

ANZSPM Member Alert – 3 July 2019

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Government News

NZ: End of Life Choice Bill passes second reading

The bill passed the second reading in Parliament on 26 June with 70 ayes to 50 noes. The next stage of the process is for the bill to go to the Committee of Whole House. That means that MPs will consider the bill in detail and vote on proposed changes before it goes to a third reading, which is the final debate and vote at which point, if successful, the bill will have been passed. The following link will take you to the webpage relating to the bill: https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/bills-and-laws/bills-proposed-laws/document/BILL_74307/end-of-life-choice-bill.

AUS: WA Ministerial Expert Panel Report Released

The VAD Ministerial Expert Panel has provided its Final Report to the WA Minister for Health. This report was tabled in Parliament on 27 June 2019 and is available for download from health.wa.gov.au/voluntaryassisteddying. Health Minister, Roger Cook, issued a media release announcing the report paves the way for a voluntary assisted dying bill in WA.

Recommendations made by the Panel are expected to be considered by Government and approved elements will be considered in the legislation to be developed for voluntary assisted dying in Western Australia.

AUS: SA End of Life Choices consultation Terms of Reference

The South Australian Parliament has established a Joint Committee on End of Life Choices and has released a terms of reference which can now be viewed on the Committee webpage: <http://www.parliament.sa.gov.au/Committees/Pages/Committees.aspx?CTId=2&CId=366>.

The Committee is calling for submissions, due by close of business **Friday, 2 August 2019**. Details can be found on the Committee webpage.

Wrap-up of Aotearoa Annual Education Update in Queenstown

ANZSPM's Aotearoa Annual Education Update (AEU) was held in Queenstown last week from Thursday 27 to Saturday 29 June. Special thanks to the ANZSPM Aotearoa Committee for making

the AEU such a success. Where speakers have provided permission, slides will shortly be made available in the website Members' Area.

The ANZSPM Aotearoa Annual Business Meeting was held during the AEU and four committee members required to retire at the meeting were re-elected to the committee:

- Rachel Wiseman
- Vicki Jones
- Jane Greville, and
- Moira Cunningham.

Congratulations and thanks to all four for their continued support of ANZSPM's activities and advocacy in NZ. We also farewelled Amanda Sommerfeldt from the committee and thank her for her wonderful contribution over recent years, especially with regard to coordination of the AEU. One vacancy remained at the end of the meeting, but after some effective networking between sessions, Helen Atkinson was appointed by the committee at a meeting held on the Saturday morning! Congratulations and welcome Helen! The committee also welcomed Rachel Wiseman back as Chair for another year.

Save the Date! – ANZSPM 2020 Conference | Auckland NZ

We are delighted to inform members that the ANZSPM biennial conference will next year be held in Auckland from 17 to 20 September 2020. More details to come soon. Save the date in your diaries!

Submission to MBS Review Taskforce

ANZSPM made a submission to the MBS Review Taskforce last week with respect to the Report of the Specialist and Consultant Physician Consultation Clinical Committee. We also provided feedback to the Palliative Care Australia submission (which will shortly be available on the PCA website) and noted our support for the RACP's submission, shared with us ahead of the closing date.

ANZSPM and Hospice NZ collaboration #weneedtotalkaboutdying

ANZSPM has collaborated with Hospice NZ on a project to create short video stories with health professionals that aim to normalise conversations about death and dying in New Zealand. This builds on the work of Hospice NZ's #weneedtotalkaboutdying campaign that aims to support people to have positive conversations about death and dying in NZ and to increase public understanding of palliative care.

The first video from this collaboration can now be viewed on YouTube: Meet Brett - we all need to make peace with the fact we are mortal. We welcome members to share the videos widely throughout your networks. Keep an eye on ANZSPM's social media pages for the next videos.

EAPC Membership offer

A reminder to members that as of March this year, ANZSPM is a national association member of the European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC).

As a national association member of EAPC, **all ANZSPM members are invited to join the EAPC for FREE** and take advantage of the benefits available to individual members:

- Networking with National Associations and individual members from countries Worldwide

- 25% discount on EAPC Congress registration
- Weekly updates on latest topical issues for best practice in palliative care
- Discounts on a range of subscriptions to palliative care journals and books

To avail of these benefits ANZSPM members must register as an EAPC Member on the EAPC website. When completing the registration, subscribe as a member of an association (collective member) and select Australia-ANZSPM (AU&NZ) as your “National Association”. **Please note that your individual registration must be renewed each year.**

Reminder: ANZSPM Membership expired 30 June – renewals now due!

