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## AMA Family Doctor Week 2017

YOUR FAMILY DOCTOR:  
ALL ABOUT YOU

Tasmanian **Health** Conference

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

## AMA TASMANIA MEDIA RELEASE

### **A STATE BUDGET DOESN'T MAKE A HEALTHY PUBLIC HOSPITAL SYSTEM**

While initially welcoming the focus the 2017/18 State Budget placed on health and additional beds, AMA Tasmania President Dr Stuart Day said this must be put into context of an underfunded and poorly lead hospital system that is letting Tasmanian's down. "Our hospital system is performing poorly because it does not have the resources to meet demand," said Dr Day.

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UPDATE

## SAVE THE ROYAL CAMPAIGN - CHANGE.ORG PETITION

In just over one month since rolling out the Save the Royal Change.org petition, there are now over 600 signatures and comments. It's 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](mailto: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](#).

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## BUDGET AT A GLANCE

### HEALTH, EDUCATION, COST OF LIVING AND JOBS AT THE HEART OF FOURTH BUDGET FOR HODGMAN LIBERAL GOVERNMENT

Four years in and Treasurer Peter Gutwein has managed to reap the rewards of strong fiscal management with health, education, cost of living and jobs at the heart of a pre-election budget designed to bring the Government back in majority at the upcoming state election. The centrepiece for the 17/18 budget being an additional \$650 million for health over the next four years, with 106 extra beds, more doctors, nurses and health professionals, while medical facilities will be upgraded in Kingston, Hobart, Glenorchy, St Helens and Latrobe.

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## NEW AGED CARE SERVICE

### HELP PATIENTS FIND OUT ABOUT AGED CARE OPTIONS BEFORE THEY NEED THEM

A variety of aged care services and support options are available to help older people remain independent and enjoying life in their communities. A variety of aged care services and support options are available to help older people remain independent and enjoying life in their communities, the Federal Minister for Aged Care, Ken Wyatt, said today. Launching a national awareness campaign promoting the Australian Government's My Aged Care website and a national 1800 phone line, Minister Wyatt said that older people wanted to live independently as long as possible.

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## JOBS BOARD

### VR GP REQUIRED IMMEDIATE START FULL OR PART TIME - BURNIE

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# EVENTS

**Medicinal Cannabis** is now a reality for Australia but the initial growing pains are frustrating, controversial and ill-informed. Consequently, United in Compassion is hosting a major international event in Melbourne which is of interest to patients, health care workers and legislators from all states grappling with cumbersome legislation lack of information and lack of expertise.

The Symposium has several parts:

1. A Medicinal Cannabis Training Course for Doctors, Nurses, Pharmacists and the like on 22nd June
2. The three-day Symposium from the 23rd to 25th June of interest to all including health professionals and patients/carers, legislators and
3. A Gala Fundraising Dinner on Saturday night 24th.

Information is available [HERE](#) or to make a [BOOKING](#)



The 1<sup>st</sup> Australian  
Medicinal Cannabis Course  
22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2017,  
Melbourne Crowne Plaza

A 1 Day Course,  
to be offered as a Workshop,  
in total of  
The UIC Australian Medicinal  
Cannabis Symposium, 2017

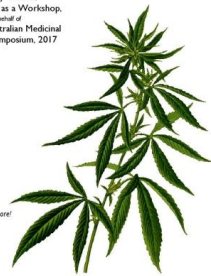
Australia's first medical cannabis course,  
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by health care practitioners.  
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A comprehensive introduction to:

- The Australian history of medicinal cannabis
- The endocannabinoid system
- The pharmacology of cannabinoid medicine
- The practicalities of dosing
- Conditions amenable to treatment
- Up to date literature
- International perspectives

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2. [STALWART OF GP ADVOCACY](#)
3. [HONOURED CARING DOCTOR AND PHILANTHROPIST WINS AMA DOCTOR IN TRAINING](#)
4. [2017 AWARD NT WINS DIRTY ASHTRAY AWARD - AGAIN](#)
5. [NATIONAL TOBACCO CONTROL SCOREBOARD 2017](#)
6. [QUEENSLAND LEADS NATION IN TOBACCO CONTROL](#)
7. [NEW ADDITIONS TO AMA ROLL OF FELLOWS](#)
8. ["SEPSIS KILLS" PROGRAM STUDY WINS MAJOR AWARD](#)
9. [FAMILY TRAGEDY INSPIRES MEDICAL CAREER](#)
10. [Marriage Equality 2017](#)

## 11. [AMA CALLS FOR MARRIAGE EQUALITY](#)

# DATES TO REMEMBER

## June 2017

- 6 June – AMA Board Meeting - Teleconference
- 12 June - Monday - Queen's Birthday
- 13 June - Tuesday - Southern Division Meeting – 6 pm Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania. Light finger food and some drinks will be provided
- 22 June - Thursday Northern Division Meeting - 7 pm for a meal and 7.30pm start - 3rd Floor Meeting Room at the Launceston General Hospital DTBC
- 24 - 26 June – Friday to Sunday – Federal AMA Council of GP's

## AMA NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2017



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