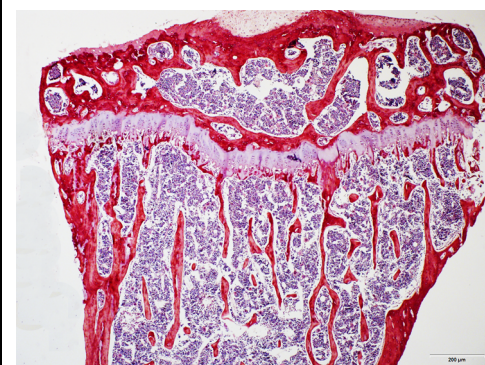
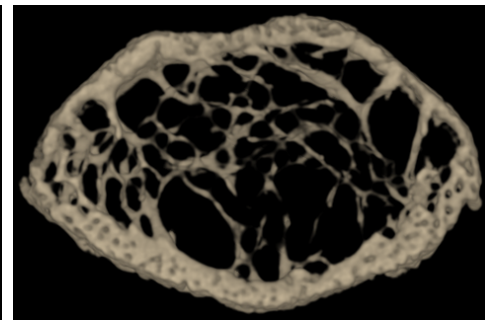
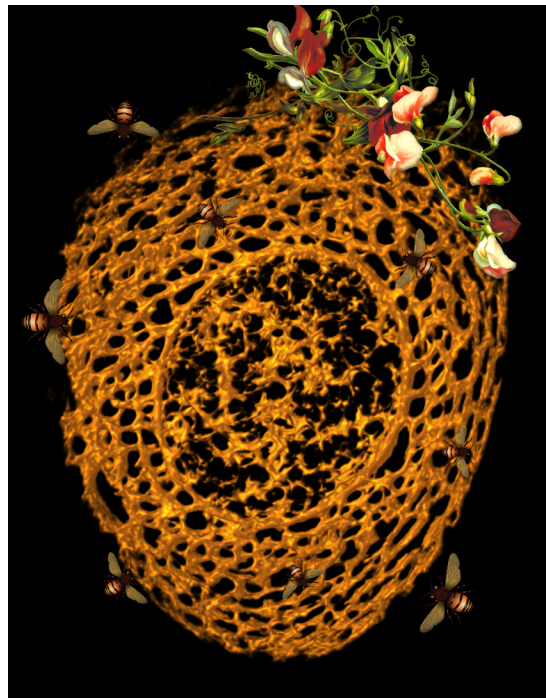




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# ANNUAL REPORT 2021



**Australian and New Zealand  
Bone and Mineral Society**

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## Aims & Goals

The aims and goals of the Society are to:

- act as the principal professional body for scientists and clinicians involved in research and management of patients in the field of metabolic bone disease and mineral metabolism in Australia and New Zealand;
- act as the premier forum for the presentation of research and debate about clinical and metabolic bone disease in Australia and New Zealand; and
- advance the education of clinicians, allied health professionals and the public in the nature of and management of diseases impacting upon the skeleton.



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This report covers my second year as ANZBMS President. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve the society as President over the last 2 years. While it has been strange to have had no face-to-face Council or scientific meetings for the duration of my role as President, it is inspiring to see what has been achieved. I share with you here just a few highlights of the past 12 months, and encourage you to read the rest of the reports to see the many other projects underway. I hope they inspire you to become more involved. Please get in contact if you would like to help. The newly restructured website is a great place to start!

## The inaugural Bone Health Foundation Grants-in-Aid

A significant new outcome for 2021 was the presentation of two Grants-in-Aid to ANZBMS early-mid career researchers to support funding for projects that had been proposed to a major funding organisation, but were a near miss.

Congratulations to Dr Michelle McDonald, and Associate Professor Frances Milat, who were the first successful recipients of this scheme.

As success rates in schemes such as the NHMRC and HRC New Zealand continue to decline, ANZBMS is keen to provide alternative ways of funding bone research, and will continue identifying new ways to provide research support to our members through collaboration with other organisations. We are grateful to the Bone Health Foundation for joining with us in this initiative.

## Improving patient care in hypophosphatemia, primary hyperparathyroidism and breast cancer

ANZBMS members have been involved in four major new developments to improve patient care. Early in 2021, we learned that Romosozumab is now available on the PBAC to treat postmenopausal women with osteoporosis. In further news, PBAC approval for burosumab for XLH is under consideration. Another major achievement is the establishment, with the support of Kyowa Kirin, of a working group on management of hypophosphatemia. Finally, please keep your eyes open for two new sets of guidelines (both International and Australia/New Zealand-specific) endorsed by ANZBMS for the management of patients with primary hyperparathyroidism.

Many thanks to the Therapeutics Committee, particularly Chair Richard Prince who has been pivotal in these efforts. A committee involving members of both Therapeutics and the Densitometry Committee are also working together to modify the current PBS listing for alendronate to include women with estrogen receptor-positive breast cancer, treated with androgen inhibitors with a T-score  $\leq -2.0SD$ . Thanks to Sabashini Ramchand for chairing this committee and initiative.

## Our first virtual Clinical Postgraduate Meeting

Many thanks to our Clinical Practice Committee who organised our Clinical Postgraduate Meeting. This yearly educational event was in hiatus for 2020 due to the pandemic, but was revitalised as a virtual event in 2021, over two mornings in October. We had over 180 registrations, some attending live, and some watching the event on replay. Survey results indicated that this approach was successful. We are likely to continue with virtual offerings of this course. Thanks to Grahame Elder for ensuring that this worked smoothly, and to the Clinical Practice Committee developed and delivered such a successful programme.

### Another virtual Annual Scientific Meeting

Although it is disappointing that we are not able to have a face-to-face meeting for this year's Annual Scientific Meeting, it is really pleasing that we are able to meet virtually with the Endocrine Society of Australia (ESA) and with the Society for Reproductive Biology (SRB) this year. We have 1000 registrations, and the programme looks inspiring. I am really looking forward to using the new Spatial Chat platform, and I hope everyone will make the most of this to discuss science more informally and in more detail than was possible at last year's meeting. Thanks again to Michelle McDonald, Craig Munns and Christian Girgis, and to Jim Fawcett and team from ASN events for working together so well, and with colleagues at ESA and SRB.

### Christine and T J Martin Travel Fund

Since 2002, the ANZBMS, with financial support from Amgen, has offered a travelling fellowship to facilitate travel to undertake bone and mineral research; this has been a great way of providing new skills to our researchers, both clinical and basic.

During the pandemic, such travel has not been possible and we are very pleased to announce that the funds for travel in 2021 will be offered in smaller disbursements to members as a Fund for training courses to provide new skills to our members. Keep your eyes open for the announcement at the meeting! Hopefully, travel will be back on the cards for 2022, but in the meantime, this will be a good resource for our members.

