This is intended to be the first of many regular updates to keep interested parties informed of the progress in creating the Academy of Child and Adolescent Health. It is an exciting time as the formation of the Academy becomes a reality. A number of processes are required in order for this to occur:

**Forming a not for profit (NFP) company**

This is the first step required to create a legal entity that can operate as a business; open a bank account, charge for membership and provide services. The process is well underway with the drafting of a constitution and appointment of an acting board of directors. Legal support has been engaged to ensure The Academy meets all legal requirements of the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) and may be deemed a charity which will provide taxation benefits.

**The working party – creating an inaugural Board of Directors**

There are a few dedicated paediatricians around the country who have been working on the formation of an Academy for a few years. They are providing guidance and support to ensure the success of the project and have agreed to act as the inaugural board of directors until elections are held at the first AGM anticipated to be held in the latter half of 2017 concurrently with the first Annual Scientific meeting.

**Chair**  
Kevin Forsyth is Professor and Head of Paediatrics for Flinders University in Adelaide. He is also Associate Dean and Director of the Medical Program for Flinders University. He is the immediate past Dean and Director of Education for the Royal Australasian College of Physicians. Education interests include curriculum design and reform, supervision, e-learning and the intersection of pathways between medical school, pre-vocational and vocational training.

**Secretary**  
Gervase Chaney is a general paediatrician and Executive Director of the Perth Children’s Hospital – part of the Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS) in Western Australia. Gervase is a Clinical Senior Lecturer, School of Paediatrics and Child Health, University of WA and an Adjunct Senior Lecturer, School of Medicine, University of Notre Dame WA. Gervase is a past President of the Paediatrics and Child Health Division of the RACP, RACP board member and RACP WA state committee chair.

**Treasurer**  
Jenny Proimos, a consultant paediatrician and adolescent health physician, is the Principal Medical Advisor for children and young people in the Victorian Department of Education and Training. She graduated from the Australian Institute of Company Directors in 2007 and has been a non-executive director of several non-profit boards. Jenny was Past-President of the Paediatrics and Child Health Division of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians from 2008-2010.
Director
Frank Oberklaid is Foundation Director of the Centre for Community Child Health at the Royal Children’s Hospital Melbourne, and a professor of paediatrics at the University of Melbourne.

He chairs the Victorian Children’s Council which provides policy advice to the Premier and relevant ministers, and has served on several high level national and international advisory groups and expert committees.

Director
Peter Procopis AM is a Senior Staff Neurologist at the Children’s Hospital Westmead. He was the Deputy Chief Executive of the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children 1985-2005. He is the Immediate Past President of the NSW Medical Council. Peter has held many College appointments including President of the Australian College of Paediatrics from 1993-1995, Chair of the Committee for Examinations and Chair of the Board of Continuing Education of the RACP.

Creation of a website

Work is currently underway on creation of an online presence for the Academy. A website is being created and the Academy can be contacted via a link which is currently available at [www.acah.org.au](http://www.acah.org.au)
The completed website will provide a portal for applying for membership once available and will have links to other social media platforms including Facebook, twitter and LinkedIn.

NB: If you have any expertise in this area and would like to be involved please email Andrea at andrea.lloyd@flinders.edu.au

Membership

Memberships to the Academy of Child and Adolescent Health are expected to be available from the end of 2016 once the incorporation of the NFP company is complete. Fees are yet to be finalised and are anticipated to be in line with other similar professional organisations. There will be reduced fees for trainees and associate members from aligned professions.

Appointment of an Executive Officer

The working party have engaged the services of an executive officer to assist in the establishment of the Academy.

Andrea Lloyd has been employed on a part-time basis to assist with all the processes required to establish the Academy, promote membership and host the first Annual Scientific Meeting and AGM later in 2017. Andrea has worked in medical education and health related fields for over three decades including managing a prevocational training unit and developing an on-line education program for clinical educators. She has experience in working with a range of professional bodies. Andrea can be contacted at andrea.lloyd@flinders.edu.au