



## **SCLMA** **President's Message** Dr Jon Harper



### NEXT SCLMA CLINICAL MEETING FOR 2025 - THURSDAY 25th September 2025

I think the time may be coming for Australians to learn to love the small car. And when I say, 'small car', I mean what people who live anywhere except for Australia and the United States might call a 'normal car'.

But it's going to be a challenge.

Australia is a rugged country and, so we tell ourselves, we're going to need a rugged vehicle to get around it. So, we buy SUVs, 4x4s and Utes which spend most of their days driving on smooth bitumen to work and the supermarket.

In 2024, three of the top 5 best-selling new cars in Australia were Utes, and the other two were SUVs. These Utes have diesel or big petrol engines which readily convert our hard-earned cash into greenhouse gases. In Europe, which I am reliably informed also has a number of tradies and off-road driving, the top 3 best-selling cars of 2024 were all hatchbacks.

One of the reasons we have an appetite for big cars with big inefficient engines is because the Australian market is full of them. If you go to McDonalds for dinner, it's highly likely you'll end up with a burger. In January, the New Vehicle Efficiency Standard (NVES) came into effect which is poised to reshape motoring culture by incentivising the adoption of more fuel-efficient vehicles and reducing emissions. Manufacturers will have to sell more fuel-efficient cars to offset the sales of their carbon-heavy models.

So it's time to contemplate the benefits of the small(er) car - the low centre of gravity as you hug the corners driving through the hinterland, the effortless parking with ample room to open any door, the cheaper tyres, the cheaper car wash, the cheaper fuel and, as you treat yourself to a holiday from all your car's savings, you can lie back and look up to the troposphere and say 'well done' for putting a bit less carbon up there.

Jon Harper  
5/8/2025

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## SEPT 2025 NEWSLETTER

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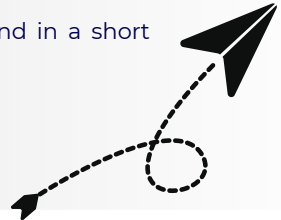
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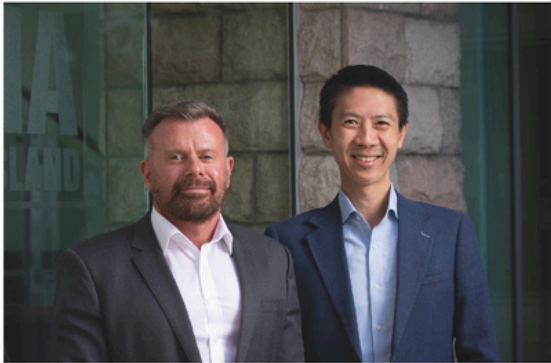
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## AMA QUEENSLAND UPDATE



AMA Queensland CEO Dr Brett Dale  
and President Dr Nick Yim

It has been a busy few months at AMA Queensland headquarters as we prepare for our exciting [website and database upgrade](#).

This kind of work is always technically complex, and our team has done an outstanding job putting all the pieces of the digital puzzle together.

The result will be the best security for your data, and a smoother online experience.

You will need to take some actions once we go live on 14 August, so please make sure to read your emails.

## WORKFORCE WORKING GROUP ACTION PLAN

After six months of hard work, we were excited to release our Workforce Working Group Action Plan. This blueprint offers practical, profession-led solutions to our medical workforce crisis.

We need to get more doctors into the health system and then get them to where they're needed most across Queensland. The state government is set to release its own needs-based workforce plan by the end of the year, and we hope to see many of these policy recommendations included.

The Workforce Working Group Action Plan covers six key areas:

- The health system
- The role of the doctor
- The medical training pipeline
- General practice
- Public hospitals
- Private hospitals



[Read more](#)



The plan launched on 29 July, and we are continuing to roll out media releases delving into more detail of the plan.



## MOCA 7 UPDATE

Queensland Health has presented its formal offer for the Medical Officers' Certified Agreement (MOCA7).