### Final notes

I hope that you have all enjoyed receiving more regular communication from ANZBMS, with more regular emails and newsletters, and that you have felt more informed about our activities. This has been a challenging time for many of our members, who have felt "stretched" on both professional and personal fronts. Thank you all for your contributions to ANZBMS, particularly our Council who have faithfully met every two months.



**Professor Natalie Sims**  
**President**

I have been very grateful for the wisdom that Council members brought to the table, and to the commitment of all the Committee Chairs. I acknowledge with thanks the retirement of four long-term members of Council: Nathan Pavlos, Allison Pettit, Paul Anderson, and Jillian Cornish. Many thanks also to Ivone Johnson and Melissa Douglas for their support; Ivone, I will miss our weekly coffee meetings on Zoom! Finally, to Mark Forwood, I look forward to continuing to contribute to ANZBMS under your leadership as the new President.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## General Financial Result

2021 Member's funds =  
\$982,419

2020 Member's funds =  
\$904,006

The Society remains in sound financial position with considerable funds invested in a diversified but conservative portfolio. Member's Funds have increased for the 2020-2021 financial year reflecting reduced meeting costs and increased returns on invested Member's funds as well as revenue from courses.

## Overall Profit

\$78,413 Profit (2020=\$30,855 Loss; 2019=\$95,376 Loss)

Following Australian accounting standards the Auditor assigns ASM revenues to the year received, and expenditure to the year when committed.

Consequently, the gross income and gross expenditure in respect of each ASM will be reflected in the profit and loss account, as they occur, rather than simply recognizing a 'net profit' of each individual meeting.

## Investments (as at November 2021)

### COMMONWEALTH BANK

Balance in Premium Business Cheque Account :  
\$276550.00

Balance in Business online saver:  
\$694.19

### BOQ SPECIALIST

Invested on: 6 October 2021

Maturity date: 6 January 2021

Interest rate is .40% p.a.  
(Compounded at maturity)  
\$313,713.48

Invested on: 6 October 2021

Maturity date: 6 January 2021

Interest rate is .40% p.a.  
(Compounded at maturity)  
\$150,447.63

### RURAL BANK TERM DEPOSIT

Invested on: 28 May 2021

Maturity date: 28 November 2021

Interest rate is .30% p.a.  
(Compounded at maturity)

\$50,397.75

HUB 24 managed fund (as at 28/10/21)

\$215,629.84

## TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS

**\$1007,432.89**

In 2021 we diversified our portfolio by investing \$200,000 of member's funds into a managed fund (HUB 24) overseen by Mr Jason Dix (Carrington Financial Services) with a return to date of ~7.8% compared to returns on Term deposits yielding (<0.4%).

## Expenses

Our society expenses decreased for the 2020-2021 period:

Meetings - \$98,437 (2020 ASM, \$355,783)

Awards - \$9,000 (2020=\$36,800)

Office - ~\$60,465 (Rent + salaries + office expenses etc)

Audit/Accounting - \$4,892

## Income

Sponsorship : \$4000 (2020= \$0)

Meeting proceeds: \$63,204  
(2020=\$357,929)

Densitometry/Dexa courses:  
\$101,991 (2020=\$31,525)

Federal Government Grant:  
\$23,500 (2020=\$16,000)

Subscriptions:\$60,245  
(2020=\$48,392)

Interest from term deposits:  
\$3,644 (2020=13,343)

Investments: \$12,612

Membership and subscriptions  
have increased over the last year  
(2021=\$60,245 2020=\$48,392).

Financial Members paid to 2021  
= 328/485 total members.

## Future directions

For 2021-2022 we encountered a period of positive growth in overall profits (\$78,413 Profit, 2021) which is a considerable improvement from the previous period (~\$30,855 Loss, 2020). This improvement has been partly offset by the Federal Government Grant (\$23,500) and increased proceeds from courses combined with reduced meeting and award expenses for the 2020-2021 period.

The Society continues to invest its prior year surpluses back to the membership in grants and densitometry courses in accordance with the Society's objectives.

For 2021/22, our standard outgoings are projected to be similar with a profit anticipated from the 2021 Virtual ASM.

After 6 years my time as Treasurer has come to a close but I depart with confidence knowing that the Society's finances are in the safe and capable hands of Rachel Davey, I wish her all the very best in the role. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on Council and I would like to express my gratitude to both Ivone Johnson and Melissa Douglas who have provided excellent guidance and support to me over the years and to Rod Laws of Tinworth & Co Chartered Accounts for overseeing the accounts. Finally, I would also like to extend my appreciation to all of the past and present members of the Finance Committee and to Council for their guidance, support and friendship.



**Professor Nathan Pavlos**  
**Treasurer**

# THERAPEUTICS COMMITTEE

## Current members:

Richard Prince  
Sabashini Ramchand  
Peter Sim  
Craig Munns  
Nick Pocock  
Fran Milat  
Grahame Elder  
Alan Doube  
Belinda Beck

## 1. Familial hypophosphatemic rickets and burosumab

The Committee was informed that burosumab has been approved in Australia by entry into the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (ARTG) on the 17 September 2021 with the indication “*Crysvita (burosumab) is indicated for the treatment of X-linked hypophosphataemia (XLH) in adults, adolescents and children 1 year of age or older.*”

### 1.1 PBAC approval

An application for PBAC support for burosumab was made at the end of 2020. A comprehensive report on the concerns the PBAC had of the submission at its meeting in March 2021 is now available [here](#).

As a result of the public submission process “The PBAC noted and welcomed the input from a large number of individuals (148), health care professionals (9) and organizations (3) via the Consumer Comments facility on the PBS website.

Further, “The PBAC noted the advice received from the National Paediatric Medicines Forum (NPMF), the Australian and New Zealand Bone and Mineral Society (ANZBMS) and the Australasian Paediatric Endocrine Group (APEG) strongly supporting the use of burosumab in clinical practice.” Unfortunately, the application was refused but “[The PBAC noted that this submission is eligible for an Independent Review.](#)”

### 1.2 Next steps

Given the acknowledged role of expert committees and individual opinion the Committee and the Guidelines Working Party are committed to Public Comment submissions for the next PBAC meeting in March 2022 that will open on 24 November 2021, following publication of the agenda, and close on 27 January 2022. In general request for public comment submissions have a specified format outlined in the request.

Kyowa Kirin Australia has indicated that it will pursue PBAC support for both children and adults thus expanding the role. To this end the Therapeutics Committee is hopeful that those of us involved the care of patient with XLH will respond to the public call.

The process of formulating a Committee response is under way.

## 2. Familial hypophosphatemic rickets guideline working party

In 2021 the Committee progressed the concept of a Working Party by receiving approval from Council to support the initiative scientifically and by getting approval for a scientific grant of \$20000 administered by the non-profit organisation the Arthritis and Osteoporosis Foundation of Western Australia.



