

New Fellows and Awards Presentation Ceremony

Sunday 29 October 2023

Perth Convention and Exhibtion Centre



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Dr John Regan RANZCOG Vice-President

Welcome Address

Dr Benjamin Bopp RANZCOG President

Presentation of New Fellows

Dr Nisha Khot to present newly elevated Fellows to the RANZCOG President and Fellowship

Presentation of New Subspecialists

Dr Nisha Khot to present recently certified subspecialists to the RANZCOG President and Fellowship





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Outstanding Achievement in Examinations

Dr Judith Gardiner to present awards for Outstanding Achievement in the DRAN7COG Advanced Oral Examination

Presentation of RANZCOG Distinguished Service Medal

Dr Judith Gardiner

Citation read by A/Prof Boon Lim

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Presentation of RANZCOG President's Medal (2022)

Prof Yee Leung

Citation read by A/Prof Jared Watts

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A/Prof Gregory Jenkins

Citation read by A/Prof Michael Rasmussen





Presentations

New Fellows

Dr Kate Andrewartha

Dr James Aridas

Dr Andrea Atkinson

Dr Amin Bahabri

Dr Victoria Buckley

Dr Alice Burton

Dr Alexandra Carey

Dr Elise Coghill

Dr Sean Copson

Dr Ryan Cranney

Dr Alexandra Frain

Dr Leah Grace

Dr Sandhya Gupta

Dr Rashida Hakeem

Dr Julia Harding

Dr Rhiannon Heading

Dr Jeh Wen Ho

Dr Nicole Inglis

Dr Gonsal Koralage Chaminda Jayalath

Dr Sajith Kodithuwakku

Dr Sebastian Leathersich

Dr Rilka Lee

Dr Karuna Mary Lionel

Dr Sue Ann Loh

Dr Helen Manning

Dr Kate Martin

Dr Ross McBride

Dr Melissa McGauran

Dr Anne O'Connor

Dr Madushan Pathiraja

Dr Alana Pountney

Dr Nambukara Premadasa

Dr Sunita Puran Singh

Dr Inge Putri

Dr Bethany Sampson

Dr Helen Sherrell

Dr Matthew Sleeman

Dr Prue Standen

Dr Benjamin Stephens

Dr Katherine Stewart

Dr Madeleine Stringer

Dr Nishamini Subramaniam

Dr Pongsarat Sukjit

Dr Phoebe Swan

Dr Rebecca Taylor

Dr Tamara Turnbull

Dr Leila Usher

Dr Bryony van Santen

Dr Ramy Wahba

Dr Xiaoqian Wang

Dr Madeleine Ward

Dr Carole-Anne Whigham

Dr Avelyn Wong

Dr Shui-Jean Yap



New Subspecialists

A/Prof Emma Allanson Gynaecological Oncology

Dr Elisha Broom Maternal Fetal Medicine

Dr Nicole Krzys Gynaecological Oncology

Dr Kristen Moloney Gynaecological Oncology

New Educational Affiliate (Subspecialist)

Dr Carman Lai Maternal Fetal Medicine



Awards and Recognition of Outstanding Achievement in Examinations

Dr Ranjita Bains, DRANZCOG Ad. Oral Exam Highest Achiever, Sept. 2019



RANZCOG Distinguished Service Medal

Dr Judith Gardiner

It is my very great pleasure to present Dr Judith Gardiner the Distinguished Service Medal of The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in recognition of her extraordinary contribution to the work of the College and exemplary work in Women's Health, particularly in rural, regional and remote areas.

Dr Gardiner's medical career started at Monash University where she completed a Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery with honours in 1978. She then completed her residency years in Victoria and the United Kingdom and completed the Diploma of the Royal Australian College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in 1980.

Dr Gardiner continued to gain education, training and clinical experience in O&G and completed the Diploma of RANZCOG (DRANZCOG) in 1995 and the Advanced Diploma of RANZCOG (DRANZCOG Adv) in 2001.

