



Chapter of Community Child Health Chapter Chat Issue 19, May 2015



Dr Chris Pearson

A word from the Chair ...

As usual the Committee has been busy with a variety of issues.

These have included a review of governance structures ensuring that the Committee is compliant with some changes within the RACP including aligning election cycles.

The Committee has been pursuing its initiative of encouraging the Chapter to place due heed of the importance of the Family in our work and a paper has been developed to support this. You are encouraged to comment on this initiative at paed@racp.edu.au.

The Committee has been working on developing an alliance with the [International Society for Social Paediatrics and Child Health](#). Currently the approval process is wending its way through a number of College committees but it is not expected that there will be a problem. The next annual meeting of ISSOP will be in Geneva in September this year. There are usually a small number of Chapter members who do attend and the range of

subjects covered includes child rights and "Global maternal, newborn and child health: moving from the millennium to sustainable development goals".

The Mental Health position statement is slowly but steadily being refined into a document that will be thrown open for consultation in the near future. The major purpose of this document is to provide a means to negotiate with government about the Mental health of children that are so dear to us.

Finally in the last edition I wrote about the plight of refugee children and the need to continue to remind government of our concern. The deaths in the Mediterranean are most distressing as I am sure that there are many children among their number.

We now have a new issue of concern and that is for the many Nepalese children and their families who must be suffering so dreadfully at the moment. I encourage you to think of ways in which you can personally contribute to their aid.

*Chris Pearson,
Chair of CCCH*

*We would love to receive some pictures to place in Chapter Chat!
We require the event name, date and the names of people in the pictures. It is assumed that you have sought permission from those in the pictures.*

Farewell from the Editor

It has been a privilege and pleasure, as editor of Chapter Chat, to assist with putting together this newsletter over the last couple of years. Unfortunately due to increasing time pressures, I am no longer able to continue in this role. We are currently looking for a new editor, so if you are interested and are able to assist, I am sure the Chapter would love to hear from you. Here is a little of what is involved...



The newsletter is published twice a year, one mid-year (usually before the Chapter Satellite Day and RACP Annual Congress), and one at the end of the year (just before Christmas). We send out invitations for contributions from Chapter members in the weeks and months prior to publication. In the past we have had articles about upcoming events; interesting conferences; travel, hobbies and general interest articles written by our members; as well as reflections, opinions and information articles on issues relevant to Community Child Health. We have had interviews with Chapter members, in our "Getting to know you" section. The Chair of the Chapter and the Advanced Trainee Representative also make regular contributions to the newsletter.

A real highlight, of course, are the wonderful photographs taken at various Chapter and member events. We always endeavour to take as many photos as possible and include them in our newsletter!

Grace Wong

Note: The call for expressions of interest for the Editor of Chapter Chat will occur post RACP Congress 2015.

Chapter of Community Child Health Committee Current Membership List

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Welcome to new members of the Chapter

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* Dr Biola Araba
* Dr Carina Burgess
* Dr Keith Charles
* Dr Taya Dowling
* Dr Jacqui Duc
* Dr Sanjay Gehlot
* Dr Silvia Goldstein
* Dr Michelle Gould
* Dr Priya Heyes
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Chapter of Community Child Health 2015 Events



CCCH Satellite Day & Annual Dinner

Registrations for the Satellite Day and the annual dinner close Sunday, 10 May 2015.

Have you registered for the this year's Satellite Day and annual dinner, Sunday, 24 May 2015?!

The forum promotes an understanding of contemporary matters of community child health. In addition to child health the Chapter has a strong interest and involvement with young people's health and for the first time the focus of the day will be on the issues of Adolescents and Young Adults; the 10 to 24 age group.

As always a strong program is in place, including recently retired Prof John Boulton on "An Imagined Future: Whither adolescents in Aboriginal Australia?" followed by sessions related to the Chapter's special interest groups on development and behaviour, protection, and population health. Check out the [program](#) for the details.

In addition the annual [Chapter of Community Child Health dinner](#), held the same evening, will be at Cairns' most highly awarded venue the Ochre Restaurant. It will be wonderful to catch up with colleagues in a relaxed atmosphere.

Do not delay - [register now!](#)

CCCH Annual Meeting

The Chapter Annual Meeting is scheduled for Monday, 25 May at 10.30am - during the morning tea break at the RACP Congress.

Please join me and other Committee members to receive updates on the activity of the Chapter and the direction we are moving towards.

The [Agenda and papers](#) are now available. Note that this year the Chairs of the Special Interest Groups will provide reports and talk to those rather than a standalone annual meeting (previously held during the [Chapter Satellite Day](#)). Further papers will be added as the meeting draws closer and I will notify you when the final agenda and papers are available.