In addition, we have representatives from:

- Endocrine Society of Australia,
- Australian Paediatric Endocrine Group,
- Australian New Zealand Society of Nephrology (ANZSN)
- Australian Dental Association
- XLH Patient Network

The aim is to:

- Develop diagnostic criteria for adult hypophosphatemic bone disorders especially adult XLH
- To develop a framework for management guidelines of adult hypophosphatemic bone disorders XLH including transition to adult care
- Develop a program to survey the prevalence of adult hypophosphatemic bone disorders especially adult XLH

Work with the Australian Paediatric Registry to develop questionnaires suitable for adult participants to examine the potential of a combined paediatric adult registry.

Getting involvement of a such a large number of groups is challenging. The advantage is that given the small number of patients involved it would be important to have an outline of an integrated management plan involving all specialists that might be involved.

### 3. Primary hyperparathyroidism guidelines

The Therapeutics Committee was asked to comment on the extensive guidelines of a large committee lead by Mathias Grossman and Fran Milat. After several rounds of discussion, we were able to recommend that the ANZBMS approved this Position Statement as a very helpful addition to the literature.



**Professor Richard Prince**  
Chair Therapeutics Committee

# RESEARCH COMMITTEE

## Current members:

Belinda Beck  
 Rob Blank  
 David Findlay  
 Joshua Lewis  
 Brya Matthews  
 Nigel Morrison  
 Ayse Zengin

## Advocacy

In March 2021, Tuan Nguyen attended the ASMR Affiliate Member meeting as a representative of ANZBMS. Tuan raised the issue of difficulties around assessment of true track records and how this might improved. He asked for the rate of success across areas of research. However, A/Prof Tony Kenna (ASMR Executive Director) said that in his interaction with NHMRC, they were unable to provide that level of detail.

## Survey of NHMRC funding

In June-August 2021, we conducted a survey of NHMRC / ARC funding status among members. After 1 month of campaign, we have received 32 responses. Over the past 2 years, 65 applications were submitted to NHMRC/ARC as CIA, and 6 applications (9%) were successful. During the same period, there were 59 applications as CIB-CIF, and 5 (8.5%) were successful (more information in Appendix).

## ANZBMS Coffee Catch-up

In June, Tuan Nguyen joined Natalie Sims and Gustavo to discuss scientific publication. We discussed issues concerning selection of journals, development of pre-print, involvement of statistical experts, and timing of publication. The session was moderated by Natalie Hyde.

## Bone Health Foundation / ANZBMS Grants-in-Aid program.

The RC has organised the assessment of 8 applicants for the grant-in-aid program. The assessment panel included:

- ANZBMS Council: Allison Petit
- ANZBMS Research Committee: Rob Blank
- Therapeutic Committee: Richard Prince
- Clinical Practice Committee: Gustavo Duque
- Bone Health Foundation: David Findlay
- NZ members: Jillian Cornish
- Ad hoc Assessor: Paul Anderson
- Panel Chairs: Tania Weinzenberg and Tuan Nguyen

The assessment was based on three major criteria, namely, scientific quality, significance & innovation, and research team. Based on the final score, we recommend that the award be given to Michelle McDonald and Frances Milat.



**Professor Tuan Nguyen & Professor Tania Winzenberg**  
**Co-Chairs Research Committee**

# CLINICAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE

## Current members:

Natalie Sims  
Gustavo Duque  
Cherie Chiang  
David Kim  
Jacqueline Center  
Peter Croucher  
Grahame Elder

The CPC took responsibility for the Advanced Clinical Postgraduate Course in Bone, which was held in October 2021. We appreciated advice from Mark Cooper, organiser of the last course based at Concord Hospital in 2019, and the assistance of Jasna Aleksova and Ann Trinh in preparing the program. The course attracted over 180 registrants and was held from 9am – 2pm (Eastern Daylight-Saving Time) on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th October. We appreciate the hard work of all the presenters in preparing for this interactive online event, and the help of Stefanie Bird (University of Melbourne), who provided technical support. Following the Course, feedback from registrants via a survey will assist next year's organisers make further improvements.

The Clinical Practice Committee sought nominations to the RACP Advanced Training Committee (ATC) in Endocrinology representing the ANZBMS. The ATC oversees and manages the endocrinology advanced training program, interacting with training sites, trainees, and member societies under the jurisdiction of the RACP.

Cherie Chiang volunteered for the role and the CPC supported her nomination. Mark Cooper is our other representative on the Committee. Gustavo Duque also handed over to Fran Milat as representative to the RACP. The CPC will be encouraging active representation of the ANZBMS on other professional societies. The committee also continues to discuss consumer engagement in research projects with Healthy Bones Australia.



**Professor Graeme Elder**

## Chair Clinical Practice Committee

The CPC has responded to requests for input on a variety of matters including Pricing Framework for Australian Public Hospital Services, clinical standards for Fracture Liaison Services in New Zealand, changing requirements for the RACP CPD program and comment on the National Fragility Fracture Network, New Zealand. Members of the Committee have represented the ANZBMS on IOF webinars dealing with their activities and projects. Links to the secondary fracture prevention program initiative and tools are now more accessible on the ANZBMS website.

# PROGRAMME ORGANISING COMMITTEE

## Current members:

Michelle McDonald  
Craig Munns  
Christian Girgis  
Brya Matthews  
Peter Simm  
Tara Brennan Speranza  
Julia Kuliwaba  
David Scott  
Rachel Davey  
Ayse Zengin  
John Kemp  
Melissa Cantley

The ANZBMS POC have worked together to create what we hope will be an exciting and engaging program for this year's ASM. In response to the global COVID-19 pandemic and resulting restrictions on travel and large gatherings, the POC were presented with the challenge of creating a high level and comprehensive ASM via a completely virtual platform after the council decision was made to remove all face to face elements from the intended hybrid format.

With the support of ASN events and the ANZBMS Research Council our committee has again developed a fully virtual program, with the aim to bring our members together to share recent research and offer an interactive experience to help them overcome the isolation we have all felt these past 18 months.

The final program offers a variety of innovative science, with a balance of basic, clinical and translational research including two joint sessions with the ESA. We are delighted that 995 delegates have registered for this year's combined ESA/ANZBMS/SRB meeting with 221 ANZBMS members, evidence that the 2020 virtual event was seen as a success as despite the lack of face to face elements. Our members are therefore still very much engaged in promoting their work and building networks through our virtual event.

We are holding two combined sessions with the ESA. The first session is titled Sport and Endocrine Disorders at which our member Itamar Levinger has been invited to speak on exercise and bone remodelling. The second session is on Transgender Health during which Ada Cheung will present her work on bone health in Transgender populations and Rachel Davey will share her work on gender affirming hormone therapy impact on bone in pre-clinical models. This session will also include an interview with Clare Headland who is a patient of Ada Cheung's followed by a panel discussion.

