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CHAPTER OF COMMUNITY CHILD HEALTH COMMITTEE

2017 Mid-Year Communiqué

The following communiqué highlights the key issues of the Chapter of Community Child Health Committee (CCCHC) for the first half of 2017.

Membership

The CCCHC membership is comprised of a mix of Fellows and Trainees from Australia and New Zealand with varied special interests across Child Development & Behaviour, Child Population Health and Child Protection as well as Advanced Training Committee and Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine Committee representatives.

In January 2017, the CCCHC welcomed Dr Lakshman Doddamani as the Neurodevelopmental and Behavioural Paediatric Society of Australasia representative in a co-opted position. Full committee membership can be viewed here.

Key Activities

- I am pleased to report attendee numbers for the Chapter Satellite Day are the highest in a number of years. As Sunday, 7 May approaches I look forward to the excellent program organised and thank the organising committee comprised of myself, Dr Jan Connors, A/Prof John Eastwood, Dr Kirsten Furley, Dr Tim Jelleyman, Dr Santhini Kumaran and Dr Chris Ward. I would also like to thank the Neurodevelopmental and Behavioural Paediatric Society of Australasia who are holding their meeting on Saturday, 6 May. Collaborating on the theme across the two days and hosting a combined social dinner has provided more value and content for Chapter members.
- April 2017 marked the re-launch of <u>Chapter Chat</u> as an e-bulletin which can be viewed on your smart phone or tablet. We aim to include content that is informative, thought provoking and a conversation starter. The CCCHC encourages two-way communication through Chapter Chat and welcomes feedback and submissions.
- As mentioned in the Chapter Chat 'Message from the Chair' the CCCHC is committed
 to increased engagement and serving the needs Chapter members. To do this we will
 be undertaking a narrative process to cement a sense of identity, enable us to frame
 conversations, and help guide priorities and decision making on issues important to
 the Chapter. I will keep you informed and seek your input through Chapter Chat and
 communiqués.
- A reminder that details on becoming a member of the Chapter of Community Child Health can be found here.

Meetings

The Chapter Satellite Day will be held on Sunday, 7 May at the Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne. The Annual Meeting of the Chapter of Community Child Health will be held on Monday, 8 May 2017 at the RACP Congress in Melbourne. The CCCHC will next meet on Wednesday, 17 May via teleconference. A face to face meeting in Sydney is scheduled for Friday, 29 September followed by a teleconference on Wednesday, 15 November.

Your feedback and queries are welcomed, please contact me at paed@racp.edu.au.

Dr Chris Pearson

Chair, Chapter of Community Child Health

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