



eNews

HAPPY NEW YEAR - WELCOME TO 2024!

In case you missed it, at the end of last year, we've included the December 2023 On the Pulse for your review.

Read about our 2023 Travelling Fellowship recipients experiences at ESC Congress 2023 and AHA23.

Catch up on the latest updates for the CSANZ ASM to be held in Perth in 1-4 August 2024.

See the top downloads in the *Heart, Lung and Circulation Journal* in 2023.

Find out how to get involved in the Women in Cardiology (WiC) Working Group.

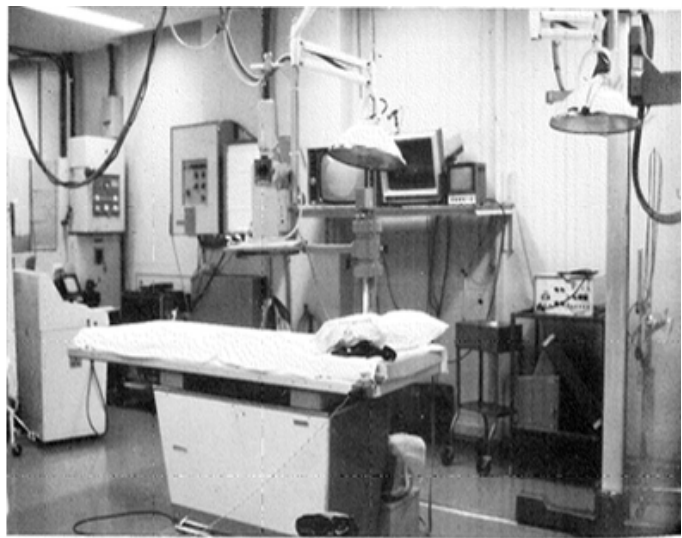
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IN MEMORIAM | Dr David Hunt, MBBS, FRACP, FCSANZ, DDU, FACC



Dr David Hunt
discussing his career and retirement plans
RACP Interview (2017)



Catheter Laboratory, The Royal Melbourne Hospital, 1982.
Photograph taken by Dr David Hunt

It is with deep regret that we note the passing of Dr David Hunt, MBBS, FRACP, FCSANZ, DDU, FACC, who died at his home in Melbourne on Thursday 11 January 2024. On behalf of the Cardiac Society Board and members, we would like to extend our sincere sympathies to his family and CSANZ colleagues.

[Read in full here](#)

Image courtesy: *Planning retirement from practice* – Dr David Hunt discusses his career and retirement from his life long work on Youtube (RACP Channel) Dr Hunt's own photo found in the CSANZ's historical record of *Cardiology of Australia and New Zealand*, section 5.4 on the Royal Melbourne Hospital (contributors Dr David Hunt and Dr Alan Goble).

#CSANZ2024 | Named Lecturers and International Faculty confirmed



www.csanzasm.com

The 2024 CSANZ ASM Program has been in full throttle behind the scenes and most of our exciting international speakers have now confirmed their spots at the podium. Discover more insights on our speakers at csanzasm.com.

Start planning your trip to WA! Join us in Perth from 1 - 4 August 2024.

Heart, Lung and Circulation | Editor in Chief



(Image l-to-r) Prof Robert Denniss (outgoing Editor in Chief) and A/Prof Salvatore Pepe (new Editor in Chief).

On behalf of the Society we offer our congratulations to A/Prof Salvatore Pepe as the incoming Editor in Chief of the *Heart, Lung and Circulation Journal (HLC)* for the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand (CSANZ) and the Australian and New Zealand Society of Cardiac and Thoracic Surgeons (ANZSCTS). [Read more about A/Prof Pepe here.](#)

We would like to acknowledge and thank **Prof A.R. (Robert) Denniss** for his extensive service as Editor in Chief of the *HLC*. Prof Denniss first joined the CSANZ in 1988, served on the CSANZ Board from 2012-2022 as the appointed Editor in Chief of the *HLC*.

