



## Changes to Meal, Entertainment and Venue Hire Benefits

AMA Tasmania is receiving enquiries concerning meal, entertainment & facility leasing changes that occurred on 1 April 2015.

These changes affected things like paying in advance for goods and services, restaurant vouchers, etc. The link below covers some excellent FAQs on many of these issues and we suggest you take a moment to read through.

[FACT SHEET: CHANGES TO MEAL, ENTERTAINMENT & VENUE HIRE BENEFITS](#)

## Updated Materials on Contracts and Corporatisation

Federal AMA has been working on updating a few resources for members: being the AMA guidelines on service contracts with practice principals as well as our guide to corporatisation for GPs.

These are now live on the AMA Website and the relevant links are below.

[GUIDELINES - SERVICE - CONTRACTS BETWEEN DOCTORS AND MEDICAL PRACTICE PRINCIPLES](#)

[DECISION SUPPORT KIT](#)

## Towards Simplicity – Complex Case Management by Doctors



Following, commentary from Tasmanian Occupational Physician, Dr. Peter Sharman on Complex Case Management by doctors as a component of a 'Best Practice' model in workers compensation working in practice.

This piece is continued from a recent article about complexity in workers compensation systems that refers to the concept of 'complex case management' by experienced medical practitioners.

[ARTICLE: 'THE INSULT OF COMPLEXITY'](#)

## Reducing Complexity for Injured Workers

The AMA in Tasmania, through its workers compensation reform committee has put forward a proposal that builds on the concept of defining roles for doctors within our workers compensation systems with a proposed capacity of 'Complex Medical Case Manager'.

Definition of this position, along with the development of processes to identify poor prognosis cases early, is a key plank in the reforms proposed by the AMA to improve health outcomes for injured workers. [READ MORE](#)

[LINK TO AMA SUBMISSION – 'THE MEDICAL VOICE FOR HEALTH OUTCOMES'](#)



The Mental Health Council of Tasmania invites you to:  
**'A New Mental Health System - What Now?'**  
9 March 2016 • Grand Chancellor Hobart • 10am - 4pm  
Register Via:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/a-new-mental-health-system-what-now-tickets-21071530515>

An industry led seminar for mental health service providers to raise, examine and address key issues impacting their services as a result of forthcoming changes to the Tasmanian mental health sector. Discussions will be facilitated by the three key agencies at the centre of the reforms: the National Disability Insurance Agency, Primary Health Tasmania and the Department of Health and Human Services.

This is an opportunity for your organisation to learn about how the reforms will directly intersect and how the pieces of this puzzle will eventually fit together. The seminar is suitable for leaders and managers in the organisation, human resources managers and other key decision makers.

**Registration on the above link is essential to secure your place in the seminar.**

The day will be facilitated by **Andrew Hollo** from Workwell Consulting. Andrew Hollo works with all levels of government, the not-for-profit sector and social enterprises. Workwell Consulting's vision is for government and non-government agencies to optimise their ability to solve complex social and population health problems. Workwell helps clients apply innovation, evidence and insight to gain conceptual agreement, design operating models and form organisational strategy.



MHCT Members are fully subsidised for the seminar  
Non Member price : \$60 per person + booking fee  
For more information about the Seminar contact Elinor Heard [ehheard@mhct.org](mailto:ehheard@mhct.org) OR 62249222



The seminar is proudly supported by Partners in Recovery.

Event: **Australian Diabetes Educators Association (ADEA)** – Tasmanian Branch Masterclass: Diabetes and Pregnancy. With a focus on initiatives as well as practical strategies based on research dedicated to identifying, treat and support women with diabetes in pregnancy. Registration is now open. **Date:** Friday 11 March 2016 **Venue:** Best Western Hobart, 156 Bathurst Street, Hobart, **Closing dates:** Early bird registration available until 31 January 2016; registrations close 6 March 2016. A copy of the program for the day is available on the [event webpage](#)

