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ABOUT US

The Perinatal Society of Australia and New Zealand. This bi-national multidisciplinary Perinatal Society was founded in 1983 and is dedicated to improving the health and long term outcomes for mothers and babies.

The Society fosters communication and collaboration between all those involved in perinatal research and in the care of the mother and baby during pregnancy, birth and the postnatal period and offers professional, political, administrative and educational advice.

OUR MISSION

The Perinatal Society of Australia and New Zealand (PSANZ) is a multidisciplinary society dedicated to improving the health and long-term outcomes for mothers and their babies. PSANZ encompasses and strongly encourages research focused on mothers and babies during pregnancy and at birth as well as the health of the newborn as its development continues after birth.

The Society embraces the full scope of activity and reflects the many disciplines within perinatology including:

- Neonatologists
- Neonatal nurses
- Obstetricians
- Midwives
- Epidemiologists
- Scientists
- Developmental therapists/psychologists
- Surgeons
- Pathologists
- Paediatricians
- Allied Health clinicians
- Consumers
- Other health professionals involved in perinatology

OUR AIMS

We aim to:

- Advance the theory and practice of Perinatology
- Encourage training and research
- Provide expert advice to government and other bodies
- Collaborate with all relevant organisations or professions
- Establish and maintain positive relationships with relevant international bodies

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



PRESIDENT
Miranda Davies-Tuck



PAST PRESIDENT
Caroline Homer



**INCOMING
PRESIDENT**
Adrienne Gordon



TREASURER
Prof. Jonathan Hirst



SECRETARY
Beth Allison



DIRECTOR
Ngaire Anderson



DIRECTOR
Jane Alsweiler



DIRECTOR
Billie Bradford



DIRECTOR
Tanya Nippita



DIRECTOR
Karli Treyvaud

GOVERNANCE

CONSTITUTION

The Perinatal Society of Australia and New Zealand operates according to a constitution and the rules which govern the Society.

INCORPORATION

The Perinatal Society of Australia and New Zealand Limited is an Australian Public Company, Limited by Guarantee. The company has an ACN, ABN and Tax File Number. In addition PSANZ has tax exempt status but is not entitled to receive tax deductible gifts.

The corporate key number is held by the President for the lodgement of documents to the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC). Any changes in Office Bearers need to be notified to the ASIC.

SECRETARIAT

PSANZ appoints a Secretariat service to undertake the administrative business of the Society under the direction of the Executive.

Organisations contracted to provide Secretariat services:

Corp Comm Pty Ltd

SUBCOMMITTEES

- [Australian Preterm Birth Prevention Alliance](#)
- [Conference & Events](#)
- [Early Career Research](#)
- [Fetal Neonatal Workshop](#)
- [Historical Group](#)
- [IMPACT Network](#)
- [Lived Experience Advisory Network](#)
- [Long-term Outcomes of High-risk Babies](#)
- [Newborn Resuscitation & Stabilisation](#)
- [Perinatal Ethics](#)
- [Perinatal Substance Use](#)

- [Perinatal Palliative Care](#)
- [Policy Subcommittee](#)
- [SANDA/Stillbirth CRE \(partnership committee\)](#)

MEMBERSHIP

PSANZ membership is valid from 1 January to December 31. Members joining or renewing after October 1 will automatically roll into the next year.

New Zealand members

Members of the Perinatal Society of New Zealand (PSNZ) automatically receive membership to PSANZ.

The membership benefits are:

- Discounted registration at the annual congress
- Access to member only travel grants and scholarship opportunities for the annual scientific congress held in major centres across Australia and New Zealand
- Member-only awards: the society has a well-established track record of providing range of competitive member-only awards across all disciplines
- Opportunities to disseminate your research and research-related events directly with members.
- The Geoffrey Thorburn Visiting Lecture Series
- Opportunity to network and collaborate with colleagues across disciplines
- Opportunities to join and participate in PSANZ subcommittees and related activities
- Support, inform and/or provide feedback on national and international clinical guidelines and policy
- Stay up to date on relevant conferences, research and clinical guidance and policies.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2023 - 2024

