



COMMUNIQUE

College Council

of The Royal Australasian College of Physicians

The College Council met virtually on 6 November 2025 to progress a number of strategic matters.

Awards and Recognition

Following advice from the Awards Review Panel, the College Council has recommended a recipient to the Board for the 2026 College Medal and approved recipients of the Medal for Clinical Service in Rural and Remote Areas, the Mentor of the Year Award, and the Trainee of the Year Award.

2026 Flagship Event Series

College Council was presented with proposed thematic directions for the 2026 Flagship Event Series, noting member feedback and the need for themes that balance clinical relevance, strategic value and financial sustainability. College Council considered a range of options for both major and smaller targeted events and highlighted the importance of careful framing, broad engagement across specialties, and responsiveness to member priorities. Discussion emphasised testing new concepts at smaller scale, ensuring clear measures of success, and exploring hybrid and regionally distributed formats to enhance inclusivity and participation.

College Council recognises the value of clinically focused content, practical education, and initiatives that support key member groups, with further refinement to continue in consultation with relevant committees and specialty groups.

Specialty Society Affiliation

The current framework for specialty and sub-specialty society affiliation was considered by the College Council. Members noted the longstanding criteria for affiliation, the independence of specialty societies, and the need for clarity regarding processes for groups not currently affiliated. Potential models for future affiliation and associated resource implications were discussed. There was support for maintaining the existing approach at this time, with no immediate need to expand or revise the current approach.

Strategic Direction

An update was received on the refreshed strategic direction, which strengthens member impact and community outcomes through four strategic priorities supported by integrated value chains. College Council noted planned refinements to committee structures and work plans to improve agility, reduce bureaucracy and enhance collaboration, with an 18-month transition informed by pilots and member feedback. The refresh aims to streamline activity, align work with strategic priorities and improve outcome tracking while maintaining core regulatory and educational obligations.

Project TRELLiS

Project TRELLiS, the major program modernising the College's core systems to deliver a more seamless, integrated digital experience for members. The project will replace legacy platforms, strengthen reliability and data capability, and use clear performance indicators to demonstrate value. College Council noted plans to involve members in testing and refining the new system.

Any questions and comments are welcomed via Council@racp.edu.au

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