

Board Communiqué – November 2023

Please read the highlights of key issues discussed at the RACP Board meeting on 24 November 2023. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss these matters further at president@racp.edu.au. Dr Jacqueline Small, President and Chair RACP Board.

I would like to start our Board Communiqué by welcoming our new CEO, Lee Whitney. We look forward to working with Lee in progressing our core business and improving our member value experience.

Member Event Series

The ACT, QLD and Auckland 2023 Member Event Series events were held during October with very positive feedback. The SA Member Event was delivered on 8 November at Mount Lofty as part of the SA ASM, and TAS on Friday 1 November in Launceston.

The final Convocation Ceremony for 2023 was held on Saturday 4 November at Brisbane Town Hall. Congratulations once again to our new Fellows.

Our College opened the doors of 145 Macquarie Street to members of the public on Sunday 5 November as part of the annual Sydney Open event. Between 10am and 5pm, A/Prof Cate Storey and the RACP's Librarian Karen Myers presented 8 tours of the ground and first floor of the building, while I hosted a member event in the evening on the terrace at the top of the building. It was wonderful to connect with long-time colleagues and new members, and I thank all who attended.

I hosted the official opening of our new College premises in Sydney, at 1 O'Connell Street, and thank my NSW colleagues and guests for their attendance.

CPD

The 2024 MyCPD Framework has been released to all Fellows and CPD users. There is a focus on supervision and research activities moving to category 2 and 3 following feedback we received from you, as well as a requirement to embed cultural safety and health equity into CPD.

Thank you to all Fellows that provided direct feedback on CPD communications and suggestions to support their CPD. We are currently reviewing those responses as we develop further improvements based on your suggestions.

Workforce

We are currently preparing workforce feedback on the Ministerial Review of the Victorian Public Hospital Medical Staff – Systems of work and employment arrangements. The feedback is being done in collaboration with a number of Specialty Societies and College Bodies.

Advocacy Activities

Advocacy for the reinstatement of telephone-based telehealth items has resulted in changes to the Medicare review recommendations.

We have provided extensive feedback on the draft actions for the workforce and training for the National Health Climate Strategy.

Submissions have been provided as part of the consultation on the National Autism Strategy discussion paper, the Senate Inquiry into the Middle Arm Industrial Precinct and the National Resilience Taskforce on Capabilities for Crisis Response.

Facebook and Instagram advertising for Switch off the Junk (Kids catch up campaign) to encourage users to sign the RACP petition calling for the Australian Government to regulate junk food advertising to children has concluded with 864 signatures.

A quarterly report has been published highlighting a huge range of policy and advocacy activities, I encourage you to take a look at the report which can be found on our website [here](#).

We are currently reviewing responses to the Member Satisfaction Survey and developing a plan to actively address your main concerns. I look forward to providing you with further information in early 2024.

Thank you once again to all of our volunteers and College Body members. On behalf of the Board, I acknowledge your work and commitment you all have to our College.