



## SCLMA President's Message .....

### Dr Roger Faint

The yearly PHN sponsored "Sunshine Coast Health Report", held at our clinical meeting 25 July, went as smoothly as a Norman Swan Podcast. It was the second health report meeting we have had and included Dr Andrew Hallahan (Acting Executive Director, Medical Services, SCHHS), Dr Jon Harper (Clinical Lead, Sunshine Coast HealthPathways, PHN), Dr Marlene Pearce (GP Liaison Officer, Deputy Executive Director, Medical Services), Dr Edwin Krays (GP Liaison Officer SCHHS) and our own SCLMA representatives.

I would like to thank Pattie Hudson, CEO PHN, for their financial support for the night. Very appreciated.

It was disappointing not to have the Sunshine Coast Health District's Chief Executive, Adj Prof Naomi Dwyer attend, particularly after such a lively meeting last year. However she was called at short notice to the QLD Parliament Senate Estimates hearing.

Dr Hallahan attended at short notice (highly recommended by Naomi) and presented the current and future issues affecting our health district, which included significant population growth. Dr Hallahan presented as a realistic, organised and approachable gentleman who put patients and the medical workforce as a priority. He did in fact offer to be contacted by any doctor, public or private, as a matter of priority, regarding any patient issues.

The night was extra-ordinarily informative (and less lively than last year) and I believe a must for all SCLMA members for future meetings. I would like to single out Dr Marlene Pearce (congratulations in your new role) for her succinct presentation regarding local patient referral processes, and associated reasons as to why they exist, within our local public health system. The presentation was useful for GPs and other specialists alike and thus I encourage all members to attend next year.

For example, do our members realise that for about two years now, traditional specialists cannot refer a patient to public outpatients, unless the patient is a Category one, secondary to QLD wide health policy. The patients, Category two to five, must therefore be referred back to their GP for referral to outpatients.

The AGM is 29 August and I encourage all members to attend. A few of our committee are stepping down and I encourage anyone interested in joining our committee to nominate.

(SCLMA Committee meetings are held monthly for an hour prior to the clinical meeting).

I very much encourage younger members to nominate so as to represent their medical colleagues and enjoy the richness of the SCLMA adding to their personal growth life stories.



The SCLMA Gala Cocktail party at Peppers, Noosa, will have passed by the time you read this article. As most members would know, the SCLMA has established a new relationship with the very organised 'Wishlist' Sunshine Coast to assist us in making the night a successful fundraising event towards our local Sunshine Coast Community.

With Wishlist's assistance, we attracted significant sponsorship including BMW and Healius. Healius is a large well organised medical company (previously called Primary Health Care) with a significant interest in General Practice including training of doctors.

Other Sponsorship on the night included donations from master opal cutter, Scott Coggan, from 'Opals Down Under', Cheryl Ryan from '123 Travel' and Alistair Cook from 'Buderim Marketplace Pharmacy'.

I am pleased that many doctors were very generous in donating quality wine worth a total of over \$1000 towards vulnerable children.

Thank you all for your generosity

Dr Roger K Faint



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## Editorial .....

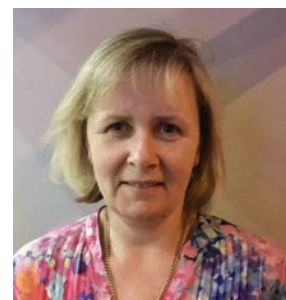
The plenitude of media articles appearing around the country propounding the multitude of problems engulfing and threatening the existence of private health insurance seems to be growing exponentially.

It is clear that there is much consumer dissatisfaction as private health insurance premiums increase year on year yet coverage of in-hospital investigations, procedures and surgery diminishes. While some are quick to blame egregious doctor billing for rising gaps, such argument represents only a small fraction of the reason for increasing out of pocket expenses and blinds people to the more salient problems. Ivan Krylov was a poet and fabulist, who in 1814 wrote a fable entitled, "The Inquisitive Man", which tells of a man who goes to a museum and notices all sorts of tiny things but fails to notice an elephant. The phrase became proverbial! Krylov would surely appreciate the following points.

A five year freeze on Medicare rebates - which were inadequate to start with - are now mirrored by freezes or minimal rebate increases by private health insurers. At a time of near stagnant wage growth for most Australians and an inflation rate of ~2% per annum (total 7.9%) since 2014, health fund premiums have increased more than 30% on average. Many private health funds operate at a profit and are answerable to their shareholders before their patient members - surely a conflict of interest. Moreover, many are not aware that any increase in payouts from funds is not to doctors but to hospitals that regularly renegotiate contracts with funds. Few would realise that a private health fund may rebate a specialist surgeon as little as \$11.09 for an inpatient consultation (while Medicare pays \$33.26) whether conducted on a weekday or weekend, in hours or in the middle of the night. Medicare and funds no longer pay a surgeon any fee for a consultation conducted on the same day of elective surgery and yet standard of care and safety demand that such a consultation occur. Has Private Health Insurance become Private Hospital Insurance that covers only the hospital costs and not those of the doctor, pathology, radiology and pharmacy services?

The other elephant in the room is the growing number of private patients occupying public hospital beds, allowing public hospitals to draw more than \$1 billion/year of private insurance money - while decreasing bed access for public patients and increasing waiting times to surgery for many public patients. Even more mystifying is that many public patients are then shunted to the private system for their elective surgery at added tax payer expense! Has Private Hospital Insurance become Public Hospital Insurance?

At a time when our ageing population lives with more complex chronic health problems and medicine can deliver more numerous but costly interventions, the Federal and State governments continue the blame game for public hospital funding and there remain perverse incentives for public hospitals to access private patient insurance. The current funding model for both public and private hospitals is anachronistic. It is no wonder that many are starting to question the value of private health insurance. The last twelve months has seen the largest fall in private hospital coverage in 15 years - 65,000 people dropped out. Unfortunately many fail to acknowledge that our already overwhelmed public system cannot cope with the fallout should they then present to a public hospital.



Regards,  
Kirsten

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### THURSDAY 29 AUGUST (AGM)

- Speaker: Dr Greg Finch, Spine Surgeon, Orthopaedic Surgeon
- Topic: Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery  
What is it? Why do I do it? How does it benefit my patients? Case Studies.

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## HEALTH SERVICE LINK - JULY 2019

### ***Increasing Adoption of GP Smart Referrals across the Sunshine Coast***

I'm pleased to share with you that GP Smart Referrals is now active in the majority of practices across our region with over 90 per cent of practices registered, having participated in recent training sessions.

We are especially grateful to our local Sunshine Coast, innovative 'early adopter' practices who have been using this technology for their patients since our initial go live in April 2019.

Our most recent system release in late June introduced functionality including the ability to refer to Queensland Children's Hospital services. Our project team continues to progress exciting new features which will be released regularly.

We thank those practices that have offered their positive feedback as well as recommendations for new features and enhancements. These are being registered for assessment and prioritisation and you are encouraged to keep them coming.

Given this has been an opt in technology solution, it's been great to see such significant uptake by our local general practices. I thank you all for your enthusiasm and willingness to embrace this new technology that has been designed by clinicians, for clinicians, to enable better patient outcomes.



### ***Patient-Centred Plastics and Reconstructive Service***

I had the pleasure of spending some time with one of our patients, James Murray, who had recently experienced the care of our plastics and reconstructive surgery team. Mr Murray was diagnosed with a large squamous cell carcinoma which had grown rapidly over several weeks becoming the size of a golf ball. He was quickly placed in the safe hands of Dr Amy O'Connor, and our Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery team to perform a scalp flap. We are very pleased to be able to now offer this type of surgery to the community as previously patients requiring such intervention, would have had to travel to Brisbane. Being able to remain close to family and friends, as well as avoiding strenuous travel, is highly beneficial for our patients, both mentally and physically. James' progress was quite remarkable to see.



*ACC NUM Philomena Webb, Chief Executive Adj Prof Naomi Dwyer, Dr Ryan Livingstone and Dr Amy O'Connor*

In other developments for our Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Service, the team has introduced at RAPID Skin Clinic, allowing skin cancer patients to avoid general anaesthesia, thereby reducing the requirement to go to the main theatre. Where appropriate patients receive same-day treatment under local anaesthesia only.

### ***Update on the Redevelopment of our Nambour General Hospital***

Our Redevelopment project is progressing well with the continuation of construction preparatory works and the start of service relocations. The finishing touches on the detailed design are being concluded, with valued input from our consumers, including the design of the emergency department entrance and drop off zone. Refreshing of existing wards is occurring to enable services to move to a temporary location to support the construction program. This will also allow services to continue recognising that care delivery will continue alongside construction.

## HEALTH SERVICE LINK - JULY 2019 /cont:

Community consultation is going well with the last Community Forum held recently at the Nambour, featuring a presentation on Mental Health Services and the Emergency Department. It was very well received by those in attendance and provided valuable input to the planning team. These events are free, and all community members are welcome to attend.

