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RHH MORTALITY DATA

RHH MORTALITY DATA AND FINDINGS

Barbara Hingston, THS Governing Council Acting Chair recently provided correspondence on the RHH Mortality Data and findings.

A review of mortality data at the RHH has concluded that there is no evidence of serious safety issues at the Royal Hobart Hospital and that across all three metrics of mortality the data has remained stable over the last four years.

The THS Governing Council, through the Quality and Safety Sub-Committee (GC Q&S SC), commissioned Dr Kelly Shaw of KP Health Consulting to review mortality data at the RHH as a result of concerns raised by clinicians around mortality rates.

The study undertook to: Compare the three mortality measures for RHH data for CHBOI, ACM and HDxSMR for 1 January 2016 – 31 March 2017 to identify potential methodological (non-clinical) issues impacting on mortality results, and Undertake a review of the clinical record of all patient deaths in the clinical categories with the highest attributed mortality. Lead clinicians were briefed on Monday of this week on the findings, and the report will be publicly released once all other stakeholders have been briefed.

SUICIDE PREVENTION

TAS TO TRIAL SUICIDE PREVENTION APPROACH

Tasmania is preparing to participate in a national trial exploring how a coordinated approach can help local communities reduce suicide. Tasmania is one of 12 sites around the country taking part in the Australian Government-funded trial. Primary Health Tasmania will lead the trial in Tasmania, working closely with the Department of Health and Human Services and the suicide prevention sector.

Primary Health Tasmania general manager Mark Broxton said the national trial represents a major opportunity to test different approaches to reducing suicide and self-harm. "There are a range of suicide prevention activities on the ground throughout Tasmania including clinical services, education and training," Mr Broxton said. "The purpose of this trial is to see how multiple activities can be implemented in a coordinated and collaborative way at a local level to build community capacity to reduce suicide. "We all have a role to play in preventing suicide in our community, including looking after ourselves and supporting each other, but it is only by working together that we can prevent suicide." Tasmania has the second highest rate of suicide in Australia (16 suicides per 100,000 people in 2015). Each of the 12 trial sites will focus their work on a priority population group. The Tasmanian population group will be decided in the next month.

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MENTAL HEALTH

[NEW MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR TASMANIANS](#)

Tasmanians with or at risk of mild mental illness have access to new support services. Two organisations have been funded to support adults across Tasmania with conditions including anxiety, stress and mood disorders. A third organisation will raise awareness among mental health service providers of digital mental health support options for Tasmanians.

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NATIONAL FORUM

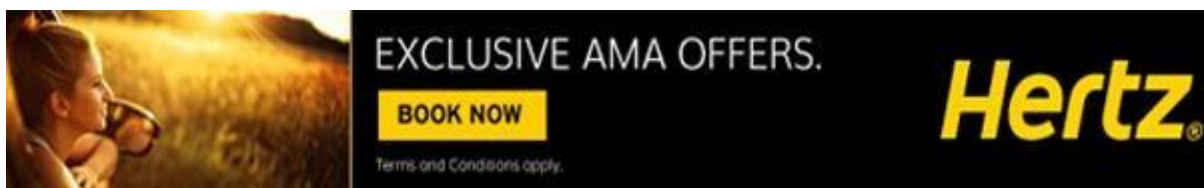
[REDUCING THE RISK OF SUICIDE IN THE MEDICAL PROFESSION](#)

National forum being held on 14 September 2017 at the Parliament of New South Wales in Sydney to discuss ways to reduce the risk of suicide among doctors and medical students in Australia. The aim of this one-day forum is to bring leaders of the medical profession together to consider the factors that are increasing the risk of emotional distress and suicide among doctors and medical students. It will build on

work previously done in this area and seek to identify: how the medical profession can work together to develop initiatives to address the known risk factors for mental distress and suicide, and further research that will help to develop suicide prevention strategies, and how this might be achieved and funded.

Key stakeholders in doctors' health and well-being are invited to attend this forum including doctors' health advisory and referral services, organisations with a focus on mental health and wellness, medical colleges, junior doctors, medical students, and state and territory health departments. This important event will run from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm.

Please RSVP Mr Nicholas Behrens via e-mail: nbehrens@ama.com.au. A program and registration arrangements will be distributed closer to the event.



SAVE THE ROYAL

SAVE THE ROYAL CAMPAIGN - CHANGE.ORG PETITION

In the very short time since rolling out the Save the Royal Change.org petition, there are now close to 700 signatures and comments. It is not too late to add your support or encourage the support of your patients.

