

**Breastfeeding Coalition Tasmania** (BCT) brings together a range of organisations across sectors to advocate for better facilities, support and protection for breastfeeding in Tasmania.

Current focus is to advocate for: -

- government commitment to breastfeeding policy
- improvements in breastfeeding support provided in the community (Baby Friendly Health Initiative Community Health Service accreditation)
- · better coordination and reporting of breastfeeding data
- greater protection of breastfeeding from the marketing of infant formula

The group meets quarterly via video conference across the state and maintains contact via e-mail in the meantime. Member organisation involvement varies and we try to keep this very flexible.

BCT invites AMA Tasmania to nominate a representative to attend meetings or elect to receive our correspondence via e-mail (minutes, draft submissions for feedback, info sharing etc). Please contact them if you have any questions or would like to find out more about BCT and their work. You can also find some information on the website <a href="www.breastfeedingtas.org">www.breastfeedingtas.org</a>. All interested members should contact AMA Tasmania in the first instance.

## **DIVISION MEETING REMINDER**

Reminder - the next and final meetings of 2016 of both the Southern and Northern Divisions of AMA Tasmania are scheduled as follows:

**Southern Division** - Tuesday 13th December 2016 @6.00pm at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, Marieville Esplanade Sandy Bay with special guest - Prof Richard Hays.

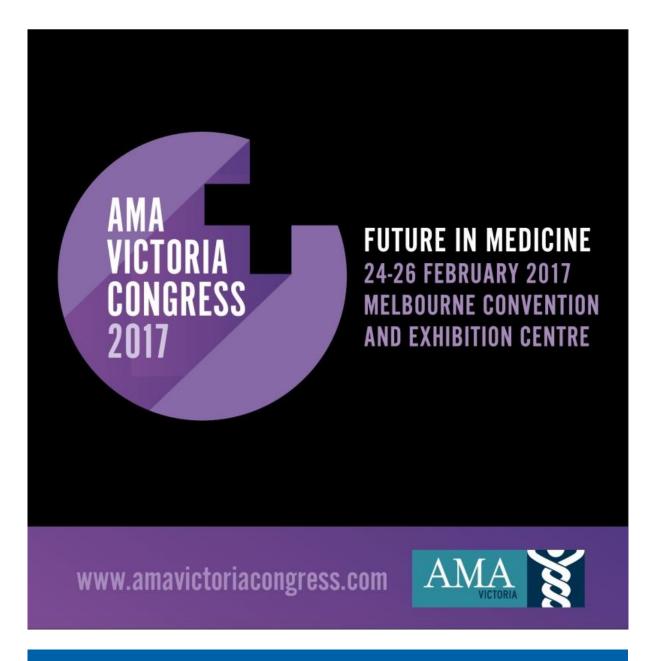
### Northern Division - NO MEETING SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER

All Members and non-members are welcome. If you know of someone who would like to attend, invite them to participate. Light refreshments are provided.

**Important** - there will be no Division meetings held in January but will resume as normal in February 2017.

AMA Tasmania Board is keen to facilitate the North West Division meetings and to this end seeks expressions of interest or feedback from members.

### **EVENTS**



# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- o AMSA welcomes recommendations from Senate Inquiry into medical complaints process
- o Autism Spectrum Disorder 2016
- EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND INTERVENTION ESSENTIAL FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER
- o No diet needs sugar

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