

ANZCA New Zealand Trainee Committee Newsletter

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Dear Trainee,

Welcome to our second trainee newsletter for 2011. The aim of this newsletter is to circulate information relevant to trainees within New Zealand.

You will all have now received two editions of the Training E-Newsletter from ANZCA which Mr Alan Penny, General Manager, Training and Assessments, has begun. This is an excellent resource providing detailed information pertinent to trainees across Australasia. A similar newsletter was previously produced by the ANZCA Trainee Committee (made up of all the Regional Chairs in Australia, plus the Chair of the NZ Trainee Committee). A decision was made to stop producing this newsletter as they were concerned about overloading trainees with emails. Information regarding trainees was then added as a subsection in the ANZCA E-Newsletter. My personal opinion is that this is quite a large newsletter, and often information relevant to trainees comes some way down the page and gets diluted in all the other information, often not being read by those who it is aimed at. With the new curriculum being rolled out at the end of next year, it is important that trainees have adequate information available to them on this process and this new Training E-newsletter will certainly help with that.

I am aware that with the above newsletter the role of the ANZCA NZ Trainee Committee newsletter may have diminished, but I do feel that there are still issues specific to NZ trainees that we can circulate. However, I would value your feedback on this, as I also do not want to overload your inbox with information if you feel it is not useful to you.

The goal of the ANZCA NZ Trainee Committee is to represent NZ trainees both within the NZ National Committee and ANZCA. I would be grateful for any feedback from you on how we can improve this service, any needs within training that are not being met that need addressing, and generally any comments on the role of the committee and its representation throughout New Zealand (directly to [myself](#) or via [Juliette](#)).

Finally, I would like to offer congratulations to all those who were recently successful in the Primary and Final exams.

Sheila Hart
Chair
ANZCA NZ Trainee Committee

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The Committee

The committee this year is well represented across New Zealand. Please feel free to approach any members if you have any concerns or issues relating to training that you want to discuss. I would like to thank Kim Heus (Wellington) who has served on the committee for the last 18 months. She has resigned this month due to other commitments

Sheila Hart (Chair)	Wellington
Rachel Dempsey (Deputy Chair)	Wellington
Sarah Sew-Hoy	Wellington
Jonathan Taylor	Auckland
Julia Foley	Auckland
Joe Taylor	Waikato
James Dalby-Ball	Christchurch
Thimali Rajapaksa	Christchurch
Sheila Barnett	Dunedin
Katherine Wills	Invercargill

Elections – 2012 Committee

Elections will be held later in the year for the ANZCA NZ Trainee Committee. Can I encourage you to think about putting yourself forward as a representative for your region. The committee meets four times a year – three teleconferences and one face-to-face meeting. It is a good way to keep yourself and trainees in your hospital up to date with what is going on in ANZCA and to get your views heard.

Member Profiles

Sheila Hart

I have been involved with the committee for 2½ years now. I initially became a member because I wanted to increase my awareness of ANZCA and what it could do for trainees (besides collecting fees!). I took on the role of Chair this year, following on from Kathryn Hagen, who worked hard to improve the profile and role of the committee. I believe that our main aim is to try and keep trainees throughout New Zealand connected, to ensure that information relevant to trainees is disseminated and to try and improve the welfare of trainees by giving them representation within New Zealand and Australia. I am currently in my final year of training. Outside of work I enjoy keeping active, with running, cycling and kayaking.

Jonathon Taylor

I am currently an ATY2 at Auckland City Hospital with the Part 2 on the horizon, having spent the training time in Taranaki, Ireland and Middlemore. Joining the NZ Trainee Committee provided a chance to understand the organisation we are planning on being a part of for our working lives, as well as getting important College information out to local trainees. In a past life I have soldiered through an ironman or two (credit to a very understanding wife) and am now learning the joys of having an entertaining four-month-old boy at home.

Training Opportunities

Registrar Training Day

This was held at Auckland City Hospital on Friday, 15 March 2011. The morning included a session on understanding anaesthetic literature by Professor Rod Jackson, followed by a complete breakdown of the anaesthetic machine by Andrew Simpson from GE Healthcare. After lunch there were small group sessions with internationally renowned airway specialists Prof Rolando Hung (from Halifax, Canada) and Professor Will Rosenblatt (from Yale, USA). The day finished with an update on allergy.

A total of 30 trainees attended for the whole day and 16 attended the morning session only. The level of trainee was 2 BTY1, 7 BTY2, 2 ATY1, 13 ATY2 and 6 ATY 3.

Next year this training day will focus on a medical theme, including updates in topics such as massive haemorrhage, PE with arrest, chest pain and ischemia in the recovery room, post-op respiratory insufficiency and renal salvage. This day is aimed at all levels of trainees and we would value your feedback on how this day can be structured to achieve a good educational resource that complements the Part 1 and 2 teaching you get in your hospitals. It is not intended to be a Part 1 or 2 exam preparation day.

