

WELCOME TO THE FINAL ISSUE OF THE COLLEGE'S ASIA PACIFIC JOURNAL OF HEALTH MANAGEMENT FOR 2025

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The College strives to ensure we support our College members in their leadership journey and this academic journal is an important element of this support. Firstly, my thanks to Mark Avery, the College Chief Editor and to Yaping Liu, our Librarian and journal production editor for the work they do to bring you the journal.

At this time of year it is time to consider what we have achieved over the past year and to look forward with anticipation to the coming year. During 2025 the College has experienced significant momentum with 220 new members joining the College. We welcomed over 200 people to our annual conference in Melbourne in March and in a first for the College, we sold out our Annual Asia-Pacific Congress in late October. Commiserations to those of you who missed out on the 2025 Congress and I recommend you book early for the next Congress to be held in Cairns 28-30 October 2026. Many of the articles in this issue come from key presentations made at the Congress in Darwin.

We also developed more substantial professional development programs in 2025 and you can expect that to continue with new programs coming online and in person in 2026. The College has also partnered with the Australian Institute of Company Directors for them to conduct their renowned Company Directors Course for our members commencing towards the end of February 2026.

This year we welcomed 40 new Fellows of the College and more than 80 members enrolled to attain the Certified Health Manager credential, a great way to signal to colleagues your commitment to your profession and lifelong learning.

Thank you, too, to Dr Neale Fong, whose hard work as President has been integral to the growth of the College in the past few years and my appreciation for his continuing to support the College as Vice President going forward.

Finally, a wish to all of you for a safe and happy Festive Season.

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