

WELCOME TO THIS ISSUE OF THE COLLEGE'S ASIA PACIFIC JOURNAL OF HEALTH MANAGEMENT

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As I write we are just reviewing the extremely positive feedback from our first in person ACHSM Asia-Pacific Health Leaders Congress since 2019 which had over 550 health leaders attending 21-23 September 2023 in Perth, Western Australia. Everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with peers they had not seen for some time and meet new members of the College. If you missed this opportunity, put the dates of 11-13 October in your diary as next year we plan for this event in Canberra, capital of Australia.

Just prior to this year's Congress at the Annual General Meeting we conferred Fellowship to our largest contingent ever and also recognized our very first few Associate Fellows and Fellows who have chosen to undertake the Certification Program to attain the Certified Health Manager / Executive credential. With all of our existing Associate Fellows and Fellows automatically opted in to this credential prior to June 2021, we have been pleased to welcome so many new members who have chosen to undertake this credential and commit, along with many of their College peers, to lifelong learning as a leader in health.

The College has been busy in other areas as well in the past few months as we continue to work to ensure that our members get truly incredible value from their membership. Our twice monthly webcasts with health experts continues at pace with many of our Branches also providing deep,

local content through this digital medium as well. Many have returned to some face to face events and all who attend enjoy this chance to network as we did prior to the pandemic.

In the past six months we have undertaken a project to review our ACHSM Master Health Service Management Competency Framework that underpins all of the College programs to ensure it is the most globally up to date description of the skills needed to be a great health leader. This project is now finalized and the reviewed and revamped framework was launched at the Congress. All our members have had a chance to have input into this process and in October they will be able to self assess against this new Framework through our online assessment portal.

Finally, we will be updating our digital and physical collateral over the coming months as we shift to a refreshed and modern logo. Keep an eye out for the new look.

Thank you for spending time catching up with the latest research in health leadership and management through the articles you will find here in this Journal, it is a key element in achieving what I hope is our shared goal of "Better Leadership. Healthier Communities."

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