

ANZES NEWSLETTER



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ENDOCRINE SURGEONS

KEY MEETINGS 2026:

RACS ASC 2026, Perth (30 April–3 May) The Endocrine surgery program will run Friday May 1 and Saturday May 2 with the pre-conference course on Thursday April 30

Endocrine Ultrasound Course, Sydney (5 June 2026)

First independent IAES meeting, Sydney (6–8 November 2026), preceded by a postgraduate course (5 November)

International opportunities:

AAES (USA) – 18–20 April 2026

ESES (Switzerland) – 20–23 May 2026

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Message from the President

A/Prof Christine O'Neill

Dear Members,

The new ANZES executive has been working to establish strategic priorities for the next three years. In this issue, you will find a welcome to new members, an update on the Younger Fellows Committee, details of our first online journal club (Tuesday, 21 October, 7pm AEDT), and an outline of initiatives to promote the visibility of our society.

Thank you to those who participated in the recent ANZES survey. With 65 responses (approximately 50% of active membership), the feedback confirmed strong support for ANZES' role in continuing to deliver educational activities, maintaining high standards in endocrine surgery, and contributing to training programs. Key challenges ahead include strengthening multisite research collaborations and



ensuring the sustainability of the ANZ Thyroid Cancer Registry. Work is progressing in both areas, and further updates will follow.

Looking ahead, 2026 will be an important year:

- **RACS ASC 2026, Perth (30 April–3 May)** The Endocrine surgery program will run Friday May 1 and Saturday May 2 with the pre-conference course on Thursday April 30.
- **Endocrine Ultrasound Course, Sydney (June 2026).**
- **First independent IAES meeting, Sydney (6–8 November 2026)**, preceded by a postgraduate course (5 November).
<https://iaesurgeons.org/iaes-postgraduate-course-2026/>

I encourage members to attend and to contribute through research, teaching, and clinical engagement.

Community Outreach ***Dr Benedict Kakala***



I am pleased to announce that we have launched the ANZES Instagram account (@anzesurgeons), alongside our established Facebook presence, to advance professional collaboration among Endocrine surgeons across Australia and New Zealand. We will use our platforms to disseminate the latest technology, research and elevate our standard of care in Endocrine surgery. Our social media strategy prioritizes credible, peer-focused content – including expert led clinical tips, case-based discussions with de-identified data, live updates from conferences and training events, and summaries of landmark studies.

We will highlight multidisciplinary care, surgical technique innovations, quality improvement initiatives, and our latest clinical guidelines to promote professional dialogue and knowledge exchange. Accountability is ensured through citation of original data, transparency, and adherence to patient privacy and ethical guidelines. We will track our social media account metrics such as reach within the medical profession, engagement per posts and follower growth rate. We will also conduct surveys amongst colleagues gathering information / feedback to further refine our professional content mix and maximize impact on practice and education within our region.

Public Officer Report

Dr Simon Harper

I am delighted to welcome our new members to the ANZES community!



The executive and wider membership look forward to the ideas, energy, and perspectives you will bring to our society and patients. Through your contributions new members and associate members alike will shape the future of ANZES and Endocrine surgery care in our countries and I would like to take this opportunity to personally encourage you to participate fully, connect with fellow members, and take advantage of the many opportunities available through our society. One great way of doing this is by attending some of the meetings we're putting on in the next year or so:

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

- Dr Michelle Cooper
- Dr Michael Reeves
- Dr Fiona Pavan
- Dr William MacFaul
- Dr Nicholas Blefari
- Dr Jayani Jayasekara
- Dr Alexandra Jacobson

We look forward to your contributions in strengthening endocrine surgery practice and education within the region.



Training and Education

Dr Ronald Guevara

The ANZES Fellowship selection and placement process for 2026 has now been finalised. Overall, the process went very smoothly, though there was a touch of controlled chaos when two trainees unexpectedly withdrew from their allocated positions at the last minute. This created some rapid reshuffling behind the scenes and we were able to resolve placements without disruption to the program.

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Adam Christie will be joining Liverpool Hospital in Sydney, while Dr. Jacqueline Hawthorne will take up her position at St George Hospital in Sydney. Dr. Jay Maloney has been appointed to the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, and our continuing second-year fellow, Dr. Soumya Hariswamy, will be at The Alfred Hospital in Melbourne to complete her training.

Unfortunately, the Royal Adelaide Hospital will not have a first-year ANZES fellow in 2026, but they will instead select and host their own fellow next year. We would like to thank all hospitals, supervisors, and fellows during this year's process, which has ultimately ensured that high-quality training opportunities are maintained across the network.

I would also like to personally acknowledge and thank **Prof. Justin Gundara**, who continues to be heavily involved and provide steady guidance during this important transition period.

I look forward to another year of excellent training and collaboration in 2026.

