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## ELECTION PLATFORM

### 2018 AMA TASMANIA ELECTION PLATFORM PLANNING FOR BETTER HEALTH FOR ALL TASMANIANS

#### Reforming health services in Tasmania

Tasmanian's deserve high quality, accessible public health services, and political parties must support long-term strategies that focus on this outcome. Our health care staff must be supported in delivering front line care, and we need a strategic plan for our public hospitals and community health services.

The AMA identifies five key areas of broad health policy that deserve cross-party political support:

- Sustainable and effective health governance and policy development.
- Sustainable healthcare facilities and infrastructure.
- Sustainable healthcare workforce.
- Sustainable health funding based on activity and community need.
- Accessible, high-quality health services for all Tasmanian's

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## VACCINATION

### PHARMACY EXPANSION

The Pharmacist-administered Influenza Vaccination Program in Tasmania has now been in effect for two years and many pharmacists have been providing influenza vaccines in pharmacies during this period.

Program changes have been approved for commencement in 2018.

I. Workplace and off-site influenza immunisations programs Pharmacists will be allowed to conduct workplace and off-site influenza immunisations programs for healthy adults with appropriate authorisation and approval. Pharmacists have been made aware of the importance of maintaining safe professional standards in providing immunisations outside pharmacy settings, and to maintain collegiate and operationally cooperative relationships with other providers already providing influenza vaccines in these settings

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## CONGRATULATIONS

### AUSTRALIA DAY HONOURS - AMA MEMBERS IN RECEIPT OF HONOURS

#### MEMBER (AM) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

***Dr Colin Ross CHILVERS Launceston***

For significant service to medicine in the field of anaesthesia as a clinician, to medical education in Tasmania, and to professional societies.

***Dr Marcus Welby SKINNER West Hobart***

For significant service to medicine in the field of anaesthesiology and perioperative medicine as a clinician, and to professional societies. For significant service to geriatric and rehabilitation medicine, as a clinician and academic, and to the provision of aged care services.

#### MEDAL (OAM) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

***Dr Ralph Leslie PETERS New Norfolk***

For service to medicine, and to the community of the Derwent Valley.

## AMATAS AUDITOR

## NOTICE OF RESIGNATION OF AUDITOR

Members of the AMA Tasmania are hereby notified that Crowe Horwath have resigned as auditors of the association. The new auditors are Bentleys Tasmania of 39 Sandy Bay Road Hobart Tasmania. This is in accordance with the Annual General Meeting of this association held on Saturday the 6th May 2017. This is a normal rotation of Auditors and does not reflect on the performance of either.

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## THC SPEAKERS

### 2018 TASMANIAN HEALTH CONFERENCE: CALL FOR SPEAKERS

The 2018 Tasmanian Health Conference will be held in Hobart on Saturday 4 August. A call for speakers is open until 20 February. Abstracts of up to 250 words should address the conference theme of 'Our health: What does the future hold?'. The annual Tasmanian Health Conference is an important part of the ongoing dialogue about challenges and opportunities for the future health of our state. More information (including a template for abstract submissions): [WEBSITE](#)

## CODEINE

### CODEINE CHANGES UPDATE

Codeine (3-methyl morphine) Rescheduling Background as from 1 February 2018, all over-the-counter codeine-containing medicines for pain relief, cough and colds will be available by prescription only. This decision was formalised in December 2016 by the Commonwealth Government on the advice of the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) as the Australian national medicines regulator. The TGA undertook a comprehensive review of the clinical evidence available for these products, as well as significant consultation with key stakeholders.

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## READING

- [AMSA CALLS FOR MANDATORY REPORTING LAWS](#)
- [AMA PLAN GIVES JUNIOR DOCTORS THE CHANCE TO STAY RURAL](#)
- [FIVE-POINT PLAN TO BUILD RURAL MEDICAL WORKFORCE](#)
- [BAN ADVERTISING AND MARKETING OF JUNK FOOD, SUGARY DRINKS TO CHILDREN](#)

## EVENTS

### A POTPOURRI OF MEDICAL HISTORY

First COMA Tasmania Seminar 10th March 2018 **Pictured here Australian doctors operate on serviceman in a cellar, France 1917, Dr F Fay Collection, COMA Tas.** COMA Tas is presenting the first in a series of seminars exploring aspects of medical history.



Keynote address:

- The Service of Health Professionals in World War One, by Dr Brendan Nelson, Director Australian War Memorial
- Not much of a Feminist: Jane Franklin and Tasmanian women, by Dr Alison Alexander
- From Paris to the Peninsula: some of the 'characters' of medicine at Port Arthur, by Dr Jody Steele

- Treasures from the COMA Collection, Dr Philip Thomson

Venue: Frances Parsons Building, Jane Franklin Hall, 6 Elboden St. South Hobart.



Time: 10.00 am Saturday 10th March 2018

Cost: \$20 for the Seminar, \$10 for Friends, Free for students

Subscription to become a Friend: \$30 adults, \$20 concession, free for students. If you are a Friend and bringing a partner, both would be charged at Friends rate.

RSVP: Monday 5th March 2018. Email [coma@jane.edu.au](mailto:coma@jane.edu.au) or Ph 6210 0100 (Jane Franklin Hall) Payment can be made at the door (cash only as we don't have EFTpos yet), or our bank account: COMA Tas BSB 067 102, Account number 1045 0073



## TASMANIAN RURAL HEALTH CONFERENCE 2018

**'Resilience in Rural Communities'** 24-25th March 2018 Launceston General Hospital.  
Audience: current rural doctors and trainees committed to becoming a rural doctor

[REGISTER HERE](#)

The Tasmanian Rural Health Conference 2018 gives you the opportunity to learn about paediatrics in primary care, GP training pathways, and resilience. The popular GP training pathways session will outline what options are available to you in your future training and professional development. There will also be RUSTICA skills stations, an ASHM Hep B&C update, a running your own GP business panel discussion, and more! We have an all-star cast of confirmed collaborators including:

- Professor Paul Worley, National Rural Health Commissioner Paul will be joining us on Sunday and be addressing the group in the Sunday morning plenary session.

See Paul's speech at RMA17 when introduced as the first National Rural Health Commissioner here

- Dr Molly Shorthouse, RDAT President Molly, was the first ever rural generalist graduate through the Tasmanian Rural Medical Generalist Pathway. She has advanced skills in mental health and emergency medicine. After some time in Nhulunbuy, Molly has returned to St Helens.

REGISTER for An ACRRM run Rural Emergency Skills Training (REST) Program two day pre-conference workshop – 22nd & 23rd March. We will be applying for ACRRM/RACGP CPD points for attendance. Registration also includes a conference dinner.

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