

## Rationale

ANZCA is a bi-national, bi-specialty college with fellows and trainees across all states and territories in Australia and in New Zealand. ANZCA trains and educates specialist anaesthetists, rural generalist anaesthetists and specialist pain medicine physicians. At any one-time ANZCA has 7000 fellows and up to 1900 trainees.

ANZCA has also recently established a Chapter of Perioperative Medicine offering a world-first qualification in perioperative medicine delivered in a hospital setting. This is a multidisciplinary approach to education and informed care and engages with the multidisciplinary clinical workforce.

Access to continuing medical education and continuing professional development (CPD) opportunities is a requirement mandated by the Medical Boards of Australia and New Zealand and the Australian and New Zealand Medical Councils. The college's accreditation by the Australian Medical Council as an education provider/training body requires the provision of accessible and equitable education for all members of the college, inclusive of metropolitan, rural and remote locations.

The college is committed to ensuring there is no disadvantage to any members of the college based on their location/region, nor do we restrict the opportunities for our members to engage in regional/national organising committees for our continuing education and scientific meetings. In line with this commitment to our members we rotate all our meetings, including our signature Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM), across states and territories in Australia, New Zealand and on occasion south-east Asia.

The breadth and size of our education and scientific programs (inclusive of up to 150 workshops) and our large number of delegates often means we need to be in larger cities with convention centres that can accommodate our footprint. We are mindful of ensuring our regional members are included in the development of the scientific program and have every opportunity to network with national and international experts.

We are a membership organisation and our members expect us to bring "the college" to them and to be there for them – no matter where they are based. The ASM allows local members to showcase their achievements and region to others, and to take part in the College Ceremony, our Emerging Leaders' Conference, research workshops or our Faculty of Pain Medicine (FPM) Symposium. We continue to work with our members to deliver on this expectation.

Continuing medical education and CPD opportunities, engagement and networking, celebrating success, as well as access to new and innovative healthcare industry practice and equipment at our meetings remains our focus, as does a commitment to partner, engage and communicate with the healthcare industry.

For further information or to discuss any of the above please contact the sponsorship team.