

RACS NEW SOUTH WALES STATE COMMITTEE PRESENTS

Surgeons' Month 2020 Program



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Convener's welcome



Welcome to Surgeons' Month 2020

On behalf of the RACS NSW State Committee I warmly welcome you to Surgeons' Month 2020 – an annual RACS NSW initiative which seeks to bring together NSW Fellows, Trainees, Specialist International Medical Graduates, prevocational doctors, medical students and College stakeholders to collaborate about surgical education, research and best practice.

This year our events include an educational and practical skills session at our office in Kent Street for junior doctors and final year medical students interested in a career in surgery, an informative two day workshop about setting up a successful practice benefitting our Younger Fellows, a collegiate evening with the ADF and a special lunch celebrating women in surgery.

The month culminates with our premier celebration event NSW Surgeons' Evening, held this year at Dockside, Darling Harbour. The evening will feature the Graham Coupland Lecture presented by Associate Professor Jonathan Clark and seek to recognise the achievements of outstanding Fellows of the College.

RACS NSW Surgeons' Month 2020 would of course not be possible without the hard work of my fellow Committee members, Fellow guest speakers, our event sponsors and the RACS NSW State office team. Together we have fulfilled the College's vision of showing leadership, working collaboratively with our key partners, and moving forward with integrity, respect and compassion.

I look forward to seeing you all at RACS NSW Surgeons' Month 2020.

Associate Professor Payal Mukherjee
Chair, RACS NSW Committee

RACS NSW State Committee

Executive Committee members

Associate Professor Payal Mukherjee (Chair) - Otolaryngology Surgery

Dr Michelle Atkinson (Deputy Chair) - Orthopaedic Surgery

Mr Andrew Bean (Executive) - General Surgery

Associate Professor Toufic El Khoury (Executive) - General Surgery

Mr Ken Loi (Executive) - General/Upper GI Surgery

Elected members

Associate Professor Graham Stewart - General Surgery

Professor Peter Cosman - General Surgery

Dr Pecky De Silva - Vascular Surgery/ Younger Fellow Representative

Dr Gemma Olsson - Neurosurgery

Dr Joseph Rizk - Plastic & Reconstructive Representative

Dr Shehnarz Salindera - General Surgery

Dr Thittukattoor Sudhahar - Orthopaedic Surgery

Co-opted members

Dr Shanel Cameron - (Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists Representative)

Mr Ravi Huilgol - (Australian & New Zealand Society for Vascular Surgery Representative)

Dr Anthony Maloof - (Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists Representative)

Dr Pouria Moradi - (Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons - NSW Chapter Representative)

Associate Professor David Storey - (Observer representing CSTC and CETI)

Dr Soundappan Sannappa Venkatraman - (Australian & New Zealand Association of Paediatric Surgeons Representative)

Dr Emily Granger - (Australian and New Zealand Society of Cardiac & Thoracic Surgeons Representative)

Dr Joseph Xavier - (RACSTA Representative)

Ex-officio members

Dr Jennifer Chambers - Vascular Surgery

Dr James Churchill - RACS Trainees' Association

Mr John Crozier - Vascular Surgery

Dr Mark Dexter - Neurosurgery

Associate Professor Kerin Fielding - Orthopaedics Surgery

Professor Raymond Sacks - Otolaryngology Surgery

Professor Henry Woo - Urologist

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Awards

NSW Merit Award

Dr Lynette Reece

Associate Professor Arthur Richardson

Associate Professor Jonathan Hong

Service to the Community Award

Mr Michael Stephen

Michael Donnellan Award

Associate Professor Philip Truskett

Graham Coupland Lecture and Medal

Professor Jonathan Clark

Annual Medical Student Award

Ms Imogen Hines

Educator of Merit Award

Professor Raymond Sacks

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Australian Defence Force (ADF) in Surgery



Saturday, 28 November 2020

NSW RACS office and via Zoom

6.30pm – 9.30pm

Convener: Dr Michelle Atkinson, Deputy Chair, NSW State Committee

Guest Speaker: Georgeina Whelan AM CSC and Bar, retired Army brigadier, and current Commissioner of the ACT Emergency Services Agency (ESA)

