



# ANZSRS

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## A Message from the President

### Board News

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with an update on recent activities of the Board. Our bi-monthly meeting was held recently to discuss various matters concerning ANZSRS and to ensure the smooth functioning of our society. In addition, we are reviewing our bylaws and other corporate documentation.

We are excited to inform you that there are numerous ANZSRS opportunities currently available and on the horizon. Each Director is working diligently on expressions of interest, as well as updating and refining position descriptions to better support individuals who express their interest in these roles. We strongly encourage all current ANZSRS members to apply for any of these roles. As vacancies arise, we will notify all members via email, providing specific details.

Given the passage of several years without the ability to meet in person, and the recent influx of new members, I would like to briefly explain the Board structure and the operations within our society. ANZSRS is a not-for-profit organisation run entirely by volunteer position holders. The Board consists of six directors, each overseeing specific portfolios (see the structure [here](#)). Elected Directors serve a three-year term and have the option to re-nominate for up to three terms.

The Director portfolios are assigned among the Board members, and under each portfolio, there are various [subcommittees](#), [regional chairs](#) and [position holders](#). The term for the subcommittee members and position holders will vary. The President and Vice President are elected by the Board, immediately following the Annual General Meeting and once elected, will serve a two year term. This person must already be on the Board of Directors to assume either of these roles.

Regional chairs play a crucial role in our society. They organise regular face-to-face meetings and events, act as a conduit for information between the Board and local members, and facilitate communication among members. They also provide support to their local community and foster relationships between new and existing members. Regional chairs serve a two-year term, which is due to end next month. More information on the change in Regional chair structure can be found later in this communique!

If you have anything you would like to learn more about, or if you have any comments, questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to reach out and email us! We value your feedback and we'd love to hear from you.

### Grace Madden

Director, Communications

President ([president@anzsrs.org.au](mailto:president@anzsrs.org.au))

# Arterial Blood Gas Working Party

## ABG update

The members on this team:

Donna Keatley    Oliver Saykao    Shawna Reesor  
Robert Robles    Paula Fottrell    Leigh Seccombe

The group is working hard putting together a comprehensive competency framework pertaining to the education, training, and competency assessment of ABG collection specifically for respiratory scientists. Currently the team is reviewing all relevant literature in areas such as basic anatomy, sample locations and contraindications to certain locations, patient preparation and sample collections, handling and processing. Once again, we would like to thank all members of the working group for their efforts thus far and commitment to the completion of the framework! Watch this space for further updates.

## CRFS Exam

### Congrats to those who sat the April exam!

This is a serious exam to study for and so well done to all those who passed! And to those who didn't quite get there this time, remember you get one free resit. Your exam feedback now includes your performance in topics identified in the study guide, which can help to focus your study. Make sure you check out the new CRFS resources available on the website.

Thanks to the hard work of the Exam Review Committee, an expanded bank of **400 questions** was used for the first time in the April 2023 exam. The new questions are accompanied by an updated practice exam and study guide which can be found on the [ANZSRS Members Content](#) section of website.

The latest [CRFS tutorial](#) from Kevin Ellyett can also be found on the website (Member's Content-CRFS - CRFS Tutorials). If you are sitting the next exam, this recording is not to be missed.



*Special thanks to Kevin and Brendan who marked and coordinated the exam, and to all the local CRFS Exam Facilitators.*

## Regional Chairs & Branch Meetings

### Recent Election of Regional Chairs

The current 2-year terms for the current regional chairs will conclude at the end of June. Calls for nominations for the 2023-2025 positions were made early in 2023 and we wish to thank all those who applied.

We wish to extend a congratulations and warm welcome to our new regional chairs. We are excited to see what the next two years will bring!

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QLD	Penny Jell	<a href="mailto:qld@anzsrs.org.au">qld@anzsrs.org.au</a>
NSW/ACT	Robert Robles	<a href="mailto:nswact@anzsrs.org.au">nswact@anzsrs.org.au</a>
VIC/TAS	Jasmine Cassis	<a href="mailto:victas@anzsrs.org.au">victas@anzsrs.org.au</a>
WA	Priya Mathialagan	<a href="mailto:wa@anzsrs.org.au">wa@anzsrs.org.au</a>
SA/NT	Vanda Glavas	<a href="mailto:sant@anzsrs.org.au">sant@anzsrs.org.au</a>
NZ	Christina Humby	<a href="mailto:nz@anzsrs.org.au">nz@anzsrs.org.au</a>

We also extend a huge thank you to the outgoing regional chairs Christopher Lawrence (Qld), Blake Handley (NSW), Karla Logie (Vic), Elizabeth Smith (WA) and Kelly Webster (NZ) for all their hard work over the last 2 years and for their handover to the new regional chairs.

Please look out for upcoming regional ANZSRS meetings in your local region and please reach out to your new branch chair to welcome them or if you are interested in getting involved or hosting a meeting.

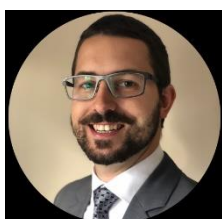
## Meeting recordings are available on demand

Our regional branch meetings are in full swing! A huge thanks goes to our regional chairs for planning these great educational and networking events. Most of our branch meetings are recorded on the ANZSRS Zoom account. If you missed one, you can re-watch it again within the member's content ('regional news – branch presentations').

The webmasters will be keeping the 'Meetings' link up to date, so if you have any updates here, please send the details to: [webmaster@anzsrs.org.au](mailto:webmaster@anzsrs.org.au)



## Society News



Lachlan Buddle has been appointed as the new **Trade Liaison Officer!** If you have any questions regarding interaction with industry or need help with securing sponsorship, please email the TLO at [tlo@anzsrs.org.au](mailto:tlo@anzsrs.org.au)

- The **May Case of the Month** was put together by Stephanie Tjin and Skye Yates from The Princess Alexandra Hospital. It is up on the Website in the [Member's content](#)
- The webmasters will be looking to expand the team shortly, with a special focus on growing our social media presence. More details to come soon!
- You can follow ANZSRS on social media here:



<https://www.linkedin.com/company/australianandnewzealandrespiratorysociety/>



Coming soon...

# Reminders

## Mark the calendars with the important dates below

- The October CRFS exam is set for Friday the **27th of October**. Exam applications are not yet open, this will be released in due course.
- The Governance Committee EOI is open for applications until the **16<sup>th</sup> of June**. If this interests you, please reach out to the director of Policy and Governance at [policy@anzsrs.org.au](mailto:policy@anzsrs.org.au)
- The Mentor Program EOI closes on the **16<sup>th</sup> of June**, get your applications in to [communications@anzsrs.org.au](mailto:communications@anzsrs.org.au).
- TSANZSRS/ANZSRS NZ Branch Meeting 2023 is coming soon! Location: Novotel Hotel, Rotorua; Event Date: **20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2023**. For more information and to register, please visit [www.nzrespiratoryasm.co.nz](http://www.nzrespiratoryasm.co.nz)
- 2024 TSANZSRS Annual Scientific Meeting – Gold Coast Convention Centre, **22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> March 2024**. The important dates can be found [here](#)