The RANZCP PPPC, and its six constituent committees are responsible for delivering on priorities in the College’s Strategic Plan to improve the mental health of the community, particularly as they relate to the practice, professional roles and the profession of psychiatry.

Committee membership comprises psychiatrists from across New Zealand and Australia, trainee representation and members of the community who have lived experience of mental illness, who provide their perspectives, knowledge and experience.

HOW, WHAT, WHY?

The PPPC is chaired by a Board Director and oversees six committees: Te Kaunihera; Committee for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health; the Community Collaboration Committee; Committee for Professional Practice; Committee for Evidence-Based Practice and the Committee for Research. These Committees encompass professional and clinical psychiatry practice, research, and collaboration with community members including Māori and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Each committee has a work plan with a schedule of delivery. In addition, throughout the year, many inquiries and consultations, being undertaken by government and other organisations, are referred to the committees to inform the College's submission.

Achieving input and consensus from across the membership and College committees can be challenging, however is crucial to the success of this work. To achieve this involves reviewing the evidence and developing and agreeing the College's views and recommendations for action on all aspects of mental health, the mental health system and the broader determinants.

Supported by the College’s PPP Department, the PPPC works in close collaboration with its constituent committees, Faculties, Sections, Networks, Tu Te Akaaka Roa, Branches and other committees.

STRUCTURE

**RANZCP BOARD**

**PPPC Committee**
Chair: Dr Elizabeth Moore

**Practice and the Profession Portfolio**
Deputy Chair: Dr Nick Judson

**Committee for Professional Practice**
Chair: Associate Professor Geoff Smith

**Committee for Evidence-Based Practice**
Chair: Dr Edward Petch

**Committee for Research**
Chair: Associate Professor Dan Siskind

**Partnerships and Community Portfolio**
Deputy Chair: Dr Lyndy Matthews

**Te Kaunihera**
Chair: Dr Claire Paterson

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental Health Committee**
Chair: Dr Siva Balaratnasingam

**Community Collaboration Committee**
Co Chair: Associate Professor Simon Stafrace
Co Chair: Ms De Backman-Hoyle

2020 Policy Summary

- Across 10 jurisdictions (New Zealand and Australian federal, state and territory governments)
- More than 125 submissions on key health system and funding issues
- 7 College Statements (new and revised)
- 52 submissions to New Zealand and Australian Governments and agencies
- 29 submissions on key health system and funding issues

PPPC priorities for 2020 include...

- Evidence-based clinical & professional practice resources on: therapeutic use of medicinal cannabis; trauma informed practice; cultural safety; mental health care for children and adolescents experiencing gender dysphoria; medico-legal reporting; voluntary assisted dying; telehealth
- Supporting Māori and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander trainees on the pathway to Fellowship
- Awarding of research grants to Fellows and trainees
- Contributing to the College’s advice to our governments and communities about mental health care during the COVID-19 pandemic, through media releases, government submissions and participating in constructive dialogue with various government ministers and departments.

CONCLUSIONS

Interested in being involved in this work? Please contact policy@ranzcp.org

The RANZCP’s PPPC and its constituent committees are proactive in developing policies, guidelines and resources as well as aiming to proactively inform and influence the mental health policies of governments and other key stakeholders. Key to the success of this work is engagement with other College committees, members, consumers and carers who have lived experience and the wider community.