



ANZSRS

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Dear Members,

We are now starting to witness falling case numbers of COVID-19 across the greater region of Melbourne which can only be good news for our members directly affected. Certainly, the Victorian lockdown has taken its toll not only our members but, on their families, and loved ones. We wish everyone all the best as we begin to transition, hopefully, towards some degree of normality in a COVID-19 world. We continue to encourage all members to stay in contact, provide support and check in on each other across Australia and New Zealand.

The Board hopes members are enjoying the recently updated ANZSRS Website. Grace Madden, Director of Communications, has worked tirelessly to improve the user experience for members. Grace is continuing to work within the Members Portal to streamline many of the member application processes for our various grants and the CRFS. We hope all members have enjoyed the updates. Grace will continue to update the membership as things develop and are made live on the website.

Today saw the call for nominations to the ANZSRS Board circulated to members. As described, there will be one (1) director position available with the successful nominee beginning their 3-year term at the conclusion of the 2021 Annual General Meeting. We encourage all members to consider nominating to be a Board Director.

All members would now be aware the 2021 TSANZSRS Annual Scientific Meeting will be held as a virtual event only. In an ideal world, we were hoping to hold a face to face ASM, however the current COVID-19 situation limited that reality. The priority for ANZSRS was to guarantee an ASM to members rather than risk no meeting at all. The virtual option is that guarantee. Although the 2021 ASM will not allow us to interact, catch-up or network in person with our interstate and international colleagues, we hope you can all think of creative and innovative ways to make this happen in the virtual space across the ASM weekend.

The ANZSRS CRFS is our highly regarded credential for those working in the field of respiratory physiology and measurement. It is recognition of extensive and thorough knowledge relating to respiratory function testing, anatomy, physiology, instrumentation, gas laws, pharmacology and data management. The October 2020 CRFS exam is almost upon us and we like to wish all examinees the best of luck! We have many members sitting the exam in multiple sites across Australia and New Zealand, some of the highest examinee numbers we have seen for years! We are sure the hours of study will pay off! The ANZSRS Board would like to say big thank you to those members volunteering their time to supervise the exam. We really appreciate it.

Applications for the Jeff Pretto Memorial Research Grant are now open. This year \$10,000 is offered to encourage and support research in clinical and/or laboratory-based respiratory. We encourage all members to apply and take advantage of this significant grant.

Finally, on behalf of the ANZSRS Board, we would like to thank all members for their hard work and dedication to our society, and our profession, throughout a rather challenging year. Despite the difficulties we have experienced in 2020, this year has seen our membership numbers significantly increase. This can only be possible by existing members continually promoting our society and providing an environment where new members are welcomed and developed.

With only 3 months of 2020 remaining, let's finish the year strong and then all look forward to a better year ahead!

As always, stay safe!

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President