ASMOFQ has been working hard for six months on negotiations and has now sent around this offer for review and feedback. The offer is open for acceptance until 22 August 2025.

You can update your details by contacting our Membership Team on 07 3872 2222 or [membership@amaq.com.au](mailto:membership@amaq.com.au).

We will continue to post updates through our channels, and you can also keep an eye on the [ASMOFQ website](#).

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## GP TRAINING PLACEMENTS

We have raised serious concerns about GP training placements after the inclusion of a new guideline in the next federal grant tender that would require the RACGP and ACRRM to prioritise training places in practices that bulk bill only.

We support the federal government's aim to build Australia's GP workforce, but this move has the potential to backfire.

It is harder for practices that 100% bulk bill to operate in smaller centres, particularly in a decentralised state like Queensland. This guideline could see deserving clinics that offer high quality training and supervision, including a broad scope of practice for trainee GPs, miss out on being able to develop that critical relationship with new doctors.

The move could also disincentivise new registrars, who might choose other specialties rather than a path with narrower training options and less variety.



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## FLU CASES SURGE



Prof Paul Griffin

July saw a spike in patients admitted to hospital with influenza. The Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital was forced to pause elective surgery for 48 hours due to the added pressure on the system.

AMA Queensland board member Professor Paul Griffin joined Health Minister Tim Nicholls and Pharmacy Guild Queensland Branch President Chris Owen at a media conference to once again urge Queenslanders to roll up their sleeves. We continue to partner with Queensland Health to promote the use of safe, effective and free vaccines for the flu, COVID-19 and RSV.



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## MEDICINAL CANNABIS PRESCRIBING

We welcomed moves by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) and the National Boards to strengthen guidelines around the prescribing of medicinal cannabis.



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There is a concern the industry has been putting profits over patient safety, and doctors have reported an increase in the number of patients with no previous history of mental illness presenting to our EDs with psychosis after using these substances.

However, we also need focus on unscrupulous vested business interests who may be driving higher rates of prescribing. This includes instant online prescribing models and delivery services that provide rapid access to medicinal cannabis products, sometimes containing unnecessary yet extremely potent concentrations of THC.

## AMAQ FOUNDATION OFFERS SUPPORT TO DFV VICTIMS



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Thanks to the generosity of members and donors, the AMA Queensland Foundation has split \$154,000 in grants across nine organisations (including Willowtree37, pictured) working to reduce domestic and family violence in our community.



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## 2025 FEDERAL CONFERENCE

We spent a full and engaging three days at AMA National Conference in Adelaide on 1-3 August – alongside a large Queensland contingent.

Highlights included the AMA Federal Council's formation of the International Medical Graduate committee, Dr James Mueke's keynote address on the drivers of Australia's chronic disease crisis, the inspiring stories of award and scholarship winners, and the opportunities to connect, network and share ideas.



Adjunct Professor Tony Rahman and Dr Yim

The biggest thrills came when our members Adjunct Professor Tony Rahman and Dr Dominic Edwards won excellence awards, and our Immediate Past President Dr Maria Boulton was added to the Roll of Fellows.

Health Minister Mark Butler was a welcome guest at the conference. We applaud his commitment to more doctors and cheaper medicines, but we retain some caution about his pledge to open more urgent care clinics.



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## TOWNSVILLE EVENTS

President Dr Nick Yim and Vice-President Dr Emilia Dauway spent a beautiful few days in wintery Townsville in July for a number of fantastic AMA Queensland events.

The biggest was our sold-out *Women in Medicine Breakfast*, featuring an array of inspiring speakers. Our *Private Practice Refreshed* and *Member Networking* session also saw great attendance, with 200 people turning out across the three events.

We also made a visit to the Townsville Hospital and Health Service, and thanks to our corporate partners Cutcher & Neale and MDA National, took along a Subway lunch for staff!



