

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE FOR PARAMEDIC PRACTITIONERS

Official Newsletter

ROADMAP TO BECOMING A FELLOW IN THE AIPP

Fellowship within AIPP is a recognised level of membership for members and future members who have completed an AIPP supported educational program to at least a Master's degree level or an approved equivalent.

Educational programs not already supported by AIPP will be reviewed on application. The educational program must specialise in primary healthcare and include pathology, radiology, and prescribing.

Currently, some members may be missing key education around prescribing but tick all the boxes for everything else to become a Fellow and require that last piece of the process. AIPP has a solution for you via the National Prescribing Course, which is a free program that takes you through everything you need to know related to prescribing medications.

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National Prescribing Courses & AIPP Fellowship Links

You can access this course through the link below.

www.acpp.net.au/shortcourses

You can find out more about our Fellowship with AIPP here.

www.acpp.net.au/fellow

You can also see what our different membership levels look like and the required educational standards here as well

www.acpp.net.au/aipp-membership-levels



CPD Ideas

Struggling to get your required CPD hours? Want some free or cheap online and face to face courses? Consider our affiliate organisations: ACRRM, ACEM, and AHPA. These organisations have a wide variety of relevant courses accessible to AIPP members with many free of charge. Topics vary from reading an Xray to sexual health to communication skills, all very relevant to primary healthcare

Check them out:

- ACRRM: Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine
- ACEM: Australasian College of Emergency Medicine
- AHPA: Allied Health Professionals Australia

“Sometimes I inspire my patients; more often they inspire me.”

Harvey Cushing



Presidents Report

DUNCAN MCCONNELL

Hello to all our AIPP Members and Newsletter subscribers, and welcome to our June 2024 AIPP Newsletter.

It's been a big few months since our last IPP Newsletter, so I thought I'd start by providing you a quick update:

- Our President from our last newsletter, Jennie Matthews, decided to step down from the role. Jennie's work during our recent transition has been instrumental in moving AIPP forward and we are truly grateful for everything Jennie has done. Vice President, Duncan McConnell, has been appointed by the Board to take over this position and he has been with AIPP since 2021, stepping into a Board role and as Treasurer in 2022 and Vice President in 2023. John Venning has now stepped into the Vice President position as well.
- ACP Community Paramedicine Convention in May 2023: It was great to see traction in this important area of healthcare delivery, finally having its first conference. Many of our members attended this event, with our Past President, Jennie Matthews, providing an overview of this conference in this month's newsletter.
- Over the next few months, you will start to see an increase in communication and newsletters from AIPP, as well as new CPD events too. We do apologise for the delay in many of these areas to our members; it has taken a little longer than we expected to realign all our membership and cloud systems after the change from ACPP to AIPP. Now all that is sorted, we are looking forward to bringing out more to our membership base.
- Date Claimer Coming Soon: Not officially locked in with a date, however we are hoping to have more information in next month's newsletter, however, in the later part of this year, AIPP will be holding a series of workshops and seminars over a weekend on the Gold Coast. More to come soon.
- AIPP is about to start our new membership drive as well and the discounts with this membership will be available for current members as well as new joining member.

Thank you to all our members and Newsletter readers out there. AIPP really appreciates your continued support.

Kind Regards

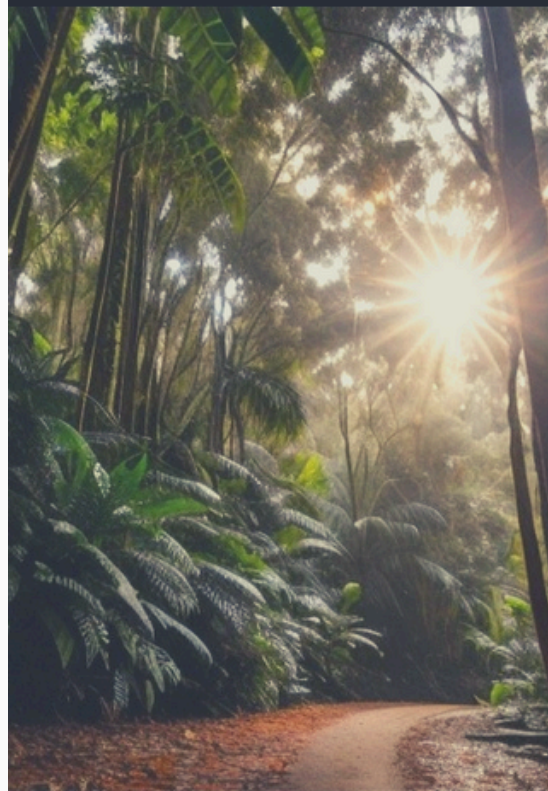
Duncan McConnell

President/Treasurer

Are you interested
in becoming an
AIPP Board
Member?

