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# AAAPC News - September 2022

Hello everyone,

September has flown by with plenty of AAAPC activity. Make sure you don't miss any updates including:

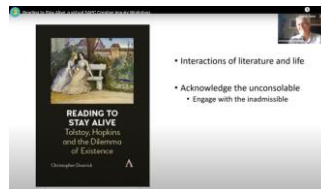
- SAPC online workshop recording
- AAAPC Travelling Fellowships opening soon;
- AAAPC Post conference information; and
- AAAPC executive introductions

...And much more

Happy reading!

## **SAPC online workshop**

The first of many new SAPC and AAAPC webinar was held early September.



[Professor Chris Dowrick](#), led an online workshop about the how literary reading could ameliorate our personal and vicarious experiences of suicide. The workshop held reflective discussions on personal thoughts and feelings related to specific texts representing suicide. For anyone who missed this fascinating presentation, you can find the recording on the [SAPC website](#)!

## **AAAPC Travelling Fellowship**

**AAAPC Travelling Fellowships open soon!**

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 on the [AAAPC webpage](#).



## 2021/22 Travelling fellowship reports

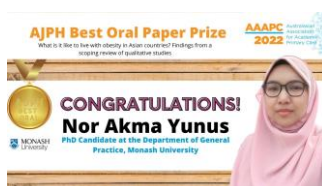
AAAPC's 2021/22 Travelling fellowship winners share how they used their fellowship funds and how their work benefited from the support of AAAPC.

[Dr Nor Akma Yunus](#) was funded for research that focuses on patients' experience of living with obesity and their experience of accessing care for obesity in Malaysia. The research involves collaboration between Monash University and Universiti Sains Malaysia, and so data were collected in the Malaysian official language. AAAPC's travelling fellowship helped to cover some of the costs of transcription and translation of the interview transcripts. Nor Akma has [published one study](#) from the travelling fellowship and is preparing the draft of a second study. Nor Akma also shared her experiences on translation in qualitative health research by writing a methodology paper currently under review.

[Dr Sharon James](#) was funded for research into GP Registrar experiences of IUD insertions. Sharon used her travelling fellowship to support in person meetings with Professor Parker Magin (Director, NSW & ACT Research and Evaluation Unit) and Anna Ralston (Senior Research Assistant) at GP Synergy in Newcastle and to support data analysis. Sharon's in person visit enabled review and discussion of data to explore longitudinal patterns in IUD and implant clinical encounters. Even with travel delays from COVID-19, Sharon considers the AAAPC travelling fellowship a valuable tool to promote networking, particularly for rural and regional researchers.

## AAAPC Conference Updates

### Australian Journal of Primary Health Best Oral Paper Award



Our 2022 Annual Research Conference sponsor, the Australian Journal of Primary Health, was able to present their award in September. Congratulations to [Dr Nor Akma Yunus](#) for her fantastic presentation titled "What is it like to live with obesity in Asian Countries? Findings from a scoping review of qualitative studies". You can read Nor Akma's abstract [here](#) on page 71.

### Onwards and upwards...

Thank you to all conference delegates who took the time to complete the conference evaluation. Your feedback is helpful for us to shape future conferences! Our 2022 Annual Research Conference evaluation showed that many of our members loved the plenary

sessions and speaker content. We received mixed feedback on the online format, and we hear *you* that an in person conference is preferred for next year.

AAAPC's **2023 Annual Research Conference** is pencilled in for mid-August, is planned to be ***in person*** held in one of Australia's major east coast cities. Keep your eyes on our [twitter](#), [webpage](#), and newsletters to keep on top of the latest details!

### **Introducing AAAPC Executive**

I'm [Dr Phyllis Lau](#), the AAAPC President for 2022/23. I am a Pharmacist with a passion for research and education across all aspects of primary care particularly interprofessional collaboration and cultural sensitivity in health care. I am Associate Professor at the Melbourne Dental School, and Senior Research Fellow with the Departments of General Practice at University of Western Sydney and University of Melbourne and also



hold international positions with University of Malaysia, and Hong Kong Tuen Mun Hospital Family Medicine Department. My research expertise is in health service research, interprofessional collaborative research and Indigenous health research. As President of AAAPC, my role is to advocate on behalf of members for a multidisciplinary primary healthcare oriented health care system founded in patient-centred and primary care principles, developed through evidence and education. I look forward to another year of working with friends and colleagues of AAAPC to advance academic primary care in Australasia.



I'm [Professor Tim Stokes](#), the AAAPC Vice President for 2022/23. I'm a GP and the Elaine Gurr Professor of General Practice and Head of Department of the Department of General Practice and Rural Health, Dunedin School of Medicine, University of Otago, Aotearoa New Zealand (NZ). My research expertise is in health care delivery and Implementation research both in primary care and across the health system. I'm also the Co-Editor-in-Chief of NZ's Journal of Primary Health Care. I'm looking forward to an active role on the AAAPC executive to ensure a strong NZ voice and will be promoting the visibility and value of AAAPC to my NZ colleagues in academic primary care.

I'm [Professor Dimity Pond](#), AAAPC Secretary for 2022/23. I am a GP by trade and have worked part time in general practice in Berowra for a few decades. I am also a GP academic, heading up the Discipline of General Practice at the University of Newcastle from 1999 until last year. My research is around aged care and dementia, with a focus on how to better manage these in primary care and work with Dementia Training Australia as part of their GP education group. I am an adjunct senior researcher at



the Wicking Dementia Centre at University of Tasmania; and Honorary Professor in Nursing and Midwifery at Western Sydney University where we explore how nurses and GPs can work together to improve care for older patients. It's great to be part of the Executive of AAAPC and work with all the primary care disciplines in this vibrant organisation. I strongly believe collaborative practice is the way forward for primary care and for our patients.