The project is on track and is scheduled for completion at the end of 2022.



### ***Choosing Wisely on the Sunshine Coast***

I've previously shared with you that we are a Champion Health Service for Choosing Wisely. This means that we are taking active steps, alongside 28 other health services across Australia to deliver care which is supported by evidence as providing benefit to our patients. One of the foundations of Choosing Wisely is to promote conversation between patients and health professionals about tests, treatments and procedures. We have co-designed the questions with our consumers, and will be promoting them widely to foster shared decision-making, viz:

1. What are the benefits?
2. What are the risks?
3. What are the alternatives?
4. What if I do nothing?

We are working closely with our Primary Healthcare Network to promote the principles of Choosing Wisely across the Care Continuum.

### ***SCLMA Annual PHN/SCHHS Clinical Meeting***

Whilst I was very sorry to not be able to get to this year's event, I have received very positive feedback from Dr Andrew Hallahan, Acting Executive Director Medical Services about the night's discussion and collaborative approach to a number of issues, including the initiation of our 10 Year Master Clinical Services Plan. This will provide a blueprint for public healthcare over the medium term, and we are very grateful that SCLMA will be part of this conversation.

### ***Connect with your GP Liaison Team***

We're always working to make it easier for GPs to refer patients to our health service. Our GP Liaison (GPLO) team is very active in this space and asked me to share with you this [newsletter](#) that is distributed to the GP community on a regular basis. The newsletter contains important clinical updates, messages and upcoming education. If you have an item for GP awareness that you would like included in the next edition of the newsletter, please contact: **GPLO Unit email:** [SCHHS-GPLO@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:SCHHS-GPLO@health.qld.gov.au)

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Until next time, take care

*Naomi*

*Adj. Prof Naomi Dwyer, Chief Executive, SCHHS*



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## GP Liaison: Your Hospital Connection – JULY 2019



This week, the GP Liaison unit would like to highlight some of the great SCHHS outpatient initiatives that are providing our local community with improved access to care.

Referral guidelines and eligibility criteria for each of these clinic pathways can be found on the HealthPathways Website: <https://sunshinecoast.communityhealthpathways.org/>

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### 1. Eating Disorders Service

This new psychiatric and allied health multidisciplinary outpatient service is for adults >18 with a suspected or diagnosed eating disorder. Medical stability criteria apply for eligibility, please see HealthPathways website for details.

### 2. Rapid Access TIA or Stroke Clinic

This clinic facilitates urgent specialist review and investigations for patients who have experienced a known or suspected stroke or TIA within the last 2 weeks. Patients will usually be offered an appointment within 1 week. Please be sure to mark referral as 'RAPID ACCESS' to expedite triage. (If you suspect your patient is having an acute stroke refer immediately to Emergency as per usual protocol, for imaging and potential clot lysis).

### 3. Early Pregnancy Assessment Service

This is the preferred pathway (rather than Emergency) for medically-stable women with miscarriage, threatened miscarriage, asymptomatic pregnancy of unknown location or blighted ovum requiring rapid access to care. Please be sure to mark referral as 'RAPID ACCESS', and notify the EPAS Coordinator (CNC) on 5202-7241 in working hours to expedite triage. The patient will be contacted in 24-48 hours for an appointment.

### 4. Termination of Pregnancy

Several local GPs and Women's Health clinics offer medical termination of pregnancy (MTOP) to suitable patients, and this is the recommended first-line pathway with provider details published on HealthPathways. Alternatively, women < 9 weeks' gestation can be referred to Clinic 87 Sexual Health Service (MTOP only), or if 9–14 weeks' gestation to Gynaecology Reproductive Choices Clinic (MTOP & Surgical TOP). Please be sure to mark referral as 'RAPID ACCESS' to expedite triage if time is critical.

### 5. Direct GP referral available to Hospital in the Home (HITH)

Patients who are medically stable and suitable for IV Antibiotics or other nursing care in the home can be referred directly by their GP to HITH, without needing to send the patient to hospital. Example indications include cellulitis, mastitis, hyperemesis gravidarum and complex wound management. To request assessment, phone the HITH Medical Officer via switch (available 24hrs) on 5202 0000.



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## Buderim Private Hospital

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Dear SCLMA colleagues,

It gives me great pleasure to provide you with information about some of Buderim Private Hospital's latest news and events.

### Cooinda education session

The next free information session for families and carers of people experiencing a mental health-related issue is on Wednesday 21 August at 5.30pm at our Cooinda Mental Health Service.



The topic for this session is the treatment of bipolar disorders. Presented by Psychiatrist, Dr Dhushan Illesinghe, this free information session will focus on the symptoms and treatment for bipolar disorders and what families and carers can do to help. Visit [www.buderimprivatehospital.com.au](http://www.buderimprivatehospital.com.au) for more information and to RSVP.

### Emergency Centre update

#### New discounted fee for children

A discounted fee for school children under the age of 17 has been introduced. If a child is sick or injured, they can be treated for a flat fee of \$200 anytime of the day and this cost is inclusive of the consultation with a specialist and any X-rays or blood tests required. No GP referral is necessary, patients simply require their Medicare card.

#### Orthopaedic injuries care pathway

Post discharge ambulatory pathways for orthopaedic injuries have been established for patients following diagnosis and urgent management has been provided by Emergency Centre specialists. Patients now have the opportunity to be seen by an orthopaedic specialist within 24 hours of their initial consultation or the next business day.

### Pregnancy Planning Information Session

We are holding a free information session for anyone wanting to find out more about our maternity services and how to plan ahead for a healthy pregnancy and birth. The information session will be held on Saturday 14 September from 9.30am – 11.30am.

Registrations are now open and can be booked by visiting [www.buderimprivatehospital.com.au/pregnancyevent](http://www.buderimprivatehospital.com.au/pregnancyevent)

Until next month,

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## CENTRAL QLD, WIDE BAY, SUNSHINE COAST PHN - July 2019 Update

*Partners in Recovery program makes way for the NDIS*

Every year, around 600,000 Australians experience an acute mental health condition, with more than 10% reporting severe and persistent symptoms impacting on their day-to-day lives.

Despite increased momentum and government investment, care for the most vulnerable people with mental health conditions lacked integration and coordination, leaving people with complex needs to fall through the gaps.

Partners in Recovery (PIR) was started in response to this need for better care coordination. The program, which ran from 2013-2019 across Australia, aimed to improve support for people with severe and persistent mental illness, and their carers and families too.

Central Queensland, Wide Bay, Sunshine Coast PHN ran three PIR programs across the region, offering support to more than 2300 people.

Sunshine Coast-based PIR Support Facilitator Dallas Sutherland said he'd worked with many interesting people over the lifespan of the program, and saw great results from its methodology.

"The recovery-based program provided assistance on many levels including mentoring, practical support, linking to services within the community, and essentially helping people to move forward in their lives," Mr Sutherland said.

"A big part of the program's success was its ability to provide immediate and flexible funding to help people remove the stumbling blocks which held them back.

"One story that stands out in my memory is of a participant who quit smoking and drinking during her time being supported by Partners in Recovery.

"She learned creative IT skills, held an exhibition of her photographic work, and contributed artworks to several other exhibitions and venues.

"The participant continues to engage in social activities and has recently been the recipient of an award for her lifelong contribution to the film and television industry as a scenic artist."

PIR finished on June 30 this year, so the program could make way for the roll-out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

The NDIS will provide lifelong supports for people whose disability impacts their day-to-day functioning - including psychosocial disabilities related to mental health conditions.

Over 300 PIR participants were assisted to test their eligibility for the NDIS, and at the closure of the program, 182 people were receiving supports under the NDIS.

**Dr Petra Ladwig**

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## EDEN PRIVATE HOSPITAL - JULY 2019

### *Pain Management Program*

Eden Private Hospital continues to expand with its pain management program which is “purpose made” for people living with chronic pain, which has a significant impact on life enjoyment and daily functioning.

With a referral, patients can now access a specialised pain management and support program, developed from evidence-based outcomes, at Eden Private Hospital.

The Pain management program has a point of difference for patients on the Sunshine Coast with its inter disciplinary approach using a biopsychosocial framework which aims to treat and manage the impact of chronic pain, improve the patient's quality of life by incorporating social supports.

During the sessions, patients are able to share experiences while working towards their desired outcome of increased day-to-day activity with reduced pain or managed pain. Using a psychological framework, patients are encouraged to practise and apply new skills and knowledge into their every day living.

The program is delivered by an expert team of Rehabilitation physician, Psychiatrist, medical officer, physiotherapy, exercise physiology, psychology and occupational therapy.



Rehabilitation Physician - Dr Paul du Toit specialising in pain management is now consulting at Eden Private Hospital.