In addition, what topics would you like to see covered? Would a session on leadership, for example, be valuable? Are there areas not covered in formal teaching that you feel are relevant to your career in anaesthesia? Please provide feedback to [Sheila Hart](#), or directly to [Dr Kerry Gunn](#), training day Co-ordinator.

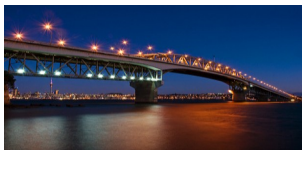
Annual Registrar Meeting

Friday, 2 December 2011, Auckland City Hospital

The morning session is set aside for topics of interest to trainees – “Why should I hire you?,” “Private Demystified,” financial management, how to start in research and the Christchurch earthquake. The scientific presentations will be held from 1.00pm to 5.00pm, and this will be an opportunity to present your formal project. Three prizes are awarded – the ANZCA prize for best scientific presentation, the NZSA prize for best quality assurance project and the Caduceus Award for originality and sole contribution by the trainee. The call for abstracts is now open. Visit the [ARM](#) site on the ANZCA NZ website for further information.

NZ Anaesthesia Part 3 Study Day – Bridging the Gap: becoming a consultant and beyond.

Saturday, 3 December 2011, Middlemore Hospital



This year we will run the first NZ Part 3 study day. This is a joint venture between ANZCA NZNC and NZSA. It is being held from 9.00am to 5.30pm, with post-course drinks and a social function. The day is aimed at advanced trainees and provisional fellows. Numbers will be limited to facilitate an interactive workshop-style day.

The day will consist of three sessions.

Session 1 An interactive workshop on CV and interview techniques.

Session 2 ‘Where will FANZCA take you?’ A series of consultants from around New Zealand talking about their role (eg. research, management and part-time) followed by a panel discussion and questions.

Session 3 ‘Things I wish I had known’. An informal session with consultants from around the country engaging the audience in discussion around things they think are important in the transition from registrar to consultant, focusing on issues such as finance, supervising trainees and non-clinical roles.

The day will finish with post-course drinks and a dinner function.

We are still in the planning stages for this day. As we progress, more information will be available on our [website](#). Registrations will open soon – mark the date in your diary.

Examinations

Webinar – 5 July 2011

Topic: **Tips for the Final Exam**
Time: 8.30pm-9.30pm (NZ Time)
Presenter: Dr Vida Vilunias, FANZCA,
Chair, Final Examinations Sub-Committee



An interactive webinar for ANZCA Trainees. All that is required to participate is a computer with speakers and access to the internet. See the ANZCA website for details on how to register for this. Even if you missed the webinar, the presentations remain available to view on the ANZCA site at [www.anzca.edu.au/edu/e-learn/resources/library.html](#).

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ANZCA Training Scholarships for 2012

ANZCA makes available 20 scholarships each year to assist anaesthesia trainees who are suffering severe financial hardship. Each scholarship will be awarded in the form of a 50 per cent reduction in the annual training fee for the following year. Applicants must be registered trainees of ANZCA. Applications must be submitted on the prescribed 2012 ANZCA training scholarship application form, copies of which are available from the College.

The closing date for applications for 2012 is **Friday, 5 August 2011**. Successful applicants will be notified in November 2011. Please note: If your financial circumstances improve during the training year for which the ANZCA Training Scholarship is awarded, you must notify the College. Your application will be reviewed and you may be asked to relinquish all or part of your scholarship.

Contact [Jessica Stephens](#), Administrative Assistant, CEO’s Office, for further information.

Trainee Profile

A reminder to please check this on a regular basis to ensure that your details are correct and up to date.

AVT Forms

There are a number of trainees with outstanding AVT forms. Without the AVT form being submitted your training cannot be approved for the period it relates to. If you have outstanding forms please ensure you send them to the College.

ANZCA Curriculum Renewal Redesign Process

Voluntary Submission of Trainee Logbooks

The Curriculum Redesign Steering Logbook, responsible for directing the structure of the revised curriculum for 2013, will shortly be setting volume of practice requirements for training in subspecialty areas of anaesthesia. Logbooks are not mandatory in our current training scheme, although some trainees voluntarily keep quite detailed records of their caseload. The College is keen to procure a selection of logbooks from current trainees in different ANZCA regions in order to review the number and type of cases that trainees are currently being exposed to.

We are looking for a few logbooks from throughout New Zealand. If you have a relatively complete logbook and are happy for ANZCA to look at it, please contact [Sheila Hart](#) or email the [ANZCA Trainee Committee](#).

E-Learning Working Group – Trainee Representatives

ANZCA is currently seeking two further trainee representatives (one basic trainee; one advanced trainee) for a newly established E-Learning Working Group. This group will be chaired by Mr Oilly Jones (ANZCA’s E-Learning Manager), and reports to ANZCA’s Education and Training Committee. The working group will meet quarterly by web conference, and will oversee the commissioning/production/review of e-learning materials. If you are keen to get involved then please email [Sheila Hart](#) or the [ANZCA Trainee Committee](#).



