

AAAPC News - November 2022

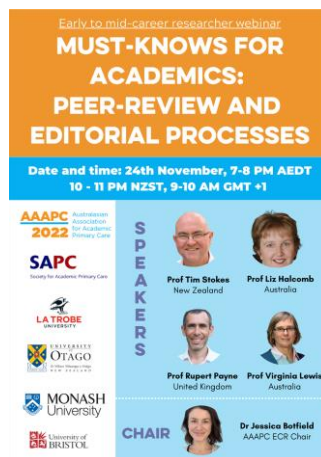
Hello everyone,

November is gone and we are on the last stretch of 2023! AAAPC is surging forward, ensuring lots of news for you. Make sure you don't miss any updates including:

- Webinar now online for members
- AAAPC 2023 Conference announcement
- AAAPC Travelling Fellowships now open
- AAAPC Committee updates

...And more

Happy reading!



Webinar available online now

Dr Jessica Botfield chaired a webinar mid November on peer-review and editorial processes with a panel of leading primary care researchers: Tim Stokes, Liz Halcomb, Virginia Lewis and Rupert Payne. The webinar covers how to become a reviewer, how to review a paper, how to identify and submit to an appropriate journal, what an editor does (and the different levels of editors), and submitting research to professional magazines. **BIG THANK YOU** you to Dr Jessica Botfield for coordinating the webinar, and to the panel of speakers for generously donating their time and expertise. The webinar is an *excellent* resource for ECRs and MCRs, and is available online for AAAPC members [here](#).

AAAPC Annual Research Conference for 2023

AAAPC 2023 conference is taking place face to face in Melbourne! The 2023 conference will be held at the Melbourne Connect building, at 700 Swanston street.

The theme for the conference is **"Strengthening Academic Primary Care: Networks, collaborations and infrastructure"**

Abstracts will open soon - keep an eye on our webpage and social media.



AAAPC Travelling Fellowship now open!



AAAPC's travelling fellowship aims to foster collaboration and support primary care research, especially among ECRs. Applications are for up to \$2000. Up to three applicants will be selected by an unconflicted panel. Successful applicants can use the funds to contribute to travel costs, accommodation, professional development, direct research costs and conference registration. Find out more and apply now on the [AAAPC webpage](#).

AAAPC strategic planning day

The AAAPC executive committee met in person on November 29 to evaluate performance against the 2019-2022 strategic plan and to reset goals for 2023-2025. The productive day included discussion and refinement of AAAPC's vision, mission and goals, as well as reports and forward plans for each subcommittee. AAAPC executive are finalising the strategic plan for 2023-2025 and will share with members online soon. Keep an eye on the webpage, social media, and next month's newsletter!

Members Noticeboard

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



In case you missed any posts this month we have seen: New Senior Lecturer position in Wellington NZ; Part time researcher position with Loddon and Gannawarra Health Services; Head of school position at Australian National University; Chair of General Practice position at University of Newcastle; a call for research participation for those working in aged care; and a discussion on the lack of transparency in MRFF decisions. a call for research participation for those working in aged care; and a discussion on the lack of transparency in MRFF decisions.

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

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

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

AAAPC Subcommittee Updates



AAAPC has 5 subcommittees dedicated to advancing the AAAPC strategic goals and building excellence in academic primary care. New subcommittee chairs were elected for 2022/23 at the AAAPC AGM on 17th of August.

If you would like to get involved in one or more of the subcommittees, email your interest to secretariat@aaapc.org.au.

Early Career Researcher subcommittee is revitalising the Friends Advancing Careers via E-based Support (FACES) group! If you are a member, please check your inbox for a survey that will help direct the group activities for 2023. ECR subcommittee is also celebrating their fantastic webinar from November 24 on peer reviewing and editorial processes.

Education subcommittee is advocating for primary care education to be incorporated into all aspects of AAAPC. The subcommittee is committed to supporting education research by working with the conference subcommittee on education focused streams and activities, working with the ECR subcommittee to ensure appropriate early career support for education and teaching, and working with the executive committee to support member opportunities in education, such as the travelling fellowship.

Membership Engagement subcommittee is busy expanding AAAPC connections by engaging with primary care organisations in Australia and New Zealand. The subcommittee is working on a strategy to increase engagement in New Zealand, ensure value for members, and expand AAAPC influence.