There is a lot to report on in the 30 minutes meeting and as such much of the information provided is for noting. Keeping the limited time slot in mind I am keen that members, whether in attendance or not, have the an opportunity to provide their comments and questions. **Please review the agenda and send any comments or questions to paed@racp.edu.au by COB Thursday 14 May, 2015.**

We do take apologies for the meeting. Please email those to paed@racp.edu.au prior to the meeting.

Dr Chris Pearson
Chair, Chapter of Community Child Health

Chapter Satellite Day, plenary speaker

John Boulton

I am privileged to have friendships with Aboriginal people whose own lives have been lived so differently but who share many of the same life values. These friendships have developed over the ten years that I have worked in the remote Kimberley region of north-western Western Australia as a senior regional paediatrician.

Because of the complexity of the barriers to children's health, I advocate the need for doctors to engage with the Kimberley's unique history and artistic tradition, and ideally through an anthropological and demographic perspective. Photography has been a way of connecting with people and country, and I study archaeology and rock art to understand and respect its cosmology.

Now that I have finished my non-government organisation clinical work, my focus is social justice advocacy. I work with the MLA Kimberley and Aboriginal NGOs to implement the Kimberley Alternative Juvenile Justice Strategy with support from the Youth Justice Board through the Office of Reform (WA Corrective Services). The aim is to provide cultural, educational and emotional support on outstation programs run by Kin as an alternative to detention in Perth.



L to R: Dr John Boulton and Dakota Youmarie
Location: Kimberley Land Council Festival, Jarmadangah Community, Sept 2014.
Photographer: Jane Pedersen
Month / Year: Sept

I am honoured to present "An Imagined Future: Whither adolescents in Aboriginal Australia?" at this year's [Chapter of Community Child Health Satellite Day](#). In this talk I present one view of the cultural and affective dimensions of the vast discrepancy in life chances for education, health and well-being, and economic independence, between adolescents in mainstream society and those in regional and remote Aboriginal Australia.

John Boulton is an Emeritus Professor at the University of Newcastle, NSW; and has honorary academic affiliations with the Telethon Kids Institute, Perth; the Centre for Values, Ethics and Law in Medicine at the University of Sydney; and with the Broome and Fremantle campuses of Notre Dame University, Western Australia.



John Boulton

Magda and Dakota Youmarie, Dr John Boulton
Location: Kimberley Land Council Festival, Jarmadangah Community,
Photographer: Jane Pedersen
Month / Year: Sept 2014.

Paediatric Stream at RACP Congress 2015



Two weeks until College Congress! **Registration closes Sunday, 10 May.**

The paediatric stream of RACP Congress 2015 covers a variety of topics many of interest to the Chapter. These include ethics, ebola, children in detention, palliative care, child right's, Indigenous health, newborn screening, prematurity, physical punishment of children, headaches, asthma, pump therapy, health politics, social media, paediatric surgery, same -sex families, and gender dysphoria. Of note is the Howard William oration by [Prof John Whitehall](#), scheduled for Tuesday 26 May. Prof Whitehall has a special interest in international health which is reflected by his extensive experience working abroad, particularly developing countries. Check out the [online program](#) for the details including speakers and abstracts.

The [Rue Wright Memorial Award](#), a prize for community child health based research, will be contested on Monday, 25 May; please come along and support those undertaking valuable research.

The [Chapter annual meeting](#) will be held in the morning of Monday, 25 May - the Paediatrics & Child Health Division annual meeting will be held the following day during the lunch break. The annual meetings provide an opportunity to hear about achievements, current activity and future endeavors.

The [Division annual dinner](#) will be held Monday, 25 May. This is always a great event and the location at Yorkeys Knob Boating Club is stunning. There are views overlooking the marina and out to the Coral Sea. Transportation to and from the dinner is included in the dinner registration (and yes, there will be a DJ and dance floor!).

[Register now](#) for Congress. See you there!

2016 RACP Foundation Research Awards

The 2016 Research Awards, managed by the RACP Foundation, recently opened in the following categories. **Trainee** members of the Chapter are encouraged to consider whether these awards are of benefit for their projects.

