

WELCOME TO THE FINAL ISSUE OF THE COLLEGE'S ASIA PACIFIC JOURNAL OF HEALTH MANAGEMENT FOR 2024

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I want to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who support the Australasian College of Health Service Management. It is the work of dedicated volunteer College members, alongside our hardworking staff, which ensure we can continue to deliver the multitude of free and

other programs that support the development of health managers and leaders, wherever our members are.

Without those willing to give of their time, we would not be able to offer such a volume and variety of support. To the Branch Councils, to the Committee members, to those who offer their time as a Mentor – we thank you.

As the year draws to a close for many of us it is often a time of reflection and gratitude. We are a privileged workforce in healthcare as we get to not only apply our training in scientific and technical capabilities, but the compassionate care that our patients and their families need in times of ill-health.

We also work in the midst of one of the most exciting and challenging environments going round, where the change and innovation and opportunities just keep rolling in.

For some this year will have brought more professional challenges than usual, and I hope that as you reflect you will take time to acknowledge both the need to care for your own wellbeing and your resilience in the face of these challenges.

2025 is going to be another massive year for all of us in healthcare, and I relish the opportunity of interacting with many of you throughout the coming year.

The upcoming one-day conference in Melbourne on March 21 and the annual congress in Darwin in October are going to be brilliant events. We are also advancing our advocacy and engagement agenda and will keep up the important message of the need to be investing in leadership development to increase the effectiveness of health care managers everywhere.

Finally, special thanks to Dr. Mark Avery our editor-in-chief and Yaping Liu our production manager who helps put this journal together so professionally.

On behalf of the board and management team I wish you and your loved ones a safe and happy Festive Season.

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