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Tasmanian **Health** Conference

29 JULY 2017 Medical Sciences Precinct, University of Tasmania, HOBART

#ONE TEAM: WORKING TOGETHER TO KEEP TASMANIANS OUT OF HOSPITAL - REGISTRATIONS AVAILABLE ON THE DAY!

No-one – whether they be a health professional or patient – looks forward to a health crisis. Especially one that involves a hospital visit. Every day in Tasmania, there are 35 potentially preventable hospital admissions – visits that may have been avoided through timely treatment in the community. Your attendance this year ensures you become part of the answer of how we design our health system for the future. What works, what's not and what achieves the aim of a healthy population.

Take on the challenge of keeping the conversation going after the conference; feed ideas into every section of the system, government and private. The more we are all involved the better the outcome. [DOWNLOAD THE FULL PROGRAM HERE](#)

INTRODUCING THIS YEARS THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Professor Richard Reed Myths Busting Avoidable Hospital Admissions Professor and Head, Discipline of General Practice Director, Primary Health Care Research Information Service School of Medicine, Flinders University Richard Reed commenced as Head of the Discipline of General Practice in October, 2005. Originally from the USA, he graduated with the BA degree (Magna Cum Laude with Highest Honors in Biology) from Williams College in Massachusetts.

He received his graduate entry medical degree from the University of Rochester School of Medicine in Rochester New York. While in medical school he did an additional honours year in General Practice at the University of Manchester in the UK. After completing medical school he completed post-graduate medical training in General Practice, Gerontology and Geriatrics and Public Health at the University of Washington and currently holds US fellowship status in these disciplines. In addition to the Medical Doctor degree he also holds a Master of Public Health degree.

FAMILY DOCTOR WEEK



AMA Family Doctor Week 2017

YOUR FAMILY DOCTOR:
ALL ABOUT YOU

**GP FACE TO FACE - TASMANIAN HEALTH CONFERENCE
TOMORROW!**

This year AMA Tasmania to mark AMA Family Doctor Week will once again facilitate an opportunity for the GP's of our State to speak candidly and privately with State Health Minister Mr Michael Ferguson.

This closed door session accompanied by morning tea for delegates "Communication with GPs" is scheduled to occur in what we believe the perfect environment - during this year's Tasmanian Health Conference at the Menzies Institute. Designed as a private breakout session between GPs and the State Health Minister only. Register for the conference today and let us know if you would like to be a part of this opportunity as well.

Family Doctor Week 17: Your family doctor, all about you.

TGA UPDATES

ACCESSING UNAPPROVED MEDICINES AND DEVICES FOR YOUR PATIENTS - WHAT'S CHANGED?

It's now easier for doctors to access unapproved therapeutic goods for patients who need them. The government schemes which allow doctors to access unapproved therapeutic goods, such as medicines, biologicals and medical devices that haven't been approved in Australia, have been simplified and streamlined.

Most therapeutic goods need to be evaluated for quality, safety and efficacy by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) before they can be supplied in Australia. However, sometimes patients can benefit from therapeutic goods that have not been approved by the TGA. For example, there may be medicines that have been approved for use in other countries but not yet in Australia, or a manufacturer may not offer a particular device in Australia.

Since 3 July, two of the programs managed by the TGA – the Special Access Scheme and the Authorised Prescriber program – have become easier for doctors to navigate.

[READ MORE](#)

FUNDING AVAILABLE

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR FUNDING TO SUPPORT AUSTRALIAN HEALTH AND RESEARCH PROJECTS

Medical and healthcare professionals are being encouraged to apply for a grant of up to \$25,000 to help facilitate projects that have the potential to make a positive difference to the lives of people who are facing challenges to their health and wellbeing.

Now in its fourth year, the Slater and Gordon Health Projects and Research Fund has donated close to \$300,000 to 12 not-for-profit groups, health organisations and research bodies around Australia.

Slater and Gordon Head of Personal Injury Law Janine Gregory said the fund was established to ensure people with asbestos-related illness, occupation-caused cancer or significant disabilities caused by a catastrophic injury are able to access ongoing, high- quality care and treatment.