Australian Defence Force (ADF) in Surgery Program

6.30PM | ARRIVAL

8.50PM

– Q&A

6.45PM

– Welcome

Dr Michelle Atkinson, RACS NSW Deputy Chair

Associate Professor Brett Courtenay

9.00PM

– Close

7.00PM | DINNER

8.00PM

Georgeina Whelan AM CSC and Bar, retired Army brigadier, and current Commissioner of the ACT Emergency Services Agency (ESA)

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Prep for SET Course



Saturday 31 October 2020, 8.30am – 3.15pm

NSW RACS office, Kent St, Sydney

Convener: Associate Professor Toufic El Khoury

Associate Professor Toufic El-Khoury

Associate Professor Toufic El-Khoury is a consultant in General, Colorectal and Laparoscopic Surgery. He has a special interest in minimally invasive surgery, inflammatory bowel diseases and colorectal cancer.

Dr El-Khoury completed his training in General Surgery at Westmead Hospital and his advanced training in colorectal surgery at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney and the John Goligher Colorectal Unit in the United Kingdom. He completed his Masters in Surgery at the University of Sydney.

Associate Professor El-Khoury is an Associate Professor at the University of Notre Dame, a member of the Colorectal Surgical Society of Australia and New Zealand, a senior lecturer at the University of Sydney and an Executive Member of the RACS NSW State Committee.



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Prep for SET Program

Saturday, 31 October 2020

8:30AM | REGISTRATION OPENS

9:00AM

– Welcome

Associate Professor Toufic El Khoury
Consultant in General, Colorectal
and Laparoscopic Surgery, Executive
Member of the RACS NSW State
Committee, Senior lecturer UoS & UoND

9:10AM

– Towards a career in surgery – where do I start?

Surgical specialties, RACS guides and courses, finding a mentor, wellbeing
Dr Amy Hort
SET 2 General Surgery Trainee

9:30AM

– JDocs by RACS – preparing aspiring surgeons and proceduralists

Ms Karen Gordon-Clark
Prevocational Coordinator, RACS

9:45AM

– Prevocational training – options, tips and hints

Unaccredited training, types of positions, research
Dr Kristian Adams
Surgical SRMO

10:05AM

– Preparing for Surgical Education and Training (SET) selection

Application process and requirements, research, CV, referees reports, interviews
Dr Amy Cao
SET 5 General Surgery Trainee

10:30 - 11:00AM | MORNING TEA

11:00AM - 1:00PM

– Practical skills – Session 1

Ms Susan McGuigan
Clinical Education Specialist – NSW,
Applied Medical Australia

1:00 - 2:00PM | LUNCH

2:00PM - 3:00PM

– Practical skills - Session 2

Ms Susan McGuigan
Clinical Education Specialist – NSW,
Applied Medical Australia

3:00PM - 3:15PM

– Wrap-up and close

Women in Surgery

Sunday 29 November 2020

NSW RACS office, Kent St, Sydney,
12.30pm – 2.30pm

Convener: Dr Michelle Atkinson, Deputy
Chair, NSW State Committee

Speakers:

The Hon Bronnie Taylor MLC

Ms Carrie Marr



The Hon Bronnie Taylor MLC Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women

The Honourable Bronnie Taylor, MLC is the Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women.

Appointed in March 2019 Bronnie brings a wealth of experience to this important and vital Ministry.

Before entering Parliament in 2015, Bronnie spent 20 years working in health as a registered nurse, specialising in cancer care and palliative care. Her work in these fields saw her become one of the first McGrath Foundation breast care nurses and then became the Director of Cancer Services in the Southern NSW Local Health District.

It was through her work as a cancer nurse where Bronnie's political career began. Determined to get better services for patients in regional NSW, Bronnie successfully lobbied for a local oncology service for the Monaro. The establishment of the Cooma Oncology Clinic means that regional patients have access to the same quality health care as patients in the city, and they can stay in their communities while having treatment.

Inspired to make more change, Bronnie entered local government serving as the Deputy Mayor of the Cooma-Monaro Shire. It was here that the National Party could see the passion and drive in Bronnie and in 2015 she was elected to the NSW Legislative Council.

