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Welcome

I am happy to bring the ANZSPR newsletter. It always feels special to see the developments in the Paediatric Radiology realm in the ANZ region. While I'm the one hitting "send" today, this newsletter is a team effort—each of them contributing to it's final shape. We are all genuinely passionate about what we do. This is a space where our thoughts are embellished by some useful information. I hope you enjoy reading it.

Dr Ajay Taranath

From the President's desk

It is a true pleasure to pass on the baton to your wonderful new President Jane McEniery. As I reflect on my last 4 years in the role I would like to think that they have been proactive and productive. It feels like we have emerged from the COVID years as a more coherent and collaborative special interest group. Our annual meetings have been great successes of late, and we look forward to New Zealand in 2026 as another step up. Our website continues to evolve into a cornerstone of this group and we have a solid strategic plan moving forward. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has given me enormous support me in this role. I have enormously valued the opportunity to work with the fantastic members of the Executive, however I would particularly like to single out Derek for his constant presence and support as the Secretary.

See you all in Queenstown!

Dr Craig Gibson

Past President, ANZSPR

Hello all

Taking the baton on is a great privilege. I begin by expressing my thanks to Craig for his leadership in recent years. I echo his sentiment that the ANZSPR is in a good place, and I'm excited to see everyone in Queenstown at the ASM. Kudos to the organising committee from Starship for putting together an incredible program with no less than six (6!) international guest speakers – **Prof**

Alan Danemann, Prof Beth Kline-Faith, Dr Carolina Guimaraes, Dr Darrell Cass, Prof Lane Donnelly and Prof Paul Guillerman.

On the Friday there is a dedicated **Registrar Exam Review Course in Paediatric Imaging**. Please encourage your trainees to attend. The session will focus on core paediatric imaging knowledge useful in preparation for sitting the Phase 2 RANZCR examinations, including a mock OSCER platform.



**ANZSPR Annual Scientific Meeting and
Paediatric Exam Course for RANZCR Registrars**

24th – 27th July, 2026

Millennium Hotel, Queenstown, NZ

Register your interest: info@medicalconfcom.com



Thankyou also to **Dr Cristina Mignone** and **Dr Rebecca Linke** who have recently finished up on the ANZSPR Executive Committee. Thanks so much for your contributions! After a call for expressions of interest, we are pleased to welcome **Dr Dilane Peiris** and **Dr Tamara Nowland** to the exec.

While the next few months will be focussed on the build up to the Queenstown ASM, our other priorities for 2026 include ongoing updates and improvements to the website (under the capable eye of **Dr Sam Manikkam**), and ongoing refinement of a guideline and definition of a Paediatric Radiology Fellowship – we will ask for feedback from the membership in coming months.

As Craig said – See you all in Queenstown!

Dr Jane McEniery
President, ANZSPR

Statement of Support for Paediatric Radiologists Engaged in Child Protection Radiology

The Australian and New Zealand Society of Paediatric Radiologists (ANZSPR) expresses its full support for paediatric radiologists and all professionals engaged in the sensitive and complex work of child protection radiology, and for those who uphold the highest standards of child protection in Australia and New Zealand.

Imaging in suspected abuse cases is conducted with rigorous diagnostic processes, ethics, and compassion. Paediatric radiologists provide accurate and unbiased medical information in a collaborative, multidisciplinary process which includes paediatricians, other medical specialists, social services, and police. All parties recognise the sensitivity of these assessments for families. Paediatric radiologists participate in ongoing review of clinical practice, continuing professional education, and peer review to optimise standards of practice.

The protection of vulnerable children is a collective responsibility, requiring the integrity and effective functioning of judicial and clinical systems. While encouraging fair, informed, and responsible scrutiny of these systems, ANZSPR stands unequivocally in solidarity with paediatric radiologists and those who work to identify and prevent abuse.

This statement aligns with the consensus of qualified experts in child protection work, such as the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), European Society of Paediatric Radiology (ESPR), the Royal College of Radiologists (RCR), and the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH).

Meetings around the world

Keep an eye out for meetings from Paediatric Radiology organisations around the world.

The spotlight is on Boston where the 2026 International Pediatric Radiology Congress is being held from June 1- 5, 2026.

