

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the RACMA 50th Anniversary National Scientific Program Committees, I welcome you to the Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators 2017 Annual Scientific Meeting.

2017 is the Golden Jubilee of the College. The college was formed as the Australian College of Medical Administrators on 21 March 1967 with 279 founding fellows. On 6 August 1979, Royal assent was granted for use of the prefix 'Royal'. In 1998 the college formed links with New Zealand and was renamed the Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators. Since then the College has formed strong links with Hong Kong and been pivotal in the formation of the World Federation of Medical Managers (WFMM).

Over the past 50 years the college has been responsible for the training of medical professionals as specialist health leaders in Australia and New Zealand. Over that time, we have had a major influence on the development, delivery, quality and safety of health services in Australasia and abroad.

2017 is a time for reflection, celebration and looking towards the future. The theme of this year's conference is **Past Reflections Future Directions**.

The Subthemes are

Quality, Patient Safety and Health Service Delivery

Facilitating Effective Behavioural Change

Diversity in Medical Leadership

Women in Medical Leadership

Politics, Funding and their Impact on Healthcare

Future Directions in Healthcare

The Scientific Program Committee invites papers on subthemes mentioned above.

Conference planning is well underway and will feature many prominent international and local speakers. Details will be uploaded soon.

We look forward to what will be a stimulating and informative Scientific Meeting and a fitting climax to RACMA's 50th Anniversary Celebration Year.

Dr Bernard Street

Chair

RACMA 50th Anniversary Celebrations and ASM Committees



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