# PCHD Overview 2014

Refer to the following for Committee achievements for 2014:

- PCHD Education Committee (available in January)
- PCHD Policy & Advocacy Committee [Communique - December 2014](#)
- PCHD Research Committee [PCHD Research Committee End of Year Communique - December 2014](#)
- Chapter of Community Child Health [CCCH Committee end of year Communique 2014](#)
- Adolescent & Young Adult Medicine Committee [2014 AYAMC end of year Communique](#)
- New Zealand PCHD Committee [New Zealand PCHD Committee Overview 2014](#)

## JANUARY

**Australia Day Honours 2014**

1. Officer (AO) in the General Division
   - Professor Christine Bennett for service to medicine
2. Member (AM) in the General Division
   - Professor Glenn Marshall for service to paediatric oncology and Dr Peter Martin Winterton for service to youth and medicine
3. Medal (OAM) in the General Division
   - Dr John Charles Vance for service to the blind

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<td>The PCHD contributed to the letter from the RACP President on Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Restricted Birthing Practices) Bill, 9 January 2014</td>
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<td>Email to the NSW Council for Intellectual Disability to advice of RACP activity related to the National roundtable on the mental health of people with intellectual disability, 14 January 2014</td>
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## FEBRUARY

238 candidates sat the written exam in Australia and 165 passed (69.3%) and 22 candidates sat the written exam in New Zealand and 20 passed. (90.9%)

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<td>Congratulations to A/Prof Elizabeth Elliott, the Director of APSU who, with support from a team of paediatricians, was announced in the NHMRC Ten of the Best 2013 for research on influenza.</td>
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<td>Annual PCHD Council meeting with representatives from the relevant specialty societies and College specialty advisory committees. Australian Government Chief Medical Officer Professor Chris Baggoley attended the meeting where matters of education, workforce, research and policy were shared and discussed with the chairs of the paediatric speciality societies. (27Feb14)</td>
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<td>Congratulations to Dr Philip Britton who is the recipient of the inaugural RACP P&amp;CHD NHMRC Award for Excellence for his research on</td>
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Childhood Encephalitis in Australasia. This was the first paediatric top up scholarship awarded out of the paediatric corpus in the RACP Foundation and the first year that the College collaborated with NHMRC to award top up scholarships to successful NHMRC recipients.

The PCHD contributed to the letter from the RACP President on the Australian College of Midwives Draft Position Statement on Bed-sharing and Co-sleeping (Position Statement), 13 February 2014

### MARCH

| Media release regarding marketing of vitamins to children | Vitamins |
| Media release – Promote breastfeeding and restrict marketing of infant formulas | Breastfeeding |
| Media release– Will SAC become the first state to ban smack? | Physical Punishment |

Attendance at the Intellectual Disability Network Forum of NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation - Dr Jacqueline Small, Friday 7 March 2014

The PCHD facilitated comment by specialty societies to the Sudden Cardiac Deaths in Young Australians at the request of the Australian Government Chief Medical Officer.


### APRIL

Dr Nicki Murdock began her term as President of the PCHD. Dr Sarah Dalton was appointed as President-Elect and Professor Paul Colditz was appointed as the second Board member from the Division. Andrew Kennedy was appointed as the AYAM representative and Dr James Hodges was appointed as the Trainee representative

‘Opportunity Child’ Launch with the Hon. Kevin Andrews MP, Minister for Social Services – Dr Jacqueline Small, 30 April 2014

### MAY

The following paediatricians received RACP awards:
- Dr Christine Mincham, 2013 Examination Medal in Paediatrics & Child Health
- Dr Jim Newcombe, Trainee of the Year 2013
- Dr Peter Roper, Mentor of the Year 2013
- Dr Leo Buchanan, John Sands Medal 2013
- Dr Johan Morreau, John Sands Medal 2014
- Dr Roger Tuck, John Sands Medal 2014
- Dr Philip Britton, RACP PCHD NHMRC Award for Excellence (a new award for the PCHD!)
- Dr Bhavna Padhye, Kids’ Cancer Project Research Entry Scholarship
- Dr Moya Vandeleur, ResMed Foundation/Sleep Health Foundation Research Entry Scholarship
- Dr Mary Berry, Fellows Research Establishment Fellowship
- Dr Kenneth Pang, The Miriam Greenfield RACP Research Establishment Fellowship
- Dr Tobias Strunk, AstraZeneca Research Establishment Fellowship in Medical Research

The following paediatricians received awards:
- RACP Trainee Research Award for Excellence in the field of paediatric medicine: Dr Marie Rauter
- Wiley New Investigator Award: Dr Andrew Hardy
- Best Poster Prize in Paediatrics & Child Health: Dr Rachel Noovao
- Rue Wright Memorial Award: Dr Caroline Mahon
**JUNE**

The following Paediatrics & Child Health Division members were recognised on the Queen’s Birthday honours lists in 2014.

