



AusACPDM ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022



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Welcome

We would like to welcome you to our report for the years 2021-2022 as the first co-presidents of the Australasian Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine (AusACPDM). In leadership we both value compassion, sustainability, advocacy, respect, responsibility and accountability.

We therefore made the decision to share the co-presidency to ensure we can lead the Academy with these values in mind, on top of our busy clinical and academic roles. On that note, we would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the Board, the committees and membership for their leadership, commitment and sharing of knowledge to strengthen the AusACPDM. You will see in the committee updates in this report, the stellar work that committees have been doing.

The past two years have been like no other, as we learned to live with COVID-19. As a community, we shared in suffered grief, loss, and collective trauma but we also took advantage of the opportunities to connect with each other in new ways. Our biennial conference, which also saw us host the International Academy of Childhood Disabilities (IAACD) was held completely online and was a great success. The use of online platforms also saw the introduction of monthly Listening and Sharing sessions hosted by each of the committees throughout the year to provide our membership with increasing opportunities to connect and share their experiences in an interactive, professional development format. We also partnered with the funded Centres of Research Excellence to deliver education symposiums; the next one will be held in August in Melbourne *"Linking health, wellbeing and participation"* ([Link here](#)).



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The AusACPDM established its first Special Interest Group in 2021, bringing together people from across Australia and New Zealand with a special interest in a particular topic. The pain Special Interest Group supports collaboration, knowledge translation and sharing ideas. If others wish to form an interest group – please get in touch!

As we move forward into the coming two years, we encourage our membership to *"Respect, Respond, Reimagine"* - the theme of our next biennial conference in Cairns. We are proud to be offering a hybrid format for our conference to enhance accessibility but also to be sustainable. The establishment of a sustainability committee for the conference is one of many legacies we hope to leave behind as co-presidents.

Alicia Spittle and Sarah McIntyre Co-Presidents of AusACPDM



About the AusACPDM

The Australasian Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine (AusACPDM) aims to provide multidisciplinary scientific education for health professionals and to promote excellence in research and best practice clinical care for children and adults with cerebral palsy and developmental conditions.

The AusACPDM is led by a Board of Directors, and its tasks and objectives are managed by committees.

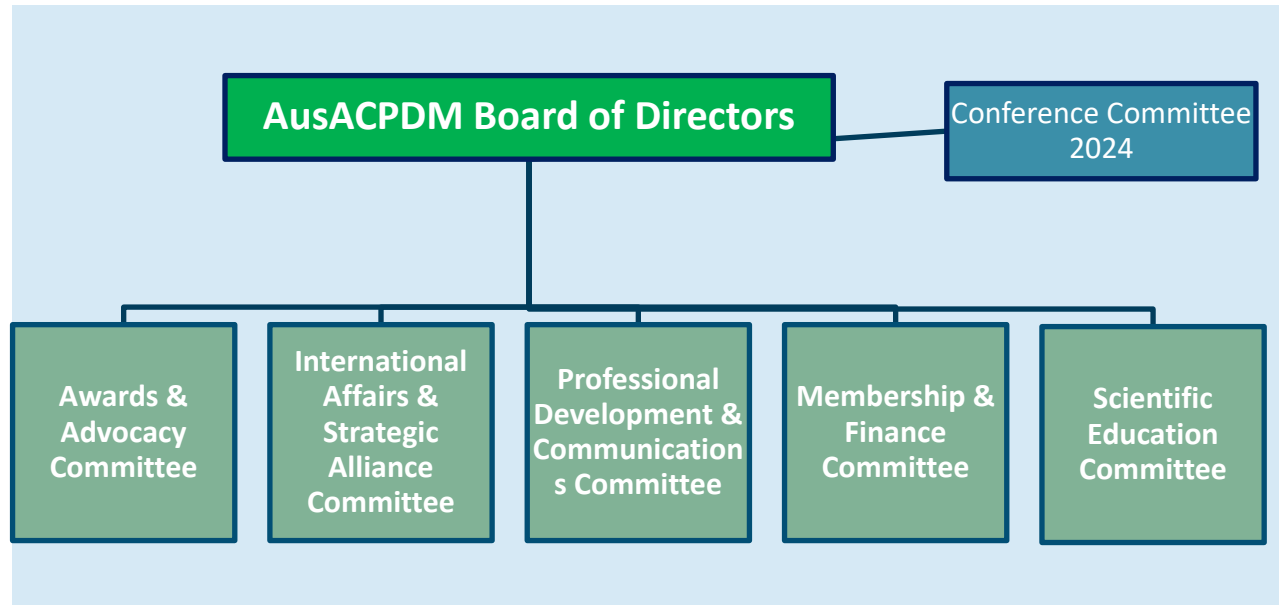


Photo: Practicing social distancing and self-isolation in New Zealand. *Erin Christensen*