The theme is **Sustainability for Pediatric Radiology: Workforce, Wellness and Planetary Health.**

<https://www.spr.org/events/ipr2026/register>

AOSPR Asian and Oceanic Society for Paediatric Radiology
<https://www.aospr.com/>

ASPNR American Society of Pediatric Neuroradiology
<https://asprn.org>

SPIN-Society of Pediatric Neuroimaging
<https://www.spinacademics.org/>

SPIR-Society for Pediatric Interventional Radiology
<https://www.spir.org/>

SPR- Society for Pediatric Radiology
<https://www.spr.org/>

Updates from previous meetings

SPIR 2025 Annual Scientific Meeting — “Beyond Horizons”



The 13th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Society for Pediatric Interventional Radiology (SPIR) was held from 14–16 October 2025 at the InterContinental Sydney, marking it the first time in the Asia-Pacific region. The conference brought together a diverse global community of paediatric interventional radiologists, trainees, nurses, technologists, and industry partners. Led by SPIR President (2025) **Dr Murthy Chennapragada**, the meeting was framed around the theme “Beyond Horizons,” reflecting the specialty’s expanding scope and future direction.

The scientific programme delivered a blend of core practice and advanced innovation, spanning essential “bread-and-butter” procedures to evolving image-guided therapies and complex paediatric interventions, alongside hands-on workshops on ablative therapies and advanced Angio CT. The much-anticipated “Extreme IR” session showcased the ingenuity and technical courage of the field, while the Member-in-Training session fostered meaningful engagement with the next generation. The final day featured a multidisciplinary panel and the ever-

popular PIR Quiz led by **Dr Derek Roebuck** (Perth Children's Hospital), with a spirited Team USA versus Rest of the World format, alongside recognition through the annual SPIR awards.

The meeting also marked a leadership transition, with incoming SPIR President **Dr Gulraiz Chaudry** announcing plans for SPIR 2026 in Edinburgh, Scotland (16–18 September 2026). Overall, the meeting reflected a strong sense of collegiality and shared purpose, strengthening global collaboration and ongoing efforts to advance care for children.

Dr Murthy Chennapragada FRANZCR FSIR

ASPNR 2026

ASPNR was held in Tampa, Florida January 16-18th, 2026. **Michael Kean** (Chief MRT at RCH) presented Pediatric Neuroradiology in the rural and remote setting, outlining the incredible work he does in Malawi with Karen Chetcuti and their outreach team. and **Cristina Mignone** presented "Pediatric High Grade Gliomas: its a new WHO world". Janey Mac added her flair in the Quiz Show. The Australian contingent was appreciated by all!

Dr Cristina Mignone



ANZSNR 2026

ANZSNR was held on the sunny Gold Coast from March 19-21, 2026.

The Paediatric Radiology contingent was strong this year! Paediatric Radiologists **Dr Nolette Pereira, Dr Jane Bursle, Dr Cristina Mignone** and Paediatric

Neurosurgeon **Dr Amelia Jardim** presented a comprehensive update on Epilepsy imaging, in their session “Beyond the Spike: Imaging the Epileptic Brain”. The dedicated Paediatric Neuroradiology session “Tiny Brains, Big Insights: The Latest in Paediatric Imaging” featured speakers from ASPNR – **Prof Susan Palasis** and **A/Prof Aylin Tekes** (the current ASPNR President), as well as local talent **Dr Ajay Taranath** and **Dr Sam Mannikkam**. **Dr William O’Brien**, a recent USA transplant to Melbourne also spoke in a Head and Neck session.

Dr Jane McEniery



Fellowships

Christchurch Hospital

- One diagnostic paediatric imaging fellowship position
- Contact Dr Pip Depree: Philippa.Depree@cdhb.health.nz

Perth Children's Hospital

- Four paediatric imaging fellowship positions, which can be tailored to subspecialist diagnostic and/or interventional radiology roles.
- Contact Dr Craig Gibson, craig.gibson@health.wa.gov.au

Queensland Children's Hospital

- 2 Paediatric imaging fellowship position for one-year.
- Positions advertised on Samrt Jobs and RANZCR website
- Contact Dr Thomas Hess: Thomas_Hess@health.qld.gov

Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne

- Six paediatric imaging fellowship positions.
- Positions advertised on RCH website.
- Contact: Dr Padma Rao, padma.rao@rch.org.au

Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick, Sydney

- Two diagnostic paediatric radiology imaging fellow positions.
- Positions advertised on NSW Health website and internationally.
- Contact: Dr Daniel Moses, daniel.moses@health.nsw.gov.au

The Children's Hospital at Westmead, Sydney

- Three diagnostic paediatric radiology imaging fellow positions.
- One post graduate paediatric interventional fellowship position. Eligible candidates will have typically gained prior paediatric radiology and/or interventional radiology skills
- Positions advertised on NSW Health website and internally.
- Diagnostic- Contact: Dr Neil Caplin, neil.caplin@health.nsw.gov.au and/or Dr Kristina Prelog, kristina.prelog@health.nsw.gov.au
- Interventional Radiology - Contact: Dr Murthy Chennapragada: murthy.chennapragada@health.nsw.gov.au