We are fortunate to have 2 prestigious international speakers including Marjolein van Der Meulen (USA) and Bjorn Büsse (Germany) showcasing their global profiles in bone biomechanics and osteocyte biology.

Kyowa Kirin are supporting one of our national speaker sessions, featuring a leading figure in new approaches to treat skeletal dysplasias, Ravi Savarirayan and an emerging national leader in discovering novel genetic determinants of osteoporosis, John Kemp.

We are also showcasing the work of another 5 prominent ANZBMS member invited speakers from Australia and New Zealand (Marlena Kruger - NZ, Julia Kuliwaba - SA, Dawn Aitken - TAS, Nathan Pavlos - WA and an ECIC speaker Audrey Chan - VIC). With the past two year's success with our morning therapeutics session, we have again included this new addition to our annual program. We have 3 speakers, Peter Simm, Rory Clifton-Bligh and Weiwen Chen covering; insights into heterotopic ossification, the use of bisphosphonates in childhood and the new ear osteoanabolics.

Out of the 137 abstracts that were submitted, 35 were accepted for oral presentations, including 5 outstanding abstracts (supported by Amgen) and 8 finalists for the Roger Melick Young Investigator award. Another 12 were selected for plenary “podium” posters and the remaining 82 as online e-posters.

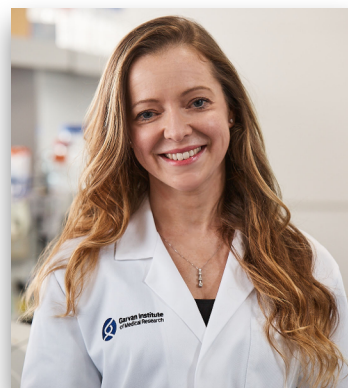
Given the success of previous year’s mini-oral session, the 8 Christopher and Margie Nordin Young Investigator Poster Prize award finalists were also included in the program.

The ANZBMS Early Career Investigator Committee have again organised three exciting events for this year’s meeting, a joint clinical case on metabolic bone diseases session with the ESA which will take place prior to the program, a Building collaborations and networking session and a Science at Speed: meeting of the minds networking session.

Although face to face sessions, networking opportunities and free flowing discussion sessions makes for the full conference experience we all know so well, the POC have worked closely with the team at ASN events to establish a comprehensive virtual program.

With interactive Q&A, programed sessions for posters and a platform provides access to multiple networking spaces. These include allocated interactive video poster sessions and chat room access throughout the meeting within which delegates can mingle using video chat. We feel this additional aspect will facilitate improved interactions during poster sessions and throughout the meeting between delegates and with sponsors.

We are very grateful for the generous support from industry, our gold sponsor Amgen, and silver sponsors inova, Ipsen, Novo Nodrisk and Pfizer, and our bronze sponsors Lilly and Kyowa Kirin. Without their support, this meeting would not be possible. Kyowa Kirin have also supported a best clinical and best pre-clinical oral award with free registration to the 2022 meeting. We would like to thank all the members of the ANZBMS POC for their outstanding contributions, the session chairs, all members of the ECIC, Ivone Johnson and all others who have contributed to the meeting. In particular we would like to thank Jim Fawcett and the team from ASN events who have worked tirelessly with us to create our first virtual meeting. The challenges this team have risen to have been extensive and their ongoing innovative support has been instrumental to the development of this outstanding program.



**Associate Professor  
Michelle McDonald, Dr  
Craig Munns & Dr  
Christian Girgis  
Co-Chairs Programme  
Organising Committee**

# MEETINGS COMMITTEE

## 1. ASM 2021 – Combined meeting with ESA-SRB 21st - 24th November 2021

Originally planned to be held at the Melbourne Convention Centre – transitioned to Virtual Meeting after discussions with Victorian Government in September. With 12 months of developments in online applications and experience, ASN will deliver an excellent online experience for delegates and sponsors. Using Pheedloop and Spatial Chat to present the conference front-end, while Slido and Streamyard will improve the experience for Chairs and speakers in the back-of-house for managing presentations.

## 2. ANZBMS-VDW-MEPSA 2020 – rescheduled to August 1-4, 2022

ANZBMS and MEPSA are happy to go ahead with holding this joint meeting from 1-4 August 2022 at the Gold Coast Convention Centre, COVID19 Vaccination rate pending. The Vitamin D Workshop indicated that the new arrangements would not be suitable for their meeting schedules and decided to withdraw from this meeting. Marketing is now ramping up for the meeting, and we have commissioned another aboriginal artwork to theme the meeting from local artist Jared Coolwell. Jared provided the artwork for the 2017 ANZBMS-IFMRS combined meeting in Brisbane.

## 3. ANZBMS ASM 2023: Newcastle Convention and Exhibition Centre (NEX)

Plans are developing to hold the 2023 meeting in a regional centre, and ASN are working with NSW and NEX to secure incentives to make this a successful regional meeting, similar to that held in Darwin. Planning is still in its infancy.

## 4. ASM 2024 planned with ESA/SRB Adelaide

## 5. New POC 2022 and beyond

New POC chairs are being identified to begin work from 2022 onwards and new members of the POC will also be sought to replace outgoing members. Michelle, Craig and Christian will end their POC chair term at the end of the 2021 meeting. They will hand over all relevant information to the new POC and provide advice where needed. We thank the Co-Chairs and POC Members for the amazing work they have all done during the last period. The impact of the pandemic made arrangements difficult, with changes to virtual meetings occurring late in the planning in both 2021 and 2022. It was very challenging, but we had highly successful meetings nonetheless, thanks to their oversight, and the 2021 meeting promises to be another outstanding success.

We also acknowledge the ongoing conference management from ASN, through Mike Pickford, Jim Fawcett and the team, who have helped to deliver excellent experiences and financial outcomes, despite the challenges. Their work with State and Federal Governments and conference centres have reduced the financial risk to societies through this period.

## 6. Other meetings update (Densitometry)

Nick Pocock has worked with his colleagues to develop and deliver the Densitometry Course online. This has been some considerable work, but strategically important with the shift to online learning in Universities and other education settings.

The ECIC has continued to run monthly online coffee catchups with senior ANZBMS members, the Society has marketed local Webinars in different States and those run by the RACP.

## 7. Webinars

The meetings committee working on a plan to deliver other Webinars on topics identified as “gaps” in the education and research fields. These would be intended to run alternatively to the ECIC events, and would seek topics of interest from the membership.

