

FCLMA newsletter



New look newsletter

FCLMA would like to thank GenesisCare for kindly offering to collate, design and circulate our new look newsletter. We would like to make the newsletter a collaborative effort with our local health network. Please send through any relevant contributions or make suggestions on what we could include, to: frasercoastlma@gmail.com

President and upcoming events

Welcome to 2021. I would like to extend a warm welcome to the Fraser Coast new medical students and doctors. The FCLMA is a local association for Fraser Coast doctors and medical students, and we have a voluntary committee that meets every two months to discuss local issues and areas where we can make an impact. I would encourage you to meet with your representative on the committee. Similarly, we will plan to arrange networking events on a regular basis to enhance our collegiate network.

Our first event of the year was 'Who's who and who's new', at Susan River which was a huge success. This event was kindly supported by Cardiovascular Clinics and Advice Centre. There were almost 100 attendees and we reached 'COVID capacity'.

Remember to RSVP early!

Stay up-to-date and join the Fraser Coast Local Medical Association Facebook page, and thank you to those who have paid their \$50 membership fees.

I'll see you all at our following events. Please RSVP to frasercoastlma@gmail.com with any dietary requirements.

Date: Tuesday April 20th – 6:30pm (RSVP by April 14th)

Location: Beach House Hotel, Scarness 4655

Date: Tuesday June 15th – 6:30pm (RSVP by June 9th)

Location: Beach House Hotel, Scarness 4655



Dr Nick Yim
FCLMA President

Other Council Members

UQ – Riitta Partanen

UQ Rural Clinical School (UQRCS) Hervey Bay welcomes 27 students to live and learn with us across the Fraser Coast. We have 16 in Year 3 and 11 in Year 4, and 7 of our Year 4 students were with us last year for Year 3. Additional good news is that half of our 2020 Year 4s are now working as Interns at Hervey Bay Hospital. For the past three years, on average half our Year 4 students remain to undertake their internship at HBH. It is lovely to see our programme contribute to the local junior doctor workforce. Thanks to the many clinicians of the Fraser Coast, who have helped the students have a positive experience here. [Check out the UQRCS Facebook page to learn more about us.](#)

The Central QLD and Wide Bay Regional Medical Pathway will have its first Provisional Entry UQ Doctor of Medicine students commence their Undergraduate Degree at CQU and join the UQ MD programme in 2025. However, it is from 2023, that Central QLD and Wide Bay will see Year 1 Medical Students living and learning in Rockhampton or Bundaberg, as UQ has committed to have the whole 4-year MD programme delivered in these regional areas. It is likely that the Fraser Coast, will have students from Year 2 onwards. The evidence shows the longer a medical student learns in rural and regional areas, the more likely they are to remain or return to these same or similar regions.

If you want to become more involved in our teaching programme, don't hesitate to contact Dr Rudi Prasad, the new Director of the UQRCS Hervey Bay. Rudi can be contacted via the RCS email address: uqracs.herveybay@uq.edu.au

Associate Professor Riitta Partanen
Head, UQ Rural Clinical School

Regional Medical Pathway – Professor Alan Sandford AM

An Australian-first university and hospital partnership is set to train up to ~60 new doctors in regional Queensland each year. Bundaberg and Rockhampton will receive their first student intake in 2022 under the new Regional Medical Pathway – a collaboration between CQ University, The University of Queensland, and the Central Queensland and Wide Bay Hospital and Health Services.

The Regional Medical Pathway (RMP) presents local students with their dream becoming a reality – to be a doctor. The end-to-end medical education and training programme is being offered locally, (i.e. from high school to medical specialist, based in the CQ and Wide Bay region).

The vision is to deliver an 'end-to-end' medical pathway which incorporates an undergraduate Bachelor of Medical Science, a graduate Doctor of Medicine programme, and pre-vocational and vocational/Fellowship Training supported by Colleges largely within the region.

It is hoped that many will see the benefits of studying and working in medicine in a rural setting. This workforce initiative will assist in addressing the metro-rural maldistribution of doctors.

GenesisCare – St Stephens Hospital, Hervey Bay



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Avant



Doctor, I'm here for a second opinion

Patients commonly present to doctors seeking 'second opinions,' but the term is often misunderstood and can lead to medico-legal consequences if the consultation is not managed appropriately.

For more information, please visit: www.avant.org.au/news/here-for-a-second-opinion/

i-Med



The brain in focus – imaging pathways for investigating neuro conditions in general practice

With Brain Awareness Week coming up later in March, I-MED Radiology's next national referrer webinar is on the topic of brain imaging. Highly-respected I-MED neuroradiologist Dr Lynette Masters will lead the interactive session, focussing on imaging pathways for investigating neurological conditions.

The educational webinar will include an analysis of the most appropriate investigations for unexplained chronic headaches or unexplained seizures; and discuss appropriate clinical pathways for patients presenting with brain conditions. I-MED Radiology aims to assist in improved patient outcomes by providing GPs with relevant, current, and evidence-based medical imaging education and information. Demonstrating our commitment to referrer education, I-MED will present a series of national webinars with the help of our specialist radiologists around the country. As well as the brain imaging webinar, a new educational resource section on brain imaging will shortly be added to the I-MED website in the Referrer 'Insights' section.

Date: Wednesday, 31st March 2021

Time: 6:30pm-7:30 pm AEDT

An interactive webinar via video link. Please register for the webinar [here](#).

Superannuation contribution strategies



Indexation of the concessional contribution cap (CC) and non-concessional contribution cap (NCC) from 1 July 2021 may prompt you to consider altering or delaying the implementation of superannuation contribution strategies.

- \$27,500 for CCs (up from \$25,000), and
- \$110,000 for NCCs (up from \$100,000)

The above will impact on the NCC bring forward rule and in addition there are changes to the Total Super Balance threshold. Accurate and timely planning can make a significant difference to your ability to top up super and hold investments in a tax-free environment upon retirement.

To understand how you can take advantage of these opportunities contact Justin Shipp or Shane Bradbury at Advice Centre on **1300 272 328**. Justin and Shane are Authorised Representatives of Alliance Wealth Pty Ltd, AFSL 449221.