An email was sent to members still to renew on Monday inviting renewal of ANZSPM membership for the 2019-20 year. Current memberships expired on 30 June 2019.

Don't forget to check your membership type and update it if your circumstances have changed, particularly members currently holding a Trainee Membership. Thank you to those members who have already renewed for 2019-20! For any membership queries please contact: info@anzspm.org.au

Upcoming ANZSPM Events

ANZSPM Webinar 2, Tuesday 16 July 2019 | Online via the RACP

Have you registered? The next webinar in our series is currently open for registration to ANZSPM members only (to ensure our members have first priority). Registration will be opened to non-members one week prior to the webinar, so please register early and keep the link for members only until that time. This will be announced on our website and via our social media channels.

Persistent Pain in Paediatric Palliative Care - Dr Anthony Herbert

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Tuesday July 16, 2019 6:00 PM AEST

Topic: ANZSPM - Persistent pain in paediatric palliative care - Dr Anthony Herbert

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://racp.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_I9U6A8pES9uOGILQngKCLw

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

This webinar is part of the Specialty Society Webinar Service pilot that is being undertaken by the Royal Australasian College of Physicians in partnership with its affiliated specialty societies.

ANZSPM Medical & Surgical Update for Palliative Medicine, 26-27 July 2019 | Melbourne VIC Plus Study Day for Trainees and New Fellows, 25 July 2019

It's now less than a month until #ANZSPM19! Register now to join us in Melbourne for:

- Rural & Remote
- Trauma & Disaster
- Addiction
- Assistance in dying
- Pain - the chronic and the older person interface
- Anti-coagulation in end-of-life care

- Respiratory - advanced therapies for advanced disease
- Dual trained consultants - paediatric and adult oncology/palliative medicine interface

On **Thursday 25 July** we have our two pre-conference workshops:

- All day Study Day for Trainees and New Fellows
- RACP Supervisors Workshop (SPDP)

For full program and registration information visit the event website:

www.anzspm.org.au/anzspm19

Other Upcoming Events

Other upcoming events that may be of interest to members:

Documentary screening: *From Music into Silence*, July 2019 | Hobart, Sydney, Canberra, Brisbane

Full-length documentary *From Music into Silence* (produced and directed by Farshid Akhlaghi) is about the only Australian Music Thanatologist; Peter Roberts. He plays the harp for people who are facing their last moments of life. "From Music into Silence" relates to Peter's work in palliative and neo-natal care wards where he has worked over the last twenty years.

The documentary has been shown at overseas film festivals and is currently screening in Melbourne at Cinema Nova (every day from 13 June) and will be screened in the following cities in July with Q&A sessions afterwards – Hobart (7 July, 4.30pm), Sydney (14 July, 4pm), Canberra (21 July, 4pm) and Brisbane (28 July, 4pm).

Advance purchase tickets and a copy of the film's trailer are available via this link: <http://frommusicintosilence.com/>. Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/263142820>

Annual Renal Supportive Care Symposium, 1-2 August 2019 | Sydney NSW

The Annual Renal Supportive Care Symposium will canvas multiple topics in Renal Supportive Care including symptom management, advance care planning, moral distress for clinicians, the law and ethics of dialysis withdrawal, indigenous issues and communication skills. Professor Mark Brown, Nephrologist will present "What is new in Renal Supportive Care?" All are welcome. For registration contact Elizabeth Josland: elizabeth.josland@health.nsw.gov.au

Asia Pacific Hospice Conference, 1-4 August 2019 | Indonesia

This conference will provide an opportunity to gain and exchange expert knowledge and network with fellow hospice and palliative care experts. For more information and submission details visit the APHC [website](#) and/or contact the conference secretariat at aphc2019poster@gmail.com.

WA Palliative Care Summit 2019, 17 August 2019 | Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

Aim: The aim of the summit is to bring stakeholders, health professionals, GP's, primary care, consumers and the community together. The summit will inform the way palliative is developed and resourced to achieve high quality palliative care for all Western Australians.