- Agreed that some Webinar content would be in the Scope of ANZBMS Aims across clinical and basic science content.
- Some content could be curated from existing, planned or delivered presentations. Where these are identified outside of convenient time-zone in Aus-NZ, we could use the recorded version and establish an ANZBMS facilitator to run our own Q&A with a local expert (Craig).
- We can seek members support or other committee support to identify existing content “of interest” but also the gaps and what we should seek ourselves.
- For some existing content, make use of IFMRS links and HubLE platform to promote access to affiliated society’s content

- Topic areas include clinical updates and “how to” clinical Webinars delivered by RACP, Career development (both clinical, allied health and basic) but promoted to ANZBMS membership as well as RACP community
- Seek basic topics not covered by other societies eg ECTS; but also look to “bench to bedside” topics to integrate our membership interest.
- Incorporate planned “seminars” into schedule to capitalise on existing membership presentations by opening access to ANZBMS members.



**Professor Mark Forwood**  
Chair Meetings Committee

Finally, I thank members of the meetings committee for their expertise and guidance. We have not met frequently, but the meetings have been of high quality! Much of the ASM meetings work is executed by the POC, and the Meetings Committee has a broader strategic objective for future planning and other meetings outside the ASM.

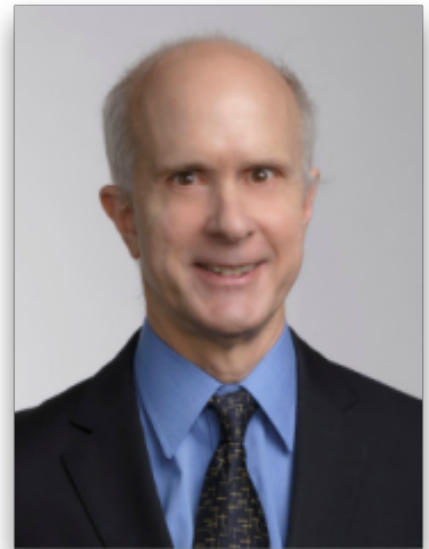
# DENSITOMETRY SUB-COMMITTEE

## ANZBMS Training Course

The online course continues to be very successful with over 70 registrants in both the Feb 2021 and the September 2021 courses. The next course is due to run in March 2022 and a final decision is still to be made regarding returning to a face-to-face model.

## MSAC submission

The ANZBMS provided a submission to the MSAC regarding an application for Medicare funding for REMS ultrasound to estimate bone density in the spine and hip. This is a refinement of previous ultrasound technology and while interesting, there are significant limitations.



**Dr Nick Pocock**  
**Chair Densitometry**  
**Sub-Committee**



# COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

## Current members:

Rachel Davey  
David Scott  
Sarah Hosking  
Natalie Wee  
Paul Anderson  
David Kim  
Weiwen Chen  
Victoria Leitch  
Rob Blank  
Richard Prince

The role of the Communications Committee is to oversee the delivery of information among members of the ANZBMS and between ANZBMS council and members of the society by a number of activities. In its first full year since its expansion in early 2020, the Communications Committee have been working on several projects aimed at improving our forms of communication.

## ANZBMS Member Newsletter

The Newsletter is one of our main forms of communication with our members providing updates on ANZBMS activities, highlighting member achievements and publications, and disseminating information on events including the ANZBMS Annual Scientific Meeting, webinars and other opportunities.

With its inaugural issue released on the 31st of July, 2020, the ANZBMS Member Newsletter has continued to be released quarterly with the past 5 issues available on the ANZBMS [website](#).

The Newsletter Editorial Board continues to make improvements to our newsletter based on member feedback. We encourage all ANZBMS members to contact the Newsletter Editorial Board at any time with any suggestions of items you would like to see in the newsletter as well as any awards, achievements, or news you have by emailing [newsletter@anzbms.org.au](mailto:newsletter@anzbms.org.au)

I would like to thank our current Newsletter Editorial Board; Natalie Wee (Editor in Chief), Victoria Leitch (Copy Editor), Niloufar Ansari, Cherie Chiang, Nicolas Hart, Madhuni Herath, and Emma West, welcome our most recent member to the board, James Smith and thank past board members Kiranjit Joshi, David Musson and Feng Pan for their contributions to producing this regular, high-quality publication for our members.

Membership to the Newsletter Editorial Board is open to all ANZBMS members. We currently have two positions available, so if you are interested in joining or want to find out more, please email [newsletter@anzbms.org.au](mailto:newsletter@anzbms.org.au)

## ANZBMS eNews

The new ANZBMS eNews email template that was developed by the committee last year with the aim of making it easier for our members to identify news items of interest with an appearance similar to our other forms of ANZBMS communications has been successfully implemented.

## Website

Improvements to the website continue to be made. More recently, the ANZBMS Committees and Resources pages have been updated to include additional information and links to resources our members may find useful, as well as reformatting of all pages to a uniform font and layout. We are in the process of working with our webmaster to develop and implement a style guide which will assist in standardising all future updates to the website.

## Social Media

We have created a new position within the Communications Committee, the Social Media Editor, who is responsible for mobilising online engagement and oversees social media for the society by creating and sharing content on social media platforms (ie. Twitter) that is of interest to ANZBMS members as well as highlighting member achievements. A term of reference for this new position has been created and will be available on the ANZBMS website shortly. I'd like to thank David Scott for doing such a wonderful job in this role for the past 18 months, significantly increasing the profile of ANZBMS twitter account and would like to welcome the most recent member to our Communications Committee, Sarah Hosking, who has taken on this role. I'd also like to thank David for kindly agreeing to stay on in the role for a few months to allow for a smooth transition between Social Media Editors.

## Other Communications

We were invited by the European Calcified Tissue Society (ECTS) to provide an article on our Society for the May edition of their Newsletter. If you want to find out more about ANZBMS's history and our activities, you can find a copy of the article on the [ECTS website](#).

More recently, we have been invited to showcase our society at the upcoming 8th IOF Asia-Pacific Osteoporosis Conference, 1st – 2nd December. This will be in the form of a Virtual Display Panel in the conference CNS virtual village depicting information about ANZBMS and our activities.



**Associate Professor Rachel Davey**  
**Chair Communications Committee**

# EARLY CAREER INVESTIGATOR COMMITTEE

## 2020 Early Career Investigator Committee Report

Melissa Cantley and John Kemp - ECIC Co-Chairs

### The specific objectives of ECIC are to:

1. To act in collaboration with the ANZBMS senior committee and foster active engagement of early career investigators within the ANZBMS.
2. To promote activities that engage early career investigators and senior members in open dialogue and collaborative initiatives.
3. To increase early career investigator awareness of research trends and application of new technologies in bone and mineral research.
4. To increase engagement of clinical trainees and improve training in bone and mineral metabolism.
5. Involvement in scientific and social programs at the ANZBMS Annual Scientific Meeting.
6. To foster science communication and engagement with the public.
7. To facilitate translation of scientific findings to industry and government.