Only a year after being elected as MLC, Bronnie was appointed Parliamentary Secretary for Southern NSW and Regional Communications. In January 2017, she became Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier and Southern NSW.

Bronnie is passionately committed to our rural and regional communities, and in particular about health and education outcomes, local government and agriculture.

As Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women Bronnie is working towards ambitious targets of Towards Zero suicides, providing more work opportunities for young people in regional NSW and supporting women with a number of programs building leadership and support networks.



Carrie Marr Chief Executive of the Clinical Excellence Commission (CEC)

Chief Executive of the Clinical Excellence Commission (CEC), Carrie Marr has a passionate focus on quality improvement and patient safety.

She has held a number of executive and consultancy roles within the National Health Service, Scotland. Before joining the CEC, Carrie worked at Western Sydney Local Health District as Executive Director Organisation Effectiveness.

Carrie is a graduate of the advanced training program in Quality Improvement at Intermountain Health Care, Utah, USA. She also holds a Bachelor of Science (Nursing); a Diploma in Education (Nurse

Teaching); and a Master of Science (Organisation Consulting).

Carrie continues to proactively collaborate and learn with health colleagues from across the globe. These experiences inform her leadership of continuous improvement in the work of NSW Health to deliver exceptional, patient-centered care.

Women in Surgery Program

Sunday, 29 November 2020

12:15PM | ARRIVAL

12:30PM

– Welcome

Dr Michelle Atkinson, Deputy Chair,
NSW State Committee

12:50PM | ENTRÉE SERVED

1:05PM

The Hon Bronnie Taylor MLC, Minister
for Mental Health, Regional Youth and
Women

1:15PM

Ms Carrie Marr, Chief Executive
Clinical Excellence Commission

1:25PM – DISCUSSION AND Q&A

1:50PM – MAIN SERVED

2:15PM – TEA & COFFEE

2:30PM – CLOSE

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Younger Fellow Preparation for Practice



Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 November 2020, 8.30am – 4.30pm

RACS NSW Office, Kent Street, Sydney

Convener: Dr Pecky (Upeksha) De Silva

Dr Pecky (Upeksha) De Silva is a Vascular and Endovascular surgeon. She completed her medical studies at the University of New South Wales and then undertook her junior surgical training in Sydney at various hospitals.

Pecky trained in Vascular Surgery in both Australia and overseas. She is a Vascular Surgical Consultant at the Sydney Adventist Hospital and Hornsby Hospital.

She is a Member of the RACS NSW State Committee, Chair of the Younger Fellows Committee and on the Women in Surgery Committee.

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Younger Fellow Preparation for Practice Program

Day 1 – Saturday 21 November 2020

8:30AM | REGISTRATION, TEA AND COFFEE

8:50AM

- Welcome
Dr Pecky De Silva

SESSION ONE | 9:00AM

- Managing your finances
Bongiorno & Partners (NSW) Pty Ltd
Warren Davis

9:30AM

- Financing your practice
Credabl, Scott Hutchinson

10:00AM

- How to build a successful private practice – VIA ZOOM
Hoxton Medical Practice Management
Emily Elst

10:30 - 11:00AM | MORNING TEA

Q&A with Emily Elst in Surgeons' Office via Zoom

SESSION TWO | 11:00AM

- Choosing the right software for your Practice
Genie Solutions, Edward Manollaras

11:30AM

- Digital Transformation – to be confirmed
Clinic to Cloud, Rafic Habib

12:00PM

- Partnering with private hospitals
Ramsay Health Care
Richard Ryan, CEO
North Shore Private Hospital

12:30PM | LUNCH

SESSION THREE | 1:30PM

- Medico-legal Issues
MIGA, Kate Hodgkinson

2:00PM

- Online pitfalls
Avant Mutual Group Limited
Paul Tsaousidis

2:30PM | AFTERNOON TEA

3:00PM

- Medicare
Convener Dr Pecky De Silva FRACS

4:00PM

To be confirmed

4:30PM

Close

Day 2 – Sunday 22 November 2020

8:30AM | BREAKFAST AND MORNING TEA

8:50AM

- Photographer
Kumayl Virjee

SESSION ONE | 10:30AM

- Human Resource Session
Naomi Murnain, Principal Consultant
Naomi Murnain Consulting

