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Welcome

It seems hard to believe the middle of the year is only days away - which means that the ASM is only weeks away! Many thanks to the Starship organising committee for their huge efforts in pulling the **Queenstown ASM** together – we will be joined by six international speakers (!!) as well as our local faculty.

ANZSPR is particularly proud to support the dedicated **Registrar Exam Review Course in Paediatric Imaging** - which I'm confident will be a high yield day for our trainees – and will hopefully convert a few registrars into future Paediatric Radiologist colleagues.

At the last AGM we discussed formulating a document providing an ANZSPR definition for a Fellowship in Paediatric Radiology. Thanks to Matt Clifford from WA for laying the groundwork for this project, and to the ANZSPR Exec for providing feedback. Keep an eye out for a broader consultation from the ANZSPR membership in coming weeks.

Last week, I was watching the address that Prof Susan Palasis (friend of ANZSPR) gave earlier this year as she was honoured with the ASPNR Gold Medal. Her words "*wisdom lands best when paired with joy*" have been in my ears ever since. This sentiment is highlighted at landmark times like the ASM – learning with our friends and catching up with those distributed far and wide. But I've been trying to weave it into my clinical day as well. I think Susan's words are an excellent reminder of the central and active role we play when teaching our trainees – and that the mood in the reporting room is one of our responsibilities when teaching.

Within this newsletter you will find clinical matters and joy intermixed. We have updates from the ASM committee, some top Queenstown tips, updates from international meetings and events, some interesting patient presentations and a creative corner, celebrating some of our multi-talented colleagues.

See you all in Queenstown!

Dr Jane McEniery
 President, ANZSPR

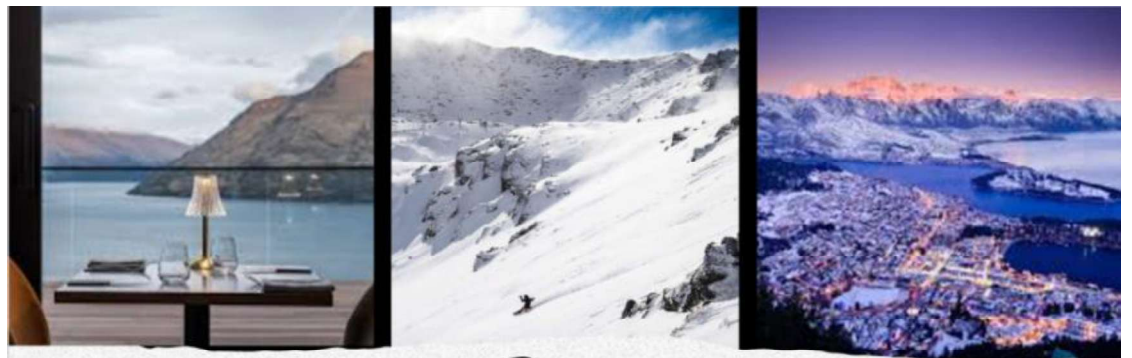
ANZSPR ASM 2026 Queenstown July 24-27 2026

The Starship radiology group are excited to host this year's annual ANZSPR meeting in New Zealand's top winter sport and games destination of Queenstown, set for Friday July 24 to Monday July 27. We have a superb program scheduled, designed to take advantage of the deep expertise of established leaders in the fields of foetal and paediatric imaging. Focus is directed toward capitalizing on the experience of our international and regional speakers, with personal reflections on their decades of clinical practice, including *Important Lessons I Have Learned in 30 years of Paediatric Radiology*, and *Things I Have Been Taught that are Just Not True*.

I anticipate insight, empathy, laughter and comraderie ...with time allotted to enjoy the stunning alpine scenery. Not to be missed!

We are also very privileged to be hosting — and for the first time ever — a Registrar Day on the Friday, with emphasis on preparation for the OSCER portion of the RANZCR exam in Paediatrics. This is already oversubscribed, and we are intensely grateful for the enthusiasm of trainees and consultants alike, and thankful to the College for its support of the programme. We very much look forward to providing the Registrars a fantastic learning opportunity as well as a unique chance to socialize in an intimate setting with some of the most knowledgeable and accessible paediatric radiologists in the world, brought right to their door. Easy as!

