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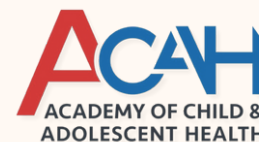
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Chair's Report



I am sure that you have had many moments when you were reminded of the powerful influences in your career and those whose values became your own. In paediatrics and child health, I believe that we are extremely fortunate to so often experience respectful collaboration, humility and deep and enduring dedication to the best interests of the child and their family in our leaders and colleagues.

The ACAH is privileged that 4 such inspiring leaders are members: Peter Procopis, Andrew Roseberg, Kim Oates and Les White (photo above).

I had one of those moments at a recent alumni lunch where I had the pleasure of reconnecting with a number of senior 😊 colleagues, including those above, who have genuinely enriched my professional life.

I would like to encourage you to contact us (admin@acah.org.au) to let us know if you would like to become more involved in the ACAH. There are many ways you can contribute, all of which make a difference to how we support each other and improve child and adolescent health. If you just want a yarn, please reach out to us.

By way of updates, please look at the next page to see all the exciting updates in store from the ACAH

Warm regards,

Dr Jacqueline Small

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ACAH26 Conference

ACAH2026 conference is being held 23-25 April 2026 in Darwin. More updates in the next page.

Webinar

Happening on 19th November, featuring Monique Ryan MP. Details to follow.

Current/recent Advocacy

- Support for NT paediatricians in relation to treatment of children in criminal justice system.
- Thriving Kids: Joint advocacy underway with Sharon Goldfeld (Murdoch Children's Research Institute), RACP and ASDP.

Annual General Meeting

Taking place on 25th September at 7.00pm via Zoom

Making a Difference to Children's Health: *Participatory Approaches in Childhood Onset Disability Research*

Thursday 25.09.2025 6pm-7pm AEST Webinar

Prof Olaf Kraus de Camargo, CanChild Centre for Childhood Onset Disability Research and Dept of Paediatrics at McMaster Uni, Canada.

Dr Laurel Mimmo, Snr Res Fellow, Nursing Research Unit, SCHN, Sydney

Dr Louise Butler, Community Paediatrician Child Development Programme, Children's Health Queensland.

<https://events.humanitix.com/making-a-difference-to-children-s-health-participatory-approaches-in-childhood-onset-disability-research>



Conference Update

With the theme of 'Building Brighter Futures', the fifth Annual Academy of Child and Adolescent Health Conference will take place in Darwin, on Larrakia Country, from 23-25 April 2026.

On behalf of the organising committee, we are excited to welcome you to the Top End, and to inspire, connect and educate passionate delegates from around the country all with a shared goal of improving child and adolescent health. Next year's conference will explore the journey of children and adolescents in Australia and beyond - from the neonatal period, to early childhood, schooling and adolescence, culminating in a focus on population health and environmental health.

Plenary sessions, workshops and panel discussions will centre on the health of First Nations people, health research and initiatives in Timor-Leste, youth justice and mental health, and health and environmental advocacy. We have an incredible line-up of speakers to be revealed over the next month - the conference will offer a unique opportunity to hear from strong advocates, research champions, those with lived experiences making grassroots change, and more. In the evenings, we'll show you the very best of what Darwin has to offer - think vibrant sunset markets alongside beautiful ocean views.

Save the date - we look forward to seeing you next year!

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ACAHA 2023 CONFERENCE MOMENTS

*A look back at the wonderful
moments at the ACAHA 2023
Conference*