Governance

Our Directors on the Board are all on four-year terms. Every two years some Directors reach the end of their term and choose to step down or re-nominate. In 2022 Kim Clayworth, Siobhan Reid and Simon Paget all chose to step down. This left three positions vacant. Through an updated nomination and election process we welcomed Adrienne Harvey, Amy Hogan and Georgina Clutterbuck to the Board. Kirsty Stewart finished her two-year term as President and Sarah McIntyre and Alicia Spittle picked up the helm as Co-Presidents. At the end of 2022 we had 221 members, of which 4 were lifetime members.



Sarah McIntyre



Alicia Spittle



Kirsty Stewart



Tessa de Vries



Christine Imms



Ann Jorgensen



Gaela Kilgour



Sarah Love



James Rice



Sian Williams



Adrienne Harvey



Amy Hogan



Georgina Clutterbuck

Our current Board:

- Sarah McIntyre, Cerebral Palsy Alliance (Co-President)
- Alicia Spittle, University of Melbourne (Co-President)
- Kirsty Stewart, Children's Hospital at Westmead, Sydney (Past-President)
- Tessa de Vries, University of Melbourne (Treasurer)
- Christine Imms, Australian Catholic University
- Ann Jorgensen, independent advisor
- Gaela Kilgour, Canterbury District Health Board
- Sarah Love, SensesWA
- James Rice, Women's & Children's Hospital Adelaide
- Sian Williams, Curtin University & University of Auckland
- Adrienne Harvey, Murdoch Children's Research Institute
- Amy Hogan, Cerebral Palsy Society of New Zealand
- Georgina Clutterbuck, University of Queensland

Conferences

Combined 11th AusACPDM & 3rd International Alliance of Academies of Childhood Disabilities (IAACD) Conference: *Better Together*



This conference was held virtually through a custom designed platform. There were over 1,000 delegates from 45 countries. The program featured 13 keynote speakers, 202 free papers, 111 poster presentations, 82 workshop presenters, 30 focused symposia, 10 seminars, six instructional courses, two debates and eight pre-conference workshops. To keep delegates engaged in the virtual program additional sessions were introduced called “Ask me anything sessions”, as well as themed discussion group networking sessions. All

content was recorded and available for 3-months post-conference to all delegates.

There were two virtual welcome receptions with entertainers who hosted ‘Names, Games & Rock’N’Roll’, and Chair Zumba was also held on the final day to promote movement and health. An exciting feature of the platform was the Feel-Good Corner, where the Social Committee prepared resources to assist delegates in looking after themselves both mentally and physically and also giving some insight into the original host city Melbourne.

AusACPDM & CP Achieve Joint Virtual Symposium: *Collaborate, Innovate, Achieve 17 - 18 June 2021*

Over 60 presenters across 30 sessions focused on the health and wellbeing of youth and adults with cerebral palsy. Presenters included many people with lived experience of CP. Over 300 registrants attended the symposium.

Topics included: Physical health and wellness outcomes; pain and fatigue; community physical activity; mental health; psychological interventions; sexual health; participation; employment; transition to adult services; PhD snapshots and young people’s involvement as research partners.



2024 Conference

**Upcoming: 12th AusACPDM Biennial Conference:
Respect, Respond, Reimagine 30 July – 4 August 2024**

The theme for this conference is ***Respect, Respond, Reimagine*** and is taking place in **Cairns from 30 July - 4 August 2024**. The website has been launched (click [here](#) to visit website) and the key dates have been confirmed. The marketing campaign and sponsorship prospectus launched in April 2023.

Registration, call for abstracts and scholarship applications will all open in October 2023. The Board and conference committee have confirmed this will be a hybrid conference, offering both virtual and in-person registrations. It was agreed to increase the price of registration to compensate for the additional charges associated with holding a hybrid conference.



