

# JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER

## PRESIDENT REPORT

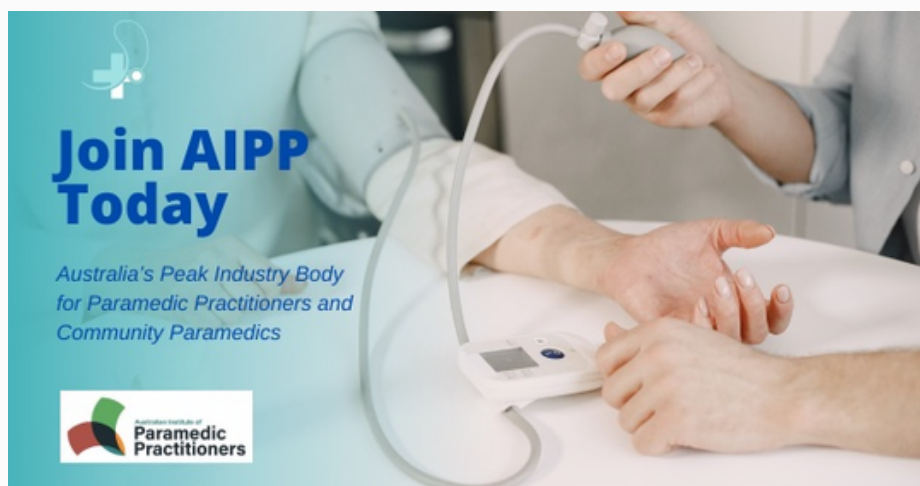
*by Duncan McConnell*



President Duncan and Board Member Mel, attended the Paramedicine Board Advanced Paramedic Practice meeting which was extremely valuable opportunity to learn about and contribute to the developments of advancing our profession. There has been some great progress made so far and further work to be done around credentialing of already qualified staff and grandfathering processes. Other areas still to be expanded include work to be done on AQF Level 9 courses to be the same, what is Advanced Practice: Is there just one speciality or are there going to be more specialities, and can you only operate in your specialty area (ie differentiating between Paramedic Practitioners and Critical Care Paramedics).

The International Roundtable on Community Paramedicine (IRCP) is on in Adelaide 18-19 August. President Duncan will be presenting. Are you going? Will be a great conference with its specific focus on community paramedicine, the advancements and latest developments, and a great opportunity to learn and network. Link: <https://ircp.info>

Regards  
Duncan McConnell  
President – AIPP





## CASE STUDY FROM A PARAMEDIC PRACTITIONER WORKING IN THE UK

by Luke Giles AIPP Board Member

### Multidisciplinary Collaboration in Primary Care

Case Reflection: The Value of HINTS+ in Detecting a Superior Cerebellar Artery Infarct

A few months ago we discussed the role of the HINTS+ examination in assessing acute vestibular syndrome / true rotational vertigo. I wanted to share a real world example that highlights its importance.

Recently I saw a 56-year-old man, typically normotensive, who presented with sudden onset dizziness. His blood pressure was 162/96 mmHg, raised for him but he appeared otherwise well. As part of the rapid response process from primary care, I initially triaged and then completed a house visit, given potential red flags in his presentation. He was complaining of R) sided new tinnitus.

Key findings on assessment:

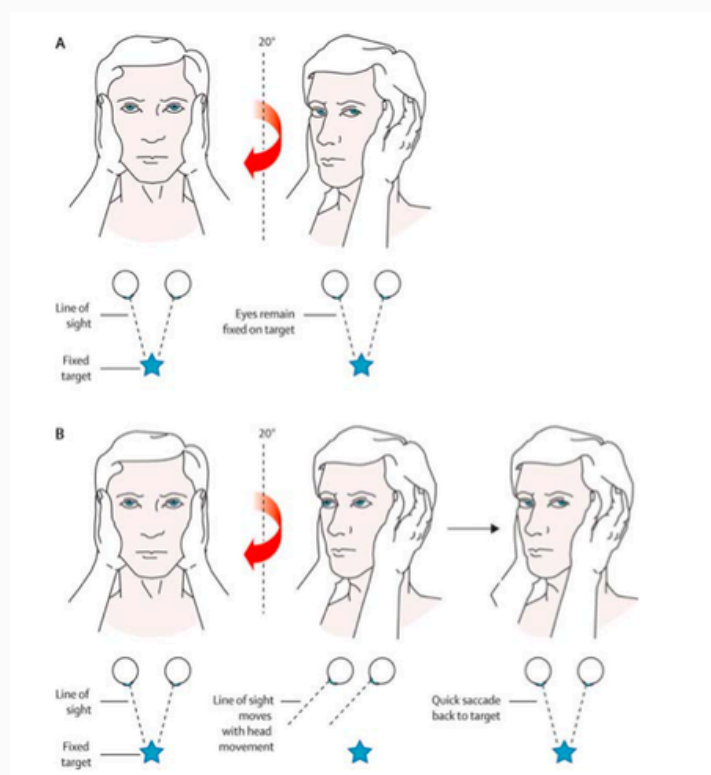
- Speech: Clear and fluent
- Facial symmetry: Normal
- Limb power: 5/5 in all limbs
- Otoscopy: Inflamed right tympanic membrane

His FAST assessment was negative, which might have offered false reassurance. However, focused HINTS+ testing revealed:

- Normal head impulse test with no corrective saccades
- Left gaze-evoked vertical nystagmus
- Visual skew without corrective movement
- No acute hearing loss

Given these central features, urgent imaging was arranged and confirmed a superior cerebellar artery infarct.

👉 Takeaway: This case reinforces how HINTS+ at the bedside can detect posterior circulation strokes that FAST may miss. Even when there is an alternative explanation such as acute otitis media, we must stay alert to red flags on the neuro exam that point to a central cause.





## CONFERENCE ALERT 18 – 19 AUGUST 2025

### INTERNATIONAL ROUND TABLE ON COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE (IRCP)

IRCP is coming back to Australia, as it makes it regular round around the original nations that first got together to discuss community paramedic back in 2004 in Nova Scotia. Now in its 21st year, IRCP is running the two days prior to the Council of Ambulance Authorities (CAA) conference being held in Adelaide this year.

If you have a paper, an idea or an innovation you would like to present at IRCP 2025, Abstract submissions are currently open until the 7th of February. Follow this link to submit an Abstract

[https://caacongress.net.au/index.php/abstracts/?mc\\_cid=61dc832978&mc\\_eid=c0a54caa1a](https://caacongress.net.au/index.php/abstracts/?mc_cid=61dc832978&mc_eid=c0a54caa1a)

This is truly an international conference of like-minded professionals all trying to work together and learn from each other, when it comes to enhancing primary healthcare. You will hear from speakers from the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, NZ, Germany, Africa and many more.

It only comes to Australia every 4 years on its rotation, so if you've got the time, we highly recommend you attend this year's IRCP Conference 18 – 19 August 2025.









## WHY NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN THE AIPP

Are you ready to be part of the movement shaping the future of paramedicine in Australia?

The Australian Institute of Paramedic Practitioners (AIPP) is more than a professional body – we're a national voice advocating for recognition, innovation, and progression in paramedic practice.

As the healthcare landscape evolves, the role of paramedics is rapidly expanding. Whether you're working in emergency services, community care, primary health, education, or research, your voice matters – and we want you on board.

### What Does Membership Offer You?

-  Professional Development: Access to webinars, workshops, and clinical resources tailored for progressive paramedic practice.
-  Community & Connection: Join a network of like-minded professionals who are passionate about advancing the profession.
-  Representation & Advocacy: AIPP actively engages with industry, government, and educational institutions to promote recognition of paramedic practitioners and expanded scopes of practice.
-  Member-Only Updates: Stay informed with the latest news, research, and policy developments affecting paramedic practice in Australia and beyond.

### Why It Matters

Joining AIPP means being part of something bigger – a collective effort to evolve paramedicine into a dynamic, recognised pillar of the healthcare system. Your membership helps support policy change, national recognition of advanced roles, and new opportunities for paramedics in diverse clinical settings.

Whether you're a student, registered paramedic, educator, or leader – there's a place for you at AIPP.

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