## Current members:

Melissa Cantley  
John Kemp  
Alex Barker  
Scott Youten  
Emma Buckels  
Jiao-Jiao Li  
Niloufar Ansari  
Alicia Jones  
Natalie Hyde  
Sarah Hosking  
Victoria Leitch  
Ayse Zengin

### Changes to terms of reference regarding committee representation

Due to increasing workload experienced by certain subcommittees, the following changes to the term of reference put forward and approved by council:

“4.4 Where possible, Co-Chairs will ensure that there is balanced gender, geographic region and research field representation on each ECIC subcommittee so that objectives and goals can be achieved without placing unmanageable workloads on individual subcommittee members. The selection process will abide by the Australian and New Zealand Bone and Mineral Society Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy

A minimum of two members with a clinical background will be appointed to the ECIC clinical subcommittee during any term.

## Nomination of new ANZBMS ECIC members

15 applications for 5 ECIC positions – 7 from Victoria, 4 from New South Wales, 2 from Queensland, and 2 from Western Australia. 4 applicants were clinicians. Interested candidates were requested to complete a revised expression of interest form, that encompassed three questions that assessed their motivation, experience, and creativity. Candidates were also requested to provide a brief biography in addition to a short resume. This was circulated to all members of the ECIC for review. An anonymous voting poll was set up and each ECIC member was given the opportunity to rank their top 6 candidates. This was based upon a scoring sheet that the ECIC established this year. All members voted, aside from those on leave. The top 5 candidates selected were put forward and endorsed by Prof Natalie Sims and the ANZBMS Council as new members of the ECIC.

We would like to thank all applicants for their interest in the ECIC and warmly welcome our new ECIC members: Dr. Albert Kim (NSW), Dr. Bridie Mulholland (NSW), Dr. Hanh Nguyen (VIC), Dr. Jack Della Via (WA), Lena Batoon (QLD) and Dr. Pamela Rufus-Membere (VIC).

**Objective 1: To act in collaboration with the ANZBMS senior committee and foster active engagement of early career investigators within the ANZBMS.**

The ANZBMS and the ANZBMS ECIC have been actively working to increase the engagement of ECIs within the Society. ECIs have been given the opportunity to co-chair sessions with senior members at ESA-SRB-ANZBMS 2021. The number of ECIs involved in various ANZBMS sub-committees is also increasing and we continue to actively encourage this. The ECIC Co-Chairs also attend Council meetings as ex-officio members. The past Co-Chair of the ECIC acts as the ECIC representative on the ANZBMS Program Organising Committee and assists in developing the scientific program for the ASM in conjunction with the ECIC.

2021 POC – Ayse Zengin, Melissa Cantley, and John Kemp. Therapeutics Committee – Sabashini Ramchand. Research Committee – Ayse Zengin. Communications Committee – Natalie Wee, Victoria Leitch and Alex Barker. ANZBMS ECI Newsletter Editorial Board - Amy Ribet (WA), Emma Buckels (NZ), Alex Barker (SA), Laura Trainor (SA), Mei Lin Tay (NZ), Jakub Masinovic (VIC), Shanal Kumar (VIC), Behnaz Azimi Manavi (VIC), Madhuni Herath (VIC).

Outgoing members of the ANZBMS ECI Newsletter Editorial Board (terms ended September 2021) are: Sabashini Ramchand, Ayse Zengin, Melissa Cantley, Renee Ormsby, Victoria Leitch and Aaron Fernandez.

For the 2021E-SRB-ANZBMS meeting there are two ECIs invited to be national speakers: Audrey Chan and John Kemp. 8 ECIs are session chairs throughout the meeting.

**Objective 2: To promote activities that engage early career investigators and senior members in open dialogue and collaborative initiatives.**

**Virtual Coffee Catch-ups**

Given the success of the Coffee Catch-ups in 2020, we continued this initiative into 2021.

Coffee catch-up #5: April 2021. Getting that WOW factor? writing an application that stands out from the crowd. Guest speakers: Dr Alberto Rosello Diez (Monash University) and Professor Yin Xiao (Queensland University of Technology). Both were successful NHMRC Ideas grant recipients in 2020. There were 22 attendees for this Coffee Catch-up with many useful tips shared about improving the first page of your application. This session was very timely with the deadline for NHMRC Ideas grants.

Coffee catch-up #6: June 2021. Perfecting Publications: The do's and don'ts of mastering manuscripts. Our invited speakers for this Catch-up were ANZBMS President Prof. Natalie Sims (St Vincent's Institute), Prof. Tuan Nguyen (Garvan Institute) and Prof. Gustavo Duque (University of Melbourne). This catch-up had 33 attendees with great discussion and questions.

Coffee catch-up #7 September 2021. Tips for building your CV with Prof. Allison Pettit (Mater Research Institute, University of Queensland), Dr Christian Girgis (Sydney Medical School The University of Sydney), Dr Tara Speranza (School of Medical Sciences The University of Sydney). Our guest speakers provided their tips and experiences as those working in basic researchers, clinical work and research and combining teaching and research. This session was attended by 25 attendees.

Poll questions for the coffee catch-ups provide very valuable feedback and information related to the ASM, communication types from the ECIC, future coffee catch up topics, Career Development initiatives, engagement with the ECI newsletter.

Our final catch up will be held in December and be interactive session, review the year, achievements for ECIs.

### Fellowship-coaching program

During 2020 the career development subcommittee conceived and initiated a Fellowship Coaching Program. The inaugural program was launched in August 2021, and it aims to support three early career investigators (ECIs) with their NHMRC Investigator Grant applications for the upcoming round in 2022. Each ECI will be coached by two mid-career investigators (MCIs) to improve the track record, research impact and the leadership sections of their application. A panel of senior researchers from the society will also review each application and provide a final round of expert feedback. The program aims to run from September 2021 – March 2022 and includes two rounds of revision and feedback from the MCIs before a final review by a panel of senior researchers.

To maintain confidentiality and respect the intellectual property of research projects, the program is only focused on the research impact and leadership sections of applicants' NHMRC Investigator Grant application, not the research proposal. Applicants are expected to develop their research proposal section independently from this program.

Interested candidates were requested to complete an expression of interest form. Three expressions of interests were received, and only two were eligible (Dr. Yinghong Zhou and Dr. Renee Ormsby). The third being a non-member. ECI/MCIs with a successful record of competitive funding from within the society were contacted and 4 agreed to act as coaches, namely Josh Lewis (CDF) and Melissa Cantley (ECF) (Yinghong) and Michelle McDonald and David Scott (EL2) (Renee). Teams of coaches and candidates have completed their first round of feedback and second meetings are being set up by the career development subcommittee members. Eight senior members of the society have been contacted and 6 have confirmed their availability for the final panel discussion. The career development subcommittee is also surveying coaches and candidates at each stage of the pilot program so that it can be improved for the 2022 round.