12th AusACPDM Biennial Conference

31 July - 3 August 2024 • Cairns Convention Centre



CAIRNS - FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND



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RESPECT RESPOND REIMAGINE

31 July - 3 August 2024

Committee Updates

Professional Development and Communications

This committee has initiated the Listening and Sharing sessions and maintained the ongoing organisation and facilitation of these monthly professional development opportunities as a free service to members. Events are recorded and posted to the website for members who were unable to attend on the day. We have audited and updated resources on the website and managed the range of requests to post events, research and other opportunities for members onto the website. After the

AusACPDM conference and other co-badged events, keynote presentations and other conference resources are also posted to the website for members. We have been a driving force in the endeavor to further the AusACPDM engagement with Pasifika and First Nations communities across our region. We are keen for Pacific representation at the 2024 conference, which will be possible through liaison with other AusACPDM committees and the AusACPDM scholarship/mentoring program.

AusACPDM Pacific Group

Our group needs your help! We are mapping “Who comes into the Pacific Islands?”

We want to know of people, organisations, and services that provide health care, support, therapy, resources and aid to people who live in the Pacific Islands with disabilities.

Why? We are planning a Networking forum to bring people together, develop relationships and ongoing networking, share ideas and resources. Visit the website [here](#) to find



Committee Updates

Awards and Advocacy

The Awards and Advocacy Committee in 2021-2022 thank their members for their contribution to the Academy. We welcomed two new members and farewelled three. In 2021 and 2022, one of the focuses for the committee has been on the development of an “Equity Statement” for AusACPDM, led by Dr Rachel Toovey & Amy Hogan. A working group meets regularly and includes representation from across the Academy. The aim is to outline what equity means in the context of the Academy, with a particular focus on people with a disability, and the role of intersectionality, and what we can do as members of AusACPDM to reduce health inequities. Equity will be a priority theme and the statement will be launched at our conference in 2024. Another focus for the committee is to ensure that our conferences are more sustainable. A sustainability committee has been formed to try to make our next conference in Cairns carbon neutral. The committee and its members have contributed to Listening and Sharing sessions on advocacy topics. We have written one statement and one letter to government on behalf of AusACPDM to advocate for people with disabilities. The Awards and Advocacy Committee continues to organise the awards which were presented at AusACPDM 2022, with new nominations being called for later in 2023, which will be awarded during our upcoming conference in Cairns 2024.



Scientific Education

This year saw members of the Scientific and Education Committee Leanne Sakzewski and Alicia Spittle co-chairing the Conference Scientific Organising Committee to develop the scientific content of the 12th AusACPDM Biennial Conference: *Respect, Respond, Reimagine*.

In addition to our role in organising the scientific content of the AusACPDM biennial conference, the Scientific Education Committee is responsible for reviewing requests to have the AusACPDM website host information regarding research outputs, including clinical practice guidelines, as well as requests for research participation to go out to members, and in principle support letters for members applying for nationally competitive grants. This is a new function of the Scientific and Education Committee which involved development of a request form and processes for assessing if the research grant application fit the strategic intent of the AusACPDM and its members.

In the reporting period for the 2021-2022 we received on average 13 requests to review per year. In 2021 we received one request for endorsement and dissemination of a clinical practice guideline (Eye-gaze technology) and 11 requests from researchers for advertising studies for participant recruitment. In 2022 we received one request for endorsement and dissemination of a clinical practice guideline (Functional Training in CP), one request to host a video resource (Measuring Dyskinesia), six requests for research participation, and six requests for letters of in principle support for nationally competitive grant applications.

Committee Updates

International Affairs and Strategic Alliance

Many thanks to the members of the International Affairs and Strategic Alliance Committee for their contribution to the Academy. We welcomed a new member and farewelled another. We also thank Dr Mary-Clare Waugh for her leadership in chairing the committee since 2018. One of the main roles for the committee is co-ordination of the scholarship and mentoring programs at the time of the AusACPDM conference. As a committee we are looking at expanding the mentoring program so there are opportunities for mentoring at other time periods, with focus on our neighbours in the Pacific region. At the 2022 AusACPDM Better Together Conference, the International Affairs and Strategic Alliance Committee awarded 21 scholarships that gave recipients virtual registration (worth total value of AU \$9,075). The awardees comprised seven from Brazil and Australia, two from India, and one each from Germany, Spain, Serbia, Uganda and Mexico. Of these, nine were full time students. Each delegate participated in various components of the conference: workshops, papers and posters. Four participated in the interactive International Affairs and Strategic Alliance Q & A session which was facilitated by Dr Mary-Clare Waugh. The Mentoring Subcommittee coordinates the mentoring program, which supports mentees in getting the most out of their conference experience. Fifteen delegates participated in the AusACPDM mentoring program. Feedback from mentees appreciated opportunities for networking and collaboration with their mentor and fellow mentees, despite the limitations of attending virtually.