Dr Christopher Cassady



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



The Royal Australian



Best of Queenstown

Not much time

Lakeside walks and photography. Stroll through Queenstown Gardens. Join the queues at Fergburger. Drinks at an ice bar. Ride the Skyline Gondola. Ride the luge from the top. Underwater theatre at Time Tripper. Stargazing.

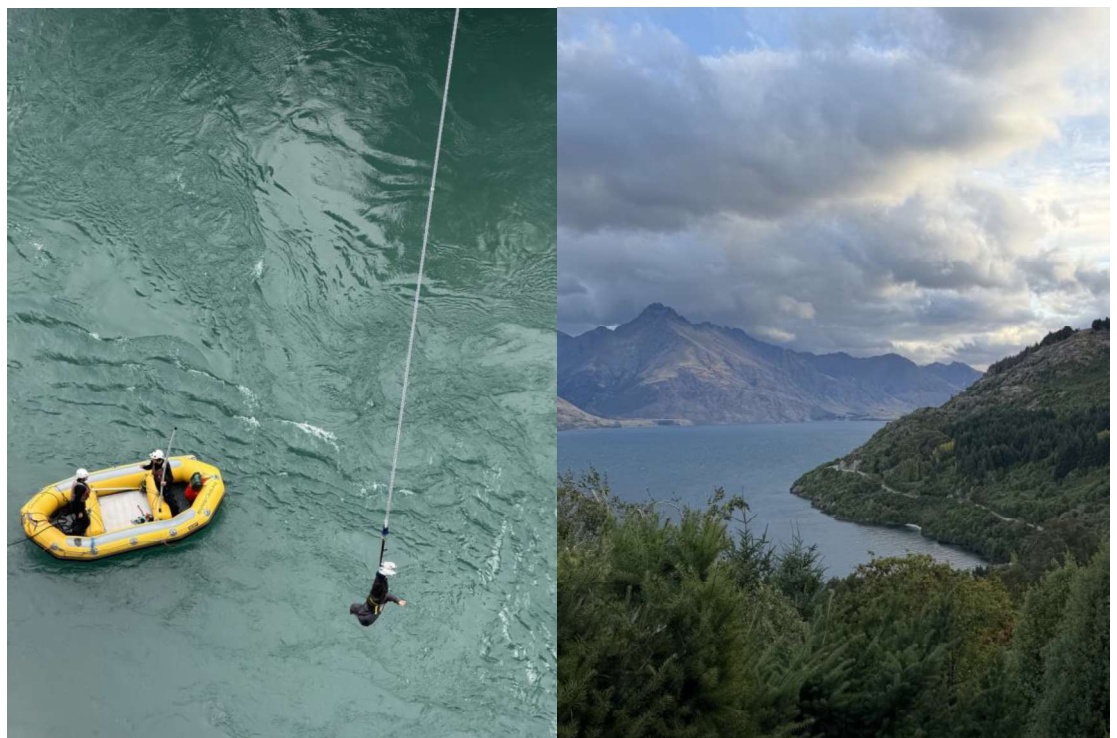
A little more time

Soak in the hot pools overlooking the Shotover River. High speed Shotover jet boat ride. Wine tasting in Gibbston Valley. Walk Ben Lomond Saddle (advanced alpine tramping track, and dependent on conditions). See kiwi and tuatara at Kiwi Park Queenstown (good with kids). Flight simulator experience. Fear Factory. Ziplining. Bungy jumping.

Lots of time

Skiing/snowboarding at Coronet Peak and The Remarkables. Snowshoeing. Day trip to Milford Sound or Glenorchy. Wine tour of Arrowtown or Central Otago. Arrowtown Gold Panning. Helicopter sightseeing or skiing. Skiing in Wanaka. Explore Fiordland National Park. Curling in Naseby.