Follow the below
link for further
information

[www.acpp.net.au/
blog/calling-new-
board-members](http://www.acpp.net.au/blog/calling-new-board-members)



Primary Care Conference

Our Past President, Jennie Matthews, attended the conference in Hobart in May run by the Australasian College of Paramedicine. This conference brought together like-minded paramedics to discuss this evolving and exciting area of paramedicine.

A number of presenters discussed the direction of paramedicine in Australia and around the world.

Based on how fast this area of paramedicine is developing, more conferences and workshops are needed.

Can You Help The Future of Paramedicine?

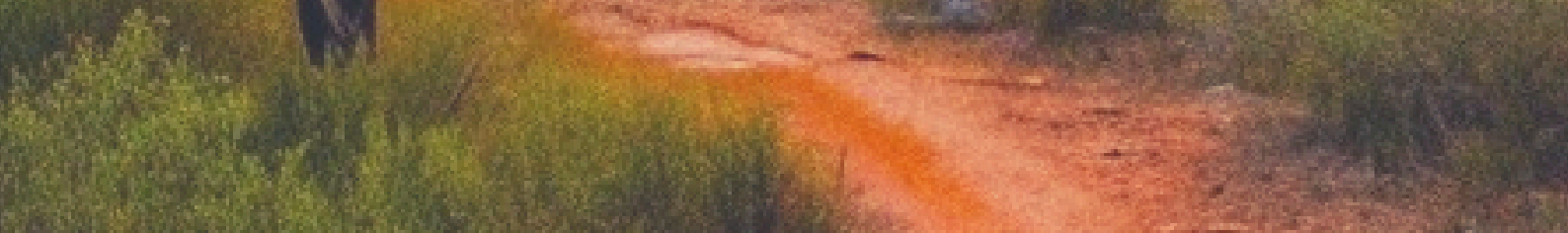
In case you have missed the news, the Federal Government announced special funding for Medical Students, Nursing Students and Teachers, to support them when they attend placements.

There was no mention of paramedicine students, one of the biggest growing medical education programs in Australia, and no mention of any other Allied Health programs either.

Public consultation is now open and we would love all our members and newsletter readers to support the include of not just Paramedicine students, but all other health and Allied Health related students who also have to give jobs and live away from home at their own expense when they complete their clinical placements.

Share our Facebook post, speak with your Local and Federal members, as no students who are required to complete mandatory registration required clinical placements should have to do this in poverty or significant financial hardship.





Not All Paramedics Work For An Ambulance Service



As the Paramedic Observer reports, it is difficult to calculate accurately now many of the 25,173 registered paramedics in Australia work in private industry. It is estimated that possibly up to 7,800 paramedics may be working in private industry. This includes mine sites, construction and industrial locations, general practice, sporting and special events, and a wide variety of other locations.

Working in these non ambulance type locations can bring many benefits as well as challenges. AIPP is working hard to support these paramedics with professional recognition and legislation changes to allow them to work to their full capacity. The expansion of paramedicine into primary healthcare will help to support patients and the healthcare system. Paramedics with primary care skills need professional bodies to help them integrate into systems traditionally not exposed to paramedics.





Join the Australia Institute of Paramedic Practitioners Supporting Paramedics in Primary Healthcare

Are you a paramedic practitioner or a paramedic working in primary healthcare? The Australian Institute of Paramedic Practitioners (AIPP) invites you to join a vibrant community dedicated to advancing the role of paramedics in primary healthcare.

Why Join AIPP?

- **Advocacy and Representation:** AIPP is committed to advocating for the interests of paramedic practitioners and those in primary healthcare. We work tirelessly to ensure your voice is heard in policy discussions and that your contributions to healthcare are recognised and valued. By joining AIPP, you become part of a collective effort to shape the future of paramedic practice in Australia.
- **Networking Opportunities:** AIPP membership opens the door to a network of like-minded professionals. Connect with peers, share experiences, and collaborate on best practices. Our events and online forums provide a platform for meaningful interactions, fostering a sense of community and mutual support.
- **Professional Development:** As a member of AIPP, you gain access to exclusive professional development opportunities. From practical workshops and seminars to online webinars, our resources are designed to enhance your skills and knowledge. Stay at the forefront of your field with cutting-edge education tailored to the unique needs of paramedics in primary healthcare.

Who Can Join?

Membership is open to all paramedics, whether you are a current paramedic practitioner or a paramedic working in primary healthcare. Membership is open to those paramedics working for an ambulance service or those working for private companies, health services, or general community organisations.

How to Join?

Joining AIPP is simple. Visit our website at [AIPP Membership](#) and complete the online application form. Choose the membership level that suits your needs, and start enjoying the benefits of being part of Australia's premier institute for paramedic practitioners.