



New Fellows and Awards Presentation Ceremony

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Master of Ceremonies

Dr John Regan
RANZCOG Vice-President

Welcome Address

Dr Benjamin Bopp
RANZCOG President

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Dr Gillian Gibson to present newly elevated Fellows to the RANZCOG President and Fellowship

Presentation of New Subspecialists

Dr Gillian Gibson to present recently certified subspecialists to the RANZCOG President and Fellowship





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Outstanding Achievement in Examinations

Dr **Judith Gardiner** to present awards for Outstanding Achievement in the DRANZCOG Advanced Oral Examination and Outstanding Achievement in the FRANZCOG Oral Examination

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Prof **Janet Vaughan**

Citation read by Prof Thierry Vancaillie

Presentation of RANZCOG Excellence in Women's Health Award

Prof **Adrienne Gordon**

Citation read by Dr John Regan

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Prof **Gita Mishra**

Citation read by Dr Jared Watts

Presentation of RANZCOG Honorary Fellowship

Dr **Paul Lancaster**

Citation read by Dr Gillian Gibson





Presentations



New Fellows

Dr Ayesha Akhter

Dr Yousif Alyousif

Dr Rachel Annetta

Dr Ajita Basu

Dr Alice Bellingham

Dr Victoria Bennett

Dr Marilyn Boo

Dr James Brown

Dr Komal Chohan

Dr Marina Demyanenko

Dr Ashmita Desai

Dr Isabela Dos Anjos Siqueira

Dr Liam Dunn

Dr Michelle Dunn

Dr Vanessa El-Achi

Dr Waduge Dhanushi Fernando

Dr Emily Fiske

Dr Rowena Garner

Dr Shruti Gaur

Dr Hillary Hu

Dr Farmey Joseph

Dr Ekaterina Jovic

Dr Jenna Linehan

Dr Sarah Livingstone

Dr Siming Lu

Dr Tarana Lucky

Dr Nicla Lui

Dr Rebecca Maddox

Dr Anu Mahadik

Dr Kieran McCaffrey

Dr Helen McNamara

Dr Zohaib Nawaz

Dr Luiza Peculis

Dr Hugh Porter

Dr Ivana Rizzuto

Dr Sylvia Ross

Dr Aiat Shamsa

Dr Duncan Shannon

Dr Geetika Trivedi

Dr Cansu Uzuner

Dr Danica Vress

Dr Cheryl Yim



New Subspecialists

Dr Sameer Jatkar
Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility

Dr Violet Kieu
Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility

Dr Rhett Morton
Gynaecological Oncology

Dr Stefaan Pacquee
Urogynaecology

Dr Nevine Te West
Urogynaecology



Awards and Recognition of Outstanding Achievement in Examinations

Dr Jacqueline Holland, CWH Written Examination Highest Achiever, July 2022

Dr Amy Aitken, DRANZCOG Ad. Oral Exam Highest Achiever, July 2022

Dr Rebecca Williams, DRANZCOG Ad. Oral Exam Highest Achiever, December 2022

Dr Sarah Skalecki, FRANZCOG Oral Exam Highest Achiever, October 2022

Dr Elloise Smith, FRANZCOG Oral Exam Highest Achiever, March 2023





RANZCOG Distinguished Service Medal

A/Prof Janet Vaughan

It is my very great pleasure to present Dr Janet Vaughan for the Distinguished Service Medal of The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in recognition and acknowledgement of her outstanding work in obstetrics and gynaecology, both nationally and internationally.

Dr Vaughan, a graduate of the University of Sydney, has a career in Obstetrics and Gynaecology which spans 40 years, with clinical experience in obstetrics, fetal medicine and O&G ultrasound in both Australia and the United Kingdom.

Dr Vaughan has a proven track record in multidisciplinary team development in clinical medicine, teaching, administration, and research. She previously held an academic appointment at Sydney University during which she taught, developed, and examined teaching and learning programs for medical undergraduates and developed a strategic plan for Indigenous maternal and child health.