Conference subcommittee has decided on a face-to-face conference event at the university of Melbourne for 2023. The conference will partner with a digital support company to ensure seamless abstract submission, programming and communication throughout the event. The conference subcommittee is working on forward planning by connecting with new sponsors and venues that can support face-to-face conferences in 2024 and beyond.

Academic Policy & Advocacy subcommittee is considering how best to engage with General Practice Head of Departments around GP workforce crisis in both Australia and New Zealand. The subcommittee will also be coordinating a webinar for early 2023 – watch this space!

Upcoming Primary Care 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:

- [MRFF CTAI and EPCDRI 2022 Pancreatic Cancer Research Grant Opportunity](#). Primary care relevant opportunities in stream 1. Applications close December, 2022.
- [MRFF International Clinical Trial Collaborations Grant Opportunity](#). Grant opportunity to propose a single clinical trial in Australia in collaboration with international counterparts. Applications close February, 2023.
- [MRFF Multiple Sclerosis Research Grant Opportunity](#). Primary care relevant opportunities particularly in stream 4. Applications close February, 2023.
- [MRFF Research Data Infrastructure Grant Opportunity](#). To harness multiple existing data infrastructure types in developing and implementing new approaches for addressing an unmet medical need. Applications close 13 Feb, 2023
- [MRFF Indigenous Health Research Grant Opportunity](#). To improve the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across six streams. Applications close 1 March, 2023

Please note MRFF have requested AAAPC highlight the following grant opportunities as having potential primary care applications:

- [MRFF Genomics Health Futures Mission](#). The MRFF team has specified stream 4 as targeted at primary care, with the aim to conduct education and/or implementation research on strategies for improving clinical capacity to apply genomics in the primary health care sector. Applications close 22 February, 2023
- [MRFF Assessment of High-Cost Gene Treatments and Digital Health Interventions](#). The MRFF team has specified Stream 3 with potential primary care application: To undertake a retrospective or prospective evaluation of an implementation of a digital health intervention that assesses the relative impact of augmenting face-to-face care with data from digital tools. Applications close 1 March, 2023.

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

WONCA 2023 Abstracts Open

The World Organisation of Family Doctors Conference will be held in **Sydney Australia from 26-29 October, 2023**. Abstracts are now open! Submit [online](#) by February 9th 2023.



— Celebrating AAAPC Members —



Congratulations to some of our members on successful publications:

- **Jenifer Reath** and team: [Strengthening learning and research in health equity – opportunities for university departments of primary health care and general practice. Australian Journal of Primary Health](#). November, 2022.
- **Pallavi Prathavadi** and team: [Do preventative care guidelines emphasize behaviour change? A content analysis of three commonly used Australian general practice guidelines](#). Journal of Evaluation in Clinical Practice. November, 2022.
- **Phyllis Lau** and team: [‘Touch for Health’ based kinesiology interventions: An innovative qualitative research exploring clients’ perspectives. Complementary Therapies in Clinical Practice](#). November, 2022.
- **Lauren Ball** and team: [Using a Collective Impact framework to evaluate an Australian health alliance for improving health outcomes](#). Health Promotion International. November, 2022
- **Liz Sturgiss** and team: [Effectiveness, feasibility, and acceptability of behavior change tools used by family doctors caring for priority patients: A systematic review of the literature](#). British Journal of General Practice. November, 2022
- **Grant Russell** and team: [Using primary care data to understand opioid prescribing, policy impacts and clinical outcomes: A protocol for the OPPICO study. Research in Social and Administrative Pharmacy](#). November, 2022.
- **Sally Hall Dygraaf** and team: [Implementing mandatory COVID-19 vaccination for Australian aged care workers](#). Medical Journal of Australia. November, 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_ANZ in tweets about achievements in primary care -- we would love to share the joy!

Welcome to New AAAPC Members

Welcome to Hannah Greenwood, PhD Candidate at Bond University:



Hannah Greenwood has a background in social and behavioural psychology and has worked a research assistant at Institute for Evidence-Based Healthcare at Bond University for a few years. She has just started her PhD looking at implementing effective non-drug interventions in healthcare systems, particularly primary care. Hannah's other research interests include reducing overdiagnosis and medical overuse, mental health, evidence

synthesis, research automation and implementation science. Read more about Hannah's research [here](#), or connect with her on [Twitter](#).

We would love to introduce all 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 month!

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