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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT, DR NIROSHINI KENNEDY

Welcome to our second edition of the PCHD Pot-pourri newsletter for 2026. I'm pleased to be able to give you an update on priorities and activities since our last newsletter in March.

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I'm pleased to congratulate several of our PCHD members who received mention in the 2026 King's Birthday Honours List.

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COMMUNITY CHILD HEALTH LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

As I finish my term as Chair of the Chapter of Community Child Health Committee within the Paediatric & Child Health Division, it feels only fitting to acknowledge and celebrate the extraordinary contribution of Dr Chris Pearson.

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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- [Represent on the PCHD Council](#)
- [Represent on the ChCCH Committee](#)
- [Calling PCH Fellows: The College Learning Series Committee \(Paediatrics & Child Health\) is seeking an Aotearoa New Zealand Coordinator](#)
- [Advanced Trainee to join the Paediatric & Child Health Divisional Written Examination Committee](#)
- [Consultant Paediatrician – Albany Health Campus, WA Country Health Service \(WACHS\)](#)

Visit the [College website](#) to view all expressions of interest and career opportunities.



AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

As the philanthropic arm of the RACP, the Foundation awards fellowships, scholarships, grants and prizes to

those who strive to improve the healthcare we all receive. Opportunities currently available are:

International Grant

- [Paediatrics International Grant – Asia Pacific Region](#)

Meritorious Awards

Nominate a colleague for the following awards:

- [John Sands Medal](#)
- [College Medal](#)
- [Eric Susman Prize](#)
- [RACP International Medal](#)
- [RACP Medal for Clinical Service in Rural and Remote Areas](#)
- [RACP Mentor of the Year](#)
- [RACP Trainee of the Year](#)
- [RACP Trainee Research Awards](#)



Research Awards and Career Grants

Open now:

- [Career Development Fellowships](#)
- [Research Establishment Fellowships](#)
- [Research Entry Scholarships](#)
- [The Vera Scantlebury Brown Child Welfare Memorial Trust Scholarship](#)
(external)

Opening 15 June 2026:

- [Research Development Grants](#)
- [Travel Grants](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

RACP events:

- 20 June 2026: [Optimising your financial affairs in the transition to retirement](#)
- 6 July 2026: [Trainee and Supervisor Wellbeing – practical strategies for self-care, psychological safety and team support](#)
- 1 August 2026: [RACP LIFT – Respiratory, infectious disease and critical illness](#)
- 20 August 2026: [RACP LIFT – Acute, population and complex care](#)



Other upcoming events:

- 23 June to 25 June 2026: [23rd Hot Topics in Infection and Immunity in Children \(IIC\) – the ESPID-Oxford Course](#)
- 5 to 10 July 2026: [Hunter Paediatric Society Conference](#) (Malaysia)
- 17 to 18 August 2026: [Assessment of suspected physical abuse and neglect in children and adolescents \(APAC\)](#) – Starship Hospital Training Course
- 30 September to 1 October 2026: [6th UK Clinical Vaccine Network Conference \(UKCVN\): Vaccines across the life course](#)

Visit the [College website](#) for our full list of events.

COLLEGE UPDATES

New curriculum for Advanced Training in general paediatrics to be implemented with first-year trainees in 2027

Some of the key changes under the new curriculum include:

- new work-based assessments which have replaced the existing PREP tools, supported by a



new technology system, the Training Management Platform (TMP)

- new learning goals to help focus trainees' learning on the key aspects of general paediatrics
- new professional experience requirements to better align training experiences to the role of a general paediatrician and provide more flexibility for trainees and training settings
- learning themes mapped to the program's learning goals to provide a structure to guide assessments and learning.

Please visit our [general paediatrics new curriculum webpage](#) for more information on the new curriculum, along with access to training and support resources including FAQs.

IN OTHER NEWS

- Survey: [Understanding Interprofessional Collaboration Between Paediatricians and Paediatric Osteopaths: A National Cross-Sectional Study of Australia and New Zealand](#)



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