Membership and Finance

In 2021 and 2022, the Membership and Finance Committee broadened the Academy's membership to include people with childhood-onset disability and their families, and any people working in the field of childhood onset disability, regardless of their profession. We are pleased to bring this additional knowledge and experience to help promote excellence in research and best practice clinical care for children and adults with cerebral palsy and developmental conditions. People with childhood-onset disability or their family members are encouraged to join the Academy as members, and to consider joining a committee to support the operations of the Academy and shape its development.

The Membership and Finance Committee continues to manage AusACPDM finances and ensure ongoing financial stability, work towards increased membership benefits and contribute to the IAACD finance committee.



Other key initiatives

AusACPDM Pain Special Interest Group

This group brings together individuals from across Australia and New Zealand with a professional interest in best practice chronic pain identification and management for people with cerebral palsy. We come from different health fields as well as the lived experience of cerebral palsy. Current research indicates that up to three out of four individuals living with cerebral palsy experience pain of varying degrees across their lifetime, with negative impact on participation and mental health. We meet every 1-2 months to discuss research, conferences and share knowledge.

Steering Committee Members: Dr Simon Paget (co-chair), Nadine Smith (co-chair), Amy Hogan, A/Prof Adrienne Harvey, Dr Angie Morrow, Dr Katarina Ostojic, Jennifer Lewis, Suzanne Smith, Therese Everton

The objectives of the Pain Special Interest Group are to:

- Foster collaboration, share ideas and support future research into the assessment and management of chronic pain for people with cerebral palsy;
- Advocate that all research is done in partnership with consumers;
- Facilitate knowledge translation across Australia and New Zealand.

Members of the Pain Special Interest Group have been presenting at national and international conferences including the Australian Pain Society meeting in Canberra, the EACD In Slovenia and the International Symposium on Pediatric Pain in Nova Scotia, Canada.

To find out more or to join the Pain Research Special Interest Group visit our website [here](#).



Other key initiatives

International Alliance of Academies of Childhood Disability

At the end of 2021, the International Alliance of Academies of Childhood Disability (IAACD) moved into its fully constituted state with member academies from seven regions of the globe and an elected Executive Committee. The leadership transition from Professor Hans Forssberg as President and a Steering Group comprised of Founding Academy members, occurred formally within the 2022 Combined Conference between the AusACPDM/IAACD. The Executive Committee is displayed in the image below. The Governing Council comprises members from each Member Academy, including three delegates from the AusACPDM, and our Standing Committees also comprise members from each member academy.

International Alliance of Academies of Childhood Disability

Work together, learn together, share together and help one another with knowledge and resources

Currently, there are nine member academies, and one provisional member, in the IAACD:

- American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine (AAPDM)
- Australasian Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine (AusACPDM)
- Chinese Academy of Rehabilitation Medicine - Pediatric Rehabilitation Committee (CARM- PRC)
- Eastern African Academy of Childhood Disability (EAACD)
- European Academy of Childhood Disability (EACD)
- Indian Academy of Cerebral Palsy (IACP)
- Mexican Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine (AMEXPCTND)
- Pakistan Academy for Child Development and Disability (provisional, PACDD)
- Southern African Academy of Childhood Disability (SA-Child)
- Sri Lankan Academy of Childhood Disability (SLACD)



International Alliance
of Academies of
Childhood Disability

Executive Committee members



President,
Christine Imms
(AusACPDM)



Secretary,
Arnab Seal
(EACD)



Treasurer,
Joshua Hyman
(AAPDM)

Members at large



Peter Rosenbaum
AAPDM



Gillian Saloojee
SA-Child



Jorge Carranza-Del Rio
AMEXPCTND



Xiaojie Li
CARM-PRC



T. H. Rasika
Samanmalee, SLACD AusACPDM



Kirsty Stewart
AusACPDM

Other key initiatives

International Alliance of Academies of Childhood Disability (cont.)

During 2022 and into 2023, we have been working together to create a 3-5 year strategic plan for the IAACD, which will be shared with all member academies in 2023.

