

# FCLMA newsletter

February 2022



## President's address

Welcome to the first edition of the FCLMA newsletter in 2022.

I'd like to start by thanking the 2021 committee led by Dr Nick Yim for their exemplary service.

Under this team the Fraser Coast Local Medical Association grew in membership and saw improvements in networking and advocacy for all our streams of practice. I look forward to progressing what has been done before us and exploring new avenues that ultimately benefit the medical community on the Fraser Coast.

I extend a warm welcome all those that are new on the Fraser Coast, our new interns started this month, along with medical students. We also saw a shuffle of registrars, both in community and within the hospital systems. Thankfully we were also able to see specialists return or emigrate from abroad. I look forward to meeting with everyone at the various events planned for the year.

I also extend my gratitude towards our sponsors, without whom many of our events would not be possible.

Finally, please allow me to introduce the team for 2022:

**Secretary** – Dr David Goldsmith  
**Treasurer** – Dr Laura McMahon  
**Public Hospital Rep** – A/Prof Penelope Prasad  
**Private Hospital Rep** – Dr Toni Hampe  
**GP representative** – Dr Chris Woollard  
**Maryborough rep** – Dr Mike Nixon

**Student Representatives:**  
**4th year** - TBA  
**3rd year** - Ryan Dodd  
**Junior Doctor Rep** – TBA

I look forward to meeting you soon.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rudi'.

Dr Rudesh Prasad

## FCLMA calendar of events – Tuesday, every second month

The Committee is keen to continue our attempts to engage our doctor community through provision of regular opportunities for informal networking as well as some education topics relevant to all. Ink these dates into your diaries or add events to your iCals. Further details and invites will circulate closer to the event. Spread the word! Strong engagement and membership are key to advocacy and making doctors voices heard.

<b>Feb 21</b>	<b>Who's Who – Beach House</b>
<b>26 April</b>	<b>Education and Networking</b>
<b>21 June</b>	<b>Education and Networking</b>
<b>16 Aug</b>	<b>Education and Networking</b>
<b>18 Oct</b>	<b>Education and Networking</b>
<b>22 Nov</b>	<b>AGM</b>

## Sponsors

### Advice First



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### Common questions from investors

Below is a list of some topical questions we are fielding from interested investors.

Returns on my cash and term deposit balances are poor. What alternatives are there?

Consistent inflation is likely to cause future interest rate rises. How do I position my portfolio to prepare for this change?

The economy is dealing with Omicron related supply chain and labour issues and the RBA is removing stimulus. Does this mean an end to the economic recovery and recent strong share markets?

Should we be concerned by the market correction experienced in January?

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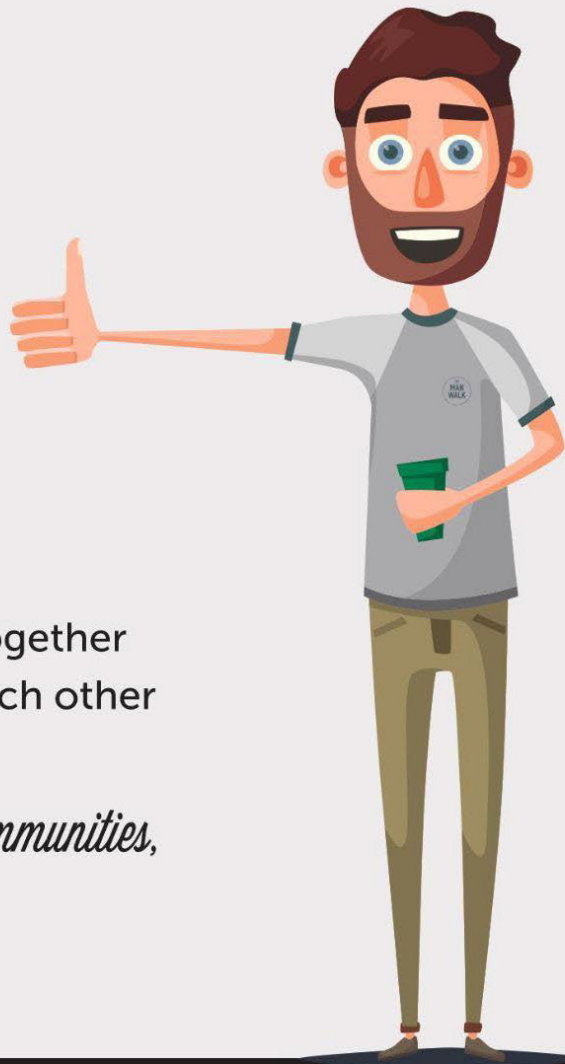
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# JOIN *the* CREW

The Man Walk provides an opportunity for men to get together and walk, talk and support each other in a regular and healthy way

*Connecting men, strengthening communities, combating isolation*



## HERVEY BAY

When: Tuesday & Thursday

Time: Tuesday 5:15pm & Thursday 6:00am

We meet: Hervey Bay Surf Life Saving Club

Get involved: Facebook - 'The Man Walk - Community'

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www.themanwalk.com.au



## Hospice

### Fraser Coast Hospice

Fraser Coast Hospice is now operational. It is a new, purpose built 6-bed inpatient palliative care facility at 222 Urraween Road, Urraween. The model of care is nurse-led under the coordination of clients' GPs. The facility is available at no cost to everyone over the age of 18 years who has a terminal illness.

