



2022 Australian Paediatric Society AGM, President's Report

Our last AGM was held on Wednesday June 26, 2019 on the "Spirit of America" Cruise Ship in Hawaiian waters. I took over the role of President from Mark de Sousa. We had a number of goals at that time, many of which were significantly impacted by the arrival of the Covid 19 pandemic in Australia in January 2020.

One goal was to set up a new APS website and this was finalised in May 2021 with the assistance of Peter Goss and Suzanne Grainger, Web Organiser from Impagination.

The Allergy Update was held in February 2020 in Sydney and the APS/ISPAD Diabetes meeting went ahead as a Zoom teleconference in October 2021. Thanks to Peter Goss and his team.

The new website has resulted in a significant number of email enquiries being forwarded to me particularly by colleagues with inquiries around the diabetes meeting recordings as well as the general public and Pharma with enquiries around sponsorship of meetings and notifying educational webinars.

RACP activities have continued with my attendance at the Special Societies meeting in July 2020, several Zoom meetings including the recent Covid Kids Catch Up Campaign and the RACP Joint Forum. Endorsements for RACP activities were received. Some of these were very relevant to our group including Point of Care HbA1C testing funding, the loss



of telehealth co-payment and withdrawal of Telehealth item numbers.

The HPS/APS Meeting program on K'gari (Fraser Island) has been finalized with some last-minute changes that I hope were able to be accommodated by the organizing committee of HPS and Lyndell Wills, the event organizer.

The last 2 years has been a challenge to everyone in one form or another. I have found it difficult to keep in touch without face-to-face meetings. The committee did hold an informal dinner Zoom meeting to coincide with what would have been the K'gari Meeting last year. Our last committee meeting was on March 9.

I have nominated to continue as President for another 12 months. My goals are,

1. Survey the members to see who we are representing and how work practices have changed in regional and rural areas.
2. Improves communication between members using our website's members area.
3. Strengthen our past educational commitments and look at ways expand that role.
4. Define the roles of committee members.

Thank you to committee members, Suzanne and Lyndell for assisting me in my role for APS.

Tim Warnock.

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