Dr Paul du Toit is a rehabilitation medicine physician specialising in pain management and musculoskeletal medicine. Dr du Toit prefers an evidence based approach for pain management, incorporating non-pharmacological modalities including a graded exercise program and cognitive behavioural therapy, over opioid prescription. His aim is always to wean opioid dependence and provide patients with the skills and confidence to manage their pain while living a fulfilling life.

To arrange a referral or appointment with Dr du Toit please contact Eden Private Hospital Medical Suites on 07 5472 6430 or email [eden.private@healthcare.com.au](mailto:eden.private@healthcare.com.au).



***Our next Clinical Meeting - Thursday 29 August 2019  
Maroochydore Surf Club Function Room 6.30 for 7pm  
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**Dr Greg Finch FRACS FAOrthA, Spine Surgeon, Orthopaedic Surgeon**




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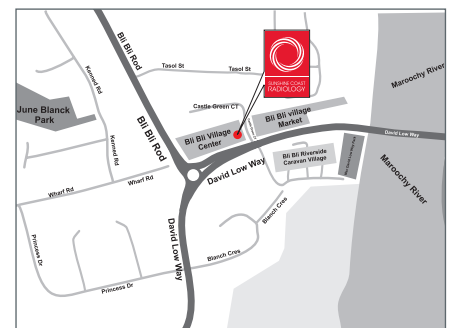
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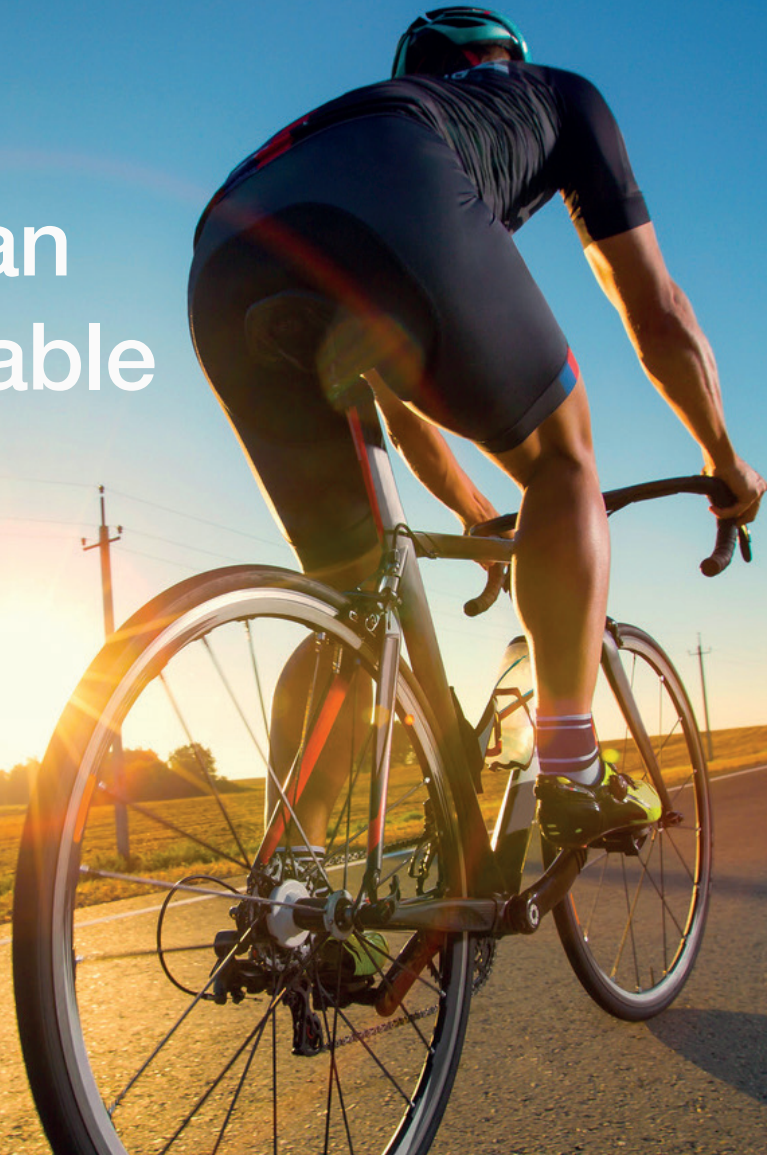


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## Sunshine Coast Orthopaedic Clinic

### The Acute Knee Clinic

The first few days can make all the difference in recovery from a sporting injury.

Dr Steve Lawrie at the Sunshine Coast Orthopaedic Clinic provides an Acute Knee Clinic each Monday and Tuesday which is specifically designed for, but not limited to, sports injuries of the knee with a view to rapid assessment, investigation and adoption of a management plan within the first few days of the initial injury.

The Acute Knee Clinic has now been running for twelve years. We have treated many professional and semi-professional athletes as well as the "weekend warriors", including a special interest in paediatric sporting injuries. Dr Lawrie has a close association with many sporting teams on the Sunshine Coast, including the Sunshine Coast Falcons, Melbourne Storm and many other local clubs.

Specific conditions that can benefit from emergent assessment include suspected ligamentous injuries, including cruciate ligaments, medial ligaments, multiple ligament injuries, acute patellar dislocation, locked knees and especially paediatric cruciate and meniscal injuries whether that be by implementing early surgical techniques

or an appropriate non-operative treatment programme.

To access the Acute Knee Clinic, a patient needs to have a current referral to Dr Steven Lawrie and plain x-rays of the knee should also be arranged before the initial consultation.

A plain x-ray is very important in the initial assessment to exclude fractures, loose bodies, and to show the alignment of the knee joint and the patellofemoral joint, which cannot be seen on other investigations, such as an MRI scan.

Splints and orthotics can be organized directly with Leonie Walton on 5473 5858. Leonie attends our clinic on a Thursday afternoon, but she is available throughout the week as needed.

The Acute Knee Clinic is intended to complement Dr Lawrie's other interests, including hip and knee replacement, revision arthroplasty, computer assisted joint replacement, cartilage surgery, as well as hip, knee and ankle arthroscopy.

Dr Lawrie is happy to take phone calls for advice, queries etc as this often helps the referral process.

### For appointments contact

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### Examples of these injuries include:

A medial ligament injury is usually easily treated in a range of motion brace, using an MCL protocol if applied with the 1st week or so. But it can be extremely difficult to correct if there is a delay of a number of weeks.

Paediatric meniscal tears may be repairable early after an injury, but a delay typically means meniscal resection becomes necessary.

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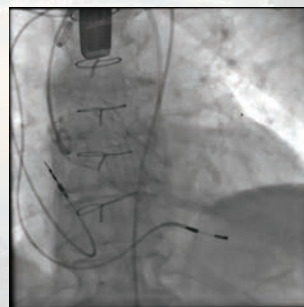
The SCHS Heart Team has successfully performed the first TAVI cases at SCUPH.

TAVI is now the preferred treatment option for patients with severe aortic stenosis. Clinical trials have demonstrated superiority over surgical AVR for high, intermediate and low risk patients.

Our SCHS Heart Team: Drs Peter Larsen and Stuart Butterly, (Interventional Cardiologists) and Dr Mark Johnson (Cardiac Imaging Specialist) worked with Specialist Cardiac Anaesthetist Dr Rae Duffy to perform the first cases on 3rd June 2019 in a major milestone for Cardiac Care on the Sunshine Coast.

Our first TAVI patient was an 83 y.o female. A 26mm Evolut R TAVI was performed and the patient was discharged home the following day!

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# Update

## Life-changing heart treatment begins on the Sunshine Coast

Sunshine Coast residents no longer need to travel beyond the coast to receive life-changing heart treatment, with Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI) now offered at Sunshine Coast University Private Hospital (SCUPH). A local 83-year-old woman has become the first patient to undergo the new minimally-invasive procedure at SCUPH. The procedure, which takes under an hour, allows surgeons to insert and implant an aortic valve into the heart using a catheter, which is inserted through a small incision in the groin.

Interventional Cardiologist, Dr Peter Larsen said: "It is key hole surgery using the latest technology, performed by our Heart Team. The surgery allows patients to avoid the need for lengthy operations and the prolonged stay in hospital afterwards."

Dr Larsen's patient, Mrs Norma Wilson had been experiencing severe aortic stenosis, which is the narrowing of the aortic valve opening, causing severe breathlessness. Due to her age she was considered a high risk for surgery.

"Instead she was brought to the cardiac catheter operating room and we were able to perform a TAVI, and she went home the next day. It is an amazing achievement for an 83-year-old to go home the next day after heart valve surgery," Dr Larsen said.

Over the last 18 months, the hospital has been working to develop a new 'Heart Team' to deliver the new procedure made up of interventional cardiologists, cardiac surgeons, vascular surgeons, an anaesthesiologist, geriatrician, TAVI coordinator and radiologists.

