
AAAPC News - May 2022

Hello everyone

May has whizzed past already, and AAAPC has been busy, contributing to a full newsletter! Make sure you don't miss anything, including:

- AAAPC letters to the new Australian Government
- Conference updates
- AAAPC's Neil Carson awards opening soon
- Subcommittee updates
- Upcoming opportunities for members

...And much more, happy reading!

AAAPC calls to Australian Government

AAAPC submitted a letter to the new Australian Prime Minister to highlight AAAPC as a leading body in primary care education and research, and draws attention to important issues that AAAPC feel must be addressed by our leaders. Read AAAPC's letters and submissions on our [webpage](#).

AAAPC is also co-signing a letter from Emeritus Professor Tim Usherwood to the incoming Health minister regarding NPS MedicineWise funding. Read the letter [here](#).

AAAPC Conference updates

Registration Reminder

Remember to register for AAAPC's 2022 Annual Research Conference August 17-19! Early bird rates finish today, and prices will rise from \$200 to \$250.

[Register Now!](#)



AAAPC Conference Special Interest Group Discussions

Do you have a special interest and would like to meet others at the AAAPC Conference who share your passion? We are providing delegates with the option to host their own special interest networking session at breakfast or lunch time on either day of the conference. Whether your interest is aged care, LGBTIQ+, lifestyle medicine, sustainability or more, we will help to ensure the opportunity to speak with your peers and make new connections. Please email secretariat@aaapc.org.au to liaise with the conference committee and get your session into the conference program.

Gather 'round!



AAAPC Conference dinners

For Australian attendees - we are looking at holding dinners in some states on Thursday 18 August. If you are interested in attending, please make sure you tick the box during registration or email secretariat@aaapc.org.au.

Conference Scholarships

AAAPC is offering **scholarships** to cover annual membership and conference registration! Scholarships are available for both (i) Students; and (ii) and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, and Māori and/or Pacific Peoples. Find out how to apply, and submit an application, via our [webpage](#).



AAAPC Conference Theme and Speakers

The theme of the AAAPC 2022 Conference is Transforming primary health care: Creating a vision of health for all. Our three keynote speakers are at the forefront of influence and change in primary care. [Professor Michael Kidd](#), [Professor Clare Jackson](#), and [Dr Mataroria Lyndon](#), will be sharing insights from their work in primary health care reform in both Australia and New Zealand. Find out more about our [keynote speakers](#) who we hope will provide unique insights into transforming primary healthcare in both Australia and New Zealand.



AAAPC's Neil Carson Medal

The Neil Carson Medal is an award to recognise AAAPC members who have made and will continue to make contributions of an international standard to leadership in primary care and medical education. The AAAPC is proud to support this award as part of the organisation's commitment to leadership in primary care and medical education. **Applications open in June.** Find out more on our [webpage](#).

AAAPC Subcommittee updates

Ever wondered how to get more involved with primary care research, education, and policy? Join a subcommittee today! Email your interest to secretariat@aaapc.org.au to be linked in to a subcommittee that interests you.

A quick update from the subcommittee chairs about what they have been working on:



Research, Policy & Advocacy subcommittee resubmitted a letter to the new Australian Government on the importance of primary care research, and key aspects of the Australian primary care 10 year plan that must be addressed. The subcommittee continues to develop ideas around national networks of PBRN's and responding to academic primary care policy related issues as they arise. Have a look through the subcommittee letters and responses on [our website](#).

Conference subcommittee has reviewed and accepted submissions. BIG thankyou to all reviewers for their time and effort. The subcommittee is carefully curating accepted abstracts into an awesome program – keep your eyes on the webpage for the release! The subcommittee is also attempting to coordinate a series of face-to-face dinners to allow for some local networking. If you would like to help by coordinating a social event for members in your area, please get in touch! Email: secretariat@aaapc.org.au

ECR subcommittee is continuing work on connecting and providing opportunities for ECR members. If you would like to get involved with AAAPCs ECR support, career building and mentoring, come and get involved! Email habiba.jahan@adelaide.edu.au to

get an invitation to the next ECR subcommittee meeting. Check out FACEs on our webpage to find out what the ECR subcommittee do.

