



NEWSLETTER JUNE 2020

From the President's desk, a few weeks ago...

From a socially, or more accurately, physically appropriate distance, I last week heard my neighbour describing to another neighbour that his sourdough starter was 'humming'. Our new way of life means that there are now no secrets when conversations involve yelling from driveway to driveway whilst putting the bins out on a Tuesday night. I joined in, enquiring how long he had been making his own bread, his reply 'oh, just today!' It was that moment that I realized that this strange time affects all of us in different ways and we must be entering 'Phase 2'.

I saw this article the other day and thought that I'd share, and please excuse my paraphrasing. Researchers have described that a period of social isolation can be divided into phases. Phase one was the 'panic' buying and 'confusion' stage where the shelves were empty, and we were looking for hourly media

updates. Second stage is the 'honeymoon, settling in or sourdough' phase which was where we were during our driveway conversation a few weeks ago. We are apparently entering (and by the time you read this, hopefully exiting) the third phase where 'things get weird, days run into nights and mood and morale is at its lowest'.

Please look out for each other during the hopefully brief third phase.

<https://www.abc.net.au/triplej/programs/hack/coronavirus-covid19-isolation-third-quarter-phenomenon-has-begun/12190270>

Thank you to all those ANZSPR members working diligently in your local centres or on the RANZCR COVID-19 Taskforce writing policy, guidelines and innovating work practices to facilitate the ongoing provision of imaging and procedural services for our patients and their families. ANZSPR supports the work that the college taskforce is doing, and I encourage you to familiarise yourself with the resources on the RANZCR website.

<https://www.ranzcr.com/our-work/coronavirus/resources-and-useful-links>

A mentor of mine is often heard quoting Churchill, 'Never let a good crisis go to waste'. I'm aware many centres have been looking at models of service provision and practice. If any members have been involved with or

implemented any new initiatives or work practices that have revolutionised service delivery, please send us an email and we'll compile a list to share.

Thank you all for your work so far this year and I hope that life begins to return to normal for you shortly.

Take care and stay safe,

Michael

ANZSPR ASM 2020

In accordance with the current government and college recommendations on gatherings and travel, the ANZSPR 2020 ASM, planned for the Yarra Valley in October, has unfortunately had to be postponed. We are pleased to announce that the 2020 organising committee is looking forward to hosting the 2021 meeting at the same venue from 17th to 20th October, 2021. Please keep an eye on the ANZSPR website for updated information as it is made available.



ANZSPR website

An exciting new development over the past year has been the development and launch of the new ANZSPR website (www.anzspr.org). The website currently has information about our group, past and upcoming meetings, links to other radiological societies and information about membership.

It is a work-in-progress and we are aiming to add to this valuable resource throughout the year, including information about Australasian Paediatric Imaging Fellowship positions and clinical guidelines such as the ANZSPR/RANZCR non accidental imaging guideline when completed (see below). Please contact us if you have any suggestions regarding the website or would be interested in helping convene the content and updates.

Non-Accidental Injury Imaging Guideline

A group of ANZSPR radiologists, chaired by Dr Padma Rao from RCH Melbourne, has been working to formulate an NAI Imaging Guideline. While most tertiary paediatric imaging centres have their own guidelines, there has been interest from smaller hospitals within Australia and New Zealand for a consensus guideline to guide their imaging protocols for these types of cases. The team are in the final stages of completing this mammoth document which, when approved and endorsed, will serve as the RANZCR Clinical Guideline and will be

available on the RANZCR and ANZSPR websites.

ANZSPR Election 2020

In 2020, ANZSPR will be holding an election for the position of President and one committee member, to commence January 2021. I would like to thank Dr Pip Depree, from Christchurch, for agreeing to be scrutineer for the election. You should have all received an email from RANZCR in the past few weeks with details on the election. Nominations are to be submitted by COB 31 August 2020 on the nomination form included in the email (attached to the end of this newsletter). Voting will commence shortly after via an electronic process and will be open for a 4 week period.

Fellowship Positions 2021/2022

Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne

- Six paediatric imaging fellowship positions.
- Positions advertised on RCH website.
- Contact: Dr Padma Rao
Director of Medical Imaging,
Royal Children's Hospital,
50 Flemington Rd, Parkville, Victoria
3052.
Tel 03 93455237
Email padma.rao@rch.org.au

The Children's Hospital at Westmead Hospital, Sydney.

- Three diagnostic paediatric radiology imaging fellow positions.
- One post graduate paediatric interventional fellowship position.
- Positions advertised on NSW Health website and internally.
- Contact: Dr Neil Caplin
neil.caplin@health.nsw.gov.au and/or
Dr Kristina Prelog
kristina.prelog@health.nsw.gov.au

Perth Children's Hospital

- To be confirmed.

Queensland Children's Hospital

- Two paediatric imaging fellowship positions
- Positions advertised on Smart Jobs and RANZCR website (close 22/06/2020)
- Contact: Dr Tom Hess
thomas.hess@health.qld.gov.au

Starship Children's Hospital, Auckland

- To be confirmed.

Obituary- Dr John Masel (Qld)



It is with great sadness that I am writing to share the news that Dr John Masel has recently passed away. Dr Masel was a highly regarded Paediatric Radiologist, teacher and researcher. He was a former Director of Radiology and established the Integrated Department of Paediatric Radiology for both the Royal Children's and Mater Children's Hospitals in Queensland. Within the Radiology college, he served on the Federal Council for 14 years and was also a former President. He was a former Chair of the Australasian Society for Paediatric Imaging and is credited as being highly influential in bringing the speciality of paediatric radiology in Queensland to the national stage.

Dr Masel had a hugely positive influence with the clinicians and staff members he worked with, as well as the children and families he cared for.

*With great respect,
Dr Jonathan Corness*

**Dr Helen Bird
ANZSPR Secretary**

ANZSPR Executive Nomination Form

Nominations are called from ANZSPR members for the ANZSPR Executive Committee:

1. Executive member (1 position)
2. President (1 position)

Nomination

I wish to nominate _____(name)

To the ANZSPR SIG Executive Committee as *Executive Member OR President (PLEASE CIRCLE)*

Name and Signature of nominator _____

Signature of nominee _____

Please return by email to anzspr@ranzcr.edu.au by close of business 31 August 2020.