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to present the Annual Report for the Perinatal Society of Australia and New Zealand 2023-2024. It has been another busy year and productive year and I'd like to acknowledge the work from members across all disciplines within PSANZ, clinical and academic, including lived experience members. The PSANZ Society encompasses Discovery Science, Clinical Trials, Public Health, Epidemiology, Clinical Research, Health Systems Research and Policy with subcommittees and members committed to driving new scientific discoveries, health care and clinical guidance around the world. I would like to thank our members: midwives, obstetricians, neonatologists, pediatricians, discovery scientists, epidemiologist's, policy makers and those with lived experience for ensuring PSANZ achieves our vision to improve health and long-term outcomes for mothers and babies. A key goal for PSANZ over last 12 months was to develop our new Strategic Plan, ensuring a focus on achieving equity in perinatal outcomes for Indigenous Australians and Māori people. To do this, the PSANZ Board working alongside Deanna Stuart-Butler, Liza Edmonds, Valerie Ah Chee, Janine Gliddon, Bev Lawson, Lisa Kremer and Jenny Rogers, commenced work on the new vision and Strategic Plan for the society moving forward.

The 2024 Congress provided the opportunity to meet in person to finalise the process and it was a productive and positive day. This past year, PSANZ also supported the inaugural Hui at Congress and I was presented with a wero signed by Indigenous attendees. This wero directed the PSANZ Board to establish an Elders Council and develop a Cultural Governance structure for the Society with the goal of embedding this Cultural Governance across all PSANZ activities. Another activity over the last year has been to re-establish and expand the consumer advisory group. Under the leadership of Natalie Merida, the subcommittee has grown and is now referred to as the 'Lived Experience Advisory Network(LEAN)'. The subcommittee is a unifying group for PSANZ consumers and includes external, consumer-led organisations that are interested in being involved in perinatal research. The Lived Experience Advisory Network are setting up a registry for those looking to be involved in PSANZ across workshops, and conferences, reviewing documentation and are creating a conduit for researchers and consumers to work together.



CONGRESS 2024

In April 2024, we held one of our largest and most successful Congresses in Christchurch/ Otautahi. The board is very thankful to Nicola Austin and the Local Organising Committee (LOC) for their hard work putting together the program and wonderful Congress. We had more than 900 delegates attend and the feedback was very positive. The board would also like to thank the sponsors of the congress and awards for their contributions to ensuring a successful congress. Planning for Brisbane 2025 in Brisbane is well underway with almost 500 abstracts submitted it is sure to be a vibrant and exciting meeting.

AWARDS

Awards are an important part of a PSANZ Congress. They enable us to recognise achievements and provide opportunities for growth. This year, PSANZ, together with partner organisations was able to support 36 awards totalling ~\$39,000. I wish to thank all of the PSANZ members who supported this process through the scoring of abstracts, applications, poster and oral presentations at the congress. I wish to congratulate each of the following people for their success across each of the categories.

- Nursing and midwifery – Jennifer Middleton
- Mont Liggins - Lindsay Zhou
- David Henderson-Smart – Nhi Tran
- CPA – First Prize: Lindsay Zhou, Second Prize: Zoe Johnson
- ECR Travel
 - Amelia Winter
 - Annie Tan
 - Dinithi Wickrama
 - Ria Aiyar
 - Phyllis Ohene-Agyei
 - Malitha Patabendige
 - Kate Mills
 - Jenny Jung
 - Hanna Uebel
 - Elisah Pur
- J Gupta - Nhi Tran

- PSU – Reisha Bone
- Ritchie Centre Award for Translational Research – Esther Calje
- Judith Lumley – Jayne Kotz
- PRESIDENTS AWARD
 - Oral – Simone Watkins
 - Poster – Meghna Prasannan Ponganam
- NIA POSTER
 - Neonatology – Mic McLean
 - Obstetrics - Melvin Marzan
 - Midwifery – Maria Lohan
 - Neonatal Nursing – Rebecca Hyde
 - Discovery Science – Carol Wang
 - Epidemiology / Public Health – Jenny Jung
 - Allied Health / other specialties – Amelia Winter
- NIA ORAL
 - Neonatology – Eamon Walsh
 - Obstetrics – Keeth Mayakaduwege
 - Midwifery – Robyn Matthews
 - Neonatal Nursing – Nadine Griffiths
 - Discovery Science – Angela Cumberland
 - Epidemiology / Public Health – Deanna Stuart-Butler
 - Allied Health / other specialties – David Nyakotey

A big thank you to the people and organisations who make these Awards possible: Cerebral Palsy Alliance, Ritchie Centre, Mont Liggins, Burnett Institute, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Judith Lumley Centre and Prince of Wales Children's Hospital.