**Objective 3: To increase early career investigator awareness of research trends and application of new technologies in bone and mineral research**

### ECTS Academy Webinar Exchange

The ECIC continue to strengthen the relationship with the ECTS Academy, with the webinar series. The ECTS webinar series aims to convey knowledge on musculoskeletal topics, including state-of-the-art lectures, novel technologies, and debates. These webinars feature basic scientists, epidemiologists, clinical researchers, and clinicians as speakers, and allow participants to ask questions. Registration is free for ECTS members and non-members. Due to several unforeseen issues no webinar exchange was held in 2021, however a speaker from ANZBMS ECIC has been selected for next year's series and we are waiting for final approval from the ECTS board (Speaker TBA).

### ECIC Database

The career development subcommittee, in conjunction with the wider ECIC established a database of ECI member profiles that enabled the ECIC to better understand the skill sets, expertise, and research interests of its membership.

This database provides a fair and equitable means for the ECIC to proactively identify and engage ECI members that are eligible for research and professional service roles that will ultimately improve their track record. These include but are not limited to: Invited national and international platform presentations, peer reviewing roles and awards. The ECI database has also enabled us to design and implement future initiatives that are aimed at boosting track records and encouraging collaboration within our society. These include a Fellowship and Coaching Program and a Skills and Resources Matching Initiative (TBA). The ECIC database currently contains information on 50 members and has already been used to identify the candidate for the 2022 ECTS Academy Webinar Exchange. During this process the ECTS academy was provided with a list of members' research areas and that information was used by the ECTS academy to identify a topic and speaker of interest.

## Objective 6: To foster science communication and engagement with the public

### ANZBMS Website

The ECI section is regularly updated by the ECIC Communications team to include the role of the ECIC and its members, ECI news, ECI calendar, ECI awards, newsletters, grants, and scholarships and ECI resources.

The ECIC communications subcommittee is currently working on a revised plan for redesign of the ECIC section of the website.

### ANZBMS Quarterly ECI Newsletter

The aim of the newsletter is to create a sense of community among the Society's ECI's, highlight their work and disseminate information relevant to ECIs. The newsletter editorial board is a separate entity to the ECIC with separate Terms of Reference.

2021 Members: Sabashini Ramchand, Mel Cantley, Ayse Zengin, Renee Ormsby, Victoria Leitch, Amy Ribet, Emma Buckels and Aaron Fernandez. Those whose terms ended in September 2021: Sabashini Ramchand, Ayse Zengin, Melissa Cantley, Renee Ormsby, Victoria Leitch and Aaron Fernandez.

Current members: Amy Ribet (WA), Emma Buckels (NZ), Alex Barker (SA), Laura Trainor (SA), Mei Lin Tay (NZ), Jakub Masinovic (VIC), Shanal Kumar (VIC), Behnaz Azimi Manavi (VIC), Madhuni Herath (VIC).

Alex Barker is the new Editor in Chief, Emma Buckels and Behnaz Azimi Manavi are Copy Editors.

Three Issues have been produced in 2021, these have allowed the society to celebrate the achievements of the Society's ECI members. Feedback from polls has shown that the ECIs do engage with the newsletters and enjoy reading them.

LucidPress has been used to compose newsletters and members have found it to be fit for purpose.

Issues can be found [here](#).

### Social Media

We use twitter as our social media platform to keep ECIs informed of upcoming national and international events, conferences, awards, and other information that may be of relevance. .

We post regular tweets from our ECIC Communications sub-committee, these include advertisements of the coffee catch-ups, RACP webinars and ASM ECI events. We are getting increased numbers of retweets, engagement and likes on the account. Following the ESA-SRB-ANZBMS2021 meeting we will introduce all new ECIC members on Twitter. (@ANZBMS\_ECIC). We now have more than 430 followers for the Twitter page.

Engagement with public: In 2021 the Events subcommittee has discussed ideas to engage more with the public but are aware this is also an initiative that the ANZBMS is discussing with BHF and Musculoskeletal Australia and so are keen to help Council with this.

**Objective 4: To increase engagement of clinical trainees and improve training in bone and mineral metabolism.**

#### Clinical Cases in Metabolic Bone Disease Seminar

The session consists of challenging clinical cases, presented by experts. Each presenter gives a clinical vignette followed by evidence, and this is followed by a 5-minute expert commentary, and questions and discussion.

In 2021 the Clinical Cases sessions will be held as part of the ESA clinical weekend. This year the 2021 Clinical subcommittee members were Alicia Jones and Jiao Jiao Li. Alicia Jones went on maternity leave in June 2021 and so we established a Clinical Cases working group to work with the Clinical subcommittee to run this event. Hanh Nguyen and Ingrid Bretherton were both recruited to be a part of the working group. 13 cases were submitted for the ANZBMS session with 6 given oral presentations.

The Clinical cases working group organised abstract reviewers and judges for the session. Alicia Jones and Hanh Nguyen will chair the session and Ingrid Bretherton will serve as backup. The scoring sheet for the session was also updated to increase the impact of the question time for the presentations.

#### RACP Webinar Series

This webinar is part of the Specialty Society Webinar Service pilot that is being undertaken by the RACP in partnership with its affiliated specialty societies.

4 webinars for 2021

**Webinar 1:** August 2021 Jasna Aleksova - Bone health in chronic kidney disease

**Webinar 2:** September 2021 Natalie Sims - Bone cell biology for Clinicians

**Webinar 3:** November 2021 Dr Christian Girgis - Anabolic therapy for osteoporosis.

**Webinar 4:** Dr Shoshana Sztal-Mazer, Bone health and transplantation

These sessions have been well attended. Feedback was positive, with people finding the content useful for clinical practice, engaging and of the right duration.

**Objective 5: Involvement in scientific and social programs at the ANZBMS Annual Scientific Meeting.**

The ECIC will co-host 3 events at the 2021 Virtual Scientific Meeting include the Career Development Session (Building Collaborations and Networking - the keys to a successful career), a Networking event (Science at Speed: a meeting of the minds) and a social event (Virtual Trivia). A brief description is as follows:

### Building Collaborations and Networking - the keys to a successful career Monday 22nd November (joint event, ESA, SRB and ANZBMS)

Prof Teede, Prof Gemmell & Dr Iuliano will provide insight and advice on how to successfully network and foster collaborations to accelerate your career. The talks will be followed by a panel discussion with questions from the audience for the speakers.

### Virtual Trivia Monday 22nd November (joint event)

30mins of group trivia for some fun & laughs & prizes followed by a “happy hour” informal networking.

### Science at Speed: a meeting of the minds Wednesday 24th November

This event aims to foster collaboration and networking across different disciplines and career levels. Each pair will be given 6 mins to pitch their research interests. Over the hour, each attendee will network with 10 people. Attendees will be categorised as Basic and Clinical research.