During his tenure, he created insightful initiatives: including the appointment of editorial fellows, a commissioning editor, introduction of prizes for best review and high impact, and establishing a *HLC* session at the CSANZ ASM in conjunction with the *European Heart Journal* and other international publications. Also during his time as Editor in Chief, the journal published 132 issues, 17,330 pages, 2,620 manuscripts, 25 scientific meeting abstracts and presented 38 awards. ([Read more about Prof Denniss here](#))

We are grateful for Prof Denniss' valuable contributions over the past 11+ years as Editor in Chief and CSANZ Board Member.

Australasian Cardiac Outcomes Registry (ACOR) | 2024 UPDATE



ACOR is looking forward to a big year ahead!

The execution of the Australian Transcatheter Valves Therapy Registry (ATVT) Agreement with SAHMRI will see the TAVI Registry converge from a singular Registry into a four-valve Registry. This has been over a year in the making, and we are very excited to see the projects and opportunities that come from the creation of this new Registry, including new databases that incorporate the mitral, pulmonary and tricuspid heart valves.

Currently, there are 52 TAVI sites, with two more onboarding and 17,685 cases (as of 23/10/2023) entered into the Registry since commencement (April 2018).

ACOR continues to seek funding opportunities and looks forward to an exciting year ahead.

Read more about the [Australasian Cardiac Outcomes Registry](https://acor.net.au) ((<https://acor.net.au>).

Image: The CSANZ ACOR team

Alana Carpenter, Project Officer for ACOR (above left) is about to have her first baby and will be on maternity leave from Friday, 23 February 2024. We wish Alana and her husband Scott well and look forward to seeing baby photos soon!

We are delighted to welcome **Jessica Casley** (above right), as the interim ACOR Project Officer.

Jessica comes from an administration background and has a Bachelor of Science (Physiology) from Monash University. Jessica previously worked at Cabrini Health and the University of Melbourne. She brings with her strong experience in project co-ordination and administrative support, as well as a passion for health and scientific research.

Education Governance Review: Progress update and 2024 consultation

In 2023, the RACP Board established the Education Governance Working Group (EGWG) to lead the review of the College's education governance. The aim of the working group is to develop and implement a contemporary governance and reporting structure that aligns with the College values, prioritising effective decision-making and timely communication, whilst improving member experience.

Recognising the critical role of CSANZ in their education and training programs, the College has provided an update of progress. [Read in full here](#)



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MBS UPDATES: Two New Diagnostic imaging services

- Commencing 1 July 2024, two new diagnostic imaging MBS abdominal MRI items will be available for patients with a defined rare inherited condition associated with an increased risk of renal tumours, as well as ongoing assessment of changes over time to an existing renal tumour. This implements a recommendation from the Medical Services Advisory Committee

(MSAC): [MSAC - 1702 – Abdominal MRI for rare genetic conditions associated with increased risk of renal tumours](#)



- The MBS listing for cardiac MRI for myocarditis associated with mRNA COVID-19 immunisation (Item 63399) is extended until 31 December 2024. MSAC is currently considering cardiac MRI in the diagnosis of myocarditis more broadly, which is anticipated to be considered in April 2024: [MSAC - 1713 – Cardiac MRI in the diagnosis of myocarditis.](#)

YOUR FEEDBACK PLEASE:

Reclassification of MBS items as “hospital only services” attracting a 75% MBS rebate rather than 85%.

The Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care (DoHAC) has written to the RACP advising of its intention to reclassify as ‘hospital only services’ claimed in association with an eligible service. The reclassified items would attract a 75% MBS rebate rather than an 85% MBS rebate.

[Please see the in-scope items in the attached spreadsheet.](#) Find spreadsheet instructions [How to locate specific items of relevance.](#)

Your feedback is sought on any items that should **not** be reclassified. Please respond directly to the DoHAC in your individual capacity by emailing: MBSClinicalPolicy@health.gov.au by COB 2 February 2024 (AEDT).

UPDATE TO PBS Listings | Hypertension

Please find below information relating to amended Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) listings implemented on 1 January 2024.

- Hypertension - **Hydralazine** (25 mg and 50 mg tablet) has been **delisted** from the PBS **with a 3 month supply only arrangement**.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) relating to [access and use of the Online PBS Authorities system](#) can be found [here](#).



For more information about the Online PBS Authorities system visit www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/hppbsauthorities

Contribute to the ANAO performance audit of the PBS

The Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) is undertaking a performance audit on the administration of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

CSANZ members have been invited to contribute to this audit via the link below.