We aim to partner with our local GPs to provide this vital end-of-life service to the Fraser Coast community. To find out more about applying for admitting rights or make a time to drop by to see the facility, contact the Director of Care, Alicia Trimmingham-Turl at [director@frasercoasthospice.com.au](mailto:director@frasercoasthospice.com.au) or 4334 0030.

## Avant



### [Download 2021: Year in review](#)

2021 was another year of living with COVID-19, and saw the rollout of vaccines around the world. It was an eventful year for the medical profession, with key changes to regulation and healthcare provision.

We look at the main issues that have impacted members this year, both professionally and personally.

Avant continues to work with medical colleges, societies, and healthcare organisations to support members in understanding their obligations and managing their risks. We have also been advocating on many of these concerns, including campaigning for a fair healthcare environment and issues relating to the COVID-19 pandemic and vaccine rollout.

[www.avant.org.au/news/2021-year-in-review/](http://www.avant.org.au/news/2021-year-in-review/)

QScript checks now mandatory in Queensland.

It's now mandatory for all prescribers in Queensland to check QScript to view a patient's prescription history of monitored medicines when prescribing these medications.

Avant – QScript checks now mandatory in Queensland.

## AMA QUEENSLAND



From AMA Queensland President Professor Chris Perry and CEO Dr Brett Dale

Any hopes 2022 would bring an end to the COVID-19 pandemic have been dashed by the Omicron variant.

Coinciding with the border reopening, Omicron is now throughout Queensland and our GPs and hospitals are under more pressure than ever. Read our January update to learn more about our extensive work and advocacy for the medical profession in Queensland.

[Read more](#)

## AstraZeneca

AstraZeneca would like to share with you some news regarding a new asthma education initiative, Ascent, an educational toolkit developed by Zest Healthcare Communications for AstraZeneca in collaboration with a Steering Committee of experts with an interest in asthma.

The Ascent toolkit has been developed for healthcare professionals working in primary care to help minimise flare-ups and maximise the quality-of-life in patients with asthma.

The toolkit contains information and practical resources to help you and your practice identify and manage patients with uncontrolled asthma using national guidelines and recommendations. With a constantly changing treatment landscape, the resources provided have been adapted for telehealth within your practice.

To help you extend and apply your learnings in uncontrolled asthma, you are also offered the chance to participate in a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Activity (RACGP 2020–22 triennium), for 24 points.

If you wish to find out more, please do not hesitate to contact me or the Ascent program administrator at [support@myascent.com.au](mailto:support@myascent.com.au) for CPD Activity and toolkit related questions.

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## Continuing Care and Service Updates at GenesisCare, St Stephen's Hospital



GenesisCare continues to provide access to patient treatment, without delay. We know how important it is to be able to offer your patient treatment options and solutions in times of uncertainty. We are working with the healthcare community to ensure all patients have continued, safe, high-quality access to radiation therapy here on the Fraser Coast.



Our team has temporarily changed  
– Welcome **Dr Tristan Shaw**



Dr Tristan Shaw has been involved in the field of radiation oncology since 2004 and completed an undergraduate degree as a radiation therapist in 2006. He developed a passion for patient care and leading radiation technology. He attended medical school in Queensland, and upon completion of this and junior medical officer years, pursued specialist radiation oncology training.

Tristan and his young family have settled in the Wide Bay region and look forward to engaging with the community and developing a strong relationship with the regional healthcare team and his patients.

### **Clinical interests**

Stereotactic ablative radiation therapy, central nervous system malignancies and benign conditions skin, lung, urogenital, upper and lower GI cancers.

Dr Tristan Shaw will be joining the team while Dr Tracey Wang-Chao is on maternity leave. We wish Dr Wang-Chao congratulations, and we look forward to welcoming her back to GenesisCare, Fraser Coast soon.

### **Our team**



#### **Prof. Bryan Burmeister**

Special clinical interests in gastrointestinal, skin, lung, head & neck, sarcoma and oesophageal malignancies, general oncology, and clinical research



#### **Dr Lara Best**

Special clinical interests in brain, spine, head, neck, lung, upper GI and skin cancers, palliative radiation therapy and benign conditions particularly Dupuytren's contracture & keloids



#### **Dr Bradley Wong**

Special clinical interest in wide field skin, prostate, urological, benign conditions, breast, and palliative patients



#### **Dr James MacKean**

Special clinical interests in prostate brachytherapy, urological, gastrointestinal, stereotactic radiosurgery (SRS) SABR, haematology, and palliative and clinical mentoring