Please use this link to sign the Save the Royal petition by adding your signature and encouraging the public to add theirs to the [Change.org Petition for the Save the Royal Campaign](#).

Please circulate widely to any non-AMA colleagues, family and friends who may also wish to also support the RHH by signing.

OTHER LOBBYING OPTIONS EMAIL THE MINISTER DIRECTLY WITH THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE

"Waiting extended periods for health care leads to poor health outcomes. Without enough beds and enough nurses and doctors to staff them, Tasmanians who need health care at the Royal Hobart Hospital face the risk of long and possibly dangerous delays in treatment. Tell the Minister for Health that Tasmanians deserve a well-resourced health system": michael.ferguson@parliament.tas.gov.au

By encouraging your patients to lobby Minister Ferguson, we can together drive the Save the Royal Campaign. Other options for lobbying include - liking and following the [Save the Royal Campaign Facebook page](#).



Pall Care Tasmania's Premier event for 2017
The Building Compassionate Communities Forum
and
Inaugural Tasmanian Palliative Care Awards
13th and 16th October

go to www.tas.palliativecare.org.au for information about Abstracts, Award Nominations and Sponsorship Opportunities

EVENTS



[AMA TASMANIA INTERVIEW SKILLS WORKSHOP - LAST CHANCE REGISTER TODAY!](#)

AMA Tasmania is hosting a series of Interview Skills workshops across Tasmania for medical students, doctors in training and those looking for new roles. Free for members.

- If you have been overlooked for a job interview, then this workshop is for you!
- If you have stumbled over what to include in your CV, this workshop is for you!
- If addressing selection criteria is confronting, this workshop is for you!

- And, if you appreciate what a big deal getting your CV noticed and performing well at interview is, this workshop is for you!

The AMA established its career advice service in response to an expressed need from doctors in training for advice and assistance with preparing for their future medical career options.

The Career Adviser, Christine Brill, states openly that her role is to assist AMA members get the edge when it comes to applying for a job or College training program. Christine is coming to Tasmania to run a workshop in both Hobart and Launceston on building CV, preparing cover letter, addressing selection criteria and how to prepare for and perform that interview.

WORKSHOP DETAILS

EVENT: HOBART

DATE: Tuesday 29th August 2017

TIME: 6pm - 8pm

VENUE: Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania

EVENT: LAUNCESTON

DATE: Wednesday 30th August 2017

TIME: 5pm - 7pm

VENUE: Grand Chancellor Launceston

These career-focused workshop will be presented only once in 2017 so register to secure your place. Face to face opportunities are also being offered in both venues and are available via appointment only.

[Register Now](#)



AMA RETIRED MEMBERS LUNCHEON - SAVE THE DATES

AMA Tasmania at the suggestion of some of our more senior members is staging two get together luncheons for our retired members. One in Hobart on 6th October 2017 and one in the north in Launceston on 2nd March 2018.

AMA recognises that while your working life may no longer be as busy, it is vital for you to continue to contribute and interact with your peers (plus have a little bit of fun). Friends made through work can last a lifetime, but all too often retirement can unexpectedly bring an end to workplace friendships. Keeping in touch with work colleagues is a good way to keep a diverse circle of social contacts during retirement.

More details, including costings and timings to follow.

SAVE THE DATE - Friday 6th October 2017 and Friday 2nd March 2018.

[Register Now](#)

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BUILD YOUR PRACTICE - CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

SAVE THE DATE
Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre
Saturday 23 September 2017
9.00 am-5.00 pm

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DATES TO REMEMBER

August 2017

- 26 August – Saturday AMA Branch Council in Campbell Town

- 29 August - Tuesday Career Skills Workshop - Hobart - REGISTER TODAY
- 30 August - Wednesday Career Skills Workshop - Hobart - REGISTER TODAY

September 2017

- 12 September - Tuesday - Southern Division Meeting – 6 pm Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania. Light finger food and some drinks will be provided
- 19 September - Tuesday - AMA Board Meeting AMA House and Teleconference call 6pm finish at 7.30pm
- 20 September - Wednesday Parliamentary Dinner - Parliament House Hobart 7 pm – Date to be confirmed when the sitting dates are announced
- 21 & 22 September – ICM – meeting venue - Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, Dinner - Wrestpoint
- 28 September - Thursday Northern Division Meeting - 7 pm for a meal and 7.30pm start - 3rd Floor Meeting Room at the Launceston General Hospital
- 30 September - 15 October - School Holidays

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