



# ANZSRS

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## A Message from the President

### Board News

Well, here we are at the end of the year! I am sure you are all feeling the pre-Christmas rush so I hope that you are all looking after yourselves and one another. As we close out another year, I want to take a moment to celebrate our wonderful society. It is a pleasure to be a part of this community of passionate, intelligent and like-minded people. Although it has been a tough few years for many, our society is thriving and this is thanks to you, our members. Many of our members have actively participated throughout the year, from those of you who have presented at local meetings and contributed to online content, to those who have given countless hours of their personal time to ensure we keep moving forward. Your contribution is appreciated by all!

The Board met for our December meeting to discuss the general ANZSRS operations. We reviewed a few emails raised by our members and have ratified some Award and Grant outcomes. We also discussed the upcoming events for next year and checked in with the current active working groups.

Excitingly, the ABG training document has been endorsed by the Board and we are working towards publication of this document.

The last thing to note is the upcoming membership renewals for 2024. These will be in your mailboxes shortly so you can take advantage of the ANZSRS membership prices for the 2024 ASM and our complimentary ERS subscription.

This will be our last newsletter for 2023. I hope you have found some value in these newsletters, and I will endeavor to keep in touch with you all regularly in 2024 with our bi-monthly news. I hope you enjoy some time with your loved ones and make the most of the down time! On behalf of the Board, we wish you a wonderful Christmas and a successful, safe and happy New Year!

**Grace Madden**

President

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## Education Content Available for On Demand Viewing

### The latest content:

- CRFS coordinator Kevin Ellyett's virtual tutorial session can be accessed on the ANZSRS member's site: <https://www.anzsrs.org.au/crfs/crfs-tutorials>
- Dr John Brennan's Abstract writing tutorial can be accessed [here](#)

# Respiratory Function Laboratory Accreditation Steering Committee

## An update from NATA & TSANZ

The steering committee for the new joint TSANZ/NATA accreditation program has been approved, and the members are listed below. ANZSRS has been able to ensure we are well represented by our members based on the recent call for expressions of interest.

Title	Name	Profession	Membership
Dr	Sonya Johnston (Chair)	Medical Scientist	TSANZ/ANZSRS
Mr	Brendan Kennedy (deputy chair)	Paediatric Respiratory Scientist	TSANZ/ANZSRS
Dr	John McLachlan	Respiratory & Sleep Physician	TSANZ/ANZSRS
Ms	Brigitte Borg	Principal Scientist	TSANZ/ANZSRS
A/Prof	Leanne Gauld	Respiratory Physician	TSANZ
Mr	Danny Brazzale	Respiratory Scientist	ANZSRS
Ms	Lauren Bussell	Respiratory Scientist	ANZSRS
Prof	Hiran Selvadurai	Paediatric Respiratory Physician	TSANZ
Mr	Christopher Htun	Senior Respiratory Physiologist	TSANZ/ANZSRS

Quickly after assembling the committee, the first meeting was held on the 22nd of November. This meeting was largely informative - NATA provided some background on their processes, and discussed some of the work items that need to be undertaken by the steering committee. They are just in the process of scheduling meetings for the first half of 2024 to progress the work items. We will provide updates to the ANZSRS community as they arise.

## Regional Chairs & Branch Meetings

### See below the regional activities

We welcome New Zealand's newly appointed Regional Vice Chair - Audrey Quinlan!

#### *Upcoming Meetings:*

- VIC/TAS last branch meeting of 2023 on Friday the 15th of December

#### *Past Meeting:*

- NSW/ACT Trivia night Friday 13th October
- QLD November Branch Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> October
- QLD ANZSRS Christmas Party was held on 24<sup>th</sup> November
- WA ANZSRS Quizmas Party 1<sup>st</sup> December
- SA/NT Interlab Branch Meeting 6th December
- NSW/ACT ANZSRS Christmas Party was held Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

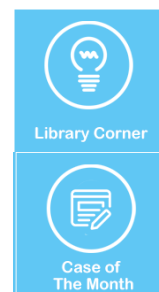


The pictures above are from the most recent regional activities in QLD and WA. Thank you to our regional chairs for sharing!

Want to know more about past or future Branch meetings? Get in touch with your regional chair: <https://www.anzsrs.org.au/about/regions>

## Society News

- The Library Corner for October is now available to read on the ANZSRS website. This was kindly prepared by Kushani Dharmabandu from the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and is titled "Ultrasound arterial blood gas". Check it out on the website [here](#)
- The case of the month for November was kindly completed by Mikaela Gear and Joanne Wex from Rockhampton Hospital titled "Guillain-Barré Syndrome". Check it out on the website [here](#)



## Reminders

**Mark the calendars with the important dates below**

- 2024 TSANZSRS Annual Scientific Meeting – Gold Coast Convention Centre, **22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> March 2024**. Get in quick for Early Bird registration (closes 15/01/2024). More important dates can be found [here](#)

- VOTE NOW to elect the next ANZSRS Board member! We received two excellent candidates to fill an upcoming board vacancy. Check out the bios for each applicant and place your vote before Friday the 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have not already done so, log on to the website and then click [here](#) to place your vote



Nominees: Sharon Lagan & Christopher Lawrence

## Available Grants

### Grant Applications now open for the Dr Maureen Swanney Travel Award

ANZSRS are pleased to be able to once again offer the Dr Maureen Swanney Travel award, thanks to the generous sponsorship of MGC Diagnostics. This award was established by the ANZSRS and MGC Diagnostics Inc in acknowledgement of Maureen's outstanding contributions.

Rather than to present scientific work, this Award is offered to encourage and support scientific collaboration of clinical respiratory scientists by supporting attendance at a relevant international meeting. Set to a total of AUD \$2,500, it can be used to help cover the cost of registration, travel and accommodation.

Completed and signed copies of the application and all documentation must be uploaded through the ANZSRS website portal. **Application closing date is 5:00pm AEST the 26th January 2024**

### Previous Grant Applications & Outcomes

- [Advanced Education Grants](#)
  - Education Director, Liz Smith has put together a judging panel for all applications. **Congrats to 2023 recipient, Kirstin Southwell from Northern Health in Victoria!** Make sure you check out the 2022 recipient reports from Marilyn John and Kelsey Johnson who used their grant to attend the UCLA CPET Practicum. Check out their reports [here](#)
- [Jeff Pretto Memorial Research Grant](#)
  - We had a healthy amount of applicants this year! The SCC will convene a panel to judge the applications shortly. The successful applicant will be announced by Friday 26th January 2024.
- [Annual Scientific Meeting Grants](#)
  - Applications were reviewed by the Board and will be awarded according to the awarding criteria. We are proud to announce that we were able to support 11 members to attend the 2024 ASM. Successful applicant will be notified by the Board in the coming weeks.