Following her registrar training in Sydney, Dr Vaughan went to the United Kingdom to further her experience in ultrasound, initially as a Fellow in Fetal Medicine and eventually became a Consultant and Director of Fetal Medicine at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School Hammersmith & Queen Charlotte's Hospitals, London, UK.

Upon her return to Australia in 1995, Dr Vaughan was pivotal in the development of ultrasound training in Australia. Dr Vaughan implemented a Basic Obstetric Ultrasound Workshop for O&G registrars nationally in conjunction with RANZCOG.

Dr Vaughan's experience in developing Postgraduate educational resources is also distinguished, having established training programs for obstetricians and gynaecologists, radiologists, COGU and MFM

subspecialists. She led the team at Sydney University that developed an interactive workshop for perinatal death, which was implemented nationally in Australia by Australian and New Zealand Stillbirth Alliance.

Without a doubt, Dr Vaughan would be most well known for her major contribution to the Fellowship of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetrics and Gynaecologists Examinations. For 12 years Dr Vaughan was a lead coordinator for the Short Answer Questions written examination for the Fellowship Examinations. This role involved the responsibility of developing a written examination every 6 months, as well as instigating and supervising examination writing workshops and marking centres and being involved in overall examination governance. The Short Answer Question examinations are now delivered to the highest standard with consistently high reliability.

A RANZCOG Councillor for two terms, Dr Vaughan was active in many College committees, notably in the Examinations and Assessment Committee, the Women's Health Committee and the RANZCOG Ultrasound Workshop Co-ordinator, to name a few. She has also been actively involved in advising on Curriculum review.

Although now retired from Clinical Practice, Dr Vaughan continues to mentor new Examination Directors and is a member of the Transition to Retirement Committee.

In recognition of her outstanding contribution to the College and College examinations, as well as her extensive work as a teacher and trainer in ultrasound, it is with great honour that I present Dr Janet Vaughan with the RANZCOG Distinguished Service Medal.

RANZCOG Excellence in Women's Health Award

Prof Adrienne Gordon

It is my very great pleasure to present Professor Adrienne Gordon for The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists Excellence in Women's Health Award, in recognition of her extraordinary contribution to women's health, in particular, her practice-changing research in stillbirth prevention, perinatal medicine and preconception health optimisation.

Professor Adrienne Gordon is a Senior Staff Specialist in Neonatology at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and a Clinical Professor in the Discipline of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Neonatology, Faculty of Medicine and Health, Sydney University.

Professor Gordon completed her PhD on stillbirth, producing one of several world-first studies that linked maternal back-sleeping with stillbirth risk. She went on to co-publish a highly cited individual patient data meta-analysis which confirmed this link. Professor Gordon has since become a Chief Investigator on the NHMRC Stillbirth Centre for Research Excellence and is a Chief Investigator on the Safer Baby Bundle NHMRC Partnership Grant. The Safer Baby Bundle is a large-scale implementation program with five evidence-based components, including encouraging women to go to sleep on their side in pregnancy. Professor Gordon represented both the Royal Australian College of Physicians and the Stillbirth CRE at public hearings for the recent Australian Senate Enquiry into Stillbirth Research and Education.

Professor Adrienne Gordon collaborates closely with her obstetric colleagues, resulting in an impressive array of research studies including multiple original publications in the Lancet and other high-impact journals and featured in the ground-breaking Lancet stillbirth series. This research has led to wide-spread implementation such as the Safer Baby Bundle through programs such as the NSW Health Clinical Excellence Commission. She leads large-scale original research including the NHMRC-funded preBABA Trial of a partial meal replacement preconception weight loss program for women with overweight and obesity for improving maternal and perinatal outcomes.

Additionally, Professor Gordon is Co-Chair of the Sydney Institute for Women, Children, and their Families (SIWCF) and is a leading Chief Investigator for the NHMRC Stillbirth Centre of Research Excellence. She is a recent board

member of PSANZ and is on the IMPACT (Interdisciplinary Maternal Perinatal Australasian Collaborative Trials Network) Executive Committee. She is National Coordinator for the IMPROVE program focused on implementation of the PSANZ perinatal death guideline which has been run internationally and nationally, with 6000 clinicians taught in person and 2000 who have accessed the recently developed eLearning program.