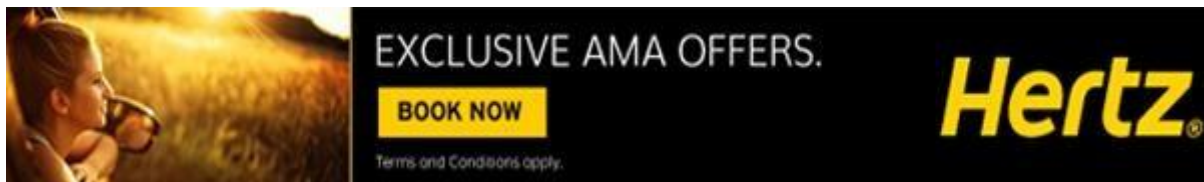
Grants of between \$3,000 and \$25,000 are available to support innovation and research projects and educational initiatives of medical and allied health professionals.

To obtain a copy of the Application Guidelines -

researchfund@slatergordon.com.au or visit their [WEBSITE](#)

Applications close COB 11 August 2017.

Grant applications are considered by an Advisory Committee and are subject to final approval by the Australia Communities Foundation as Trustee for the Fund.



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](#).

If you're a nurse, midwife or carer

it pays to learn what you can claim at tax time



Car expenses



- ✔ You can claim a deduction when you are:
 - driving between separate workplaces (eg a second job)
 - driving to and from an alternate workplace for the same employer (eg attending a meeting at a different location)
 - transporting bulky equipment provided you meet the following criteria:
 - > your employer required you to transport the equipment to work
 - > it was essential to earning your income
 - > there was no secure area to store the equipment at work
 - > it was bulky (around 20kg) and cumbersome to transport.

You need to keep a record of your work-related car expenses using a logbook or be able to demonstrate a reasonable calculation using the cents per kilometre method.

- ✘ You can't claim the cost of normal trips between home and work, even if you live a long way from your usual workplace or you are on call or have to work outside normal business hours (eg sick work). This includes parking fees and tolls when you drive to and from work.

If you salary sacrifice your car this means your employer is covering the costs and you cannot claim a deduction.

Phone and internet expenses



- ✔ You can claim phone and internet usage if your employer needs you to use your personal devices for work.

You can only claim the work-related portion of the use of your personal device.

To claim a deduction for work-related expenses

- you must have spent the money yourself and weren't reimbursed
- it must be directly related to earning your income
- you must have a record to prove it.

You can only claim the work-related part of expenses. You can't claim a deduction for any part of the expense that relates to personal use.

*Use the ATO app 'myDeductions' tool to keep track of your expenses.

Clothing expenses



- ✔ You can claim a deduction for the cost of buying, hiring, mending or cleaning certain uniforms that are unique and distinctive to your job, or protective clothing (eg non-slip nursing shoes or support stockings) that your employer requires you to wear.
- ✘ You can't claim a deduction for the cost of buying or cleaning plain clothing worn at work, even if your employer tells you to wear it (eg black pants and a white shirt).

Self-education and professional development expenses



- ✔ You can claim a deduction for self-education expenses if your course relates directly to your current job (eg wound care course).
- ✘ You can't claim a deduction if your study is only related in a general way or is designed to help get you a new job (eg you can't claim the cost of study to enable you to move from being a carer to being a registered nurse).

Other common deductible work-related expenses

- ✔ As long as the expense relates to your employment, you can claim a deduction for the cost of:
 - calculators
 - agency commissions and agency fees, and annual practising certificate fees
 - technical or professional publications.



For more information, go to ato.gov.au/occupations

Australian Government
Australian Taxation Office

This tax time the ATO really wants people to know what they're eligible to claim before lodging their tax return, so to help with this they have designed the above poster that specifically addresses common work-related expenses for nurses, midwives and carers.