- [Research Development Scholarships](#) providing funding for smaller projects
- [Research Entry Scholarships](#) to assist Fellows and trainees at the start of their research career and who are enrolled in a Masters, PhD or higher research degree
- [Research Establishment Fellowships](#) available to Fellows and trainees who wish to establish themselves in a research career
- [Career Development Fellowships](#) for Fellows who are established researchers
- [Travel Grants](#) to support short periods of research or study

Trainees please note that the Australian Paediatric Research Unit (APRN) has an excellent research toolkit. This was recently linked to the Australian Paediatric Surveillance Unit (APSU) systematic review resource toolkit. The APRN toolkit is available via the [RACP MyResources gateway](#) and there is a link to the APSU resource. Members may claim MyCPD under Category 1:

Currently the PCHD endowment funds are allocated to three key activities that align to RACP research strategy – Chapter members may like to pursue these opportunities.

- PCHD Indigenous Health Scholarship Program - to be launched post RACP Congress 2015.
- PCHD International Grant: Asia Pacific – to be launched post RACP Congress 2015.
- [RACP PCHD NHMRC Award for Excellence](#)

Developmental and Behavioural Paediatrics Conference

27–29 August 2015



Neurodevelopmental and Behavioural
Paediatric Society of Australasia

The 2015 NBPSA (& SCHN) conference, titled *Developmental and Behavioural Paediatrics in a Changing World* will be held on 27-29 August 2015, at the Menzies hotel, Sydney.

The NBPSA has worked closely with the Sydney Children's Hospital Network (SCHN) to produce our biggest conference to date. It reinforces the collaborative efforts and partnerships that are essential for the success of Developmental and Behavioural Paediatrics.

The event will be, in part, celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Sydney's first Community Paediatric Unit and will explore the changing landscape of Developmental Behavioural Paediatrics, now and into the future. This year, it will be open to non-NBPSA members, however Day 3, is reserved for NBPSA members only.

Day 1 Offers a series lecture style talks providing practical clinical tips & state of the art science. International speakers including Randi Hagerman (USA) and Rita Jordan (UK) will talk alongside many of Sydney's favourite local experts.

Day 2 will cover 4 topics in greater detail, from multiple presenters in order to get a real in depth analysis and discussion. There will also be a workshop on managing challenging behaviours.

Day 3 will be themed on understanding and improving the developmental trajectories our patients and ourselves. Guest speakers will talk about the neuroscience and services. Our local group will follow with workshops on improving and sustaining our resilience and longevity as clinicians. This day will bring about

case discussions, debate and the sedimentation of clinical information that matters most.

Members will also have access to our special interest groups throughout the conference. There will be a strong focus on supporting trainees and early career consultants in creating a sustainable future; as well as unravelling the challenges associated with private practice. Other specialised topics including research, advocacy and education will also be represented.

There are significant discounts associated with **early bird registration (prior to 8 May)**.

Any of you who aren't members but have a special interest in developmental & behavioural paediatrics or simply seeking collegial support in this area are encouraged to apply for membership.

Please click on www.nbpsa.org for details on the conference or membership. Our co-ordinator, Kath Owen, can readily answer all our questions via events@nbpsa.org.

We very much look forward to seeing you at the conference.

Michael McDowell
President, NBPSA

Con Papadopoulos
Conference Organiser, Sydney 2015

College Child Protection Statement Endorsed

Recently, the College Policy and Advocacy Committee endorsed [*Protecting Children is Everybody's Business: Paediatricians Responding to the Challenge of Child Protection, 2015*](#).

This is the child protection policy document of the College.

The emphasis in the position statement reflects the *Australian National Child Protection Framework, 2009-2020*, and the New Zealand *White Paper for Vulnerable Children and Children's Action Plan 2012*, both contemporary national child protection policy documents.

Both of these national policy documents emphasise the importance of early recognition of vulnerable children and their need for non-statutory intervention before they have been harmed, as well as the importance of the statutory child protection system to protect children from further harm.

The College position statement was launched at this year's Australian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect on Wednesday, 1 April in Auckland. This provides an opportunity to recognise that everyone has the central and important role in the recognition and management of vulnerable children.

Specific guidance is provided in the statement to paediatricians across the spectrum of child protection, recognising that the paediatrician's role and responsibilities vary, and not all paediatricians will require training for statutory child protection work. It contains many useful child protection web addresses and reference links, both for Australian and New Zealand paediatricians.

The position statement was developed and written by members of the Child Protection Special Interest Group of the Division of Paediatrics & Child Health and Alex Lynch, Senior Policy Officer at the College. It replaces '*Protecting Children is Everybody's Business*', the last College child protection policy document, which was released in 2000.

I encourage all paediatricians to read the policy and welcome any feedback.

Dr Terry Donald
Chair, Child Protection Special Interest Group

Pilot of Entrustable Professional Activities

The pilot of Entrustable Professional Activities in Community Child Health training commenced in February this year. The purpose of this pilot of the test the use of an alternative competency-based methodology for accreditation of Community Child Health training.

