



Rural Surgery Section Newsletter



Events



2019 Victorian ASM on Surgical Oncology Synergy Albury,

NSW 11-12 October 2019

Attendance is open to all Fellows, Trainees, non-accredited registrars, medical students and other interested medical and hospital staff (including nurses).

View program [here](#)

[Read more](#)

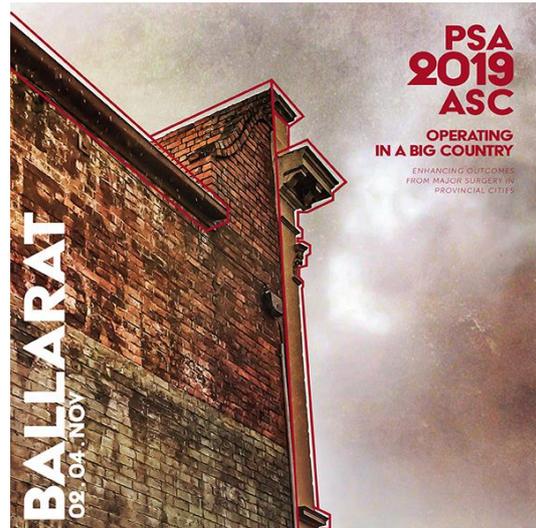
2019 Tasmania ASM

Launceston Clinical School

8-9 November 2019

Obesity – surgery and surgeons

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PSA 2019 ASC

Ballart, Victoria 2-4 November 2019

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The Provisional Program is now available - download a copy [here](#).

Rural Surgery Registration Grants

General Surgeons of Australia has generously given a Rural Surgery Grant to Trainees who have applied to attend the Provincial Surgeons of Australia Conference. Apply [here](#)



The poster features a stylized logo at the top consisting of three overlapping shapes in white, orange, and yellow. Below the logo, the text reads: "7th Rural and Remote Health Scientific Symposium", "Alice Springs Convention Centre, NT", and "25-26 May 2020". A central image shows a rural landscape with a large tree in the foreground and a small town in the distance. Below the image, it says "Shaping the future". At the bottom, in large white letters on a red background, it says "CALL FOR ABSTRACTS NOW OPEN" and "CLOSES 30 SEPTEMBER 2019".

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7th Rural and Remote Health Scientific Symposium

Alice Springs, NT 25-26 May 2020

The [7th Rural and Remote Health Scientific Symposium](#), 'Shaping the future', is being held in Alice Springs 25-26 May 2020 and the call for abstracts is now open.

The Symposium will focus on rural and remote health research that informs strategic health policy, and health service challenges in rural and remote Australia into the future.

Presentations are now being sought from emerging and active researchers for a range of presentations including short lightning talk presentations, interactive workshops and poster presentations. The call for abstracts for rogano presentations will open early in 2020.

For abstract guidelines and details about the various presentation types visit the Symposium website at www.ruralhealth.org.au/7rrhss

The call for abstracts closes on 30 September 2019.

[Read more](#)



RACS COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Voting for election to RACS Council will open on **Friday 20 September 2019** and will close on **Monday 7 October 2019**.

RACS Fellows will receive an email that includes a voting link. All Fellows are strongly encouraged to vote. For more information visit the [Council's election web page](#)

RACS in the news



Counting the Cost of Health Care in Rural and Regional Australia

The lack of surgeons based in rural and regional Australia is impacting the health and financial wellbeing of families in those areas.

Economic modelling done by ENT Surgeon and Chair of the RACS Rural Surgery Section Committee, Dr Bridget Clancy, reveals the eye-watering cost to the community.

Listen to Dr Clancy in the [latest episode of the RACS Post Op podcast](#)



It is estimated that across Australia and New Zealand up to one million people still do not have access to adequate and timely surgical care.

World-wide, inequitable access to safe and effective surgical care is estimated to account for 11 per cent of the global burden of disease.

RACS has developed a Position Paper on this issue.

[Read more](#)

Resources

RACS SPEAK UP

RACS has partnered with [Converge International](#) to provide confidential support to surgeons and their immediate family members. This can be for any personal or work-related matter. Converge counsellors are experienced in working with individuals in the medical profession.

- Support is confidential and private
- Four sessions per calendar year are offered (funded by RACS)
- Assistance can be provided face to face, via telephone or online
- Services are available throughout Australia and New Zealand



Contact

Telephone 1300 687 327 in Australia or 0800 666 367 in New Zealand

- Email: eap@convergeintl.com.au
- Identify yourself as a Fellow, Trainee or IMG of RACS (or a family member)
- Appointments are available from 8:30am to 6:00pm Mon-Fri (excluding public holiday)
- 24/7 Emergency telephone counselling is available