EVENTS



BYPC&E 2017
BUILD YOUR PRACTICE - CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

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

AMA
Melbourne Chapter

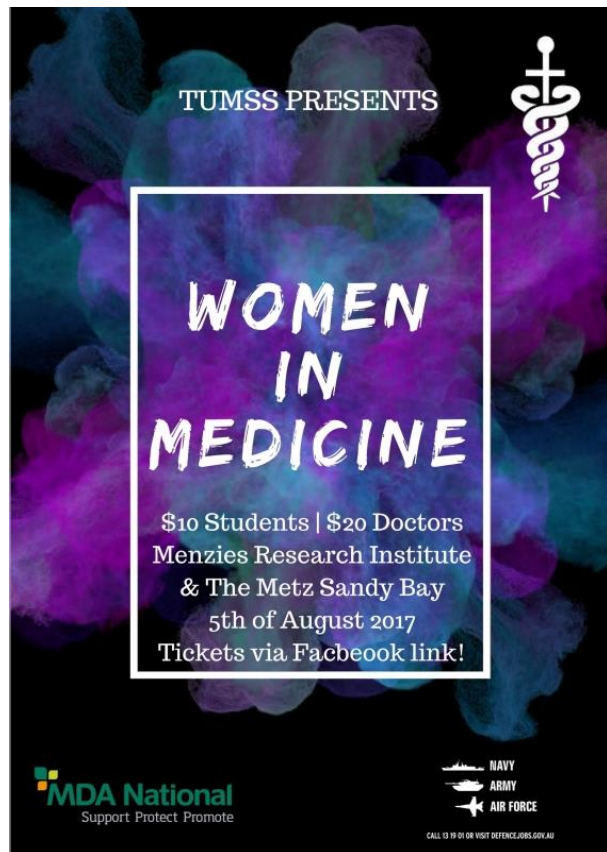
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AMA TASMANIA INTERVIEW SKILLS WORKSHOP - SAVE THE DATE

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 and available to Non-Members to attend for a nominal fee.

- 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 interactive workshop will be run by AMA Career Adviser, Christine Brill and AMA Group HR Director, John Barry and will be offered only once in 2017.

Christine has over three decades of experience working with the profession as well with AMA and John brings a wealth of experience in "hiring and firing". Together

they will present you with information to give you the edge in applications and interviews.

SAVE THE DATE - Thursday 31st August and Friday 1st September 2017. This career-focused workshop will be presented only once in 2017 so register to secure your place.

[Register Now](#)

AMA RETIRED MEMBERS LUNCHEON - SAVE THE DATE

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](#)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- [PREVENTION BETTER THAN CURE – VISIT YOUR FAMILY DOCTOR FOR A CHECK-UP](#)
- [AMA PAYS TRIBUTE TO ALL AUSTRALIA'S HARDWORKING GPs](#)
- [GPs PLAY KEY ROLE IN MANAGING MENTAL HEALTH](#)
- [REDUCE YOUR HEALTH RISKS – SEE YOUR GP](#)

- [FAMILY DOCTORS KEEP YOU HEALTHY AS YOU AGE](#)
- [FAMILY DOCTORS HELP DELIVER HEALTHY BABIES](#)
- [GPs HELP GUIDE PATIENTS TO A HEALTHIER WEIGHT](#)
- [AMA NO EVIDENCE THAT E-CIGARETTES STOP PEOPLE SMOKING](#)
- [76-HOUR SHIFT HIGHLIGHTS NEED FOR SAFER WORKING HOURS FOR PUBLIC HOSPITAL DOCTORS IN AUSTRALIA](#)
- [FULL FEE MEDICAL DEGREES UNFAIR ON STUDENTS AND AUSTRALIAN HEALTH SYSTEM SAYS AMSA](#)

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 2017

- 29 July – Saturday - Tasmanian Health Conference Menzies Centre Hobart
- 29 & 30 July – Council of DiT Federal

August 2017

- 8 August - Tuesday - Southern Division Meeting – 6 pm Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania. Light finger food and some drinks will be provided
- 18 & 19 August – AMA Federal Council in Canberra
- 24 August - Thursday Northern Division Meeting - 7 pm for a meal and 7.30pm start - 3rd Floor Meeting Room at the Launceston General Hospital
- 26 August – Saturday AMA Branch Council in Campbell Town

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