Professor Gordon has been chief investigator on grants totalling more than \$18 million in the last five years. She has been a plenary or invited speaker nationally on more than 75 occasions and invited speaker internationally four times including the World Obesity Congress in 2016.

Professor Adrienne Gordon is co-chair of the Sydney Institute for Women, Children, and their Families (SIWCF). She is Deputy Chair National Scientific Advisory Group RedNose, a member of the National Covid-19 Taskforce Pregnancy and Perinatal Expert Panel, Chair of NSW Clinical Excellence Commission Perinatal Mortality Review Committee, a key member of Perinatal Society of Australia PSANZ –Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Alliance and executive committee member of the Interdisciplinary Maternal Perinatal Australasian Clinical Trials Network. She has recently served on the board of directors for the Perinatal Society of Australia and New Zealand, is a current Board member of the International Stillbirth Alliance and is Founder and co-director of the award winning iSAIL (integrated support after infant loss) service at Sydney Local Health District. Prof Gordon was co-chair of the Scientific Committee of the 2021 International Stillbirth and Infant Loss Congress held in November and co-chair of the Perinatal Society of Australia and New Zealand Congress held in March 2021.

Professor Gordon has 108 peer reviewed publications and has contributed to four book chapters, the latter all related to maternal health. In collaboration with obstetricians, her work has resulted in far-reaching implementation of evidence-based practice resulting in improved outcomes for mothers and babies.

In recognition of her extraordinary contribution and commitment to the betterment of women's health, it is with great honour that I present Professor Adrienne Gordon with the RANZCOG Excellence in Women's Health Award.



RANZCOG Excellence in Women's Health Award

Prof Gita Mishra

It is my pleasure to present Professor Gita Mishra for the RANZCOG Excellence in Women's Health Award of The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in recognition and acknowledgement of her outstanding work in obstetrics and gynaecology, both nationally and internationally.

Professor Gita Mishra's research focus is life course epidemiology and women's health. She joined the University of Queensland (UQ) in 2010 as the first Professor of Life Course Epidemiology at the School of Public Health and is now also Head of the Epidemiology and Biostatistics Division, Director of the Australian Longitudinal Study of Women's Health (ALSWH) at UQ and since 2019, Director of the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Centre for Research Excellence on Women and Non-communicable Diseases (CRE WaND). Professor Mishra currently holds an NHMRC Principal Research Fellowship (2017-2022) and was previously awarded an Australian Research Council Future Fellowship (2013-2017).

Professor Mishra is internationally recognized for her expertise in epidemiology and women's health, especially for her work on the links between reproductive characteristics and non-communicable diseases in later life, such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease. In addition to research related to ALSWH, her current work includes leading the InterLACE project, a major international collaborative research programme on reproductive health and chronic disease that combines data from more than 800,000 women in 26 studies in 11 countries. Research from these major studies have contributed to her career total of over 400 scientific papers, book chapters - including as co-editor of a key academic textbook on Family Based Studies - and reports to inform

government policy. She is currently lead editor of the 2nd Edition of the ground-breaking "A Life Course Approach to Women's Health" for Oxford University Press, that is due for publication in 2022.

Professor Mishra is actively engaged in research translation and capacity building. In 2018 she led the evidence review for the National Women's Health Strategy 2020-2030, she recently chaired the Future Research session at the 2021 RANZCOG Women's Health Summit in Canberra and was co-convenor of the Queensland Women's Health Forum.

Findings from Professor Mishra's research are frequently featured by national and international media organisations, and she appears regularly on TV and radio. She has also co-authored five articles on women's health for The Conversation, most recently on the need for women to maintain health screening through the COVID-19 pandemic (this article was also translated for the Japanese public).

In 2017, Professor Mishra was elected as a board member for the European Menopause and Andropause Society, received honorary membership of Sigma International - a global nursing organisation, and was elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences (FAHMS). In 2018, she received the Leader of the Year Award at the UQ Faculty of Medicine.