Having obtained a Certificate in Sexual and Reproductive Health from Family Planning Australia in 2000, Dr Gardiner continued to utilise these skills and interests in her clinical practice, culminating in the establishment of a Family Planning Clinic in Mackay, QLD. Continuing in this vein, Dr Gardiner became a Family Planning IUD and Implanon insertion trainer in Queensland and New South Wales. Again, highlighting her willingness to educate and grow the service provision of Women's Health across Australia. She has been vocal in improving the access and distribution of safe abortions across Australia and co-signatory to letters and applications to government supporting this, most recently in March 2023 prior to the NSW election as a member of the Australian Clinicians for Choice.

Dr Gardiner works tirelessly across many RANZCOG committees and working groups to improve the representation of trainees, diplomates and those that work in rural and remote Women's Health. She is a current RANZCOG Board Member and the first Diplomate Board member, the Chair of the Diplomate's Committee, Co-Chair of the Conjoint Committee for the Diploma of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Co-Coordinator for the DRANZCOG and DRANZCOG Adv Examinations to name just a few.

Passionate about improving the education of Diplomate members and increasing engagement with the College, Dr Gardiner has been integral in organising, facilitating and hosting Diplomate workshops, education days and online webinars at RANZCOG Annual Scientific meetings and Symposiums over many years. These contributions are paving the way for the future regional and remote clinicians and enhancing the support and recognition of women's healthcare professionals in these areas.

Dr Gardiner has personally conducted, and at times directed, Women's Health services across Australia including St. Arnaud (Vic), Mackay (QLD), Gove (NT), Port Macquarie (NSW), Laurieton (NSW) and many locums in rural and remote locations. This included provision of General Practice, Obstetrics & Gynaecology and Geriatric Medicine as well as medical expertise for Family Planning Australia, Breastscreen Australia and the provision of care to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and their families.

Dr Gardiner is inspirational in her personal and professional life, with an unrelenting, unwavering passion for delivery of Women's Health and of rural Women's Health in particular. In recognition of her extraordinary contribution to the work of the College, and dedication to advocating for rural and remote Women's Health care, it gives me great pleasure to present Dr Judith Gardiner with the RANZCOG Distinguished Service Medal.

RANZCOG Distinguished Service Medal

Dr Scott White

It is my very great pleasure to present Dr Scott White the Distinguished Service Medal of The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in recognition of his extraordinary contribution to the work of the College.

Dr White has made outstanding contributions to the College over the span of his entire career, from junior trainee to subspecialist Fellow.

Dr White has been a member of various College committees, working parties and advisory groups since 2011. From 2011 to 2014 he was the Western Australian trainee representative on the RANZCOG Federal Trainees Committee, undertaking the role of Deputy Chair for a term. Since 2016 Dr White has been a College Councillor undertaking multiple roles including Chairing the Women's Health Committee, the Historical Collections Committee, and the Fetal Surveillance Education Program Steering Committee, where he advocated for changes to the Intrapartum Fetal Surveillance Guideline This was updated in 2019 as part of a successful collaborative exercise led by RANZCOG involving multiple external stakeholders.

In matters of training, Dr White has had more than a decade of experience and engagement with the College. He was the WA trainee representative and Deputy Chair of the RANZCOG Trainees' Committee and has been a committed training supervisor and member of the WA Training and Accreditation Committee since his elevation to the Fellowship. In TAC meetings, Dr White is consistently able to bring the group together to consider the broader picture of College policies and procedures when issues of process or protocol arise.

Dr White always provides a reasoned and sensible approach to issues around RANZCOG training and is a member of the 'Supportive Seniors' group of College supervisors across WA who have self-nominated to be an additional point of contact and support for any trainee in difficulty.

Dr White is a natural leader, skilled in forging productive and collaborative relationships with governing bodies and also with the community and professional organisations. His passion and dedication to the work of the College has inspired many Western Australian Fellows to become engaged and involved members of the College and to take an active interest in the advocacy of Women's Health.

