

Notice of Members' Requisition General Meeting

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists
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Dear Member

A valid Members' Requisition calling for a General Meeting was received by the RANZCP on 11 March 2022. In accordance with the RANZCP Constitution, you are provided Notice of the Members' Requisition General Meeting (MRGM).

General Meetings are often held to cover matters outside of the scope of daily management, such as changes to the organisational name, status or capital structure, the constitution, approval of certain director benefits and appointment of auditors. In this instance, the MRGM relates to the RANZCP mood disorders clinical practice guideline (CPG) and long-term psychodynamic psychotherapy in the treatment of mood disorders.

The MRGM will take place on Tuesday 3 May 2022 at 5.00 pm AEST and will be held virtually (online). Members are invited to participate via an online virtual platform. Instructions for participating and voting in the MRGM will be made available to Members in advance of the meeting.

The online delivery will allow Members to participate in the MRGM by joining the online MRGM in real time. An online platform will allow members to ask written questions and, if eligible, vote on the Resolutions by direct voting during the MRGM.

Fellows who are unable to attend have the right to appoint a proxy and are encouraged to submit a proxy form. A Fellow may only appoint another Fellow as a proxy, in accordance with the RANZCP Constitution.

A Supporting Statement from the members requisitioning the MRGM will be made available on the RANZCP website as soon as practicable after this Notice. Members will be made aware when the Supporting Statement is available.

AGENDA

1. **Acknowledgment of Country**
2. **Apologies and quorum**
3. **To receive a presentation on the RANZCP Mood Disorders CPG and long-term psychodynamic psychotherapy in the treatment of mood disorders**
 - Presentation – *Board*
4. **Questions** – To consider any written questions from members *Board*
5. **To consider items of business – the Ordinary Resolutions proposed by the requisitioning members**

Ordinary Resolution i): The College forthwith remove its endorsement of the current CPG content relating to psychodynamic psychotherapy pending the outcome of the review referred to in paragraph ii below.

Ordinary Resolution ii): The College commission a RANZCP working group, independent to the committee involved in the production of the current CPG:

 - a. whose membership includes clinicians with expertise and clinical experience in the psychodynamic psychotherapies; and
 - b. for the purpose of reviewing the evidence base, consulting with the clinical field and providing feedback, and if deemed appropriate, making recommendations to the College to amend relevant aspects of the current CPG content relating to psychodynamic psychotherapy.

Ordinary Resolution iii): If determined appropriate by the independent working group, provide recommendations and a revised version of the specific CPG content relating to the psychodynamic psychotherapies in the assessment and treatment of Mood Disorders (including Complex and special presentations), referencing the contemporary evidence base, with a view to obtaining RANZCP endorsement and publication.

Ordinary Resolution iv): The College promptly review the recommendations and any revised version of the abovementioned content and, subject to the recommendations of the independent working group, take immediate steps to replace the current CPG to facilitate multi-stakeholder reference.
6. **Close of meeting**

By order of the RANZCP Board.

Mr Andrew C. Peters
Company Secretary
Dated: 12 April 2022

Notes:

These Notes form part of the Notice of MRGM.

Proxies

A Fellow unable to attend the virtual meeting has the right to appoint a Proxy. Information pertaining to the Appointment of Proxy will be made available by the College and will be outlined on the College website. Only a Fellow may be appointed as a Proxy.

MRGM Recording

The MRGM will be recorded for the purposes of minute taking.

Attendance, Voting and Speaking at the MRGM

Pursuant to Articles 3.3.4, 3.4.2, 3.5.2, 3.6.3 and 3.7.2 of the RANZCP Constitution:

- Fellows are entitled to attend, speak and vote at the MRGM.
- Associates (Trainees), Affiliates, Honorary Fellows, and International Corresponding Members are entitled to attend and speak, but are **not** entitled to vote at the MRGM.

Voting on resolutions at the MRGM

All resolutions will be by poll in accordance with Article 7.3.2 of the RANZCP Constitution. The Chairperson intends to call a poll on each of the resolutions proposed at the AGM. The Chairperson considers voting by poll to be in the interests of Members as a whole and ensures the views of as many Fellows as possible are represented at the meeting.

Asking questions at the MRGM

There will be opportunity for Members to submit written questions at the MRGM.

However, Members are invited to submit questions related to the content of the MRGM in advance of the meeting. Questions may be submitted to the Company Secretary, Andrew Peters, by email to ceo@ranzcp.org.

Technical information about online participation at the MRGM

More information regarding online participation at the MRGM (including how to vote and ask questions online during the MRGM) will be provided by the College and will also be made available on the College website in advance of the MRGM.