘Workers’ compensation.’ Following afternoon tea, there was a practical demonstration of patch testing.

Feedback has been positive and we have already made plans for the 7th Annual Patch Test Training Day, which will be held in Adelaide on Friday 15 May 2020. Titled ‘Case-based Learning Experiences,’ we will continue with the theme of case-based presentations in an interactive format.

Those wishing to purchase a booklet comprising all the talks, which were provided to all participants, should email apalmer@occderm.asn.au.

As always, registration will be available through the Skin and Cancer Foundation website from early 2020.

Associate Professor Rosemary Nixon

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**FACTS FROM THE A-Z OF SKIN**

**Kawasaki’s disease** is a rare form of vasculitis (inflammation of blood vessels). It can affect many parts of the body. The diagnosis is made when someone has a high fever and the typical changes in the skin, eyes, mouth and lymph nodes. It is a serious condition as it may affect the heart.

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