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## Regional Report 2015

### New South Wales / Australian Capital Territory

**Chair: Jamie McBride**

**Vice Chair: N/A**

**ANZSRS representatives members on external committees (name, committee and organisation):**

Philip Munoz (RPAH): ANZSRS Board, Communications Portfolio

Brendan Kennedy (CHW): ANZSRS Board, Professional Activities and Education Portfolio

Alisha Middleton (SVH): ANZSRS Trade Liaison Officer (TLO)

**Membership: 2014:** 89 members

**2015:** 72

**New members: 2015:** not available

**2016:** Jan/Feb – 6 new members

**2015 Activity & Achievements:**

**Branch Meetings:**

4 Branch Meetings held in 2015 all in the Sydney Metropolitan region. Attendance for meetings this year has been excellent with most meetings averaging around 20 members.

**1. Pre ASM Warm up - Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick**

Time/ Date: 6pm, Wednesday 11th of March.

Sponsor: Cosmed

Presentations: New Investigator and Poster presentations

**2. Royal North Shore Hospital**

Time/ Date: 5:30pm, Thursday 21st May 2015

Sponsor: Niche Medical

Presentations: 2 PhD Presentations from ANZSRS Members

1. Catherine Farrow: Lung imaging after treatment in asthma (iARIA Study).

2. Chris Htun: The effect of normal ageing on peripheral airway function in the elderly.

**3. Westmead Hospital**

Time/ Date: 5:30pm, Thursday 6th August 2015

Sponsor: Pharmaxis

Presentation: "Sonomat - normal measurements in sleep"

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#### **4. Royal Prince Alfred Hospital (RPAH)**

Time/ Date: 5:30pm, 14th October 2015

Sponsor: Ascencia

Presentations:

- 1) **Clair Lake** Presented Mannitol Study Posters that she recently presented at the ERS.
- 2) **Leigh Seccombe** presented one of her recent publications "Lung density in extremely healthy lungs".
- 3) **Jay Flack** – Anecdotes from spirometry training.

#### **Other meetings in 2015 advertised as educational opportunities for NSW/ACT members:**

##### **1. Pulmonary Physiology Workshops**

Dates: 7th March 2015

Venue: Woolcock Institute of Medical Research

##### **2. The NSW branch of TSANZ and RNIG – Education day and ASM**

Date: 20 Nov to 21 Nov 2015

Venue: Woolcock Institute of Medical Research

##### **3. FeNO Symposium - Improving Management of Asthma: A clinical update on FeNO. Sponsored by Niche Medical.**

Date: 30th July 2015

Venue: Woolcock Institute of Medical Research

#### **LOC organised for TZANSRS Canberra 2017:**

**LOC Chair:** Derek Figurski (ACT)

**Committee Members:** Blake Handley (RNSH); Catherine Farrow (RNSH); Christopher Htun (RNSH); Fennell Matthew (ACT); John Brannan; Lachlan Buddle (CRH); Leanne Plush (SCHN); Macpherson, Katherine (ACT); Peter Rogers (CRH); Shondell Tilden (WH)

#### **2016 Plans and Goals:**

1. Organise a LOC for Regional TSANZSRS ASM in November. Develop Respiratory Science programme to entice ANZSRS Members to attend.
2. Pod cast Branch Meetings to Regional Members in NSW/ACT: (eg. Canberra, Central Coast, Newcastle and Port Macquarie) – still in development and would love feedback/ help!
3. Continue to encourage and develop young Respiratory Scientists in the Society (eg. Pre-ASM warm-up (March) & Regional TSANZSRS ASM (November) encouraging young scientists to present their NIA presentations and Posters.
4. Apply for Regional Allowance in 2016:
  - 1) For small gifts for Presenters and invited speakers at Branch meetings and ASM.
  - 2) Potential software program for podcasting presentations to regional members?
5. Potentially have a Vice-Chair in 2016 to help with tasks (eg. Sending out reminder emails; newsletters etc).

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