Without your support, we couldn't offer these opportunities to our PSANZ Members.

SUBCOMMITTEES

- The activities of PSANZ are largely driven through the work of the subcommittees. A huge thank you to the chairs, members and those who attend and support the work of the subcommittees. This year we instigated a board and subcommittee chairs meeting. The goals of these meetings are to optimize the support of and enhance cross-committee collaboration. This year we were also delighted to welcome our newest subcommittee, Newborn Resuscitation & Stabilisation, and the PSANZ Historical Working group.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All the members of our Board are volunteers – members of the Society who are willing to put time and effort into ensuring our success. At the most recent AGM we farewelled two board members, Karli Treyvaud and Beth Allison and welcomed Atul Malhotra and Sue Walker.

Our Board from 2023-2024 was:

President – myself (Epidemiology/Public Health)

President-elect – Professor Adrienne Gordon (Neonatology)

Treasurer – Professor Jon Hirst (Basic Science)

Secretary – Dr Beth Allison (Discovery Science)

Immediate Past President – Professor Caroline Homer (Midwifery)

Director – Dr. Billie Bradford (Midwifery)

Director – Dr. Ngaire Anderson (Obstetrics)

Director – Dr Jane Alsweiler (Neonatology)

Director – Dr Karli Treyvaud (Psychology)

Director – Dr Tanya Nippita (Obstetrics)

Co-opted member – Ishmael(Mikee) Inocencio (ECR chair)

Co-opted member – Natalie Merida (LEAN Representative)

SECRETARIAT

Our Secretariat this last year and into the next year is Corp Comm led by Ben Thompson and their team. Thank you to Ben and the team for your hard work over this last year.

THE FUTURE OF PSANZ

Over the next 12 months the board looks forward to continuing to support and expand these activities as well as the important work of the subcommittees and society members. I thank you all for your commitment to the society and our activities over the past 12 months.

A/Prof Miranda Davies-Tuck



CONGRESSES

A banner for the PSANZ 2025 congress. The left side features a traditional Indigenous Australian dot painting of a landscape with a sun, hills, and water. The right side has a red background with white text. The text reads: "PSANZ 2025 Navigating Futures Together March 16-19 Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre". The PSANZ logo is in the bottom right corner of the banner.

PSANZ
2025
Navigating Futures Together
March 16-19
Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre

PERINATAL SOCIETY of Australia & New Zealand PSANZ

2026 PSANZ and FAOPS Congress: Monday 23 March – Wednesday 25 March 2026 in Perth

TREASURERS REPORT

The Society is now in a very solid financial position largely following a successful meeting in Christchurch this year –resulting in a reasonable final profit. Membership numbers have also grown substantially which has resulted in a significant increase in fees income (currently A&NZ 654 members) - associated with the increased attendance at the congress. Strong overall equity in the society as of Sept 24 of \$391,492. (with a congress budgets of close to 800k congress shortfalls could easily reduce our equity). Strong position going into Brisbane and our involvement with FAOPS at the 2026 meeting.

Total equity (Sept 24th 2024)

Term deposit \$157,394

Cash \$127,498

Prepaid expenses toward congress and other debtors \$123,400 (Sept 24th)

Less income already received \$16800

Total \$391,492

Increase of ~\$38,000 compared to a similar date last year:

Due to congress profit, particularly final sponsorship payments

Refund of some conventions centre charges

Increased membership revenue

Of the total equity funds held for subcommittees represents \$139,135 (slightly less than last year as the subcommittees have been more active and used funds).

Budget 2024-2025

Congress income predicted

\$20,000 (profit)*

Congress profit is less as

the congress budget

contains the costs of

prizes (~20K) and

consumer attendance

costs.

Membership \$88,200

Prize contributions \$9000

Sponsorships outside

congress \$5000

Total income \$122,200

TREASURERS REPORT CONTINUED

Expenses

Secretariate \$78,600

Office \$3,000

Prizes and awards (not included in congress budget, inc GDT travelling fellowship) \$12,000

Website and Media profiles \$12,000

Auditing \$8,000

FAOPS Fees \$654

Total expenses \$114,254

Net Profit(loss) = \$7,966

Thank you

Prof Jonathan Hirst





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