The Heart Team has undergone rigorous training and accreditation, to ensure local patients would receive optimal treatment when undergoing TAVI.

The availability of the treatment represents a major win for Sunshine Coast patients who were previously required to travel to Brisbane or interstate for treatment, often with significant out-of-pocket expense.

It is now expected that 50 patients will undergo TAVI at SCUPH in the first year.

Sunshine Coast University Private Hospital CEO, Oliver Steele said: "It is quite ground breaking for the region, that patients can get this treatment close to home rather than having to travel more than an hour."

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# Medical Motoring - Just in Time!

*Dr Clive Fraser*



100,000 kilometres is a reasonable distance for any car to travel. Most of my colleagues have off-loaded their cars long before the odometer goes around the clock.

But my car is going fine and I'm still weighing up the energy options for whenever I finally trade it in (petrol, ethanol, diesel, LPG, hybrid, electric, hydrogen, nuclear etc).

After 10 years my car is ready for some maintenance, particularly replacing parts that are made of rubber.

Fortunately my car has a timing chain rather than a rubber timing belt.

The chain should last the life of the engine.

But the air conditioning, alternator and sundry other peripherals on my car are all driven by a single serpentine belt which snakes around seven pulleys.

That belt is made from a synthetic compound called ethylene propylene diene monomer rubber (EPDM).

The same compound is used to make O-rings and seals.

Over time the belt wears and becomes shiny, cracked and prone to failure.

Far better to replace it now and throw the old belt in the boot as a spare.

Trying to find the right replacement belt was an interesting exercise in checking and cross-checking to make sure that I ordered exactly the right one.

My vehicle has electric power steering which saved one pulley and reduced the belt length by 15 centimetres.

So it was a 6DPK1698 belt that I needed.

6DPK referred to the six ribs on both sides of the belt and 1698 was the exact length in millimetres.

The multiple ribs reduce slippage and the fact that they are on both sides of the belt provides flexible stress relief so that the belt can be bent around pulleys in both directions.

New belts also have an additional stamp for the date of manufacture.

After all there is no point replacing an old belt, with an old belt.

My next challenge was how to get the used belt off?

I can honestly state that out of the 525 million hours of video on Youtube no one has posted a clip on my engine which shows exactly how to do it.

So it was with a lack of skill and experience I released the tensioner and delivered the old belt.

I then noticed that it was also a 6DPK1698.

The new belt should fit, I thought.

But there was another mark that really caught my eye.

It said that the old belt was made on the 14th of November 2009 in Germany by Continental.

Funny about that, because my car was assembled by BMW just six days later in Southern Bavaria.

And somewhere along the line the belt was fitted in the engine plant before the engine was fitted to my car.

These dates confirm that in the automotive world everything is made, "Just in time".

Pioneered by Toyota parts usually arrive at the factory on the same day that they are fitted on the assembly line.

No one keeps a large inventory which is costly to store and may not be used.

It's all good until natural disasters, industrial action or some other unexpected event occurs.

That can see cars leaving the factory without a spare wheel etc.

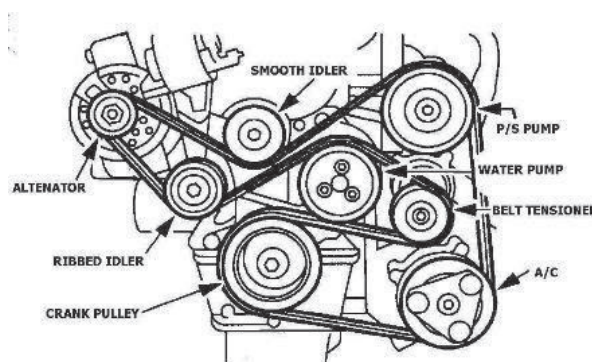
I was very proud that I'd replaced the serpentine belt myself on my car.

So what did I do with the old belt?

I put it in the boot, "Just in case!"

Safe motoring,

Doctor Clive Fraser.



**Last month's food poisoning quiz** produced dozens of responses, but only one correct answer.

**Congratulations to Prof Ted Weaver** who correctly identified *Salmonella enterica*.

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## PROGRAM

6.30pm Registration and dinner

7.00pm Presentations and round table discussions in:

**Common presentations in spinal surgery**

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**The painful shoulder – just ‘take five’**

Dr Allan Clarke, *Orthopaedic Surgeon*

**Minimally invasive treatment of ankle conditions**

Dr Frank Connon, *Orthopaedic Surgeon*

**Different types of meniscal tears and how to assess them on MRI**

Dr James Challen, *Radiologist*

9.00pm Evaluation and close

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# Doctor Bradley Wong

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**Dr Bradley Wong** MBBS, FRANZCR

**Special Clinical interests:** Prostate & urological, skin, breast, palliative and stereotactic radiotherapy

**Consults at:** Buderim, Gympie and Caloundra



While working as a radiation oncologist across all tumour types, Brad has specific clinical expertise and interest in the management of prostate & urological, skin, breast and palliative patients. His current major technical interests are in the field of stereotactic radiation therapy and the use of 3D bolus for wide field skin treatments.

Brad is committed to the continued improvement of patient care through the delivery of advanced treatment techniques, including Volumetric Modulated Arc Therapy (VMAT), image guided radiotherapy (IGRT) as well as stereotactic radiation

therapy (SRT) and stereotactic ablative body radiation therapy (SABR). In recent years Brad has presented at multiple national meetings in the space of prostate and skin radiotherapy. He regularly participates in multidisciplinary team meetings and believes in a holistic approach to patient care.

Brad is keen to engage with the medical community and is open for clinical meet and greets, lunch educations or to anyone who would like a tour of the new state-of-the-art treatment facility in Buderim. He believes that the best outcomes for patients and their families are achieved by combining modern technology, evidence based medicine and a holistic approach to the patient, whilst ensuring that treatments provided are affordable and close to home.

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Dr Karien Treurnicht graduated cum laude from the School of Medicine at the University of Pretoria, South Africa, in 1995. Karien moved to the UK in 1999 and undertook specialist training in histopathology at a number of London hospitals. She gained a Fellowship from the Royal College of Pathologists (FRCPath UK) in 2003 and in the following year went on to a Urological Pathology Fellowship at Bostwick Laboratories in Richmond, Virginia, USA. In 2005, Karien became Medical Director of Bostwick Laboratories, London, a full-service independent medical laboratory specialising in the interpretation of prostate and urological biopsies. She joined Sullivan Nicolaides Pathology in 2015 and is based at the Buderim laboratory. Karien is widely published and has presented at conferences internationally.



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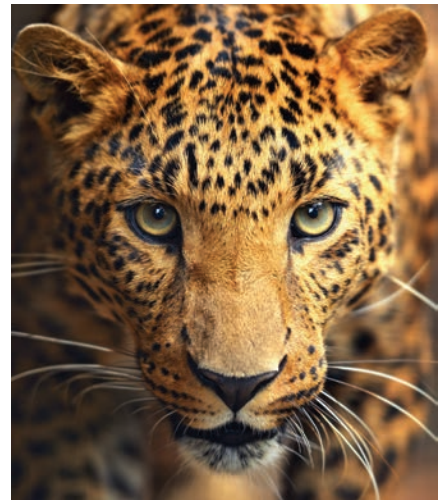
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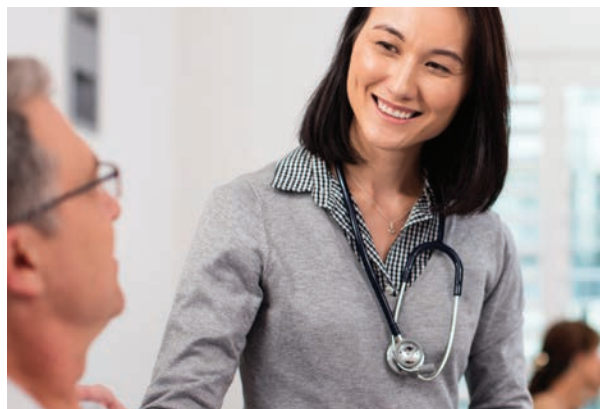
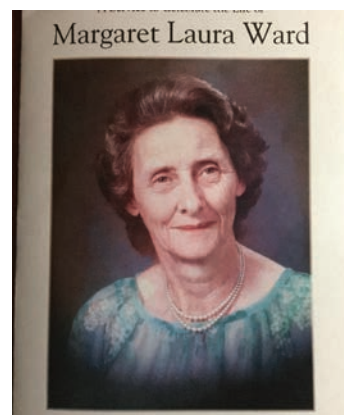
**OBITUARY - Dr Laura Ward:**