Dr Kim Thomson



Meetings around the world

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

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

ISMRM/ISMRT 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting — “Beyond Horizons”



On May 9-14, the International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (ISMRM) held the 2026 ISMRM and ISMRT Annual Meeting and Exhibition in Cape Town, South Africa, the first annual meeting held on the African continent. The diverse group of attendees included radiologists, MR technologists, physicists, engineers and scientists from all aspects of MRI, and trainees from all disciplines. They participated in an exciting program of educational sessions and scientific abstracts, centered around the theme of Ubuntu: I am because we are.

Pediatric Intensive Sessions were held on day one - a full day of dedicated pediatric MRI education, supplementing other pediatric content dispersed throughout the meeting. This extra educational activity came into being in recognition of the unique needs of our young patients undergoing MRI, and their gap in access to MRI globally. This is especially so in sub-Saharan Africa where there is a rapidly growing pediatric population with vastly different outcomes for conditions such as cancer when compared with better resourced regions. This was a collaboration between ISMRM and the World Federation of Pediatric Imaging (WFPI), organized by ISMRM co-directors Risto Filippi and I (Canada), and WFPI co-directors Michael Gee (USA) and Tanyia Pillay (South Africa, and President of the African Society for Pediatric Radiology). Supported by a wonderful committee, we were delighted to bring together a dynamic group of international pediatric MRI experts to serve as speakers and moderators.

We had tremendous support from a number of ANZSPR members: speakers Michael Kean (RCH, Melbourne), Samuel Manikkam and Jane McEniery (both QCH, Brisbane); moderator John Pereira (Sydney Children's) and Tim Cain (RCH, Melbourne) who, along with myself (SickKids, Toronto), was a speaker and moderator, Tim also being a committee member. Michael got us off to a great start as our first speaker discussing important safety aspects when setting up/expanding a pediatric MRI service. I described strategies for reducing anxiety and use of non-sedate MRI practices. Tim, Sam and Jane then shared their expertise on approaches to imaging and the spectrum of pathology encountered in musculoskeletal, abdominopelvic and brain tumors, while I touched on whole-body MRI in pediatric oncology. Sam navigated our one major technical glitch superbly and clearly knew his talk well! There was standing room only for Janey's talk in the neuro session. Our ANZSPR members were truly exceptional in their enthusiasm, professionalism, and expertise. I look forward to the continued involvement of ANZPR in the next phase of the ISMRM/WFPI collaboration - the Pediatric MRI Global Network. See you in Vancouver for ISMRM 2027!

Mary-Louise Greer MBBS FRANZCR
ANZSPR Member and Past President

Next newsletter, we hope to hear an update from the Paediatric team of John Pereira, Tim Cain and Mary-Louise Greer who recently visited Tanzania with Radiology Across Borders. Also, IPR Boston has just happened which featured Prof Stacy Goergen presenting on Fetal Imaging, and both Tim Cain and Mary-Louise Greer on moderating duties.

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

- Two Paediatric imaging fellowship positions for one-year.
- Positions advertised on Smart 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 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 imaging fellowship 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