Professor Mishra has had, and continues to have, an illustrious academic career primarily dedicated to improving global understanding of women's health across the life course. In recognition of her significant contribution to women's health on a national and international level, it is with great honour that I present Professor Gita Mishra with the RANZCOG Excellence in Women's Health Award.



RANZCOG Honorary Fellowship

Dr Paul Lancaster

It is my very great pleasure to present Dr Paul Lancaster with an Honorary Fellowship to the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in recognition of his extraordinary contribution to women's health as a world leading researcher in the field of human reproductive and perinatal epidemiology monitoring of birth defects.

Dr Lancaster graduated from the University of Sydney in 1966 and initially trained as a paediatrician, subsequently becoming Staff Paediatrician and Director of Newborn Services at the Royal Hospital for Women. In 1977 he was awarded an NHMRC Fellowship in Applied Health Sciences, studying at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and completing the Master of Public Health in Maternal and Child Health at the University of California Berkeley.

In 1979, Dr Lancaster was the founding Director of the National Perinatal Statistics Unit at the University of Sydney where he initiated the Masters course in Reproductive Health Sciences and Human Genetics in 1994.

Dr Lancaster's main research interests have been in reproductive and perinatal epidemiology and birth defects. He has co-authored book chapters on twins in Australia (2005) and on fetal growth retardation (2007) and contributed a brief biography of Norman Gregg to the Dictionary of Medical Biography (2006). As President of the Australian Birth Defects Society, he organised and facilitated national meetings on the history of reproductive and perinatal research and health care in Australia and New Zealand.

Furthermore, during the last 45 years Dr Lancaster has worked with numerous Fellows of our College on various committees, research projects and publications indicative of his expertise in epidemiology and biostatistics related to human reproduction.

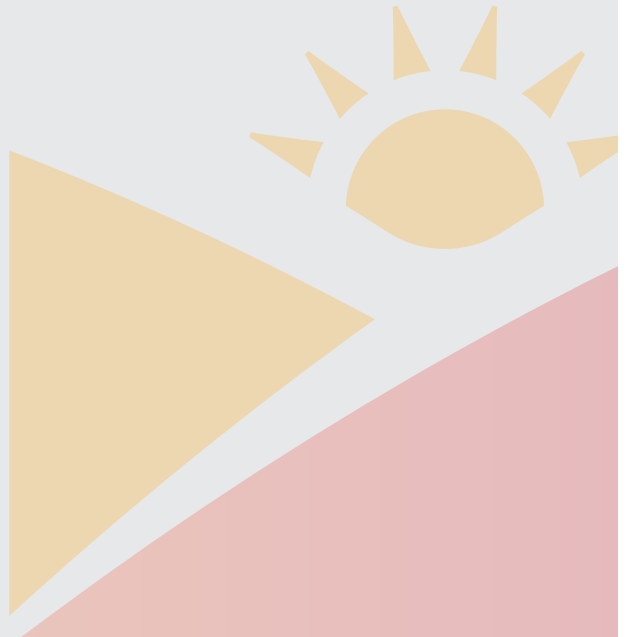
In the early 1990s he initiated with colleagues, then led for the next ten years, the worldwide collection of data on assisted conception that became the International Committee Monitoring Assisted Reproductive Technologies.

Dr Lancaster contributed national data to the International Clearinghouse for Birth Defects Monitoring System and participated in collaborative research for over 20 years. He served two separate periods of four years on the Executive Committee and led efforts to set up the International Centre for Birth Defects, now based in Rome.

He is currently an Honorary Associate Professor with the Menzies Centre for Health Policy at the University of Sydney's School of Public Health.

Dr Lancaster's multiple national reports on mothers and babies, Caesarean sections, home births, birth defects and in-vitro fertilisation pregnancies in Australia and New Zealand and his international reports on birth defects and the outcomes of assisted reproduction have contributed greatly to knowledge in these fields. In 2019 his work was recognised with an Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia for significant service to community health, particularly to perinatal and paediatric medicine.

In recognition of his contributions as world leading researcher in the field of human reproductive and perinatal epidemiology monitoring birth defects and his remarkable contribution to knowledge in these fields, it is my great honour to present Dr Paul Lancaster with a RANZCOG Honorary Fellowship.



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