*Laura was a long time member of the SCLMA and attended our monthly meetings as her health allowed after moving to the Sunshine Coast in 2003. Alistair her son, said Laura looked forward to receiving the SCLMA newsletter each month.*

*Laura had quite a remarkable life, especially during the Second World War when she was studying for her medical degree in London while the air war was raging overhead. She was a fine medico to James Cook University students from 1970-86 where she set up and was the first doctor in the university health service, and only retired from part time GP work at the age of 73.*

**Highlights:**

*Born Glasgow, Scotland 1924; Schooled Worthing England; Medical studies on London 1943-1949 during Second World War; Married Australian Jim Ward in 1951 in London Travelled to Borneo for 4 years of mission work in highlands 1951-55. and had two boys during this time. Moved to Melbourne 1955-66. Had another boy and a girl  
Moved to Townsville 1966 when husband Jim Ward became foundation professor of Physics at James Cook University. Laura set up JCU health service as first medical practitioner at JCU. where she worked for 16 years 1970-86.  
Was involved in planning and building of Good Shephard Hospice and on first board from 1970-86.  
On Townsville Grammar School Board 1968-82, first female board member.  
Actively involved at St Andrews Presbyterian Church 1966- 2003  
General part time GP work in Townsville until retiring at age 73  
Moved to Sunshine Coast to be closer to family in 2003  
Husband Jim Ward passed away 2013 at age 94  
Laura passed away 17 May 2019 aged 94.*



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### ***Pharmacy prescribing trial in Queensland***

Over the past months, we continued our relentless campaign against the Health Minister's decision to support a trial allowing pharmacists to dispense the contraceptive pill and urinary tract infection (UTI) antibiotics without a current prescription. We wrote to all Queensland Members of Parliament to seek their cooperation in overturning the Minister's decision.

We also attended a meeting with Queensland Health and representatives from ACCRM and RACGP, where all of the medical organisations indicated their firm opposition to the trial.

We will not give up. We will continue to strongly oppose the pharmacist prescribing trial in Queensland and call for an end to the trial.

### ***Rural maternity taskforce report***

Our representative on the taskforce, A/Prof Gino Pecoraro was instrumental in lobbying the Queensland Government to provide a balanced view on the role of doctors, obstetricians and midwives in birthing services in rural and remote communities.

The report from the taskforce, which was released in June, summarised the state of play in birthing services in rural and remote communities across the state, and also included a list of recommendations, which the taskforce members will work on to address some of gaps. These relate to:

- whole of system governance;
- investing and promoting improved rural maternity services collaboration and culture;
- developing an easy to understand guide for women on local maternity model options
- workforce modelling; and
- specific strategies for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and women and women living in remote communities.

AMA Queensland looks forward to working with Queensland Health on solutions to attract and maintain doctors with obstetric and anaesthetic skills to rural and regional areas and to delivering practical improvements in maternity care in those communities.

### ***Real Time Prescription Monitoring in Queensland***

As you would be aware, Queensland Health is currently developing a new real time prescription monitoring system (RTPM) to monitor the distribution of (some) S4 and S8 medications across Queensland.

The system will provide health professionals with either a green, amber or red light at which point the health professional can decide whether to prescribe or not.

The RTPM system will be backed by an education campaign for prescribers to ensure all health professionals are aware of the new system and AMA Queensland will be directly involved in the delivery of this program.

AMA Queensland is strongly supportive of the new real-time prescription monitoring system being introduced in Qld, but we want safeguards in place.

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In June, AMA Queensland provided a submission to the State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee responsible for changes to the Medicines and Poisons Bill 2019 and the TGA Bill 2019 associated with RTPM to voice our concerns about the new system. Our main concerns are as follows:

- Concerns with the double log-in requirements
- Concerns about the possibility of an increase in assaults against GPs
- The new system will need to easily communicate with existing IT systems used in GP practices

You can read the full submission at [www.amaq.com.au/advocay/AMAQ\\_submissions](http://www.amaq.com.au/advocay/AMAQ_submissions)

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### ***Tackling obesity in Queensland***

AMA Queensland participated in a workshop associated with designing the functions of Health and Wellbeing Queensland (HWQ), with a focus on health improvement opportunities and place-based collaborations and initiatives.

We have also sent feedback to Queensland Health about restricting advertising of unhealthy food and drink/and alcohol on government owned advertising spaces. Given that the Queensland Government owns over 2000 advertising spaces, it's a great opportunity for the government to increase advertising of healthier options.

**If you have any issues you feel need AMA Queensland's attention, please send us your thoughts directly via [membership@amaq.com.au](mailto:membership@amaq.com.au).**

**Dr Dilip Dhupelia**, President AMA Queensland

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## TOPIC

### Prostate Cancer Update

- a GP guide to PSA testing
- what's new in diagnosis and treatment

## SPEAKERS

**Dr. Tony Gianduzzo (Urologist) and  
A/Prof. Troy Gianduzzo (Urologist)**

## AGENDA

6.30 pm	Arrival and registration
6.45 pm	Meeting commences
7.00 pm	Presentation- Dr. Tony Gianduzzo
7.30 pm	Presentation- A/Prof. Troy Gianduzzo
9.00 pm	Meeting concludes

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**TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Sunshine Coast Local Medical Association Inc.

**THURSDAY 29 AUGUST 2019**

Maroochydore Surf Club Function Room

**AGENDA****Business:**

1. Chairman's opening remarks
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting, 20 September 2018
4. Business arising from previous minutes
5. The presentation of the statement of income and expenditure, assets and liabilities and mortgages, charges and securities affecting the property of the SCLMA for the last financial year
6. The presentation of the Auditor's report on the financial affairs of the LMA for the last financial year
7. The appointment of an Auditor/Accountant
8. The election of members of the Executive Management Committee
9. Incoming President's Address
10. General Business:

**Close**

Dr Mark de Wet  
Honorary Secretary

SUNSHINE COAST LOCAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION Inc.  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Thursday 29 August 2019 - MAROOCHYDORE SURF CLUB**  
**NOMINATION FORM**  
for the SCLMA Management Committee

*Nominations are to be proposed by a financial member of the Association, seconded by one other financial member of the Association, and accepted by the nominee.*

POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINEE: (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSER: (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDER: (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Twenty-first Annual General Meeting**  
**The Sunshine Coast Local Medical Association Inc.**  
**Thursday 20 SEPTEMBER 2018**  
**Maroochydore Surf Club Function Room**  
**(DRAFT) MINUTES**  
**(to be accepted at Annual General Meeting 29 August 2019)**

Meeting opened by Chair, Jo Bourke at 7.50 pm.

**BUSINESS:**

1. Chairman's Welcome and opening remarks: Jo Bourke, SCLMA Secretariat.  
 Chair established a quorum was present, according to the Rules of the Association.  
 Only current members to vote at this meeting. Any comments to be made through the Chair.  
 Apologies: Dr Ian Colledge (Patron) and Dr Wyn Lewis (Life Member)  
 Chair noted the passing of Life Member, Dr Clem Nommensen and condolences were extended to Clem's wife Judi and family.  
 Members were reminded of a Tribute to Clem in the SCLMA August newsletter written by SCLMA Patron, Dr Ian Colledge.
2. **Members present: (43)**  
 Drs Tau Boga, Fabio Brecciaroli, Marlene Clout, Michael Cross, Mark de Wet, Grant Eddie, John Evans, Roger Faint, Clive Fraser, Raouf George, Alana Harris, Jacqui Heagney, Clint Herd, Wayne Herdy, Kathleen Houston, Kirsten Hoyle, Stephen Kettle, Lisa Knesl, Chris Lonergan, Alicia Lorenz, Philip Marshall, Scott Masters, Ben McArdle, Rachel Noovao, Dion Noovao, Trish Pease, Joanna Perry-Keene, Debbie Pfeiffer, Richard Pope, Beverley Powell, Rebekah Shakhovskoy, Ross Sinclair, Brian Smith, Mason Stevenson, Eddie Street, Valerie Taylor, Pauline Waterhouse, Franz Weil, Deborah Weins, Rohan Wilmott, Michael Barrett, Ajay Verma, Deepika Bhat.  
**Apologies members: (37)**  
 Drs Russell Bourne, Geoff Byrne, Noel Cassels, Ian Colledge (Patron), David Colledge, Mark Coghlan, Wayne Crawford, Chris Dawkins, James Dick, Janet Ewan, Kevin Farrell, Vince Flynn, Bruce Goldshaft, Adrian Guest, John Hansen, Fran Johnson, Simone Kaye, Jerome Lai, Daniel Lane, Andrew Langley, Jonathan Last, Wyn Lewis (Life Member), Brian McDonnell, Di Minuskin, Paul Munchenberg, Peter Nash, Heather Parker, David Raine, Kannan Rajappa, Janette Ritchie, Stacey Wirth, Shyam Sunder, Bernard Tamba-Lebbie, Morne Terblanche, Karien Treurnicht, Trevor Beall, Peter Ruscoe.
3. **Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting, 24 August 2017:**  
*Motion - 'that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, 24 August 2017 are a true and accurate record of the meeting'*  
 Moved: Dr John Evans. Seconded: Dr Kirsten Hoyle. Carried.
4. **Business arising from previous minutes: Nil**
5. **The presentation of the statement of income and expenditure, assets and liabilities and mortgages, charges and securities affecting the property of the SCLMA for the last financial year: (Copies of audited financials are on each table for perusal).**  
**In the absence of current Treasurer, Dr Peter Ruscoe (overseas), Past Treasurer and current signatory, Dr Mason Stevenson will present the report.**  
*Motion – 'that the statement of income and expenditure for the SCLMA for the past financial year be accepted'*  
 Moved: Dr Mason Stevenson. Seconded: Dr Alicia Lorenz. Roger Faint. Accepted.
6. **The presentation of the Auditor's report on the financial affairs of the LMA for the last financial year:**  
*Motion – 'that the meeting accept the Auditor's report'*  
 Moved: Dr Mason Stevenson. Seconded: Dr Edward Street A.M. Accepted.
7. **The appointment of an Auditor/Accountant:**  
*Motion – 'that the SCLMA approve the appointment of an Auditor/Accountant, Smart Steps Accounting'*  
 Moved: Dr Mason Stevenson. Seconded: Dr Rohan Wilmott. Carried.
8. **The election of members of the Executive Management Committee:**  
**The nominees for positions for 2018 – 2019 are as follows:**

