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Regional Report 2015

Victoria / Tasmania

Chair: Kristin Southwell

Victorian members continue to play an active role in the ANZSRS. Brigitte Borg and Faizel Hartley sit on the ANZSRS Board, with Faizel sitting as Vice Chair. Danny Brazzale continues in the role of chair of the Scientific & Conference Committee, while Peter Rochford also continues as CRFS exam coordinator.

New Members: Mark Lyszczarz, Kris Nilsen, Corinne Herbu, Nick Parry, Ine Anderson, Natalie Zajakovski

CRFS obtainees: Andrew Bradbeer & Ben Miller

2015 Activity:

It has once again shaped up to be another good year for the Victorian and Tasmanian Branch. We have had 4 branch meetings to date, the joint meeting with the TSANZ in early November, and our final meeting before the ASM planned for March.

Branch Meetings:

- Western Hospital, June:
The Western hosted a mid-winter meeting with a presentation by Dr Bartlett on "Lung volume reduction, surgery and radical lung cancer resection". The evening was sponsored by Ascencia.
- Royal Children's Hospital, August:
Thank you to Liam and the staff of Royal Children's Hospital for hosting a branch meeting. We had a wonderful presentation from A/Prof Phil Robinson and Paul Griffin on the "Victorian Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia service". It was very informative regarding the condition and also how the service runs, with great pictures and videos, with everyone walking away from the meeting with a much better understanding of Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia. Corgas (a first time sponsor) sponsored this meeting.
- St Vincent's Hospital, October:
This meeting was held at St Vincent's Hospital and Sue Brenton organized for Dr Joy Lee to present on 'What's new in 2015'. Everyone who attended found this very educational regarding new all the new

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medications that are on the market for respiratory patients. This presentation led to some very keen discussions with all attendees. Ascencia sponsored this meeting with some lovely dinner and drinks.

- Alfred Hospital, November:
Our final meeting of the year was hosted by the Alfred Hospital. ANZSRS life member Paul Guy was in the country and gave a presentation on 'Pulmonary function in the Middle East'. It was a presentation regarding what he has been working on while living in Qatar. Mahesh Dharmakumara also did a run through of the presentation he was giving at the joint ANZSRS/TSANZ Victoria meeting. Thanks to Bird Healthcare for sponsoring the evening, providing dinner.
- Joint ANZSRS/TSANZ meeting, November:
As with previous years, the TSANZ and ANZSRS came together for the annual Victorian ASM. The TSANZ organise this meeting, and just inform us of the date and location and also information regarding abstracts. Mahesh Dharmakumara presented his research work and received 2nd prize.
- Alfred Hospital, March 2016
The Alfred will host the pre-ANZSRS ASM meeting where we have some practice presentations from those who are presenting at the ASM in Perth. The evening will be sponsored by Cathryn from Niche Medical.

For most meetings we have had attendance of 15-20 people, mostly consisting of familiar faces, with generally the hosting hospital having some new faces join us.

The plan for the new year is to continue to try and have 4-5 meetings per year; with hopefully a slight change in that we will hopefully have more scientists doing presentations, rather than what has happened in more recent times of having Respiratory Physician doing presentations.

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