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LEGISLATIVE INQUIRY UPDATE

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY TO BE HELD INTO TASMANIA'S HOSPITAL RESOURCING AND ACUTE HEALTH SERVICES

As members are no doubt aware, in June this year a Legislative Council Government Administration subcommittee headed by Rob Valentine announced there would be a Parliamentary Inquiry conducted into Tasmania's hospital resourcing as a result of increasing levels of concern being voiced by those working in, and engaged with, public acute health services, with the view to improving patient outcomes.

AMA Tasmania welcomed this news and had to date prepared and submitted two submissions to the inquiry - Mental Health and Child and Adolescent Mental Health and is in the process of completing the third submission for presentation to the committee on Monday.

AMA FEES LIST

AMA FEES LIST - ONLINE OCTOBER LAUNCH

Shortly the AMA Fees List will be available exclusively online in a new, easy to use format. AMA Members will continue to have unlimited, free access to the Fees List.

Non-members can purchase annual subscriptions to the Fees List, on a per-user basis. As we lead up to the 16 October public launch of the new Fees List, Federal Secretariat continues to communicate to members and key stakeholders, to help

make the transition to online as smooth as possible. This includes a call to members to ensure they are 'login ready' by having a username and password for ama.com.au. It is anticipated that there will also be a number of tools and resources developed for Fees List users, including online tutorials and videos to further assist all users.

KEY DATES -

- 16 October: Fees List Online Public Launch
- 1 November 2017: Fees List indexation

WHAT'S NEW -

The Fees List is now faster, interactive and personalised. Once launched members will still be able to download the CSV, PDF files plus access a range of new handy features including:

- Interactive search function that links AMA items to the MBS codes online.
- Personalised account to save your favourite AMA items, pages, and sections.
- Online fee calculators including a new anaesthesia fee calculator.
- Helpful tutorials and information along the way.
- Additional resources and links to existing and related position statements and guides to be added over time.

For more information, please contact feeslist@ama.com.au

LOCAL EVENTS

AMA RETIRED MEMBERS LUNCHEON

GUEST SPEAKER - Paul Fitzgerald

AMA Tasmania, at the suggestion of some of our more senior members, is staging two get together luncheons for our retired members. One in the north of the state and one in the south. The first of the two luncheons is to be held here in Hobart in early October and will feature a two course sit down lunch and guest speaker Paul Fitzgerald.

Generally a retiring type, Paul Fitzgerald has been pressed by Bill Coote to come along to the luncheon and talk briefly about his career as a clinician, medical administrator, and political staffer.

His theses are that the gradual decline in the status of the medical profession over the past fifty years has been largely our fault!

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.



Date: Friday 6th October 2017

Venue: Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania - Lower Level Private Room

Time: 12 Noon for 12.30 pm - 2.00 pm

Cost: \$55.00 per person including a welcome drink on arrival and two-course lunch and tea or coffee. Additional beverages can be purchased at RYCT bar prices.

PLEASE RSVP - AMA House on 6223 2047 or email comms@amatas.com.au

PARLIAMENTARY DINNER

Hon. Elise Archer, Speaker of the House of Assembly in the Parliament of Tasmania and The President of the AMA in Tasmania Dr Stuart Day have pleasure in inviting you to attend **AMA Tasmania's** Annual Parliamentary Dinner for 2017.

To be held in the Parliamentary Reception Hall, Parliament House, Hobart on Wednesday 18th October 2017 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm

\$70.00 per guest - two-course dinner and beverages



PLEASE RSVP - AMA House on 6223 2047 or ama@amatas.com.au

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- [NEW MEDICAL SCHOOL – GOOD INTENTION UNDERMINED BY BAD POLICY](#)
- [AMSA Global Health alarmed by the Australian Government's decision to cut welfare to people seeking asylum in our community](#)

DATES TO REMEMBER

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 6 pm finish at 7.30 pm
- 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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