

**Postgraduate Medical Education Council of Tasmania Inc
Annual General Meeting, 2 September 2015**

Report – Chair of IMG / Education Subcommittee

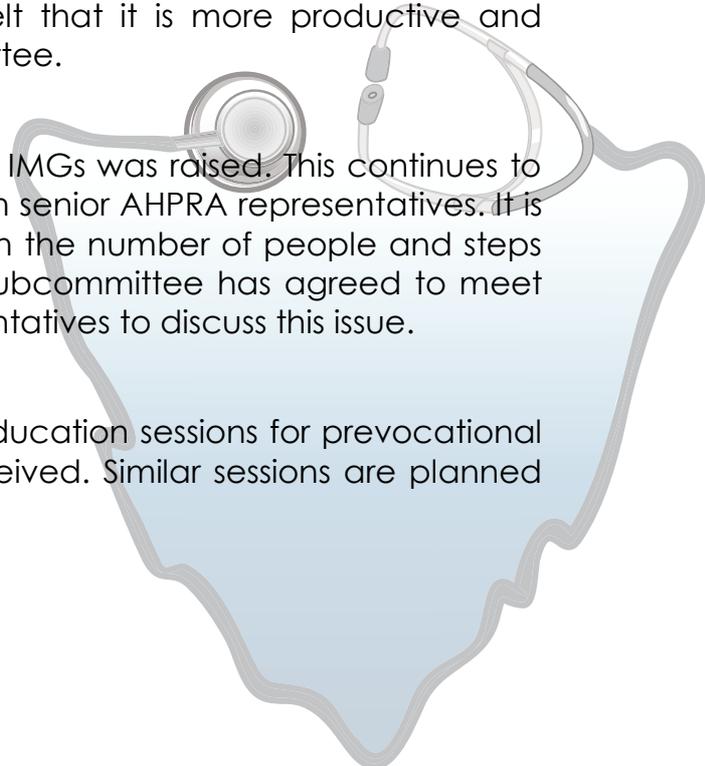
The previous chair of this committee was Rose Moore, who has now resigned from PMCT. The committee would like to thank Rose for her commitment to the role over the past few years. In her absence, the subcommittee will be chaired by the Chair of the PMCT Committee.

There was discussion around the issue of IMG orientation. Whilst it was felt that the resources provided as part of orientation were robust, the actual delivery of orientation to new IMGs was variable across both individual units but also between hospital sites. The reasons for this were usually logistical and relate to variable start dates for IMGs and sometimes a lack of communication as to which IMGs were starting when and in which units. Each site has a comprehensive information package available via USB but it was noted that both this and the e-learning modules take a considerable amount of time to complete. It was suggested that this information be reviewed to see whether the more important elements could be highlighted. A small working group will be set up, with representation from both IMGs and each site, to review the orientation processes and refine them.

There was discussion about whether to continue to combine the IMG and Education Subcommittees. All members felt that it is more productive and efficient to continue as a combined committee.

The issue of delays in AHPRA registration for IMGs was raised. This continues to be a problem, despite several meetings with senior AHPRA representatives. It is unclear where the major problem lies, given the number of people and steps involved in the process. The Chair of the Subcommittee has agreed to meet with the Medical Board and AHPRA representatives to discuss this issue.

GPTT report that they have commenced education sessions for prevocational doctors at RHH, which have been well received. Similar sessions are planned for LGH and NWRH in the near future.



The WBA program continues to be both popular and successful for those undertaking it. The absence of key personnel at LGH this year has limited their ability to accept new IMGs onto the program. Currently the demand for WBA from RHH IMGs is low, but this may change depending on next year's intake of residents. Should the demand increase, there will be a need for supervisor training at RHH.

It was noted that the AMC have approved a change to the national standards for intern training, and have provided advice for supervisors in how to assess an intern's understanding of indigenous culture and how it applies to medicine. There was discussion about the particular challenges faced by Tasmanian supervisors in this regard. There are some resources at the LGH site that may prove useful, and these will be shared between the 3 sites for discussion at the next meeting.

It was noted that the National Review of Internship is nearing completion, following a further round of meetings with key stakeholders, including CPMEC. The report is to be submitted to government in October, to be read in November. It is unclear what action the government will take on this matter.

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