Women's and Children's Hospital, Adelaide

- 1 Women's and Paediatric imaging fellowship position for one-year.
- Contact Dr Rebecca Linke: Rebecca.Linke@sa.gov.au

Full List: <https://anzspr.org/education-research/paediatric-imaging-fellowships>

Consultant vacancy

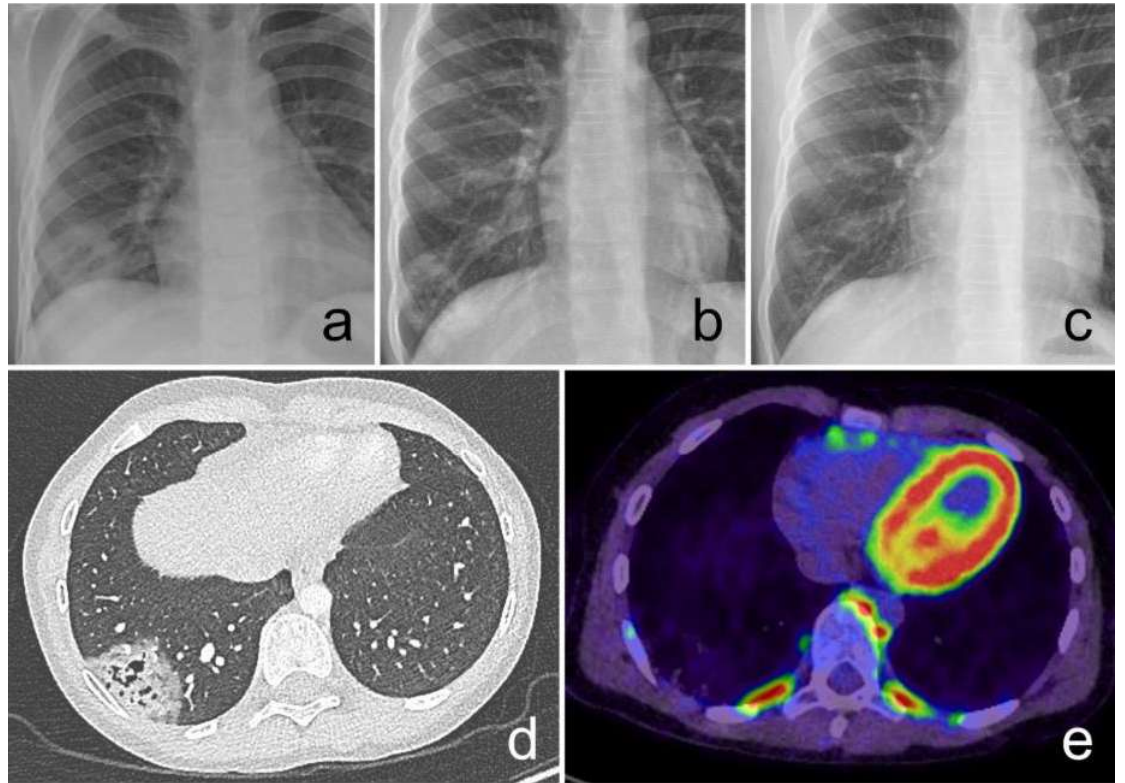
Women's and Children's Hospital, Adelaide

- The Women's and Children's Hospital, Adelaide, SA has a vacancy for a full time consultant in Paediatric and Women's Imaging.
- Please find the details of the job here: <https://careers.sahealth.sa.gov.au/caw/en/job/926505/consultant-radiologist-wch>

Curio-city

An interesting case from Dr. Thomas Millard – Qld

A 10-year-old boy presented hot, febrile, and short of breath, having had trauma to the chest.



The initial radiograph (a) demonstrated a rounded abnormality in the right lower zone with central lucency (incidental right 3rd and 4th rib fusion). Given the fever and radiographic appearances, antibiotics were commenced to treat a presumed lung abscess, with improved appearances one week later (b). As he previously lived rurally, hydatid serology was sent as part of the initial diagnostic work-up, which was positive. A subtle abnormality remained one month after presentation (c), and so, given the diagnostic uncertainty, a CT chest and abdominal ultrasound were performed. The abdominal ultrasound was normal, but the CT chest (d) demonstrated a rounded abnormality in the right lower lobe with central cavitation and peripheral ground glass. Short-interval follow-up CT was unchanged, with the abnormality not avid on PET (e). At no stage was distant disease evident in the thorax. In the context of ongoing diagnostic uncertainty, an excisional biopsy was performed, which unexpectedly found an invasive mucinous adenocarcinoma with likely CPAM origin. He went on to have a right lower lobe lobectomy with complete resection.

A case demonstrating how an unexpected diagnosis can be made when the uncertainty is appreciated and there is careful clinical follow-up.