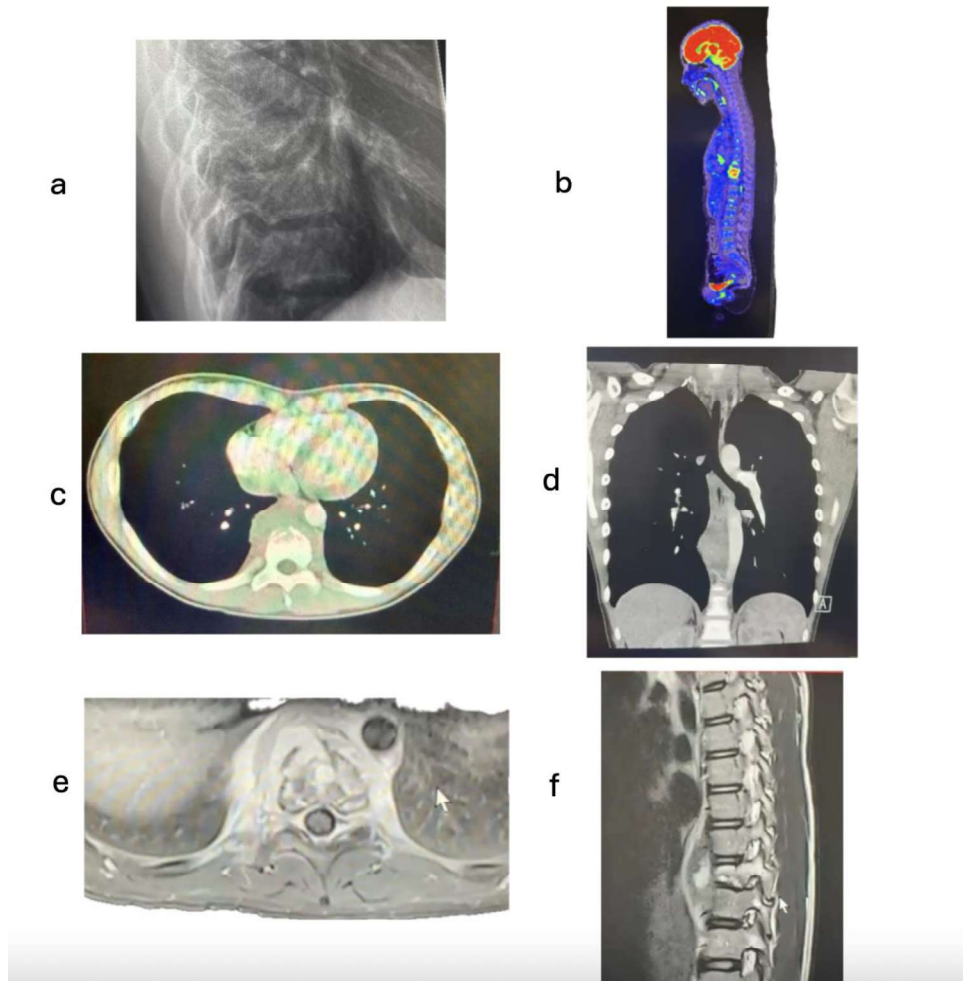
- One Women's and Paediatric imaging fellowship position for one-year.
- Contact Dr Rebecca Linke: Rebecca.Linke@sa.gov.au

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

Curio-city

An interesting patient presentation from Dr. Rachele Quested, Qld

12 yo girl presents with a few months of mid back pain. No associated systemic symptoms and normal bloodwork.



Initial XR (a) is concerning for a pathological fracture and decision is made to proceed to PET CT for possible mass. PET CT (b) demonstrates increased uptake at the T9/10 vertebral bodies and intervertebral disc. This is reported as most likely represent discitis/osteomyelitis however tissue required to exclude malignancy. No additional lesion.

Diagnostic CT (c, d) performed concurrently showed a possible rim enhancing focus in the pre vertebral space and partially encasing the thoracic aorta. MRI (e, f) showed a pre vertebral collection with endplate erosion and loss of vertebral body height. No drainable abscess or collection. CT guided biopsy performed under GA, grew no pathogen but showed inflammatory cells and no evidence of malignancy. This case demonstrates an atypical presentation for osteomyelitis/discitis, a diagnosis which must always be considered for paediatric back pain.

Creative Corner

The Final Hurdle - Dr Madusha Chandratilleke, WA

The day has come, the final hurdle
Mind so full, it's about to curdle
Genetics, pathology, anatomy overflow
Medicine and surgery, a behemoth to know
Colleagues are now friends, a fabric of facts has been sewn
The sacrifices made have not been mine alone
The months passed are blurred, the end is nigh
A dark suit hides the sweat and heart rate so high
Will the examiner be kind? Will I know what to say?
Will my clone across the corridor pass today?
The door opens a crack, I'm welcomed in
Let the final hurdle begin.

ANZSPR ASM 2023: Hamilton Island – Dr Sam Manikkam, Qld



Photographs - Dr Jennifer Powell - Qld

“I bought my first DSLR with my first tax return in 2009 and have been hiking with cameras ever since. My baby is a Canon 5D which weighs as much as a toddler”



Lamington National Park Yugambah. Taken on a hike with QCH workmates Sam and David.



Inyati Game Lodge, South Africa

Finishing on a theme:



Twizel (taken from a moving car!)



Aoraki.

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

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).

