

## **NZ Paediatric and Child Health Division Committee (NZPCHDC) 2016 Communique**

The NZ PCHDC has enjoyed a busy year in 2016. The NZ PCHDC Chair, Dr Jeff Brown, is now NZ President-elect, and has co-Chaired NZ PCHDC with Dr Roger Tuck.

The Committee has been an active contributor to the RACP's Curricula Renewal programme in 2016. Dr Raewyn Gavin, Chair of NZ Paediatric and Child Health Division Education Committee and member of NZ PCHDC, presented on the new Basic Training Curriculum at St Vincent's Hospital in Melbourne.

NZ PCHDC was delighted to be able to recognise Dr John Newman's career in paediatrics, by inviting him to deliver the annual Montgomery Spencer Memorial Oration at the Paediatrics Society of New Zealand's annual scientific meeting in Tauranga in November. His presentation, "Trying to make a difference" was well received by the audience.

Members have contributed to the RACP's submissions to New Zealand government agencies, departments and external organisations on a wide variety of topics including Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, the codes governing the advertising of food and beverages to children, and the extension of the HPV vaccine to boys.

The Committee continued to engage with the Ministry of Health, and in particular offered support for the 'every child, every time' campaign, and congratulated the Ministry of Health on the appointment of a *Raising Healthy Kids* target champion, Professor Hayden McRobbie.

In 2017 the NZ PCHD Committee is looking forward to more closely aligning its workplan to the Division Council's plan; developing the Model of Collaboration with the Paediatric Society of New Zealand; and continuing to contribute to RACP policy and advocacy to improve health outcomes for children and young people in New Zealand.

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