**Officer (AO) in the General Division**
- Professor Heather Elizabeth Jeffery FRACP - For distinguished service to medicine and tertiary education in the field of paediatrics, and to improve maternal and child health in rural and remote Australia and in developing countries.
- Professor Terence Michael Nolan FRACP FAFPHM - For distinguished service to medicine as a leader in the field of epidemiology and population health, to policy development and advisory roles in immunisation, and to education.
- Professor Ingrid Eileen Scheffer FRACP - For distinguished service to medicine in the field of paediatric neurology as a clinician, academic and mentor, and to research into the identification of epilepsy syndromes and genes.
- Professor Martin Silink AM FRACP - For distinguished service to medicine in the field of paediatric endocrinology as a clinician, researcher and administrator, and to international leadership in diabetes care and advocacy.

**Member (AM) in the General Division**
- Professor Nadia Badawi FRACP - For significant service to paediatrics and neo-natal intensive care medicine as a clinician and researcher, and to the promotion of research into cerebral palsy.
- Dr James Allan Mawdsley FRACP - For service to community health.

The PCHD/RACP made a submission to the Australian Human Rights Commission’s (AHRC) *Inquiry into Children in Immigration Detention*.

**Media Release** - *Doctors’ duty of care to people seeking asylum must be respected*

**Media release on** *Removing children from immigration detention is the only way to protect their health.*

**Media release on** *World Refugee Day*

Paediatric Fellow, Professor Elizabeth Elliott attended and presented at the launch of a new project by the Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education (FARE) ‘*Women Want to Know*’.

**Contribution to the RACP Alcohol Policy Statement**

**Submission to the [Australian] National Children’s Commissioner examination of intentional self-harm and suicidal behaviour in children.**

**Contribution to the NSW Agency for Clinical Intervention** *A clinician’s guide: Caring for people with gastrostomy tubes and devices.*

**Contribution to Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR) Task Force on the development of the RANZCR position on imaging referral guidelines and decision support tools.**

**AFRM position statement on the use of stem cells as a therapy for cerebral palsy.**

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**JULY**

**Media release** *Brazil becomes 38th country to ban all forms of physical punishment*

**Media release -** *Research into infant death rate inconsistencies across Australia needed to improve health outcomes supporting the Healthy Communities: Child and Maternal Health in 2009-2012*

**Media Release -** *Expert immigration health advice needed now more than ever*
238 trainees sat the clinical exam in Australia, 181 passed (76.1%). 26 trainees sat the clinical exam in New Zealand, 17 passed (65.4%).

Exams

National Framework for Protecting Australia’s Children: Annual Coalition meeting in Melbourne – Dr Catherine Marraffa, 21 July 2014

Contribution to the RACP submission to the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA) public consultation on Pricing Framework for Australian Public Hospital Services 2015-16 (July 2014).

Pricing

AUGUST

Media Release – Mosman paediatric neurologist acknowledged for outstanding contribution to health

Award

Media release - Immigration Minister must release every child from immigration detention

Refugee Health

Contribution to the Development of a National Child and Youth Strategic Framework for Health Discussion Paper

Health Framework

SEPTEMBER

Media release- Infant formula marketing must be regulated to protect breastfeeding

Breastfeeding

Opinion piece - Standards of care in offshore detention a cause for concern

Refugee Health

Dr Nicki Murdock and Dr Sarah Dalton met with the Children’s Commissioner Ms Megan Mitchell on the 4 Sept 14.

Members

The PCHD Council held its annual planning day to determine priorities for 2015. (5Sep13)

Governance

PCHD Executive Committee was reinvigorated.

Governance

Dr Sarah Curnow as the recipient of the 2014 College Examination Medal in Paediatrics & Child Health for best overall performance in the combined Written and Clinical Examination.

Award

The Paediatric Research Committee developed the PCHD Statement on Research for Children and Young People, September 2014

Research

OCTOBER


Refugee Health

Contribution by the PCHD President-Elect to the draft ‘Statement of Intent on Children’s Rights in Early Childhood Education and Care’ via Save the Children Australia as well as the [Australian] National Children’s Commissioner.

Early Childhood

Advice to the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care on the data and topics to be included in the Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation.

Quality

NOVEMBER

Professor John Whitehall - winner of the Howard Williams Medal

Award

Professor Ingrid Sheffer of the University of Melbourne - awarded the 2014 Prime Minister’s Prize for Science.

Award

Dr Nicki Murdock visited the Royal College of Paediatrics & Child Health UK

Members

Dr Sarah Dalton attended the Paediatric Society of New Zealand 66th Annual Scientific Meeting

Members

Professor Jane Harding was awarded the Gluckman Medal, the University of Auckland’s premier medical research award.

Award

[Australian] National Child and Youth Strategic Framework for Health Forum – Dr Susan Wooffenden and A/Prof Karen Zwi, 19 November 2014

Health Framework

Submission to the second round of consultation on the Development of a National Child and Youth Strategic Framework for Health.

Health Framework

Feedback provided on Prescribing Isotretinoin for Paediatric Oncological Conditions

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