Introduction

As the President of Paramedics Australasia (PA), I am very proud to lead the peak representative body for Paramedics in Australasia. Our key roles are to assist the growth and development of paramedics as well as offer a unified voice for paramedics in Australasia. The role of paramedics has changed dramatically over the years and will continue to do so in the coming years.

PA is a key partner in thousands of paramedic careers and could be in yours as well. As our membership grows, so does our influence over the government, in particular with regards to the creation of national registration. I hope you will take the time to review the contents of this flier and consider the real benefits of becoming a PA member.

Peter Hartley
President

What is Paramedics Australasia?

Paramedics Australasia is the peak professional body that represents you - the paramedic.

What we do

We believe in the value of paramedicine and the profound impact paramedics have on people’s lives. We support your profession and represent your interests. We strive to be your voice in determining how advances in health service provision, legislation and clinical practice are shaped and implemented to enhance the quality of patient care.

Paramedics Australasia led the 10-year campaign advocating for national registration for paramedics. The National Registration Scheme is due for implementation in 2018, and we continue to be a key adviser to government to ensure our members' views are included in the development of this new scheme.
Why join us?

While you work for the best interest of others, we make sure your best interests are taken care of. With over 3500 members across Australasia, we are the only organisation that understands the unique needs of paramedics and those that work in or support the paramedicine field.

When you join the Paramedics Australasia community you will be represented, heard, supported and valued.

Some of the ways Paramedics Australasia supports its members is by:

- Providing opportunities for professional development and continuing education
- Providing access to professional, health and welfare services
- Supporting a range of special interest groups and committees to progress the field of paramedicine
- Ensuring education and guidance for compliance with the future national registration program for paramedics
- Promoting and advancing the profession and driving professional standards.

Member benefits

As a member you will receive:

- A quarterly general interest, training and education bulletin, Response
- A monthly electronic newsletter to help keep you informed, Rapid Response
- Access to our peer-reviewed journal, the Australasian Journal of Paramedicine
- Updates on what's happening in your profession via Facebook and Twitter
- Access to scientific conferences, symposia and other professional workshops.
- Exclusive access to members to apply for scholarships to a variety of CPD activities.
- Up-date information on National Registration.

You can also become involved in:

- Evidence-based research and special interest groups (including a range of grants to individual members)
- Health care policy committees, regulatory bodies, clinical groups and other health care stakeholder activities
- Professional networking and international links.

Let us look after you... To find out how you can become part of your professional community, contact your local Paramedics Australasia chapter or visit, www.paramedics.org.au

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What our Members say

“I live and work in Rural Tasmania but PA keeps me in touch with what’s happening in Paramedicine across Australasia. As a Board Director I am now able to share the perspective of rural and remote paramedics.”

Simone Haigh
Intensive Care Paramedic

“As a member for 25 years, I have seen PA develop & mature through its various iterations (Institute, ACAP & now PA). Over this time, it has afforded me the opportunity to establish valuable and enduring professional relationships. As paramedics move towards registration, a robust & committed professional organisation like PA representing the interests of the profession will become an additional critical role.”

Howard Wren
General Manager – Education, ACT Ambulance Service

“For me, membership of PA is a huge contributor to my continuing professional development, and particularly important now that student life is behind me.”

Levi Karschimkus
2nd year Paramedicine Graduate