[See more photos  
from the event](#)



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Our last *Private Practice Refreshed* seminar for the year takes place on 5 December at the fabulous QT Hotel on the Gold Coast. We'll then chase the summer fun into the evening with our *Member Networking Event!*



There are limited packages left for our [Annual Conference 2025](#) in Vancouver, Canada. Earn CPD points and discuss key issues facing the profession while immersed in a unique tourism destination.



## AMA QUEENSLAND DIGITAL UPGRADE

Our adorable avatars Dr Bones and Webby the Frog are excited to launch AMA Queensland's new [website and database upgrade!](#)

Keep an eye out for changes when you visit our website, Member Portal or receive emails and SMS messages after the new site goes live on Thursday 14 August. We will have video guides and FAQs to help you with any changes you need to make in order to keep your data as secure as possible. You'll also be able to contact us on 07 3872 2222.

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Are you or someone you know living with PTSD or the impacts of trauma? The National PTSD Research Centre at UniSC's Thompson Institute is recruiting participants for a research study of a new treatment for PTSD.

Led by Professor Alain Brunet, this study focuses on Reconsolidation Therapy – a treatment shown to help the brain update traumatic memories by reducing their emotional impact.

## What's involved?

- **Participants:** Adults aged 18+ with diagnosed or suspected PTSD, Adjustment Disorder or Prolonged Grief Disorder.
- **Duration:** A six-week treatment program with comprehensive assessments before and after.
- **The treatment:** Safe and non-invasive, it includes a medication to help your brain process and update trauma-related memories.

## Why is this important?

We are exploring how this novel therapy can reduce symptoms and improve the lives of those affected by trauma. Participants will be helping advance research that could change the future of trauma treatment.

## Interested in joining?

Scan the QR code below for more information or to see if you're eligible.

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## Support for GPs managing children with ADHD

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If you are happy to make a medication change but would like reassurance or confirmation of action (e.g. trial Vyvanse when previously on Ritalin, or change formulation from short to long-acting), please use the 'Request for Advice' (RFA) service in Smart Referrals. The Paediatric department will respond with electronic advice in writing, usually within 5 business days. Clinical advice and management tips, including medication management and changing from short-acting to long-acting stimulant medication, have recently been updated on HealthPathways "ADHD in Children and Youth ADHD in Children and Youth".

If there are major issues or concerns identified in recently discharged patients, please re-refer through Smart Referrals and provide information about:

- Current weight
- Current medication dose/form
- Current concerns: school, after school, attention, behaviour
- Is the medication working at all? Stopped working? Not taking due to side effects?

The more clinical information you can give, the more helpful we can be. Recently discharged patients will be booked in for a 30-minute review appointment (waiting times are shorter than for new appointments). In some cases, we can provide advice whilst also having the patient on the wait list for review. Thank you!

## GP Request for Advice (RFA) is 'live' in more specialties

An increasing number of Sunshine Coast Health specialties are providing the option for GPs to send 'Request for Advice' (RFA) through GP Smart Referrals, instead of requesting an outpatient consultation.

This service provides GPs with specialist advice, usually within 5 business days, using secure asynchronous electronic communication. This allows timely feedback to support your care in general practice.




The below specialities will provide written specialist advice in response to a clinical question submitted via the RFA function in GP Smart Referrals:

- General Medicine
- Geriatrics
- Cardiology
- Respiratory
- Haematology
- Hepatology
- Immunology
- Rheumatology
- Neurology
- Paediatric Medicine
- Dermatology
- Urology
- General surgery
- Persistent Pain
- Rehabilitation Medicine
- Wound Management

More specialties will come online over the next 12 months. There are no required CPC criteria for requests for advice, however, there must be sufficient clinical information to allow the specialist to provide meaningful advice.

Requests for non-clinical advice (such as appointment scheduling) should not be sent using RFA - please continue to direct these to the Referral Centre GP Hotline: phone 1300 358 225. Concerns or system issues should be discussed with the GP Liaison Unit: phone 5202 3822.

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GPs are central to the success of this program.