I'm [Dr Sibel Saya](#) the AAAPC treasurer for 2021-2023. My background is as a genetic counsellor but my research interests are in translating new genetic and genomic tests for use by all. I finished my PhD in early 2021, which explored the acceptability and feasibility of a colorectal cancer polygenic risk score to target screening in primary care. I've continued with the Cancer in Primary Care research group at the University of Melbourne, expanding my PhD research to explore predicting risk of other cancers. I love how AAAPC is such a collaborative and warm association, that aims to promote and flourish so many areas of primary care research. I volunteered to be treasurer because I love Excel!

## **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 17<sup>th</sup> of August.

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

**Early Career Researcher subcommittee** is starting to coordinate a webinar for November on reviewing journals and steps to become an editor! Keep your eyes on our webpage and twitter for information soon. If you would like to get involved with AAAPCs ECR support, career building and mentoring, come and get involved! Check out FACES on our webpage to find out what the ECR subcommittee do, and email [secretariat@aaapc.org.au](mailto:secretariat@aaapc.org.au) to get express your interest in either FACES or the ECR subcommittee.

**Education subcommittee** is currently finessing the requirements for the Education travelling scholarship - keep your eyes on the website for application instructions as they will open soon! This subcommittee is also working with SAPC to put together a series of presentations on primary care education and practice. If you have ideas on how to strengthen primary care education research and practice, please join this subcommittee! Email: [secretariat@aaapc.org.au](mailto:secretariat@aaapc.org.au).

**Membership Engagement subcommittee** working on a webinar covering online research profiles: what you need and how to get it. Keep your eyes on our webpage and on twitter to get the details on when to join! Our ME co-chairs are tweeting up a storm – make sure you keep an eye on our twitter page. This subcommittee would love more support, to get involved in making AAAPC high value for it's members, please get email your interest to [secretariat@aaapc.org.au](mailto:secretariat@aaapc.org.au).

**Conference subcommittee** has started the ball rolling on the 2023 conference! No rest for this group as they are diving into finding a venue for an in person conference. This subcommittee needs more help – get involved in coordinating the BEST primary care conference for Australia and New Zealand. Email: [secretariat@aaapc.org.au](mailto:secretariat@aaapc.org.au)

**Research, Policy & Advocacy subcommittee** will be meeting soon to discuss strategy for 2022/23. The subcommittee continues to respond to academic primary care policy related issues as they arise.

## **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.

### **MRFF Consumer Reference Panel Update**

Please note that the MRFF consumer reference panel has been updated. You can find more details about the panel, including who is on the panel on the [MRFF website](#), or through their [news release](#).

### **Australian primary care specific funding opportunities**

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

- [NHMRC Targeted Call: Cultural, ethnic and linguistic diversity in dementia](#). This once off grant opportunity is to stimulate research that is inclusive of culturally, ethnically and linguistically diverse individuals, conducted in a culturally safe and appropriate manner, contributing to improving best practice approaches for dementia research. Applications close 16 November, 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 CTAI and EPCDRI 2022 Pancreatic Cancer Research Grant Opportunity](#). Primary care relevant opportunities in stream 1. Applications close December, 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!

### **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 September we have seen: A job opportunity at Monash University, a call for rural and regional GPs and Nurses to join the ORIENT trial to help expand comprehensive women's health care in Australia, and a post for an upcoming 2 day workshop on qualitative interviewing.

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 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

- **Rita McMorrow** and team: [People with type 2 diabetes experiences of emotional support in Australian general practice: a qualitative study](#). *BJGP Open*, September 2022.
- **Kyle Eggelton** and team: [Disruption to the doctor-patient relationship in primary care: a qualitative study](#). *BJGP Open*, September 2022.
- **Kristi Milley** and team: [A bibliometric analysis of general practice-based cancer research publications 2013-2019](#). *BJGP*, September 2022.
- **Michael Wright** and team: [General practice experiences of Australia's COVID-19 vaccine rollout: lessons for primary care reform](#). *Australian Health Review*, September 2022.
- **Phyllis Lau** and team: [Experience of COVID-19 vaccination among Primary Healthcare workers in Hon Kong: A Qualitative study](#). *Vaccines*, September 2022.
- **Renee Fiolet** and team: [Community perspectives on delivering trauma aware and culturally safe perinatal care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parents](#). *Women and Birth*, September 2022.
- **Danielle Mazza** and team: [A Novel GPPAS Model: Guiding the Implementation of Antimicrobial Stewardship in Primary Care Utilising Collaboration between General Practitioners and Community Pharmacists](#). *Antibiotics*, September 2022.
- **Andrew Knight** and team: [Age-related Variation in the provision of primary care services and medication prescriptions for patients with cardiovascular disease](#). *Environmental Research and Public Health*, August 2022.
- **Elizabeth Sturgiss** and team: [International reflections on NAPCRG: celebrating 50 years of learning and connecting](#). *BMJ Family Medicine and Community Health*, September 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](mailto: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**

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](mailto:secretariat@aaapc.org.au) or [katelyn.barnes@anu.edu.au](mailto:katelyn.barnes@anu.edu.au). We are excited to meet you!

Until next month!  
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