Event: **Medivision** April 23-24, University of Tasmania Medical Sciences Precinct, Menzies Research Institute 17 Liverpool Street, Hobart. **Medivision** is an annual student-run medical research symposium held for two days in Hobart, tailored to both medical students, doctors and medical researchers. Designed to inspire delegates into research, and revolves around the theme "Humanity in research, research in action". The audience will hear from both domestic and international guests who have made an impact through their careers' work. Speakers will talk not only about their research but more importantly what motivated them into research and the paths they took to get involved. We hope for delegates to leave feeling educated, inspired, and with a new-found sense of purpose to their actions. In addition to inspirational talks, **Medivision** 2016 will play host to two workshops, a rapid-fire thesis session from early-career researchers, and a cocktail evening to provide delegates with an opportunity to meet the speakers. We are excited to announce that 2009 Nobel Prize in Chemistry winner Ada Yonath (Israel) will be delivering a keynote address. Joining her will be, among others, Professor Merlin Thomas (The Baker Institute), Professor Mammen Chandy (India), and Tasmania's Dr. Joy Rathjen. Tickets on sale from March 1. Any enquiries can be forwarded to **Medivision**. [Hobart@utas.edu.au](mailto:Hobart@utas.edu.au)

Event: **27 & 28 May 2016** – AMA National Conference - Canberra

Event: Saturday 30th July 2016 - **Tasmanian Health Conference**. After the success of the 2015 Tasmanian Health Conference, we are once again providing the Tasmanian health sector with the opportunity to meet and discuss current issues in 2016. The Conference will be held at the Medical Sciences Precinct (Menzies Centre), Hobart on Saturday 30 July 2016.

**Calling for Nominations**

**AMA Electronic Ballot**

**for Federal Council 2016**



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## Invitation for nominations for election to Federal Council

### AREA NOMINEES

#### Invitation for nominations for election to Federal Council as Area Nominees

The Constitution of Australian Medical Association Limited (AMA) provides for the election, every two years, to the Federal Council of one Ordinary Member as a Nominee of each of the following Areas:

1. New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory Area
2. Queensland Area
3. South Australia and Northern Territory Area
4. Tasmania Area
5. Victoria Area
6. Western Australia Area

The current term of Area Nominee Councillors expires at the end of the AMA National Conference in May 2016.

*Nominations are now invited for election as the Nominee for each of the Areas listed above.*

1. Nominees elected to these positions will hold office until the conclusion of the May 2016 AMA National Conference. - 2. The nominee must be an Ordinary Member of the AMA and a member in the relevant Area for which the nomination is made. - 3. The nomination must include the name and address of the nominee and the date of nomination. It may also include details of academic qualifications, the nominee's career and details of membership of other relevant organisations. - 4. Each nomination must be signed by the Ordinary Member nominated AND must be signed by two other Ordinary Members of the AMA resident in the Area for which the nomination is made. - 5. Nominations must be **emailed** to the Secretary General ([atrimmer@ama.com.au](mailto:atrimmer@ama.com.au)). To be valid nominations must be received no later than **1.00pm (AEDT) Friday 4 March 2016**. - 6. A nomination may be accompanied by a statement by the nominee of not more than 250 words to be circulated to voters. - 7. The ballot will be undertaken by electronic ballot.

The nomination form can be downloaded from: [ama.com.au/system/files/AreaNomineeForm.pdf](http://ama.com.au/system/files/AreaNomineeForm.pdf)

For enquiries please contact Lauren McDougall, Office of the Secretary General and President (email: [lmcdougall@ama.com.au](mailto:lmcdougall@ama.com.au)).

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The Constitution of Australian Medical Association Limited (AMA) provides for the election, every two years, to the Federal Council of one Ordinary Member as a Nominee of each of the following Specialty Groups:

1. Anaesthetists
2. Dermatologists
3. Emergency Physicians
4. General Practitioners
5. Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
6. Ophthalmologists
7. Orthopaedic Surgeons
8. Paediatricians
9. Pathologists
10. Physicians
11. Psychiatrists
12. Radiologists
13. Surgeons

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1. Public Hospital Practice (previously called Salaried Doctors)
2. Rural Doctors
3. Doctors in Training
4. Private Specialist Practice.

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