## Screening Eligibility

To qualify, patients must:

- ✓ Be aged between 50 and 70 years
- ✓ Be asymptomatic with no sign of lung cancer
- ✓ Have a history of tobacco cigarette smoking of at least 30 pack-years
- ✓ Be a current smoker, or have quit smoking within the last 10 years.

## Screening Pathway

- **Referral** GP refers patient for initial Low Dose Chest CT (LDCT). One MBS item covers initial and 2-yearly scans; another covers interim LDCTs if follow-up is needed.
- **Imaging** Patients book a low-dose CT chest scan via the Sunshine Coast Radiology website. Their scan will be bulk-billed.
- **Results** We will provide GPs with a structured radiologist report (Standardised Volumetric Doubling Time (VDT) monitoring is used). Initial scan will be reported using PANCAN and subsequent scans using the recommended Nodule Management Protocol.
- **Follow up** The National Cancer Screening Register will not hold scan images, but will provide patients with reminders. Consistent use of the same radiology provider is good practice to ensure accurate and comparable data over time.

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# Ear, Nose and Throat Update

Discover the latest advances, surgeries and treatment options and advice on treating common problems from our ENT Specialists.

**WHEN:** Thursday, 14 August 2025  
Registrations and dinner from 6pm  
for a 6.30pm start.

**WHERE:** Pier 33 "The Picket Room"  
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**COST:** FREE

**RSVP:** Thursday, 7 August 2025  
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## SPEAKERS

Dr Neil Foden  
Otolaryngologist



Dr Brendan Perry  
Otolaryngologist



Dr Amy Pun  
Otolaryngologist



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## Monthly update

### Shane Mitchell, General Manager

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## Celebrating 45 years of compassionate care

For 45 years, Buderim Private Hospital has been a place of healing and hope for countless Sunshine Coast residents.

In July, our community of staff, volunteers, specialists, and special guests came together to celebrate a journey spanning almost half a century, from humble beginnings to becoming one of the regions most trusted healthcare providers.

The celebration honoured the vision and tenacity of our founder, Mrs Elsa Wilson, whose dream became a reality on 5 July 1980 when the hospital opened with 48 beds – and a huge amount of heart.

Fast forward to 2025, Buderim Private Hospital is now a 196-bed facility, with eight operating theatres, two cardiovascular theatres, intensive and coronary care units, and a wide range of specialised services including maternity, mental health, orthopaedics and rehabilitation, among others.

The hospital is home to the Coast's first and only private Emergency Centre, which celebrates its 7th birthday this year and cares for 16,000 patients annually. While our Cindy Mackenzie Breast Cancer Program, now in its 10th year at Buderim Private Hospital, stands ready to provide a range of support for any local resident diagnosed with breast cancer.

By the numbers, Buderim Private Hospital cares for more than 25,000 patients every year, employs more than 850 local people, and has supported families to welcome nearly 19,000 babies.

Our hospital was built on a foundation of care, compassion and community, and this anniversary has been a special time for us to reflect on the hospital's legacy and deep roots in the community.

We are proud to continue investing in our region because we believe that excellent healthcare should grow with the community it serves. That's what Elsa Wilson envisioned, and that's what we're proud to carry forward.

As we look back with pride, we also look forward with purpose, committed to continuing the mission that Elsa began which is to deliver exceptional care, close to home, for generations to come.

Here's to 45 years of compassionate care, and to those who have made it all possible. Thank you for being part of our journey and community - Shane



## Upcoming CPD events for GPs

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# Does leg artery disease cause you pain when walking?

If you are over 18 years of age and have been diagnosed with Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD) you may be eligible to take part in one of our research trials.

## Participants wanted

The VasoActive Research team at UniSC is currently recruiting people with Peripheral Artery Disease to participate in research trials. We have a number of current studies that are testing new rehabilitation, telehealth, and medical interventions.

## What is involved?

Interventions and treatments include:

- ✓ Supervised exercise programs
- ✓ Telehealth programs
- ✓ Medical interventions

Research studies typically involve assessments including:

- ✓ Walking tests
- ✓ Vascular function tests
- ✓ Health questionnaires

Participants will receive support to cover the costs of transport and parking for study visits.

