

# West Australian Regional Committee NEWSLETTER



December 2014

## The West Australian Regional Committee meets bi-monthly, the committee includes:

Dr Irina Kurowski  
Dr Alison Corbett  
Dr Jennifer Bruce  
Dr Jodi Graham  
Dr John Martyr  
Dr Richard Riley  
Dr Michael Babon  
Dr Michael Veltman  
Dr Michaela Salvadore  
Dr Lindy Roberts

### Co-opted:

Dr Ian Maddox  
Dr Dana Weber  
Dr Silke Brinkmann  
Dr Ralph Longhorn  
Dr Max Majedi  
Dr Kevin Hartley  
Dr Nirooshan Rooban  
Professor Stephan Schug  
Professor John Faris  
Miss Melanie Roberts

Next meeting: 2015

## The West Australian Trainee Committee meets tri-monthly, the committee includes:

Dr Nirooshan Rooban  
Dr Anna Hayward  
Dr Mumtaz Khan  
Dr Ted Velzeboer  
Dr Anna West  
Dr David Rawson  
Dr Nuki Alakeson  
Dr Nathan Curr  
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Next meeting: 2015

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## WA Regional Committee update

The **WA Regional Committee** met on November 25th, 2014. Donna Fahie, ANZCA Policy Officer was a visitor to the meeting, updating the committee on federal proceedings with regard to STP funded trainee positions.

**CPD deadline:** All fellows and provisional fellows please note that the deadline to enter events and supporting documentation into your CPD portfolios for this triennium is January 5, 2014. Please contact Associate Professor Rod Mitchell [Rodney.Mitchell@health.sa.gov.au](mailto:Rodney.Mitchell@health.sa.gov.au) or Dr Vanessa Beavis [vanessab@adhb.govt.nz](mailto:vanessab@adhb.govt.nz) if you have any queries.

The committee has started a **Twitter account** for important safety alerts and notifications. All fellows and trainees are invited to follow [@anzcawa](https://twitter.com/anzcawa) for these updates.

**New Fellows' Conference** Congratulations to Drs Dan Ellyard and David Sommerfeld for their selection as the WA representatives to the 2015 New Fellows' Conference.

The **ANZCA/ASA Autumn Scientific Meeting** is coming up on March 14, 2015, to be convened by Dr Lip Ng, with the topic "What's Hot?". Speakers include Dr Ian McKenzie, Director Dept Anaesthesia and Pain Medicine Royal Children Hospital, Melbourne and Dr Andrew Davidson, Consultant Anaesthetist RCH, Melbourne. Registration for this conference will be available in early January.

**Save the dates** for the ANZCA/ASA Winter Scientific Meeting at the Uni Club, UWA on July 4 and the ANZCA/ASA Country Conference from October 16-18 at Pullman Resort, Bunker Bay.

Thank you to all fellows, trainees and members who have participated in the ANZCA/ASA conferences and committee meetings during 2014, your support is invaluable. The WA Office will be closed from December 24, 2014 - January 5, 2015; Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for 2015.

## WA Anaesthetic Trainee Committee update

### Exam Success

The WA Trainee Committee would like to congratulate all the successful Part 1 and Part 2 candidates in the recent examinations. For those of you sitting early next year remember to get your applications in before the closing dates.

### Training Portfolio System

The trainee portfolio system will be undergoing further updates in the upcoming year, mainly related to accessibility and exportability.

### Volume of practice and workplace-based assessments

Please keep up to date with your VOP and WBA requirements. The general requirement is 2 mini-CEX, 2 DOPS and 1 CBD per three month period. Remember, Consultants and Provisional Fellows get CPD points for doing them for you.

### Trainee Buddy System

Hopefully a few of the juniors have 'buddied up' this year. The aim is for a junior trainee to connect with a senior trainee, whether ATY1 or BTY2 who can help with settling in at a new hospital, exam preparation advice, where the common room is etc. If you are interested in being a buddy to a new trainee in 2015 please contact Bridgit Mathews: [bridgitmathews@gmail.com](mailto:bridgitmathews@gmail.com) your Registrar Rep, or any of the committee members.

### Networks education

Primary exam resources are now available online via networks. They incorporate information and educational videos related to the exam. Trainee resources and support documents and videos related to each stage of training will be available early in the New Year.

### Advanced Life Support

As per the EO, Dr. Bruce, the ALS requirement is for you to be at least an ALS provider during training. This means you will need to do one course every four years, both to stay current and meet ANZCA requirements. ALS courses available are available via the Australian Resuscitation Council (ARC) website.

### GASACT events

The GASACT Part III Course was held on Saturday, November 29, 2014 at The Byrneleigh Hotel, Nedlands. The event was attended by 25 registrars and was sponsored by MDA National, Sovereign Plus, Avant and Southern Anaesthesia. The registrars enjoyed drinks after the formal presentations and a three course lunch. Feedback has been extremely positive both from the sponsors that attended on the day and the registrars. The information provided from the speakers was relevant to their needs and the financial planning speaker was very well received.

The part 0 course will be held early in February 5 and 6. If you require further information about GASACT and upcoming events, please contact James Anderson, GASACT rep, [james@anderson-au.com](mailto:james@anderson-au.com).

"The best thing about modern living is anaesthesia." Meg Ryan