<u>ROLE</u>	<u>NOMINEE</u>	<u>PROPOSER</u>	<u>SECONDER</u>
President	Dr Roger Faint	Dr Fabio Brecciaroli	Dr Scott Masters
Vice President	Dr Wayne Herdy	Dr Fabio Brecciaroli	Dr Roger Faint
Secretary	Dr Mark de Wet	Dr Alicia Lorenz	Dr Jon Harper
Treasurer	Dr Peter Ruscoe	Dr Roger Faint	Dr Fabio Brecciaroli
Comm & NL editor	Dr Kirsten Hoyle	Dr Alicia Lorenz	Dr Jon Harper
Comm & Meetings	Dr Scott Masters	Dr Alicia Lorenz	Dr Jon Harper
Comm & Meetings	Dr Alicia Lorenz	Dr Jon Harper	Dr Scott Masters
Comm & Hospital	Dr Grant Eddie	Dr Alicia Lorenz	Dr Jon Harper
Committee	Dr John Evans	Dr Alicia Lorenz	Dr Jon Harper
Committee	Dr Tau Boga	Dr Fabio Brecciaroli	Dr Roger Faint
Committee	Dr Mason Stevenson	Dr Fabio Brecciaroli	Dr Roger Faint
Committee	Dr Fabio Brecciaroli	Dr Alicia Lorenz	Dr Jon Harper
Committee	Dr Jonathan Last	Dr Alicia Lorenz	Dr Jon Harper

#### 9. Incoming President's report delivered by Dr Roger Faint.

First of all, I would like to thank the Gubi Gubi people both present and past for allowing us to be here tonight. I also give credit to Dr Scott Masters for encouraging the use of this new introduction.

Dear members, dignitaries and guests

I thank you for allowing me to be President for the third year. It is a great privilege to represent the medical profession of the Sunshine Coast, both public and private, both general practitioner and specialist and both junior and senior.

The SCLMA is here to represent the interests of its members and I believe it does this quite well. There is a large committee to represent all interests and specialities and there is a low yearly membership fee which includes a popular high quality monthly clinical meeting at the Maroochydore Surf club. The SCLMA talks regularly with our local health district CE, the president of the AMAQ, the heads of private hospitals, local politicians and other important organisations and persons.

Our website is improving and communication is improving through our Facebook page which now has over 180 followers.

What local issues has the SCLMA achieved and contributed to with this year? Issues have included Orthopaedic registrar training concerns, the necessary withdrawal of surgical outsourcing to SCUPH, Medicare funding for specialist services and of course public hospitals accessing private health funding.

There are also internal operative issues of course which we are improving month by month. For example, we will have a membership survey soon to ensure we are representing our members' interests in the future.

The Sunshine Coast is growing in population, as is our state population and with this growth is the need for health services. Of course this increase in population has created imaginative ways to improve funding, provide medical services and communicate within and outside of the public and private health systems.

There are good things happening such as the improved variety specialist services, both public and private, the ongoing excellent work by our GP liaison officers and the work of community services such as our local PHN.

However there is frustration and concern about how funds are raised through Medicare and private health funds to support the local hospital and state health system.

Through the SCLMA lobbying, Dr Dilip Dhuphelia (AMAQ President) and Dr John Wakefield (Deputy Director General of the QLD Government Executive Management Committee) will be visiting our clinical meeting in November this year. This is the SCLMA members' opportunity to show support and ask the hard questions regarding the funding of QH public hospitals through Medicare and private health funds. I encourage all to attend.

Again thank you to all members for your support Thank you

#### 10. General Business: Nil

Meeting Close: 8.03 pm

*Chair, Annual General Meeting 20 September 2018.*

*Jo Bourke, SCLMA Secretariat.*



## Take a moment .....

### STELLA AWARDS

It's time again for the annual "Stella Awards"! For those unfamiliar with these awards, they are named after 81-year-old Stella Liebeck who spilled hot coffee on herself and successfully sued the McDonald's in New Mexico, where she purchased coffee. She took the lid off the coffee and put it between her knees while she was driving. Who would ever think one could get burned doing that, right? That's right; these are awards for the most outlandish lawsuits and verdicts in the U.S. You know, the kinds of cases that make you scratch your head.

#### Seventh Place

Kathleen Robertson of Austin, Texas was awarded \$80,000 by a jury of her peers after breaking her ankle tripping over a toddler who was running inside a furniture store. The store owners were understandably surprised by the verdict, considering the running toddler was her own son.

#### Sixth Place

Carl Truman, 19, of Los Angeles, California won \$74,000 plus medical expenses when his neighbor ran over his hand with a Honda Accord. Truman apparently didn't notice there was someone at the wheel of the car when he was trying to steal his neighbor's hubcaps.

#### Fifth Place

Terrence Dickson, of Bristol, Pennsylvania, was leaving a house he had just burglarized by way of the garage. Unfortunately for Dickson, the automatic garage door opener malfunctioned and he could not get the garage door to open. Worse, he couldn't re-enter the house because the door connecting the garage to the house locked when Dickson pulled it shut. Forced to sit for eight days and survive on a case of Pepsi and a large bag of dry dog food, he sued the homeowner's insurance company claiming undue mental anguish. Amazingly, the jury said the insurance company must pay Dickson \$500,000 for his anguish. We should all have this kind of anguish.

#### Fourth Place

Jerry Williams, of Little Rock, Arkansas, garnered 4th Place

in the Stella's when he was awarded \$14,500 plus medical expenses after being bitten on the butt by his next door neighbor's beagle - even though the beagle was on a chain in its owner's fenced yard. Williams did not get as much as he asked for because the jury believed the beagle might have been provoked at the time of the butt bite because Williams had climbed over the fence into the yard and repeatedly shot the dog with a pellet gun.

#### Third Place

Amber Carson of Lancaster, Pennsylvania because a jury ordered a Philadelphia restaurant to pay her \$113,500 after she slipped on a spilled soft drink and broke her tailbone. The reason the soft drink was on the floor: Ms. Carson had thrown it at her boyfriend 30 seconds earlier during an argument.

#### Second Place

Kara Walton, of Claymont, Delaware sued the owner of a night club in a nearby city because she fell from the bathroom window to the floor, knocking out her two front teeth. Even though Ms. Walton was trying to sneak through the ladies room window to avoid paying the \$3.50 cover charge, the jury said the night club had to pay her \$12,000....oh, yeah, plus dental expenses.

#### First Place

First Place Stella Award winner was: Mrs. Merv Grazinski, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who purchased a new 32-foot Winnebago motor home. On her first trip home, from an OU football game, having driven on to the freeway, she set the cruise control at 70 mph and calmly left the driver's seat to go to the back of the Winnebago to make herself a sandwich. Not surprisingly, the motor home left the freeway, crashed and overturned. Also not surprisingly, Mrs. Grazinski sued Winnebago for not putting in the owner's manual that she couldn't actually leave the driver's seat while the cruise control was set. The Oklahoma jury awarded her, are you sitting down? \$1,750,000. PLUS a new motor home. Winnebago actually changed their manuals as a result of this suit, just in case Mrs. Grazinski has any relatives who might also buy a motor home.