ANZES Fellowship placements for 2026 have been finalised:

Dr Adam Christie – Liverpool Hospital, Sydney

Dr Jacqueline Hawthorne – St George Hospital, Sydney

Dr Jay Maloney – Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital


Dr Soumya Hariswamy – continuing 2nd year, The Alfred Hospital, Melbourne

We acknowledge the contributions of all supervisors and fellows in ensuring a smooth process despite unforeseen challenges.

Younger Fellows Chair

Dr Jessica Preece

The inaugural **Younger Fellows Committee** convened on 4 August 2025. Its first initiative is the launch of a **quarterly online journal club** open to all members.

 **First session: Tuesday, 21 October 2025, 7pm AEDT**

The formation of this new subcommittee is an exciting opportunity for our younger fellows to collaborate and to contribute to the association.

The initial project of the Younger Fellow Committee is to conduct a quarterly journal club. This will be facilitated online and accessible to all ANZES members. Each meeting 2-3 journal articles will be prepared and presented by a current fellow in training with support and in-depth discussion also provided by a more senior fellow.

The first journal club will be held on **Tuesday 21st October 7pm** with further details to follow. Please encourage your current fellows to join us for this discussion.





Research & Scientific Officer

A/Prof James Lee

From 2024, the ANZES offers up to 2 research scholarships for trainees and fellows, valued at up to \$10,000 each. The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage innovative research projects undertaken by ANZES surgeons and their trainees. The scholarship may also be utilised to support travel to an endocrine centre of excellence to learn new techniques in endocrine surgery.

The inaugural scholarship was awarded to **Dr Wendy Liu**, to support her project “*The role of 18F-Fluorocholine PET / CT in Primary Hyperparathyroidism*”. Application is through the RACS Scholarship portal and opens in March each year. Recipients are selected via written application, reviewed by members of both ANZES and the ANZ Scholarship and Grant Committee. Scholars are required to present their work at relevant surgical and ANZES events. Please encourage your trainees to apply.

<https://www.surgeons.org/Resources/Member-benefits/scholarships-and-grants-program/research-scholarships>



Dr David Leong



Dr Sharin Pradhan

As convenor for the Endocrine Surgery program at the 2026 RACS Annual Scientific Congress, I am delighted together with my co-convenor Dr Sharin Pradhan, to invite you to what promises to be a truly outstanding meeting from 30 April to 2 May 2026.

We are honoured to welcome three distinguished international guest speakers:

Professor Thomas Musholt, President of the Endocrine Surgical Society, along with **A/Prof Frederick Drake** and **A/Prof Sophie Dream** from the USA. Their expertise and perspectives will enrich our sessions with fresh insights and global experience.

In addition, we are offering a hands-on pre-conference workshop dedicated to advanced practical skills in sonography specifically interventional techniques which is a unique opportunity to learn, practice, and refine skills that are directly applicable to clinical practice.

We look forward to sharing this engaging, interactive, and academically stimulating program with you in 2026. <https://asc.surgeons.org/>





International Association of Endocrine Surgeons

International Association of Endocrine Surgeons
Post-Graduate Course: Thursday November 5, 2026
MANLY PACIFIC HOTEL, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

Course Convenors
Prof. Herb Chen
Prof. Mark Sywak
Dr. Jess Micallef – Registrar

Welcome – 8:45am
Prof. Janice Pasioka

Adrenal Surgery – 9:00am – 10:30am
Session Chair: Prof. Allan Siperstein (USA)
Expert Panel: Prof. Martin Walz (DEU), Prof. Julie Miller (AUS),
Prof. Ilina Conradie (ZAF), Prof. Insoo Suh (USA), Prof. Fiemu Nwariaku (USA)

Thyroid Disease – 11:00am – 12:30pm
Session Chair: Prof. Menno Vriens (NLD)
Expert Panel: Prof. Sophie Dream (USA), Prof. Frederic Triponez (CHE),
Prof. Sareh Parangi (USA), Prof. Ming Yew (AUS), Prof. Tina Kuo (TWN)

Thyroid Cancer – 13:30pm – 15:00pm
Session Chair: Prof. Christine O'Neill (AUS)
Expert Panel: Prof. Kyu Eun Lee (KOR), Prof. Julie Ann Sosa (USA),
Prof. Linwah Yip (USA), Prof. Yasuhiro Ito (JPN), Prof. Kerstin Lorenz (DEU)

Parathyroid Disease – 16:00pm – 17:30pm
Session Chair: Prof. Nancy Perrier (USA)
Expert Panel: Prof. Michael Singer (USA), Prof. Inga-Lena Nilsson (SWE),
Dr. Stephen Farrell (AUS), Prof. Carmen Solorzano (USA), Dr. Deepak Abraham (IND/BHR)



Further information/registration



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Interesting Image



Intrathyroidal parathyroid adenoma



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