In recognition of his extraordinary contribution and commitment to the work of the College and for his ongoing work as a leader, mentor and training supervisor, it is my great pleasure to present Dr Scott White with the RANZCOG Distinguished Service Medal.



RANZCOG President's Medal

Prof Yee Leung

It is my great pleasure to present Professor Yee Leung with the President's Medal of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG); the highest individual award that can be bestowed by the College. This award is made in recognition of Professor Yeung's outstanding service to the College and to the subspecialty of Gynaecology Oncology over many years, in particular, his extensive contribution as an Examiner and Training supervisor, and in his roles on the Board and Council.

Professor Leung obtained his medical degree at The University of Western Australia in 1984. Initially interested in becoming a GP, Professor Yeung's career plans changed after a six-month O&G rotation with Drs Neil Fleming and John Bowditch. Professor Leung became a Fellow of the Royal Australian College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in 1994. His Subspecialist training included a two-year Fellowship at the University of Toronto and McMaster University in Canada, and he achieved his Subspecialist Certificate in Gynaecology Oncology in 1996.

Throughout his career, Professor Leung has made an enormous contribution to the College, particularly through his work as an Examiner since 2004, a Training Supervisor from (1997-2008), and as a member of multiple committees, including terms as Chair of the Gynaecological Oncology Subspecialty Committee from (2004-2014), Member of the Subspecialty Committee from (2006-2016), Member of the Western Australia State Committee (2010-2021); Member of the Honours Committee from (2016-2021); Member of the Honours Committee from (2016-2021); Member of the New Zealand Advisory Committee from (2016-2021) and Chair of the C-QUIP Working Party since 2018.

Professor Leung served four terms on College Council (2010-2018) one term as a Member of the Board (2016-2018) and one term as Director of the Board (2018-2021). In addition to this, he has also been involved in numerous other College activities including as an associate editor of the Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology from 2014 to 2017.

Outside of his College work, he is a Professor within the School of Women's and Infant's Health at The University of Western Australia, Head of Department of the Western Australian Gynaecologic Cancer Service, Director of Surgical Education at King Edward Memorial Hospital for Women and Program Director for the WA Gynaecologic

Oncology Fellowship Training Program. In 2011 he was appointed the inaugural Professor in Gynaecologic Oncology in Western Australia.

Professor Leung has completed extensive research in the field of Gynaecologic Oncology, including as lead investigator and collaborator on multiple large multi-centre clinical trials and clinic-pathological projects related to gynaecologic cancer. He was instrumental in establishing the Western Australian Gynaecologic Oncology Biospecimen Bank in 2013, funded by a \$1.25 million grant from the Cancer Research Trust for the Western Australian Gynaecologic Cancer Research Initiative. The Biospecimen Bank is a valuable resource for current and future research in Gynaecologic Cancers and is just one example of Professor Yeung's outstanding contribution to the advancement of Gynaecologic Oncologic care.

An enthusiastic teacher, Professor Leung has a special interest in teaching in the operating theatre. He was the developer and facilitator of the Multidisciplinary Laparoscopy Group meetings in WA and the Perth Total Laparoscopic Hysterectomy Masterclass. He is also part of the team that runs the Anatomy of Complications workshop (ACW), a practical workshop to help attendees gain confidence and competence in recognising, managing, and avoiding, complications in surgery.

Professor Leung is also an Honorary Primate
Gynaecologist at Perth Zoo. In 2012, an orangutan
named Utama gave birth to a stillborn infant, suffering
complications from the delivery including a prolapsed
cervix. When non-surgical options failed Professor
Leung was part of a surgical team that undertook a
hysterectomy. Thankfully, Utama made a full recovery.
Again in August, Professor Leung was called upon to
provide his expertise when Puteri the orangutan had an
after hours gynaecological emergency requiring surgery
to remove precancerous uterine polyps.

On a more personal note, Professor Yeung is well known for his love of tennis, his eclectic and vibrant fashion, and his broad taste in music in the operating theatre. His gynaecology colleagues know him to be a mentor, confidant, leader and role model.