## More information

To learn more or to find out whether you are eligible, please call or email a member of the VasoActive Research team:

Email: [vasoactive@usc.edu.au](mailto:vasoactive@usc.edu.au)

Tel: +617 5456 5364

Scan the QR code to register your interest



# GenesisCare – experts in cancer care, specialists in radiation oncology

## Celebrating one year at our Noosa site

At GenesisCare, we aim to deliver a personalised care experience provided by a team of compassionate healthcare professionals. Our team of radiation oncologists have experience across a range of adult tumour types.



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Radiation Oncologist

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**Dr David Schlect**  
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**Dr Sophia Ly**  
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### On the Sunshine Coast, our services offered include:

- Personalised care, treating the individual, not just the condition
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- Breast Cancer Wellness and Survivorship Clinic

### Treatment centres:

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GenesisCare, Noosa  
90 Goodchap Street

Tel: (07) 5377 2200 | Fax: (07) 5377 2210  
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### Outreach consulting clinic:

Gympie fortnightly clinic – Dr Bradley Wong

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Clinical  
Trials

# World-class clinical trials are underway on the Sunshine Coast

## University of the Sunshine Coast is seeking participant referrals to contribute to medical research

### Potential treatment aiming to delay the progression of eye damage caused by diabetes

Our investigational oral therapy trial aims to target the inflammatory processes in the eye, to reduce oxidative stress and prevent retinal damage.

The phase 2 clinical trial will compare an investigational tablet versus a placebo in stopping or slowing progression of diabetes in the eye. We are calling for participants who:

- are aged 18 or older
- have a documented diagnosis of diabetes
- have moderate to severe NPDR
- do NOT have any history of recent treatments for diabetic eye conditions
- can attend 11 visits at our Birtinya clinic and several phone calls over approximately 15 months.

[Click here to learn more](#)

### Investigational treatment for advanced or metastatic gastric cancer

We are trialling an intravenous infusion to determine if it could slow advanced or metastatic gastric cancer's progression.

The trial will be overseen by Principal Investigator Dr. Hong Shue at Sunshine Coast Haematology and Oncology Clinic (SCHOC) in Buderim.

We are calling for participants who:

- are aged 18 years or older
- have a confirmed diagnosis of HER2-positive gastric or gastroesophageal junction cancer
- can commit to regular visits at our Buderim clinic on the Sunshine Coast.

[Click here to learn more](#)

### Investigational treatment for hypertriglyceridaemia (HTG)

We are working on a clinical trial evaluating the safety, tolerability, and effectiveness of an investigational treatment in improving lipid profiles, and reducing elevated triglyceride levels in people with HTG, as well as its potential to reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease and pancreatitis.

We are calling for participants who:

- are aged between 18 and 70
- have a BMI between 18 and 40
- have been diagnosed with HTG
- can attend 12 visits and one phone call at our Sippy Downs clinic over approximately 10 months.

[Click here to learn more](#)

## A growing clinical trials network

### Do you have patients who might benefit from participating in a clinical trial?

If you would like to receive information on currently available clinical trials, please email [trialparticipant@usc.edu.au](mailto:trialparticipant@usc.edu.au)



**Ochre Health**  
Level 1, 9 Ochre Way  
Sippy Downs QLD 4556



**Health Hub Morayfield**  
Level 1/19-31 Dickson Road  
Morayfield QLD 4506



**South Brisbane**  
Building A1, SWI Complex  
32 Cordelia Street  
South Brisbane QLD 4101



**Vitality Village**  
5 Discovery Court  
Birtinya QLD 4575



**Sunshine Coast Haematology and Oncology Clinic**  
10 King Street  
Buderim QLD 4556



**Maroochydore Private Hospital (under construction)**  
Maroochydore City Centre  
Maroochydore QLD 4558

**Dr. Sarah Murgatroyd**, a fellowship-trained Paediatric Orthopaedic and Upper Limb Surgeon, now offers local services on the Sunshine Coast. She treats all paediatric musculoskeletal conditions and adult upper limb injuries, including joint replacements.