23 teams of trainees and supervisors pairs have signed up to participate, and are currently conducting the pilot in their respective workplaces. Each team has completed phase 1 of the pilot, during which time they set learning goals for the rotation, and agreed on methods of achieving these. A number of pilot participants volunteered to participate in phone interviews following phase 1 and these interviews provided valuable information about their experience so far.

Phase 2 of the pilot involves trainees and their supervisors conducting a mid-rotation review of the trainee's progress. Following phase 2, further phone interviews will be conducted for continued pilot evaluation.

Further information about the pilot is available on the [College website](#) or by contacting Dr Mick O'Keeffe, Project Lead or Nikki Briones, Education Development Officer via phone (02) 8076 6335 or email curriculum@racp.edu.au.

The May 2015 edition of the [Advanced Training in Community Child Health Newsletter](#) is now available.

Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine Committee

[The Adolescent & Young Adult Medicine \(AYAM\) Committee](#) met Friday, 9 April with the provision of quality training top of mind.

A number of years ago an Advanced Training Curriculum was developed, however at the eleventh hour the College was advised that specialty recognition of AYAM was required. Last year a working group reporting to the AYAM Committee with the support of a College Project Officer developed a submission to for AYAM to be recognised as a field of specialty practice by the relevant bodies in Australia. The intent of recognition is not just to provide training, which in turn means a stable workforce, it is also to provide leadership, research and advocacy - in effect legitimising the work and passion of those already practicing in AYAM.

However the environment for recognition is not conducive presently and, in liaison with the College Dean and Director of Education Services, the AYAM Committee determined to hold the application and look at other options for training. Work is currently underway in which the Committee will review options and determine the best way forward. I will keep you informed of the direction that this takes.

For those of you keen to train in AYAM please send your queries to AdolescentMed@racp.edu.au. Staff at the College will respond or direct your query to the AYAM Advanced Training Committee (formerly the SAC).

On behalf of the Committee I thank the RACP Board, Marie-Louise Stokes, Richard Doherty, and the Presidents of the Adult Medicine Division and the Paediatrics & Child Health Division for their ongoing support of this matter.

The Committee are very pleased that the Board supports College-wide advocacy for the health and wellbeing of young people. The Committee is currently developing a position statement on AYAM and it is anticipated we will progress advocacy on its completion. In the meantime we engage where possible - most recently producing an opinion piece as part of the Australian National Youth Week.

This year the Chapter of Community Child Health [Satellite Day](#), Sunday 24 May, is themed AYAM. The plenary by Prof John Boulton, 'An Imagined Future: Whither adolescents in Aboriginal Australia' as well as the concluding session - a discussion the transgender film *Ma vie en rose* (my life in pink) constitute part of a strong program.

Thank you to the Chapter for its ongoing support of AYAM. In addition, please also note there will be a great session on Gender Dysphoria on the last day of College Congress.

Bessy Lampropoulos
Adolescent representative on CCCHC

Trainee Corner

Welcome to those of you who have recently started advanced training in Community Child Health! And congratulations to those who have just finished or who are coming to the end of their training.

There are upcoming changes in Community Child Health training, so if you have questions about your training pathway, please contact the [CCH Specialist Advisory Committee \(SAC\)](#).

A reminder as recruitment time for 2016 comes upon us regarding prospective jobs - it is important to clarify in discussions with prospective supervisors as to whether this position is accredited for CCH training. It can be confusing as positions that may fulfil the 'community' requirements of general paediatrics training may not fulfil CCH training requirements. It is much better to have these discussions early in the job application process than to be disappointed later on!

Future changes to training will include the entrustable professional activities (EPAs) which are currently being trialled, aiming to better prepare trainees for consultant level work and objectively certify skills. As we progress through training. A trial has also been completed looking at an alternative pathway for recognition of child protection experience and training through the use of in depth case reports. This is not intended to replace training within tertiary child protection units for those wishing to work in this field but recognises the difficulty many trainees have faced in obtaining child protection positions so as to fulfil their core CCH training requirements. We also await more information about the proposed training streams in community child health.

The Chapter also provides an important voice on advocacy issues with the College, such as the important of child protection in paediatrics, children in detention, mental health and the role of family. As trainees, you therefore have a role in getting involved and advocating for policy makers to look at a child in the context of their wider community.

The Chapter Satellite Day, immediately prior to the commencement of the RACP conference in Cairns in May, is sure to be interesting, looking at the issues of adolescent and young adult medicine, across various vulnerable groups. The overarching themes for the Congress are palliative care, gender dysphoria and refugee health, all of which are also of interest to our Chapter.

Angela Titmuss

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