Formal Projects

A reminder from Dr Jennifer Woods (Formal Project Officer) to all trainees. If you leave your formal project submission until the very last moment of training you are disadvantaging yourself. The Formal Project Assessment Committee members review the projects in their own personal time and it is usual for the process to take at least six weeks. If your project needs to be sent back to you for revision then more time needs to be allowed. It is recommended that formal projects be submitted at least six months before the end of your training to ensure you are not held up obtaining your FANZCA and thus jeopardising future employment opportunities. Formal projects are assessed in the order they are received and no allowance is made if someone is nearing the end of their training and this is the last module to be completed to obtain your FANZCA.

Trainee Resources

New Zealand Library

A new book has been added to the collection held at the New Zealand office – *Morbid obesity: perioperative management* / Alvarez, Adrian [ed]; Brodsky, Jay B [ed]; Lemmens, Hendrikus J M [ed]; Morton, John M [ed]. -- 2nd ed -- Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010. (Book) 617.43 MOR.



New Zealand Trainee Handbook

If you are a new trainee to New Zealand, welcome! Have you got your copy of the New Zealand Trainee Committee publication *Anaesthesia Training in New Zealand Made Easy?* If not, contact [Juliette](#) in the NZ Office and she will send you a copy. It is also available electronically on the [ANZCA NZ website](#).



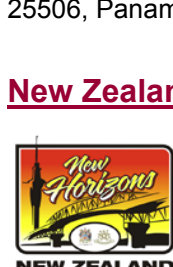
Fellowship Positions

A [page](#) on ANZCA’s NZNC website lists provisional fellowship positions available at New Zealand hospitals. If you are aware of any NZ or overseas fellowship positions which are not listed here, please advise [Juliette](#) in the NZ Office and we will get these listed on this page.

BWT Ritchie Anaesthesia Scholarship applications

Applications for the BWT Ritchie Anaesthesia Scholarship, which assists New Zealand final year trainee anaesthetists, or those in their first year of Fellowship, to study overseas, close at the end of this month. The 2011 scholarship is valued up to \$25,000, depending on the programme of the successful applicants. Applicants must be nominated and supported by their training department. For an information pack, please contact [Rose Chadwick](#) at the NZAEC or download the information from the [NZAEC website](#). Applications should be sent to Rose Chadwick, NZAEC, PO Box 25506, Panama Street, Wellington 6146 by **30 June**.

New Zealand Meetings



NZ Anaesthesia ASM 2011

2-5 November 2011, Auckland

Registrations are now open – early bird closes 30 September 2011. The theme of the meeting is ‘New Horizons’ and the internationally renowned keynote speakers reflect the organising committee’s desire to explore innovation and new thinking in anaesthesia. The meeting will also emphasise research with a best poster prize and a session for the Ritchie Award and trainee free paper. Trainees have a great opportunity to complete their requirements for the formal project. Those wishing to take part in the oral trainee prize are able to undertake a 15-minute oral presentation with questions from the evaluating judges – this is limited to ANZCA trainees only. In addition, those who prefer to utilise a poster presentation can undertake a 2-minute overview and then less formal discussion of their project over wine and cheese at the end of the session. The judges will assess the oral, posters and discussion of the posters with the authors. This is an open session and both trainees and specialists can submit posters – the best poster will also get a prize. We are hoping that as many trainees as possible can join their colleagues, mix with internationally acclaimed anaesthetists, complete their FANZCA requirements and even win a prize!!

To complete your formal project requirements, following the ASM a written report [minimum 1,500 words] must be submitted for assessment to the NZ Formal Project Officer (as per ANZCA document TE11 – *Policy on the Formal Project*).

There will also be plenty of networking opportunities. Check out the [ASM](#) for further information.

ANZCA ‘Meet the President Trainee Cocktail Function’

Thursday 3 November 2011, Auckland

This event is being held during the NZ Anaesthesia ASM 2011 – 6.15pm to 7.15pm. It is an excellent chance to meet Professor Kate Leslie, President of ANZCA, as well as catch up with other trainees from around the country and have a drink at the College’s expense! The invitation is open to all trainees, regardless of whether they are attending the ASM or not. For those who come, we are arranging a casual dinner out afterward (at own expense). A personal e-invitation will be sent to all trainees with further information.



13th ICCVA/NZ Anaesthesia ASM 2012

Auckland, 14-17 November 2012

This conference will combine the 2012 International Congress of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Anaesthesia (ICCVA) with the New Zealand Anaesthesia Annual Scientific Meeting, a joint undertaking between the NZ Society of Anaesthetists and ANZCA. To register your interest and for more information, see the [conference website](#).



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