In recognition of his outstanding service to the College, particularly his invaluable contribution to the RANZCOG Council and Board and the Subspecialty of Gynaecology Oncology, it is with great honour and pleasure that I present Professor Yee Leung with the President's Medal.

RANZCOG President's Medal

A/Prof Gregory Jenkins

It is my great pleasure to present Associate Professor Gregory Jenkins with the President's Medal of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG); the highest individual award that can be bestowed by the College.

This award is made in recognition of Associate Professor Jenkins' outstanding service to the College in particular, his extensive contribution to the College's Training Accreditation Committee and Education Standards Committee, following representation on the New South Wales Regional Committee, New South Wales Regional Training Accreditation Committee, College Council and various standing committees.

After obtaining his medical degree from the University of Sydney, Associate Professor Jenkins began training as a specialist in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Westmead Hospital. He spent one year of advanced training in the United Kingdom before being elevated to Fellowship and commencing private practice in 1996.

Currently, Associate Professor Jenkins is Head of Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology at Westmead Public Hospital and a Visiting Medical Officer in the Western Sydney Area Health Service. He also works out of Norwest Private Hospital and conducts a weekly high-risk antenatal clinic at Auburn Hospital. He also teaches medical students from the University of Notre Dame and is heavily involved in the training of junior doctors in the specialty of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Associate Professor Jenkins areas of special interest include infertility, endometriosis, laparoscopic and vaginal surgery, complex obstetrics, female genital mutilation and specialist training.

Associate Professor Jenkins has served on numerous College committees since 1999 and continues to be actively involved. He was elected to the New South Wales Regional Committee in 1999 and was Honorary Secretary from 2001 to 2003. From 2010 to 2012. He was also involved on the Women's Health Committee, the Urogynaecology Subspecialty Committee and the Education and Assessment Committee. Furthermore, Associate Professor Jenkins represented New South Wales on Council for three consecutive terms between 2010 and 2016, during which time he was also an Ex-officio Member of the New South Wales Regional Committee. He was a member of the Provincial Training Working Party from 2013 to 2016. He has previously been Chair of the Conjoint Committee for the Diploma of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (CCDOG) Training, Accreditation and

Recertification (TAR) Subcommittee and, in his capacity as Subcommittee Chair, was also a member of the CCDOG Executive Committee and the GP Obstetrics Advisory Committee.

Throughout his career, Associate Professor Jenkins has been extensively involved in the FRANZCOG Training Program, undertaking both Training Supervisor and Integrated Training Program (ITP) Coordinator roles for extended periods. His involvement with the NSW Training Accreditation Committee from 2003 led to him being elevated to Chair in 2011. In this capacity, Associate Professor Jenkins sat as a member of the College Training Accreditation Committee, becoming Deputy Chair in 2012, and then serving as Chair from 2018-21.

During his tenure as Chair, he addressed the many challenges, changes and decisions necessary for ongoing delivery of the FRANZCOG Training Program during the COVID-19 pandemic. He was appointed Chair of the Education Standards Committee for 12th Council. His leadership in FRANZCOG selection is unmatched, from the integral part he played in setting up state selection processes while on NSW and College TAC, and more recently as Chair of the Selection Committee from 2021.

Associate Professor Jenkins has also been involved in volunteer work in Papua New Guinea. In 2012, he travelled to Kiriwina Island as part of the "Save the Kula Babies Project" to insert contraceptive implants and educate local staff on implant counselling and insertion. He has an ongoing interest and involvement in establishing and supporting family planning services in Papua New Guinea.

A natural leader, Associate Professor Jenkins has always brought a 'quiet wisdom' to decision making that is collegial, kind and consistent. He has been involved in solving innumerable difficult issues in training, and there are many trainees who have benefited from his presence at College. In 2021, he was an inaugural recipient of RANZCOG's Wellbeing Award, the nomination citing his "ongoing commitment to teaching and promoting a culture of respect".

In recognition of his outstanding contribution to the work of the College, it is with the utmost pleasure that I present Associate Professor Gregory Jenkins for the President's Medal of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.





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