Purpose: To discuss the recommendations relating to palliative care.

Topics: Palliative care recommendations of the Joint Select Committee's My Life, My Choice report.

Time: 7am - Breakfast session with presentations from the Chairs of the Ministerial Expert Panels on Voluntary Assisted Dying and Advance Health Directives.

9am –World café style workshops.

Registration: You can book your place at this [link](#)

Webinar: Webinar will be held prior to the event on **12 August 2019** for stakeholders who are unable to attend.

Sydney Institute of Palliative Medicine -Annual Palliative Medicine Symposium | 2-3 September 2019 |Concord Hospital

The theme of this symposium is “Mentoring: building professional development and staff resilience” and facilitated by Liese Groot and Frank Brennan

Day 1 – Open to all includes research session

Day 2 – Medical Only, includes Cautionary tales

Cost: Free

Registration: <https://sipmsymposium2019.eventarc.net/e/42869> or email SLHD-InstitutePalliativeMedicine@health.nsw.gov.au

Oceanic Palliative Care Conference, 10-13 September 2019 | Perth WA

To register and for more information on the conference visit the [Oceanic Palliative Care Conference website](#). Twitter updates for the event can be followed at #19OPCC.

ANZSPM Members can access a member discount early bird rate to attend OPCC19 – early bird registration has been **extended to 10 July!** Members simply need to indicate ANZSPM as their member organisation when [registering online](#), in order for the discounts to apply. This is strictly for current ANZSPM members only.

ANZSPM is also holding a **half-day Trainee & New Fellow workshop** during the conference on the morning of **Tuesday 10 September** and the ANZSPM AGM will be held during the conference.

Clinical Consultation Skills Retreat, 20-23 October 2019 | Torquay VIC

This retreat is designed specifically to enhance core communication skills and mentoring capabilities for clinical scenarios, including delivering bad news and discussing end-of-life care. Previous participants have included a range of professional specialties including general practice, palliative medicine and all areas of oncology.

The organisers advise that if you are looking to sharpen your clinical consultation skills in an immersive environment then this could be the retreat for you. Registrations close on Friday 16 August 2019. Further information and registration is available at www.cancervic.org.au/skills-retreat

World Congress on Itch, 17-19 November 2019 | Sydney NSW

The symptom of itch, or pruritus, can be a very disabling. Until the modern era, little was understood about this symptom. In the modern era, a quiet revolution has occurred in the understanding of mechanism and management. This conference will include the work of the world's leading neuroscientists in this area.

To help those new to this science of this symptom a session entitled "Itch for beginners" will be held on the first morning. This will summarise the basic pathophysiology of pruritus and the management of major itch syndromes including uraemic, cholestatic and paraneoplastic pruritus

and the pruritus of cutaneous T-cell lymphomas. This is the first time this Congress has been held in Australasia and is an excellent opportunity to gain a greater understanding of pruritus.

Registration and details are at www.ifs2019.com.au/.

Renal Supportive Care Masterclass | 29 November 2019 | St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne

The aim of the 1-day RSC Masterclass is to provide clinicians with an educational event using the highest level of evidence drawn from the national and international literature combined with local experience in Renal Supportive Care.

The target audience is Nephrology and Palliative Care Physicians, advanced trainees, nursing, management and allied health professionals with an interest in Renal Supportive Care.

To register your interest and for further information please email Kathryn Ducharlet at Kathryn.Ducharlet@svha.org.au

2020 Australian Pain Society 40th Annual Scientific Meeting | 5-8 April 2020 | Hobart TAS

This is the only multidisciplinary conference in Australia offering insights into the complex nature of pain management from a variety of medical, nursing and allied health perspectives.

The Australian Pain Society continues to align their conference theme with the IASP Global Year; in 2020 this is, 'The IASP Global Year for the Prevention of Pain'. The program will be full of inspiring national and international speakers who will provide a veritable glance at the most complex, challenging, provocative and indeed interesting topic: Pain.

Further information is at www.dconferences.com.au/aps2020/

Careers

New positions have recently been advertised on the ANZSPM website – visit the ANZSPM [Careers](#) pages for details!

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