This audit will focus on the following:

- Has the Department of Health and Aged Care (Health) established appropriate governance and oversight arrangements for the PBS?
- Has Health established appropriate arrangements to manage the cost of the PBS?
- Have Health and Services Australia established effective arrangements to manage the delivery of PBS services and payments?

[Further information and how to contribute to this audit is set out here. Closing date Thursday 28 March 2024.](#)

CSANZ TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIPS | ACC.24 & ISHLT2024 | CLOSING SOON

HAVE YOU HAD AN ABSTRACT ACCEPTED FOR THESE MEETINGS?

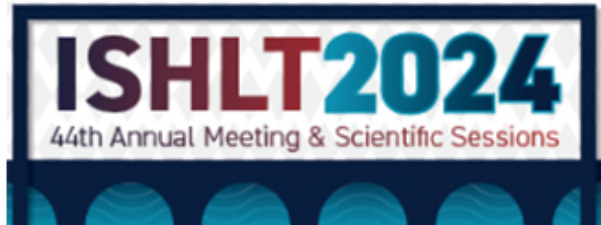
Applications are **closing on 29 January** for the following International Travelling

Fellowships worth \$5,000 each.

Click on the links below:

- [American College of Cardiology Scientific Sessions \(ACC.24\) in Atlanta, Georgia USA](#) from 6 - 8 April, 2024.
- [International Society For Heart & Lung Transplantation \(ISHLT 2024\)](#) from 10–13 April, 2024 in Prague, Czech Republic. Made available to our members by the CSANZ Heart Failure Council.

DON'T MISS THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST YOUR TRAVEL PLANS.



OTHER MEETINGS | ABSTRACTS ARE OPEN



ESC Congress 2024 London
30 August - 2 September
Onsite & Online



See more details and links to each Meeting at [CSANZ Other Meetings and Events](#).

Check our [Scholarships and Prizes page](#) for upcoming opportunities for CSANZ to assist in your travel to our Partner Scientific Meetings.

Would you like more information? Please contact us at info@csanz.edu.au

Research Reviews

Cardiology Research Review: Issue 160, with commentary by A/Prof John Amerena.

Find all the latest Research Reviews in **Notice Board** on the CSANZ Member News page (login required)

Latest Device Alerts

Latest Device Alerts on the links below from the Australia New Zealand Cardiac Device Advisory and Complication Committee (ANZCDACC).

Boston Scientific Model 3120 Zoom Programmer running software Model 2892 (December 2023)

- *Incorrect dates are displayed on certain pacemaker models using the Model 3120 Zoom (TM) programmer following January 10, 2024.*

Boston Scientific INGENIO family pacemakers (December 2023) - update to previous **(June 2021)**

- *New data and recommendations for remaining Boston Scientific INGENIO (tm) devices*

Update to risk of reduced or low energy shocks with a subset of Medtronic defibrillators (December 2023)

- *Increased potential for reduced energy or no energy delivered during high voltage therapy when programmed $AX > B$*
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Upcoming Events

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

4CC | 16 - 17 FEBRUARY 2024 | MELBOURNE, VIC

The focus of 4C Cardiology 2024 will be on high-level updates, debates, hot topics and future research directions in four key areas of cardiovascular medicine.

Submit your abstract **Read more and register**

INTRO TO CARDIAC MR | 23 - 24 MARCH 2024 | GOLD COAST, QLD

Designed to provide introductory knowledge in cardiac MRI, this course will cover the indications for, and capabilities of, cardiac MR. CPD points will be awarded for attendance.

[Read more and register](#)

ICCG | 8 – 10 MAY 2024 | BRISBANE, QLD

An exciting program is well underway and will be available on the website shortly.

[Call for Abstracts is now open](#) and will close on 28 February 2024.

[Read more about the Speakers here](#)

2024 HEART MEETING & EXPO | 5 – 8 JUNE 2024 | PORT DOUGLAS

Calling all clinical cardiologists, cardiac surgeons, advanced trainees and training fellows in cardiology, sonographers, trainee sonographers, cardiac technicians, cardiac nurses and other allied health professionals.