11:00AM

- Q&A

11:35AM

- AHPRA
Professor Tony Eyers, FRACS

12:05PM

- Introduction to Panel
Convenor, Dr Pecky De Silva

12:30PM | LUNCH

SESSION TWO | 1:30PM

- Panel
Mr Ken Loi
Dr Julia Crawford
Dr Nipunika Jayatilleke

3:30PM

- Summing up and closing
Convener, Dr Pecky De Silva

3:40PM

- Feedback forms and certificates
RACS staff

The Graham Coupland Lecture and Medal (NSW)



The Face of Head and Neck Cancer

Professor Jonathan Clark AM

G.A.E. Coupland (1934-1982), had a distinguished, but short, career as a gastric and paediatric surgeon. Coupland graduated in medicine from the University of Sydney in 1959 and obtained his Master of Surgery from the same institution in 1975. He was a brilliant and natural surgeon, especially of the upper gastrointestinal tract. He later turned his attention to the surgery of children.

As Supervisor of Surgery for the University of Sydney, Coupland was an admired and respected teacher at Royal North Shore Hospital. In 1976 he was appointed Associate Professor. He also taught at the Singapore General Hospital under the Colombo Plan. He was an energetic and enthusiastic member of the New South Wales Regional Committee from 1978 to 1982.

Professor Clark AM holds consultant positions in Head and Neck Surgery at Chris O'Brien Lifehouse and Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. He is the Director of Head and Neck Cancer Research at the Sydney Head and Neck Cancer Institute (SHNCI) and Head and Neck Research Lead at the Royal Prince Alfred Institute of Academic Surgery (RPA-IAS). He is a conjoint clinical professor at the University of Sydney and the inaugural Lang Walker Family Foundation Chair in Head and Neck Cancer Reconstructive Surgery.

He was awarded a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 2019 for his contribution to head and neck surgery and has been appointed a master surgeon by the International Federation of Head and Neck Oncological Societies (IFHNOS).

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RACS NSW Surgeons' Evening

The pinnacle event of the month – NSW Surgeons' Evening – recognises and celebrates the exceptional and committed surgeons in our state. The evening features the Graham Coupland Lecture, this year presented by the Graham Coupland Medal recipient, head and neck surgeon Professor Jonathan Clark AM. We also present awards for exceptional NSW surgeons, and recognise the leadership our surgeons have shown in this unprecedented year.

Friday 27 November 2020, 6.30pm – 10.30pm

Dockside, Darling Harbour

6.30pm – 10.30pm

Formal Attire

Convener: RACS NSW State Chair - Associate Professor Payal Mukherjee



Elizabeth Koff, Secretary, NSW Health

Elizabeth has held several Senior Executive roles within the NSW health system, across operational and policy portfolios.

Elizabeth was appointed Secretary, NSW Health in 2016. As Secretary, Elizabeth is responsible for the management of the NSW health system and setting strategic direction to ensure NSW continues to provide exceptional healthcare, research, and education.

Elizabeth is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Technology Sydney, a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD), a Fellow of the Institute of Public Administration Australia (IPAA) and a member of Chief Executive Women.

RACS NSW Surgeons' Evening

Friday, 27 November 2020

6:30PM | ARRIVAL

7:00PM | PROGRAM STARTS

7:30PM

- **Guest speaker**
Elizabeth Koff, Secretary, NSW Health

8:00PM | AWARDS PRESENTATION

- **NSW Merit Award**
Dr Lynette Reece
Associate Professor Arthur Richardson
Associate Professor Jonathan Hong
- **Service to the Community Award**
Mr Michael Stephen
- **Michael Donnellan Award**
Associate Professor Philip Truskett

- **Graham Coupland Lecture and Medal**
Professor Jonathan Clark
- **Annual Medical Student Award**
Ms Imogen Hines
- **Educator of Merit Award**
Professor Raymond Sacks

10:30PM | EVENT CONCLUDES