### Bridging Overseas Networking and Exchange Program - B.O.N.E Program

No B.O.N.E Exchanges occurred during 2021 due to covid. However, the ECIC has partnered up with BRS for 2022 and lab heads within the society have been requested to put forward eligible candidates (6 - 10 years post PhD). Three nominations have been received thus far.

The ECIC has approached ASBMR inquiring about a possible B.O.N.E Exchange program and ASBMR has been forthcoming. Negotiations are ongoing and it is likely that a concurrent program for 2022 will go ahead with the following conditions: The applicant must be awarded a Young Investigator (YI) award from ASBMR. ASBMR is likely to commit to reserving one YI award with the higher honorarium during the duration of the program (3-year trial). The YI should meet the ASBMR definition and be within 5 years of PhD graduation.

### Concluding Remarks

We would like to thank all members of the ECIC for their valuable contributions and support in 2021.



**Dr Melissa Cantley  
& Dr John Kemp**

**Co-Chairs Early Career Investigator Committee**



# ANZBMS 2021 AWARD WINNERS

## ANZBMS/BHF inaugural Grant in Aid

ANZBMS and the Bone Health Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of the first ANZBMS/BHF Grant-in-Aid.

*These \$25,000 grants were targeted to mid-career researchers (5-15 years postdoctoral) who were unsuccessful in a recent National Grant Round to provide funds to help make their work more competitive in a future grant round. We received many very high quality applications, which were scored by a panel of 7 experts. All applicants received feedback on their applications, which we hope will help them in preparing their future grant applications.*

This year's awardees were:

### **Dr Frances Milat**

Monash University, Melbourne

For the project: Effectiveness of a Fracture Liaison Service Targeting Individuals at High Fracture Risk Following Ischaemic Stroke



### **Associate Professor Michelle McDonald**

Garvan Institute Sydney

For the project: Prevention of Rebound Bone loss and Fracture Induced by Denosumab Withdrawal



Congratulations to you both!

For more information about the Bone Health Foundation, please see their website.

# ANZBMS 2021 AWARD WINNERS

**AMGEN  
OUTSTANDING  
ABSTRACT  
AWARD**

**Dana Bliuc**

Garvan Institute of  
Medical Research



**AMGEN  
OUTSTANDING  
ABSTRACT  
AWARD**

**Ryan Chai**

Garvan Institute of  
Medical Research



**AMGEN  
OUTSTANDING  
ABSTRACT  
AWARD**

**Alexander Corr**

Garvan Institute of  
Medical Research



**AMGEN  
OUTSTANDING  
ABSTRACT  
AWARD**

**Albert Kim**

Garvan Institute of  
Medical Research



**AMGEN  
OUTSTANDING  
ABSTRACT  
AWARD**

**Alexander  
Rodriguez**

Monash University



**ANZBMS  
HIGHEST RATED  
STUDENT  
ABSTRACT  
AWARD**

**Shoichiro Tani**

The University of  
Tokyo



# ANZBMS 2021 AWARD WINNERS

**KYOWA KIRIN  
BEST BASIC  
SCIENCE  
PRESENTATION**

**Kai Chen**

University of Western  
Australia



**KYOWA KIRIN  
BEST CLINICAL  
PRESENTATION**

**Marc Sim**



**KAYE IBBERTSON  
AWARD FOR BONE  
AND MINERAL  
RESEARCH**

**John Kemp**

University of  
Queensland



**ANZBMS SOL  
POSEN AWARD**

**Niloufar Ansari**

Monash University



**ROGER MELICK  
YOUNG  
INVESTIGATOR  
AWARD**

**Ruby Oberin**

Hudson Institute of  
Medical Research



**CHRISTOPHER  
AND MARGIE  
NORDIN YOUNG  
INVESTIGATOR  
POSTER AWARD**

**Amy Ribet**

University of Western  
Australia



# ANZBMS 2021 AWARD WINNERS

**ECIC BONE  
CLINICAL CASES  
AWARD WINNER**

**Ray Wang**

Eastern Health



**ANZBMS/ AMGEN/  
Healthy Bones  
Australia Clinical  
Research Grant**

**Jason Talevski**

University of  
Melbourne



**MOST ENGAGED  
ECI AWARD**

**Albert Kim**

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Medical Research

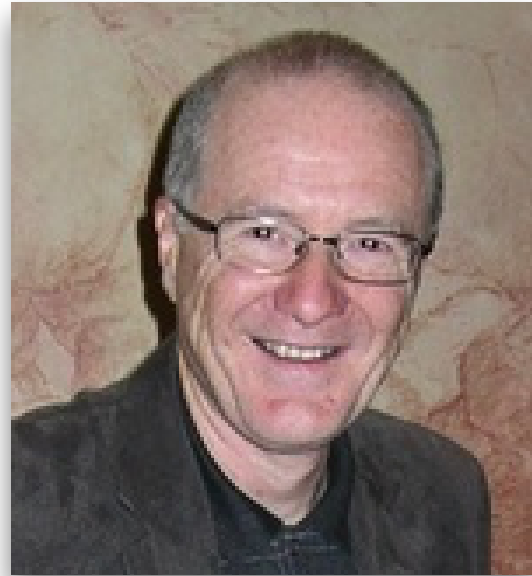


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Adelaide



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**Professor Rebecca  
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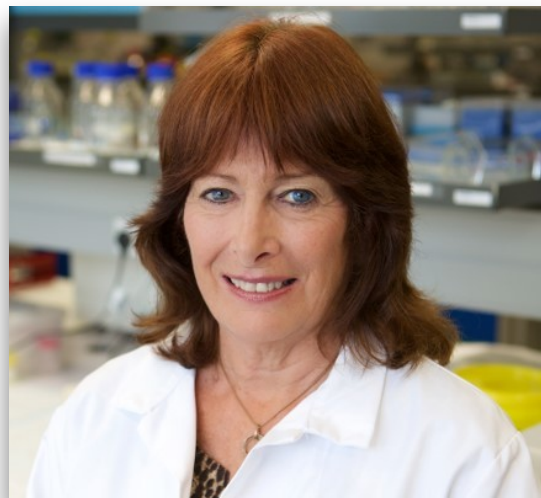
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Distinguished Professor Ian Reid for services to medicine.



# FUTURE MEETING

## ANZBMS-MEPSA-ANZORS 2022



**SAVE THE DATE 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2022**

**Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre**

Combined Scientific Meetings of the Australian and New Zealand Bone and Mineral Society, The Molecular and Experimental Pathology Society of Australasia & The Australian and New Zealand Orthopaedic Research Society.

Abstract Submission Deadline: **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Earlybird Registration Deadline: **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

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