The vision and mission of the IAACD cannot be met without the work of our committees, and our committees need members from each of our member academies - including the AusACPDM. If you want to be involved, please

let us know. The committees are:

- Academy Membership Advisory Committee
- Best Clinical Practice Committee
- Communications Committee
- Conference Planning Committee
- Finance Committee
- Global Professional Education Committee
- Research Committee

Listening and Sharing Sessions

Listening and Sharing sessions were introduced in May 2021. The aim of the sessions is to share knowledge, experiences, and learnings. The sessions are held via Zoom and are open to all. Recordings of some sessions are made available within the members only section of the AusACPDM website. Sessions have included:

- **26 May 2021** - *Musculoskeletal Issues in Cerebral Palsy: Is Classification the Key to Improving Communication and Management?* Prof Kerr Graham
- **30 June 2021** - *Australian Hip Surveillance Guidelines for Children with CP: 2020 What has changed?* Meredith Wynter, Dr Noula Gibson and Pam Thomason
- **28 July 2021** - *Cognitive Functioning in Children with Cerebral Palsy.* Dr Katherine Olsson
- **25 August 2021** - *Frame Running* Dr Sarah Reedman
- **6 October 2021** – *World Cerebral Palsy Day: Diagnosis versus Functional Thinking.* Prof Christine Imms, Dr Mary-Clare Waugh, Dr Gordon and John Carey
- **27 October 2021** - *Supporting children and adults with disabilities in low-middle-income countries during the COVID pandemic.*
- **24 November 2021** - *Assessment of dyskinesia in CP: then and now* Dr Kirsty Stewart and Prof Adrienne Harvey
- **30 March 2022** - *Running sports-focused interventions in different contexts. Sports Stars in the bush, Brazil and babies.* Dr Georgina Clutterbuck
- **27 April 2022** - *Dispatches from An Information Dessert: Framing CP As Adults* Amy Hogan and Hannah Diviney
- **25 May 2022** - *Respiratory Illness in Cerebral Palsy: It's everybody's business* Dr Noula Gibson
- **29 June 2022** - *Meet the Editor of Developmental Medicine & Child Neurology* Bernard Dan
- **27 July 2022** - *Implementing and evaluating PROMs and PREMs in practice: challenges, opportunities and future directions* Dr Zephania Tyack
- **31 August 2022** - *First Nations cultural adaptation of the LEAP-CP early Screening Program.* Leanne Mick-Ramsamy and Carly Luke
- **6 October 2022** - *Focus on Function: New Clinical Practice Guidelines for improving function in cerebral palsy.* Dr Michelle Jackman
- **26 October 2022** - *Oral Health for Children with CP or similar conditions* Stephen Moor
- **7 December 2022** - *Bridging the Gap: How to combine clinical work and research.* Prof Susan Stott, Dr Simon Paget, Dr Simon Garbellini, Dr Noula Gibson, Pam Thomason & Dr Kelly Weir

Finance

Over the last four years the Academy has worked hard to balance its income with its expenditure. As activities gradually increased, the cost of running the Academy increased. We have administrative support, accounting support, website costs, technology costs and each committee has an annual budget to enable their work. We also provide scholarships to attend the conference every two years. With the implementation of a membership fee and other improvements we have successfully balanced our off-conference year loss with the conference-year profit. This means the Academy will be financially sustainable long into the future. The Board has also made the decision to move part of its funds into a term deposit for further financial sustainability.

Revenue and expenses

| | 2021/2022 | 2020/2021 |
|----------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Revenue from ordinary activities | \$ 29,262 | \$ 79,229 |
| Expenses from ordinary activities | \$ 86,939 | \$ 43,625 |
| Interest received | \$ 28 | \$ 81 |
| Profit / Loss from ordinary activities | -\$ 57,649 | \$ 35,685 |
| Net increase/decrease in cash held | -\$ 57,649 | \$ 35,685 |
| Cash at beginning of financial year | \$ 344,061 | \$ 308,376 |
| Cash at end of financial year | \$ 286,412 | \$ 344,061 |

Directors Declaration

Australasian Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine Ltd Directors Declaration

The directors of the company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out in the financial reports, are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 and:
 - a. comply with Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Regulations 2013; and
 - b. give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the company.
2. In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

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Tessa de Vries
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Director 25 May 2023

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Director 29 May 2023

Auditor's Report

Auditor's Declaration

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of Australasian Academy Of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine Ltd

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report


Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Australasian Academy Of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine Ltd (the entity), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion the accompanying financial report has been prepared in accordance with requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act), including:

- a. giving a true and fair view of the entity's financial position as at 30 June 2022, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended; and
- b. complying with the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- c. complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

Australian Audit

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Alastair Abbott, CA, RCA, MAICD, M. Forensic Accounting
Registered Company Auditor number 486826

Director

Australian Audit
Perth, Western Australia

Date: 29 May 2023



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