## Why Choose Dr. Sarah for Your Paediatric Patients?

- Local service with **consulting at Sunshine Coast University Private Hospital, Caboolture Medical Hub**, and our **Kippa-Ring** practice – no more long trips to Brisbane.
- **Comprehensive care** for children with musculoskeletal conditions, from simple fractures to complex deformities
- I also offer treatment in **Upper Limb Adult Orthopaedics** and **General Trauma** for all ages

Please contact Dr. Sarah to refer any paediatric or general orthopaedic patients who could benefit from her expertise



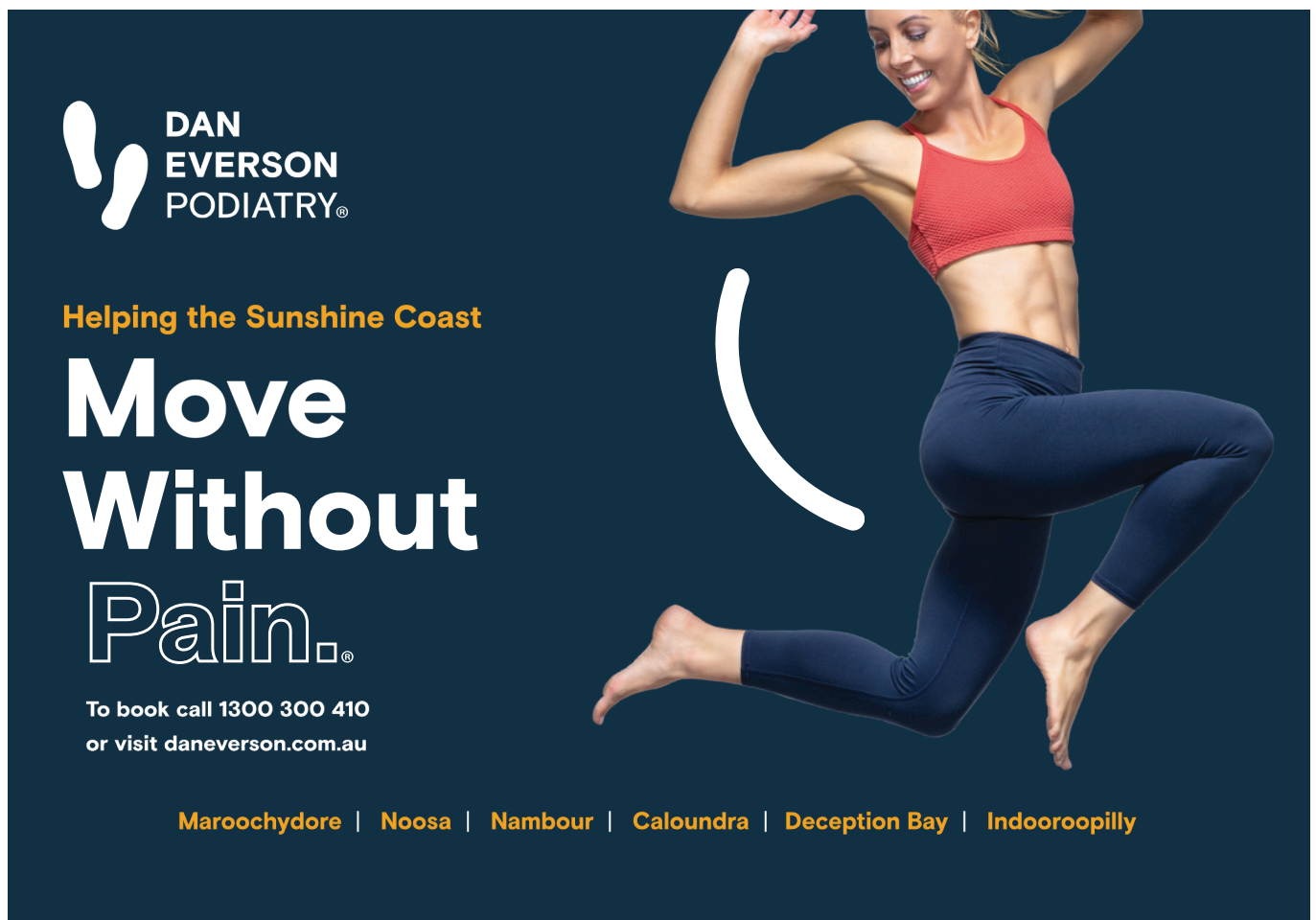
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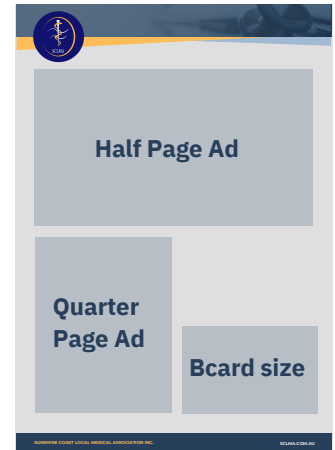
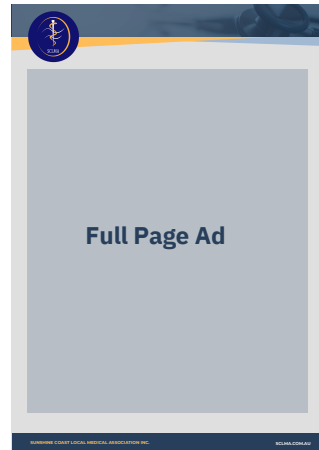
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- ▶ The newsletter size varies between 20 and 40 pages. The cut-off date for advertisements and advertorials is the 1st of the month for that month's newsletter. The newsletter is usually distributed on the last week of each month.
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## Please contact:

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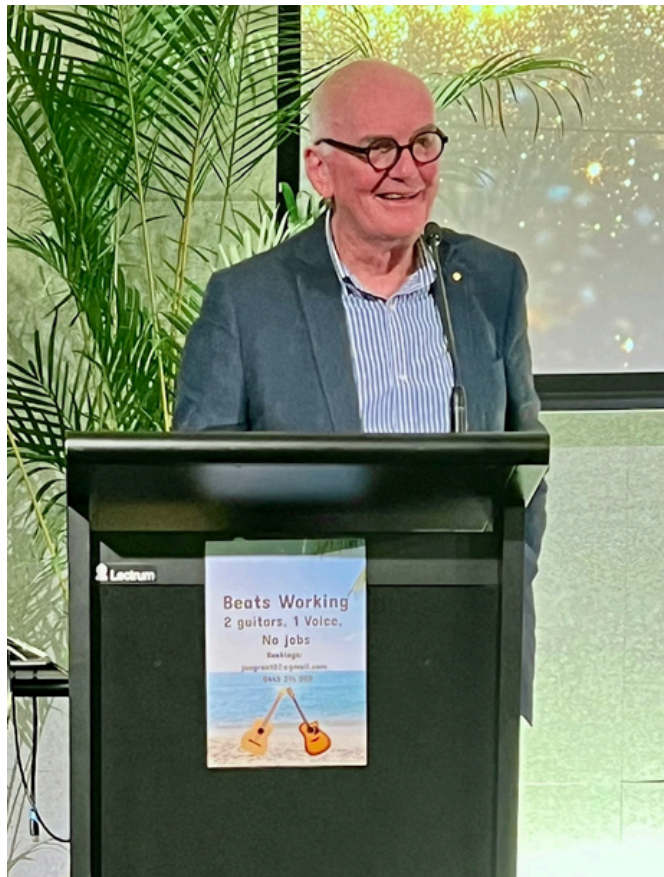
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