See Invitation for [Special FOC registrations for Fellows-in-Training!](#) [Read more and register.](#)

INTERNATIONAL

ADVANCED CARDIOLOGY INTERVENTION (ACI) | 31 JAN - 2 FEB 2024 | LONDON & FREE LIVE STREAM

Join the British Cardiovascular Intervention Society's (BCIS) flagship conference Advanced Cardiovascular Intervention (ACI) in London or stream LIVE for free! [LIVE STREAM on the BCIS](#)

[ACI 2024 app for international delegates](#)

[Read more about the program and register here.](#)

TF* ACC.24 | 6- 8 APRIL 2024 | ATLANTA, GA & VIRTUAL

[Plan your ACC.24 program here](#) [Register here](#)

TF* ISHLT 2024 | 9 - 13 APRIL 2024 | PRAGUE

[Read more about the Scientific Program](#), which will highlight the multidisciplinary nature of ISHLT, showcasing the latest scientific advances and groundbreaking research presentations as well as symposia sessions on hot topics of interest.

[Registration is open](#)

APSC-ECS 2024 | 3 - 5 MAY 2024 | DUBAI

[Abstracts are open](#) for submission. [Read more and register](#)

HEART FAILURE 2024 | 11 - 14 MAY 2024 | LISBON

The HFA Scientific Programme will feature exciting symposia, Guidelines in Practice sessions, as well as debates, Late-Breaking Science, clinical cases and original research.

[Late breaking science submissions will open on 19 January 2024](#)

TF* DONT FORGET TO APPLY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIPS

[Visit the CSANZ Events Calendar for 2024!](#)

Career Opportunities

AUSTRALIA

Congenital Heart Cardiologist – Melbourne, VIC

Advanced Heart Failure/Cardiac Transplant Cardiologist – Melbourne, VIC

Senior Medical Officer (Cardiology – Interventional) or Senior Medical Officer (Cardiology – Cardiac Imaging) – Sunshine Coast, QLD

NEW ZEALAND

Clinical Cardiac Physiologist – Taranaki

Interventional Cardiologist – Waikato

Interventional Cardiologist – Hamilton

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on the **CSANZ Website**

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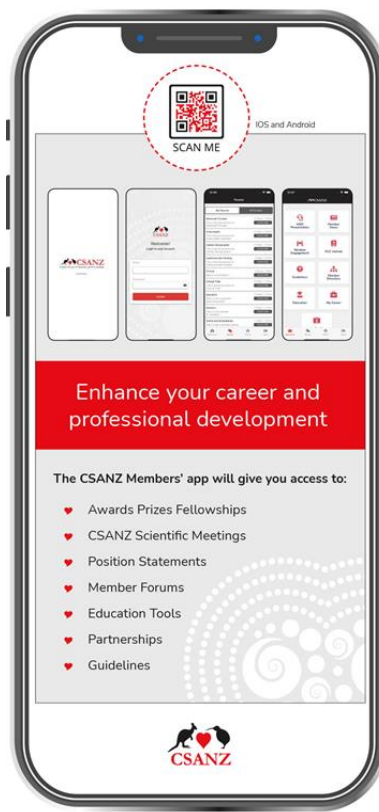
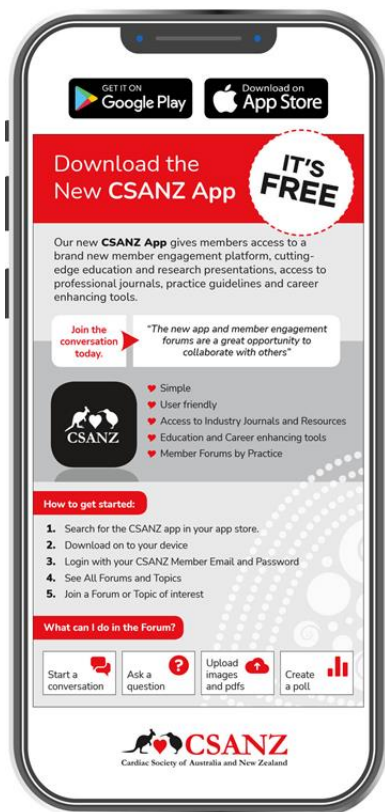
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