**Contributions to this page always welcome! Jo.**



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**SUNSHINE COAST LOCAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION Inc.  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY 30 MAY 2019  
MaroochyDoreSurf Club Board Room  
MINUTES  
Accepted at Committee Meeting 27 June 2019**

**Attendance:** Drs Roger Faint, Wayne Herdy, Mark de Wet, Peter Ruscoe, Kirsten Hoyle, Grant Eddie, Alicia Lorenz, Fabio Brecciaroli, Tau Boga, Jonathan Last, John Evans. Observer Jo Bourke (Secretariat)

**Apologies:** Drs Scott Masters, Mason Stevenson, Jon Harper, Shrey Singh, Wayne Herdy.

**Visitor:** Prof Jen Williams, Griffith Medical School (later part of meeting)

**Minutes of last meeting:** 02 May 2019 (To be accepted).

Moved: Dr Grant Eddie. Seconded: Dr Fabio Brecciaroli. Accepted.

**Business arising from Minutes: Nil.**

**President's Report: Dr Roger Faint**

**1. Report on meeting** with Ms Ros Bates MP, Shadow Minister for Health & Ambulance Services, Shadow Minister for Women. Various issues were discussed. I got the feeling that Ros was across quite a lot of the issues. She has great depth of experience and was looking forward to being health minister.

**The Pharmacy Issue**

- Ms Bates is supportive of the Guild push the Brisbane pharmacy trial. She tends to correlate this issue with the nurse practitioner argument several years ago. She mentioned overuse of antibiotics as the main issue and that her GP simply gave her a script for the COC. I emphasised that perhaps continuity of care is what assisted her with her GP. I also emphasised that this trial means pharmacists can diagnose, treat and dispense. And that GPs are legally obliged not to dispense. Perhaps we need a GP dispensing trial?

**The Aged Care Royal Commission**

- Ms Bates did not agree with staff to patient ratio numbers as this would be too expensive and freely admitted aged care companies would go broke. I emphasised that GPs were leaving the sector with junior doctors not being interested, I could rarely find relief when away. Also I mentioned the aged care sector was becoming dangerous and many patients were transferred by ambulance to hospital unnecessarily. That also there is no disincentive to do this and that this was a major issue for local public hospitals. I am not sure she really understood the dire nature of the issue.

**Lack of Neurosurgical/orthopaedic back services in South East QLD.**

- Ros was not particularly sympathetic to this issue despite my using an example of a patient that was and is being poorly managed. However she did discuss a process using your local member to approach the CEO of the local hospital and then the health minister. She offered no answers to the lack of services. There was not a lot of interest in the lack of elective Orthopaedic services such as TKR & THR.

**The drop in private health insurance**

- This was discussed at length. She was obviously aware of QLD public hospitals having access to private insurance health funds, the attractiveness of this access and the folly of the public health system not coping and then using surgery connect to catch up – e.g. Obstetrics, Ophthalmology. I didn't get a feeling she was sympathetic or not to the medical profession.

**2. IEMR roll-out**

- From reports, the IEMR has been quite smooth with some strain on waiting lists. But the design has serious design flaws as shown by the lack of hospital/GP interface. It is a digital fortress and there is nothing on the way to resolve this. For example, a Physician cannot easily find who the treating GP is! And it has no letter writing capabilities. This issue is thought to be significant risk to Patient safety

**3. Junior docs.**

- Overall they are a happier bunch this year partially as a result of a Cross- Hospital working group. The President of the SC Junior Doctors Society now has a permanent seat on the clinical council - Orientation processes overhauled; Redesigning allocations to facilitate vocational streaming; New rostering and overtime procedures

**4. The 'SCLMA Gala Cocktail party is coming'**

- FRIDAY 2nd August 2019 – Peppers Resort, Noosa. Please organise tables of 8 to 10. I need bottles of good wine for a fundraiser. WISHLIST is moving ahead. A guest speaker suggestion is Dr Siavash Es'Haghi.

**5. Law Society**

- The Law Society is keen to have a meeting – need to be a separate date from a clinical meeting as likely to be well attended.

**6. Request for SCLMA Representative**

- Dr Tom Hurley, Head of Paediatrics, SCUH would like a representative from SCLMA to be on the Adolescent Health Committee. To be followed up.

**Vice President's Report : Dr Wayne Herdy (and AMAQ Councillor's Report) – Apology.**

**Secretary's Report: Dr Mark de Wet**

*Correspondence In:*

- 22/5/19: Greg Bradley – re USC student bursary – proposed summary

*Correspondence Out:*

- 13/5/19: Dr Roger Faint to Greg Bradley – re student bursary
- 13/5/19: Dr Roger Faint to Assoc. Prof Jennifer Williams – re student bursary

**Business arising from Correspondence: Nil.**

**Treasurer's Report : Dr Peter Ruscoe.**

*(a) Accounts to be paid:*

- Telstra – (part account May-June 2019)
- Snap Printing – Newsletter April 2019.
- Snap Printing – Newsletter May 2019
- Snap Printing - Stationery
- Jo Bourke – Newsletter May 2019.
- Insurance Advisernet – Business Insurance Policy
- Chris Bourke – General website updates
- Jo Bourke – Adobe Creative Cloud Subscription

*Moved: Dr Peter Ruscoe that the accounts as tabled be approved for payment. Seconded: Dr John Evans. Carried.*

**SUNSHINE COAST LOCAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION Inc.  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY 30 MAY 2019  
MINUTES**

**Accepted at Committee Meeting 27 June 2019**

*(b) Membership Report:*

- Dr Tonia Douglas (Paediatrics – Respiratory & Sleep)
- Moved: Dr Peter Ruscoe that the membership application be accepted. Seconded: Dr John Evans. Accepted.*

**Meetings Convenor Report: Dr Scott Masters – Apology.**

**Hospital Liaison Report: Apology**

**PHN Report: Dr Jon Harper – Apology.**

**General Business:**

- Newsletter advertising - Discussion re request from Divorce Lawyer to advertise in monthly newsletter. General consensus was in agreement.
- Prof Jen William, Griffith Medical School - Jen updated the committee on the progress on the Griffith Medical School.
- GPs are invited to accommodate a medical student in their practice for one day a week for eight weeks. To be advertised on the SCLMA website and in the Newsletter.

Meeting Close 19.40

**Next meeting Thursday 27 June 2019 - Mdore Surf Club**

- Dr James O'Beirne, Hepatologist,
- Dr Jon Mitchell, Hepatologist,
- Mary Fenech, Nurse Practitioner with QulHN

***Welcome to our new Members  
(accepted 27 June 2019)***

- Dr Jed Madden (SCUH)
- Dr Richard Hudson (Orthopaedics/Medico Legal)
- Dr Brooke Rasmussen (SCUH)
- Dr Rachel Hawker (Anaesthesia)
- Dr John Webster (Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery)
- Dr Jeremy So (General Practice)

*A Membership application form is published in every newsletter. Also available on our website:*

***www.sclma.com.au***

*Would you like to be included on our website*

*Directory? A form is available on our website.*

*If you are already on our Members Directory, please check if your details are correct (public information only please).*

**REDCLIFFE LOCAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**

Redcliffe LMA produces a similar newsletter

For full details re advertising go to their website:

**[www.rdma.org.au](http://www.rdma.org.au)**

**Email: [RDMAnews@gmail.com](mailto:RDMAnews@gmail.com)**

**ADVERTISING GUIDELINES:**

To comply with Section 133 of the National Law and guidelines, advertising of services must not:

Paragraph (a) "Create or be likely to create unwarranted and unrealistic expectations about the effectiveness of the health services advertised"

Paragraph (f) "Claim that the services provided by a particular regulated health profession are better, as safe as or safer than others"

Paragraph (o) "Contain any claim, statement or implication that a practitioner provides superior services to those provided by other registered health practitioners"

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:**

*The anti discrimination commission of Queensland has the following statement on job advertising:*

*Discriminatory advertising is against the law. Job advertisements need to give the impression that all suitable applicants are welcome to apply. References to sex, relationship status, age, race, religion etc should be avoided, as should the use of words that may indicate a preference for particular groups or may discourage others from applying, eg foreman, tradesman, glamorous, well-built, mature, youthful, office girl etc. Publishers can be fined and be the subject of a complaint to the Commission for publishing discriminatory advertisements that show an intention to contravene the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991. Discriminatory advertisements will therefore often be refused or modified by publishers in order to avoid legal liability.*

## GP Education

# Better Together

*how to manage pain, bleeding, breast lumps, thyroid nodules, surgery, fevers, IBD, respiratory tests, diabetes and the eye*

Noosa and Nambour Selangor Private Hospitals proudly present an Active Learning Module featuring workshops, round table discussions and case studies identifying the advantages of a team approach to people with chronic or complex problems.