Education Subcommittee is currently looking into webinar topics for later in 2022, and collaboration opportunities with SAPC. If you have ideas on how to strengthen primary care education research and practice, please join! Email: secretariat@aaapc.org.au

Membership Engagement Subcommittee is supporting the conference subcommittee to ensure the conference and surrounding events are the best they can be. This subcommittee really needs more support. If you would like to see more opportunities provided by AAAPC for you and your colleagues, come and get involved in the membership engagement subcommittee. We plan events, tweet, and get all the AAAPC goss out to you. Please get email your interest to secretariat@aaapc.org.au.

Upcoming Opportunities

International research funding opportunities

The NIHR Health Technology Assessment Programme in the UK has a long-standing collaboration with the Australian NHMRC and advertise joint commissioned calls inviting collaborative international research proposals to address shared research priorities. These collaborative commissioned calls are announced on the [NIHR](#) and funding [NHMRC](#) websites. There is also opportunity to [suggest research topics](#) that could go through the NIHR prioritisation process for future funding consideration. Joint funding applications between the UK and Australia may be one way to provide opportunity and solidify international relationships in primary health care research.

Please contact the Secretariat if you have a research idea and we can put you in touch with the Society for Academic Primary Care (SAPC) in the UK who will assist with facilitating collaboration with NIHR.

Australian primary care specific funding opportunities

A few primary care relevant grant opportunities that may be of interest for you or your team members:

- **Clinical Trials Activity** grant opportunity with Primary care specific opportunities in streams 5 and 6. Applications close 6 July, 2022.
- **Preventive and Public Health Research Initiatives:** [Maternal Health and Healthy Lifestyles Grant](#), [Consumer-Led Research Grant](#), and [Chronic Respiratory Conditions](#) (stream 2). All Opened 20 December, 2021, and close 13 July, 2022.
- **Primary Health Care Digital Innovations** grant to develop novel digital health tools and technologies to improve access to primary health care services in disadvantaged and/or vulnerable populations. Applications close on 22 July, 2022.
- [MRFF Effective Treatments and Therapies](#) grant opportunity (Focus on exercise and physical activity interventions). Applications close 27 July, 2022.
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- [MRFF Dementia, Ageing and Aged Care](#) grant to support older people to maintain their health and quality of life (particularly streams 1 and 2). Applications close 7 September, 2022.
- [MRFF Cardiovascular Health](#) grant opportunity (particularly stream 3). Applications close 7 September, 2022.

Remember to subscribe to GrantConnect. GrantConnect provides a centralised publication of all forecast and current Australian Government grant opportunities via an online portal. To receive personalised research grant updates, make sure to input your research key words (separated by commas) when you register!

Primary Care specific publication opportunities

A few AAAPC members are leading upcoming special issues with a focus on primary care!

[Climate Crisis and Primary Health Care](#), a special issue in *Family Practice*, is calling for submissions on how primary health care can adapt to changes in disease and illness incidence and prevalence, and preventive and health promotion activity to ameliorate the burden of disease. An outline of accepted formats is available through the link above. Submissions due 1 May 2022. For questions, please email Guest Editor: [Dr Liz Sturgiss](#).

[Optimising Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health in Australia: the Role of Primary Health Care](#), a special issue in *Australian Journal of Primary Health*, is calling for submissions relating to women's sexual and reproductive health in Australia. An outline of the scope of topics covered can be found on the AJPB website, linked above. Full submissions due *by 30 June 2022* via the AJPB portal, with subsequent peer review in the usual manner, online publication following acceptance, and the issue out in early 2023. For questions, please email Guest Editor: [Dr Jessica Botfield](#).

[Oral Health in Healthcare](#), a special issue in *Healthcare*, is calling for submissions on the role of oral health in the bigger picture of healthcare to bring attention to the relationship between oral and systemic health, and the need for collaboration between oral health and other healthcare practitioners. Full submissions due by 31 October 2022 via the Healthcare portal, with subsequent peer review in the usual manner. For questions, please email Guest Editor: [Dr Phyllis Lau](#).



