

# COLLEGE POLICY & ADVOCACY COUNCIL

COMMUNIQUE: MEETING OF 27 APRIL 2022

The College Policy & Advocacy Council (CPAC) met on Wednesday 27 April 2022 via zoom. Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in the discussions and decisions through the afternoon.

This was my final meeting as Chair and marked a major milestone for me and the work achieved whilst during my term.

Key items from the meeting were:

## CPAC 2022-2026 Plan

Over 2021 CPAC, in consultation with the broader membership, developed the [CPAC 2022-26 Plan](#) which was approved earlier this year. The CPAC 2022-26 Plan seeks to

- increase our influence on public policy,
- engage the community to drive change,
- prioritise patient and carer experiences,
- equip members for advocacy,
- build quality and culturally safe ways of working, and
- evaluating our impact.

It identifies four priorities: First Nations health and equity; health reform; climate and justice; and populations in focus.

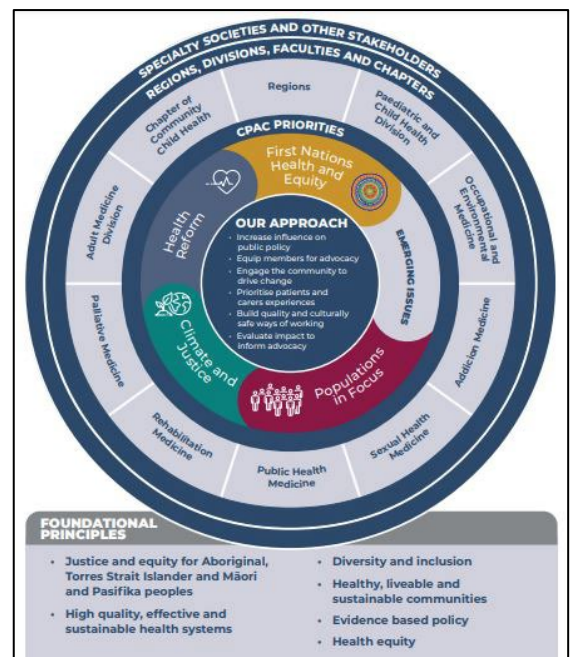
Working groups for Health Reform and Climate Change and Health Working will be established.

Following feedback from CPAC the draft Terms of Reference for the two new Working Groups were finalised and sent to CPAC Executive Committee for final approval.

## Annual 2022 Work Plan

A draft Annual 2022 work plan was developed for consideration and approval by CPAC based on multi-year work, on-going priorities, key priority work identified by Divisions, Faculties, Chapters and Regional Committees, and work already approved by CPAC to commence in 2022.

The draft work plan was organised according to the priorities and approaches outlined in the approved [CPAC 2022-2026 Plan](#). CPAC noted that additional activities would require prioritisation or approval of additional funding. The Annual 2022 work plan was subsequently approved.



## P&A Team Resources

With CPAC producing their CPAC 2022-2026 Plan, and in addition, an Evaluation Framework (considered later in the meeting) to assess the impact and effectiveness of the work in the draft



CPAC Annual 2022 Workplan, CPAC discussed current Policy and Advocacy Team resourcing.

Following discussion, CPAC noted that the variety and breadth of activities undertaken by the Policy and Advocacy team, with support from members. CPAC noted the risks of continuing high workload and meeting expectations with current resourcing.

## Policy & Advocacy Monitoring & Evaluation Framework – Implementation

CPAC agreed at its April 2021 meeting to develop the Monitoring & Evaluation Framework to provide a structured approach to track progress, success and learning from the College's policy and advocacy work.

An implementation plan has been developed, and following positive discussion CPAC approved the Implementation Plan.

## Evolve Strategy 2022-2026

A presentation was given to CPAC on the draft Evolve Strategy 2022-26 and future implementation activities. [Evolve](#) is a flagship initiative led by physicians, specialties and the RACP to drive high-value, high-quality care in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand.

The draft Evolve Strategy 2022-2026 was informed by literature on the drivers of low-value care and associated interventions that may support the reduction of low-value care.

It will be sent to CPAC Executive Committee for final approval.





### Advocacy campaigns update

CPAC were provided an update on key advocacy activities, including the College's two flagship campaigns; [Kids COVID Catch Up](#) and [Healthy Climate Future](#), as well as the College's pre-election advocacy campaign, [Commit to Healthcare](#).



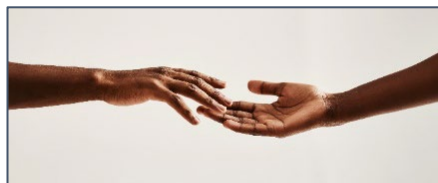
### New P&A statement and submission template

CPAC, with expert advice from the College comms team, is seeking to develop new policy document templates to improve readability and communication of key messages.

### Reports from P&A College bodies: the Faculty of Occupational & Environmental Medicine, the Northern Territory Regional Committee and the Queensland Regional Committee

Dr Mary Wyatt FAFOEM, member of the AFOEM P&A Committee, Professor Brian Wood FRACP, member of the Queensland Regional Committee and CPAC representative, and Dr Felicity Hodder FRACP, member of the Northern Territory Regional Committee were invited to present to the CPAC on recent policy and advocacy activity of their College bodies.

Thank you all for presenting on your groups. It is an important way to keep CPAC across the activities of our College bodies and the work aligned to CPAC's agenda.



### Next CPAC 2022 date:

- Wednesday 2 November (*expected to be F2F*)

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