## TOPICS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

### Respiratory Function Tests

Dr Rosemary Gan (Respiratory)

- Perform and interpret respiratory function tests

### CV risk assessment

Professor Christian Hamilton-Craig (Cardiology)

- Follow current guidelines for CV risk assessment in an asymptomatic person

### Inflammatory Bowel Disease

Dr Simone Kaye (Gastroenterology & Hepatology)

- Implement a care path for someone with inflammatory bowel disease

### What's new in pain management?

Dr Peter Georgius (Pain Medicine & Rehabilitation)

- Develop a multidisciplinary care path for people with chronic pain

### Perioperative Care of the Bariatric Patient

Dr Garth McLeod (Bariatric & General Surgery)

- Ensure patients have appropriate preoperative assessment and care

### Febrile illness in the older person

Dr Sarah Blyth (General Medicine & Palliative Care)

- Develop a protocol for investigation and management of an older person with a fever

### Thyroid nodules

Dr Felicity Adams (Breast, Endocrine & General Surgery)

- Complete initial assessment of someone with a thyroid nodule

### Breast lumps

Dr Mara Clarson (Breast, Endocrine & General Surgery)

- Implement a care path for the investigation of someone with a breast lump

### Pelvic pain/ HMB

Dr Precious Lusumbami (Gynaecology)

- Follow current guidelines for managing a woman with heavy menstrual bleeding

### Diabetes and the eye

Dr Madeleine Adams & Dr Kristopher Rallah-Baker (Ophthalmologists)

- Implementing an eye health plan for the diabetic patient



## WHEN

**Saturday 24 August 2019**  
**8.30am - 5.00pm**

## WHERE

RACV Noosa Resort  
94 Noosa Drive  
Noosa Heads QLD 4567

## REGISTER BEFORE

**Friday 16 August 2019**

Early registration strongly recommended as numbers are strictly limited



*It's easy to register*

**Online** [www.noosahospital.com.au/For-GPs/GP-Events](http://www.noosahospital.com.au/For-GPs/GP-Events)

**Email** Tansie Jarrett [JarrettT@ramsayhealth.com.au](mailto:JarrettT@ramsayhealth.com.au)

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# CLASSIFIEDS

## DOCTOR REQUIRED FOR CARDIAC STRESS-TESTING FACILITY.

- Regular part-time work.
- All training provided.
- Attractive remuneration.
- Facilities on Sunshine Coast and Gympie.

For further information. Please contact Dr Andrew Paszkowski at Lakeview Imaging. **Ph: 54931649.**  
June 2019

## FEMALE VR GP WANTED

- Busy Clinic is seeking a female VR GP to work with a supportive and relaxed team of GPs and nurses, at a Not for Profit Centre offering women's health services in sunny Mooloolaba in the heart of the Sunshine Coast.
- Hourly rate of \$120.00 plus superannuation. Work at your own pace, take the time to give thorough care to appreciative women. Fully computerised using Best Practice software. Work as many or as few hours as you like. Choose your own hours, no weekend work, no after hours. Opportunity to be involved in decision making and goal setting for the Clinic if interested.

**Check out website at northcoastwomenshealth.com.au**  
**Please contact Wendy Stephenson on 0754448077 or 0416 938 040 or womenshealthcare@bigpond.com**  
June 2019

## SPECIALIST CONSULTING SUITES IN NOOSA HEADS

Stylish and modern medical consulting suites available for hire on a sessional basis in Noosa Heads. The suites are centrally located in the heart of the Noosa Heads shopping precinct with free on-site parking.

- Ground floor, Large reception area,
- Comfortable waiting area
- Kitchenette, Wi-Fi available, Fully air-conditioned
- All suites are professionally sound-proofed
- There are dedicated medical consulting rooms fully equipped with examination beds, internet connection and hand washing facilities
- There is a consulting suite equipped with a desk and round table as well as internet connection, best suited to Psychiatrists
- A board room is available for meetings
- Disabled access, On-site parking
- Half day session 'Meet and Greet' service \$185 + GST
- 8.30am-12.30pm or 1.00pm-5.00pm
- Full day session 'Meet and Greet' service \$370 + GST
- 8.30am-5.00pm
- If needed, additional reception services can be negotiated.

**Please call Lise (Practice Manager) to enquire**  
**Phone 07-5447 2144**  
June 2019

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR ROOMS

Dr Ajay Verma, Specialist Physician has moved his rooms from the Medical Centre at the Buderim Private Hospital to the Nucleus Medical Suites. He now has rooms at the following two address:

Pulse Oceanside Medical Suites  
Suite 604, Level 5  
11 Eccles Boulevard  
Birtinya Qld 4575

**and also:**

Nucleus Medical Suites  
Building A, Suite 4, Level 2  
23 Elsa Wilson Drive  
Buderim Qld 4556

**Contact details for both Rooms:**  
**T: 5437 7390 F: 5302 6660**  
**Email: reception@drajayverma.com.au**

June 2019

## TWO CONSULTING ROOMS AVAILABLE

There are Two Consulting Rooms Available at both the Pulse Oceanside Medical and the Nucleus Medical Suites

- Sessional or long term lease available
- The Pulse Rooms are located in a prominent position, close to Sunshine Coast University Public and Private Hospitals
- The Nucleus Rooms are also located in a prominent position close to the Buderim Private Hospital
- All electricity, heating and air conditioning included
- Close to Parking Lot and Local Bus Stop
- Able to provide secretarial support if required

**For further information or to inspect please contact Gayle O'Brien 5437 7390**  
**Email: reception @ drajayverma.com.au**  
June 2019

## SUNSHINE COAST MAROOCHYDORE PT/VR GP

- Highly respected practice with long established patient base.
  - Very busy 3 Doctor general practice looking to reduce their hours.
  - Excellent location close to the new proposed CBD of Maroochydore,
  - Not far from the new University hospital and Buderim private hospital.
  - Central to Specialist facilities.
  - Best Practice software.
  - Mixed billing 8am-5pm.
  - Excellent RN and admin assistance.
- P:5443 6777 E:admin@armpdoc.com.au**  
July 2019

## BIRTINYA TERRACE RENTAL

- Looking for a modern home in a peaceful cul-de-sac near the Sunshine Coast University Hospital?
- Located near the hospital with a view of a lagoon for a peaceful outlook, this 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom, double lockup garage is what you have been seeking!
- Available now for \$515 per week.

For more information speak with Jamie Billerwell at Code Property Group **0488 383 001**

## GENERAL PRACTITIONER VR- CALOUNDRA

We are looking for a FT or PT VR General Practitioner to join our well established, and privately owned family practice.

- This practice provides ongoing quality care to a large number of patients and visitors in the area.
- Currently the practice consists of three doctors supported by one practice manager, three registered nurses, three receptionists and one book-keeper.
- We are a mixed billing practice with well-established operating systems and very loyal patient base.
- No after hours or weekend work required.

Please email resume to admin@trinityclinic.com.au or contact Nadine Ware on **07 5491 9888.**  
May 2019

## GENERAL PRACTITIONER (VR) - SUNSHINE COAST QUEENSLAND

**To find out more, please email your resume to admin@nambourclinic.com.au or ring Rowena for an informal chat 0412 292 666.**  
*Continuing as per request.*

## CLASSIFIEDS GUIDELINES FOR 2019

- Classifieds are FREE for current SCLMA members
- Classifieds have a placement life of 3 newsletters
- Cost for non-members is \$100 + gst

**Queries: Contact Jo 0407 037 112**

SCLMA Clinical Meeting - 27 June 2019

Maroochydore Surf Club Private Function Room

Speaker: Dr Jon Mitchell, Consultant Hepatologist, SCUH

Topic: 'Hepatitis C: How DAAs changed the world'

Speaker: Mary Fenech, Nurse Practitioner, QulHN

Topic: 'Pathway to Elimination: The treatment of Hepatitis C in vulnerable populations'

Sponsor: Gilead



**Sponsor: Asha Lindsay from Gilead with Kelly Williams from nabhealth.**



**Presenters: Dr Jon Mitchell with Mary Fenech.**

### Meeting dates for rest of 2019

**Thursday 29 August - Dr Greg Finch,** Orthopaedic and Spine Surgeon (AGM will be held also)

Topic: *Minimally invasive spine surgery. What is it? Why do I do it? How does it benefit my patients? Case presentations and time for Q&A.*

**Thursday 19 September** - One week earlier than usual due to school holidays.

Topics: **Dr James Moir:** *Genetic Dilemmas in 2019* (to be confirmed) and **Dr Petra Ladwig:** *Managing infertility in general practice (Female and Male infertility)* (to be confirmed)

**Thursday 31 October - Dr David McIntosh.** In progress - details to be confirmed

**Thursday 28 November** - Dr Caroline Hughes, Paediatrician. details to be confirmed



**New member Dr Richard Hudson with SCLMA Treasurer Dr Peter Ruscoe.**