MonReN Stakeholder Forum

Monash University's Department of General Practice and Monash Partners, an Advanced Health Research Translation Centre, have united to bring together **GPs and practice teams in East and South East Melbourne** with common interests in research and/or teaching. Groups like this (called practice based research networks, or PBRNs) have been used in Australia, and overseas, to help improve the professional lives of those working in general practice, support teaching and foster meaningful research.

Monash Department of General Practice is inviting *you* to be part of an online forum to tell researchers and education experts what you want from a practice based research network. Practice staff and clinicians in attendance will **receive \$75 gift voucher** in recognition of their time. GPs will be eligible for 4 RACGP CPD points.

When: 6-7:30pm Thursday 16th of June

[RSVP online](#) by Monday 13th of June

Members Noticeboard

The AAAPC [members noticeboard](#) is a space to post national and international primary care opportunities: jobs, research projects, guidelines and resources – really whatever you like!



In case you missed any posts in May we have seen: Job opportunities at UNSW, University of Adelaide, and Griffith University; as well as calls to contribute to research in electronic prescribing, antidepressant deprescribing, refugee women's health, and patient perspectives of medication adherence and alcohol. Members also shared a unique opportunity to attend a free webinar on Normalisation theory (Prof Carl May, held on 31st of May).

To get regular updates on noticeboard posts in your emails, click [here](#) to subscribe, or navigate to the AAAPC members noticeboard (requires login) and click the subscribe button.

Using the noticeboard is as easy as 1 - 2 - 3!

1. Sign into the AAAPC website and go to the [Members Only Section >> Noticeboard](#)
2. Underneath the big blue rectangle there is a 'Subscribe' button you can click to receive regular messages to your inbox.
3. If you would like to leave a message for other members, click the 'Create topic' button underneath the big blue rectangle.



Celebrating AAAPC Members



Congratulations to some of our members on successful publications

- **Liz Sturgiss** and team: [Who is at the centre of what? A scoping review of the conceptualisation of 'centredness' in healthcare](#). BMJ Open. May, 2022.
- **Jackie Roseleur** and team: [Predicted cardiovascular disease risk and prescribing of antihypertensive therapy among patients with hypertension in Australia using MedicineInsight](#). Journal of Human Hypertension. May, 2022.
- **Anne Parkinson** and team: [The impact of COVID-19 on chronic disease management in primary care: lessons for Australia from the international experience](#). Medical Journal of Australia. May, 2022.

- **Tim Usherwood** and team: [Primary care consumers' experiences and opinions of a telehealth consultation delivered via video during the COVID-19 pandemic](#). Australian Journal of Primary Health. March, 2022.
- Shakira Milton and team: [Exploring a novel method for optimising the implementation of a colorectal cancer risk prediction tool into primary care: a qualitative study](#). Implementation Science. May, 2022.
- **Rita McMorrow** and team: [Effect of routinely assessing and addressing depression and diabetes distress on clinical outcomes among adults with type 2 diabetes: a systematic review](#). BMJ Open. May, 2022.
- **Kyle Eggleton** and team: [A place-based evaluation of a healthy homes initiative](#). Health Promotion Journal of Australia. May, 2022.
- **Andrew Knight** and team: [It is time to reinvest in quality improvement collaboratives to support Australian general practice](#). Medical Journal of Australia. May, 2022
- **Phyllis Lau** and team: [Protocol for a Delphi consensus study to select indicators of high-quality general practice to achieve Quality Equity and Systems Transformation in Primary Health Care \(QUEST-PHC\) in Australia](#). PLoS One. May, 2022

This list does not comprehensively include the achievements of all of our members (sorry). Please send me an email at katelyn.barnes@anu.edu.au when you or another member you know has an achievement that we can all celebrate! Some previous examples include a new PhD completion, publication, or an award. Remember to also tag AAAPC in tweets about achievements in primary care -- we would love to share the joy!

Welcome to New AAAPC Members

We would love to introduce new members in the newsletter - it is a great way to build networks within our community, highlight your areas of research interest and projects you might be working on. If you would like your bio to be published in the monthly newsletter, please email secretariat@aaapc.org.au or katelyn.barnes@anu.edu.au. We are excited to meet you!

Until next time,
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