Creative Corner

Poem by Dr. Madusha Chandratilleke- WA

That call in the night
You already know
Verdant fluid
Get dressed and go

Twisted bowel
The minutes count
The baby is waiting
Has the surgeon found out?

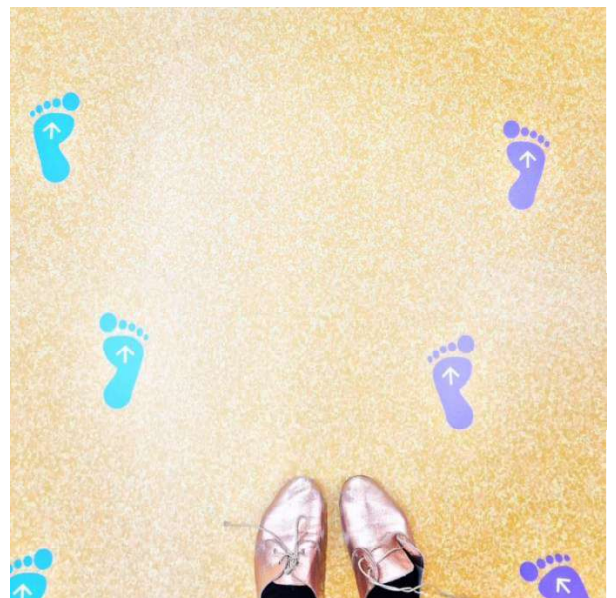
Strapped to a board
But happy to drink
I hope this goes quickly
You can't help but think

The nurses are ready
The parent is tense
The junior in charge
Awaits your two cents

Some twists of the board
A sigh of relief
Anatomy's on point
The study was brief

You drive back home
The morning birds sing
It won't be long
For the next call to ring

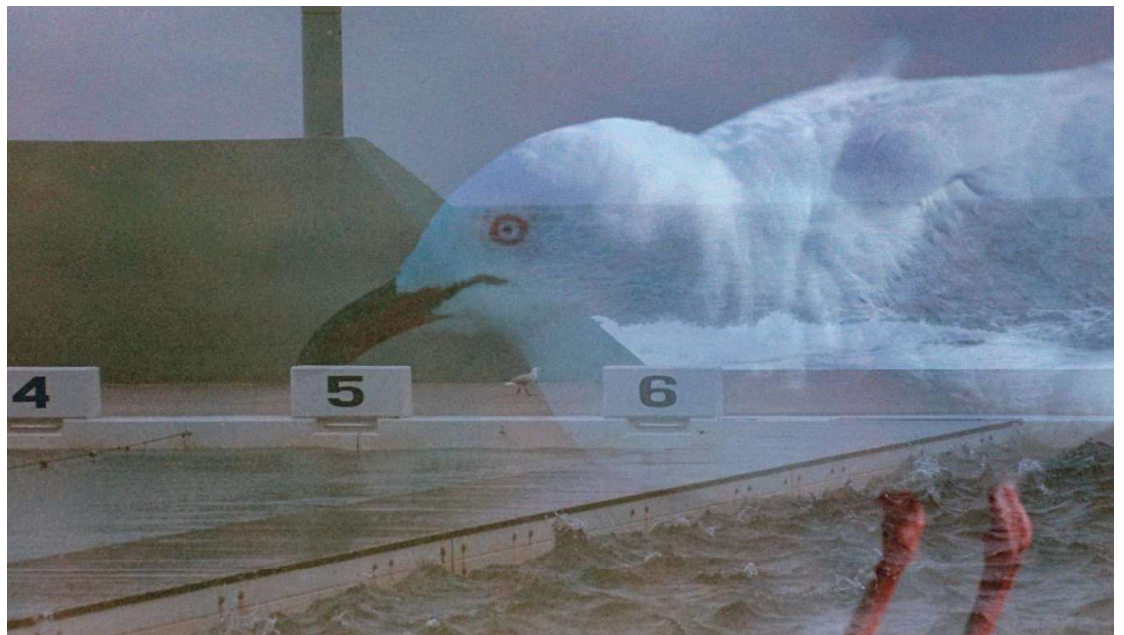
Hospital at Midnight (2015) - anon



Newcastle Baths - Dr David Lord - NSW



Newcastle on a stormy day. "This is the edge of the Ocean baths. Normally I sit in the water with binoculars looking out at the 30m rock ledge teeming with birds. It's how I found a brown noddy there. Just now it's continuous with the ocean. I hope my ruddy turnstones found somewhere safe".





“These are birds of the rock platform. Sometimes I add the birds into double exposures around the Newcastle Ocean Baths”

Please let us know if you would like to be featured in the next newsletter.



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