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# Australasian Society of Career Medical Officers — Newsletter

*I*t's renewal time again for our members whose memberships expired at the end of December 2002. Renewal notices for those members are enclosed along with this newsletter. Remember—a current username and password are now required to access certain sections of our website.

## Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be ASCMO's Educational Conference (incorporating our Annual General Meeting) on Saturday, March 22, 2003 at The Greenmount Resort, Coolangatta, Queensland (<http://www.greenmountresort.com.au>). This is a good time to visit this area—surf and weather-wise. (It is peak surf season but not peak tourist season.) It is also easy to get here by plane from the Gold Coast (Coolangatta) airport and then a short bus or taxi ride. You can also come from Brisbane Airport by train and bus or the airport connection companies. And of course the Pacific Highway provides easy car access.

The cost is \$35 which will include morning and afternoon tea as well as lunch. Please forward bookings/payments to our Officer Manager.

All members who unable to physically attend are invited to join our meeting via telephone conference. This allows all members to ring from anywhere within Australia and meet with us for free. Details to join the telephone conference are available at <http://www.ascmo.org.au/next-meeting.htm>.

## What's New

Members—don't forget out "What's New" section on the web (<http://www.ascmo.org.au/whatsnew.htm>). Current topics include—details of our next meeting, letter supporting introduction/invention of advanced trained CMOs in NSW, work life flexibility project, bullying in the workplace...

## CMO Positions

Our website continues to have paid advertisements for CMO positions across Australia. So why not check out what could be your next CMO position at <http://www.ascmo.org.au/ads/cmo/cmo-posn.htm>.

## Continuing Professional Development Programme

The CPDP is a Continuing Medical Education program developed by the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (RCPA). This innovative program is based on **self-directed learning** through the documentation of educational activities in a **Learning Diary**.

The great advantage to CMOs is that CPDP is easy, user friendly and logs those aspects of your own practice that provide a significant educational event. With as little as 5-10 minutes per day, the CPDP allows you to note down your educational experiences and, at the end of each six-month period, the results are officially tabulated and reported by ASCMO. This report is the certifiable evidence of your own CME and is acceptable as such throughout Australia. The facility also exists for you to log on at work as well as home, and also to compose your own reports from the data that you collect.

**ASCMO is able to offer this log-book style program to members of ASCMO both in electronic (Windows**

**ONLY) and manual forms. The cost is \$55-00 annually for the electronic version and \$110-00 annually for the paper version. Further details of this programme are available at <http://www.ascmo.org.au/edu/cpdp.htm>.**

All participants in this program will receive relevant certifications. This can be used as evidence of CME, to your employer, when re-registering with the Medical Board of NSW, etc.

For current members of CPDP please forward your diary submissions to our Education Officer:-

Dr Gabrielle du Preez-Wilkinson  
6 Mary Street  
REDCLIFFE QLD 4020

Submissions should be forwarded to Gabrielle twice a year, i.e. June and December. Certificates are usually issued in September each year, but if you require your certificate sooner, please advise either Gabrielle or the ASCMO Office Manager.

## Note from the President—Dr David Tree

Michael Boyd has taken Minutes of the Dec 18 ASCMO meeting which will be available on the web shortly, along with the Minutes of the previous ASCMO meeting at Cessnock Peripheral Hospital Conference in October. In passing, the man who had a cardiac arrest at the Peripheral Hospital Conference is back at work and well pleased with his new lease of life. *Congratulations to all who contributed to his good outcome.*

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