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Seen here AMA Tasmania President A/Prof Tim Greenaway working continuously in advocating the rights and issues on behalf of all AMA Tasmania members.

Tasmanian **Health** Conference

30 JULY 2016 Medical Sciences Precinct, University of Tasmania, HOBART

AMA NATIONAL CONFERENCE CANBERRA 2016

27th-29th May

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AMA Family Doctor Week 2016

YOUR FAMILY DOCTOR:
INVALUABLE TO YOUR HEALTH

What happens to your AMA membership if you
move interstate?

Did you know your AMA membership can move with you?

If you are planning a move interstate, be sure to let AMA Tasmania know so that we can arrange the transfer of your membership easily and hassle free on your behalf. This continued membership will ensure you uninterrupted membership benefits of the local and relevant services and benefits for your new location.

AMA Calls on the Government to Reverse its Indexation Freeze Immediately

The freeze on MBS indexation will create a two-tier health system, where those who can afford to pay for their medical treatment receive the best care and those who cannot are forced to delay their treatment or avoid it altogether, further exacerbating their condition, or worse. [READ MORE](#)

Please also remember we have a dedicated section of the AMA website with relevant campaign material and resources, e.g., poster, prescription pad templates, etc. that practices can use to highlight the impact of the freeze.

https://ama.com.au/nomedicarefreeze_

YOUR HEALTH WILL COST YOU MORE

THE GOVERNMENT HAS CUT MEDICARE AND WANTS YOU TO PAY FOR IT

Your Medicare rebate will not increase until at least 2020.

The cost of running this practice will rise substantially between now and 2020.

You will pay a new or higher co-payment every time you visit your GP, every time you visit other medical specialists, every time you need a blood test, and every time you need an x-ray or other imaging.

TELL YOUR LOCAL MPs AND ELECTION CANDIDATES YOU ARE NOT HAPPY

GP VISITS
SPECIALISTS
BLOOD TESTS
X-RAYS

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO
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Federal AMA Future Leaders Program

Call for Applications

One of the roles of the AMA is to develop the future leaders of the medical profession. In keeping with this, Federal AMA is launching a program for future leaders in which the successful applicants will spend a weekend in Canberra

learning about the intricacies of the Federal political process, the development of AMA policy, working with media and political decision-makers.

The program will be held on 6 and 7 August at AMA House in Canberra.

Federal AMA will fund travel and accommodation for 12 attendees.

An application can be downloaded by clicking: [HERE](#)

All applications must be submitted to AMA Secretary General, Anne Trimmer, via Lauren McDougall (lmcdougall@ama.com.au) no later than 31 May 2016. A decision will be made by 30 June 2016.

Eligibility: To be eligible you must be a financial member of the AMA and have taken on a leadership position within the past five years in a State AMA or the Federal AMA. This might include membership of an AMA committee or working group, an AMA board or council. Applicants with a strong interest in the development of medico-political health policy and advocacy within the AMA are encouraged to apply.

Selection: Selection will be by competitive application against the criteria in the application. The decision will be made by the Policy Executive of Federal Council after a shortlisting process undertaken within the secretariat.

Quitline Resources for Professionals

Health professional advice is one of the most effective ways to encourage people to quit. The majority of people who smoke are interested in quitting (but not necessarily ready to take action).



Research shows that encouragement and brief advice from health professionals are appreciated and will often lead to action.

A Cochrane systematic review (2008) highlights that brief advice from a health professional can double the rate of quitting.

As a health professional, you are not expected to spend hours counselling patients through the quitting process. However, providing support and encouragement can assist your patient to quit smoking.

To refer someone to Quitline for advice and ongoing support: Download the Quitline referral template from [Primary Health Tasmania](#) or Visit the Quit Tasmania [website](#) to download a fax referral form or use the online referral form.

For further information visit: www.starttheconversation.org.au

Order your 2016 Entertainment Book Membership

The AMA Tasmania are again selling Entertainment Books to raise funds for the association. A percentage of every membership sold will contribute towards enhancing the important advocacy role AMA plays. The popular books feature over \$20,000 worth of valuable discounts on restaurants, cafes, hotel accommodation, attractions and activities for families. You have the option of choosing the traditional Entertainment Book Membership that comes with the Gold Card and vouchers, or the new Entertainment Digital Membership, which puts the value of the Entertainment Book into your iPhone or Android smartphone so you don't have to carry your book with you.



Orders: You can order your Entertainment Book or the Digital version book [HERE](#) or fill in an order form available from AMA House.

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