

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

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The Journal stands as one of the integral pillars of our work at the College, providing a platform to share insights, reflections, and research that fuel our collective passion for continuous improvement in health leadership and management. It is a place where knowledge meets practice, where ideas spark conversation, and where those conversations shape the way we lead.

As our leadership journeys unfold, we all come to understand that change is constant. Disruption is inevitable. And from time to time, crises will test both our resolve and our resilience. Check any daily newsfeed about what is happening in health and aged care! What defines us as leaders is not whether these challenges arise, but how we respond to them. The ability to navigate uncertainty, to remain steady while encouraging innovation and courage in others, is a capability that must be continually trained, stretched, and cultivated. Easily said. Much harder to carry out.

So it is your and my College which committed to supporting you in building this capability. We do this through knowledge, insights and thorough research — shared in the pages of this Journal, in our Library Bulletin, and in a wealth of other resources and thought leadership. But we also focus on skills development, mentoring, and practical learning opportunities that translate theory into impact. Together, these help strengthen the leadership foundations upon which better health systems and healthier communities are built.

As I write, we are preparing to gather in Darwin for our first ever sold out Congress — a milestone that reflects the extraordinary interest and enthusiasm of our members and partners and the very high quality of the program and networking opportunities. For those unable to join us this time, I encourage you to mark your diaries early for the 2026 ACHSM Asia-Pacific Health Leaders Congress. These gatherings are not only inspiring and thought-provoking, but they are also one of the most powerful ways to stay energised in your leadership journey — through connection, exchange, and a shared sense of purpose.

I am also very much looking forward to welcoming new Certified Health Managers and new Fellows at our Annual General Meeting. These achievements are more than individual milestones; they are community celebrations of dedication, growth, and leadership excellence.

Finally, thank you for investing your time in engaging with this Journal. The articles you will find here represent excellent thinking and research in health leadership and management today. They are an important piece of achieving what I trust is our shared aspiration: Better Leadership. Healthier Communities.

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