August 2015 Newsletter

The countdown begins – only 2 months to go!
If you’re looking for a professional development opportunity then attend this year’s NZ Branch conference. Wellington in November is a vibrant and exciting city as spring begins to make itself felt. Consider staying on for the Saturday night and enjoy the fantastic nightlife and great Sunday Shopping Wellington has to offer.

In this newsletter we profile another of our guest speakers. We are excited to have him share his experiences of a service that operates with a model of care that renal services could well do to consider. Its wake up time if you’re wanting to submit an abstract and be in to win the $2,500 Robert Hutchison Award – what an awesome prize. Abstract submissions must be in by the end of August but if you’re late contact us and we can be flexible. See below for submission guidelines.

FORMAT FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION – Title and author(s); abstract body – maximum 250 words; this section to be justified, Arial font, size 10 point font. We recommend that the format for an abstract follows one of the two outlines below.
OUTLINE 1: Background; Aims; Methods; Results; Conclusion.
OUTLINE 2: Context; Objectives; Key messages; Conclusion.

Register now
By now you should have registered for the conference. If you haven’t, do it now. For registration and accommodation forms, visit: http://www.renalsociety.org/education/2015-nz-annual-conference

Conference Program available on website
Program available now on the conference page on the RSA website as per the link above.

Speaker Profile – Dr Bryan Betty
Dr Bryan Betty is a General Practitioner at the Porirua Union and Community Health Service, in East Porirua. He has recently taken up the position of Deputy Medical Director at PHARMAC. He is also Chairman of the Capital Coast ICC (Alliacing) Leadership Group and is Deputy Chair of Wellhealth PHO in Wellington.

Previously he spent nine years as principal at Pirie Medical Centre in rural South Australia. He has an interest in diabetes and cardiovascular disease having sat on the National Cardiovascular Guidelines Group National Diabetes Service Improvement Group and Wellington Regional Diabetes Network.

We have asked Bryan to speak about the integration of primary and secondary healthcare in the management of chronic disease. The burden of CKD in the community is largely managed at a primary healthcare level. In facing a future with increasing numbers presenting for renal replacement therapies Renal services need to look at new ways of reaching the CKD population and work together with primary care much earlier, thus building strong and ongoing relationships with them. Bryan will focus on his experience with in the area of Diabetes as example of issues surrounding Primary and Secondary Integration.

Conference Venue
Delegates are responsible for booking their own accommodation. If you wish to stay at the conference venue, a self-booking accommodation form is available upon request, or visit https://www.grandchancellorhotels.com/nz/jamescookwellington
For other accommodation options, visit http://www.wellingtonnz.com/accommodation#menu

RSA NZ Branch Robert Hutchison Award for Best Oral Paper Presentation: A significant prize that allows attendance at the 2016 RSA Annual Conference, Gold Coast, Qld. All presentations made by non-corporate RSA members are eligible to win!