

## In Brief

This issue has important updates to our processes which we hope you will take the time to read.

The 2017 Leading and Valued Contributors are recognised in this issue with our sincere appreciation for all that they and their staff have done to help grow the Bariatric Surgery Registry.

A new initiative to ensure that those who help surgeons enter BSR data are recognised is also introduced in this newsletter. Read on to find out more.

## Commonwealth Funding to Continue

Having worked over the past year to ensure the longevity of the registry, Professor Wendy Brown was thrilled to receive notification from the Commonwealth Government of Australia that it would continue to fund the Bariatric Surgery Registry for the next five years from 1 May 2018 for a total amount of \$4.15 million.

The ongoing support that the registry has received from the Commonwealth Department of Health is most gratefully appreciated.

Photo: Prof Brown celebrating another five years of Commonwealth funding



## BSR Semi-Annual Report

The semi-annual report as at 31 December 2017 is included with the mailing of this newsletter.

The data for the report was drawn mid-February 2018 to allow for the inclusion of data submitted in January regarding end of year procedures and allowing for the passing of the 14 day opt out period. This was the best way to ensure the report was complete as possible.

Sincere thanks to those surgeons and staff who were so diligent over the summer ensuring their 2017 data was up to date.

## 40,000<sup>th</sup> Participant

Another milestone was reached with the enrolment of the 40,000<sup>th</sup> participant in the Bariatric Surgery Registry. A quarter of the BSR's total number of procedures were added in the first half of the current financial year.

## New Zealand Update

With New Zealand's Health and Disability Ethics Committee approval of the revised Protocol in early December 2017, applications for locality approvals have begun.

Locality approval for the participation of Middlemore Hospital, St George's Hospital Southern Cross Hospital Hamilton, Southern Cross Hospital Christchurch, Southern Cross Hospital North Harbour, and Southern Cross Hospital Wellington has been granted. Surgeons will soon be provided with everything required for the recruitment of their bariatric patients with the opt out approach.

The enrolment of the first New Zealand participant will be celebrated on both sides of the Tasman!!

Miss Anna-Marie Rattray is the BSR Research Assistant based at the University of Auckland. Anna's role includes managing the locality approvals, surgeon engagement, processing the Participant Fact

Sheets and is the local contact for BSR related questions. A/Prof Andrew MacCormick is the Clinical Lead for New Zealand.

You can contact both Anna and Andrew at [bsr@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:bsr@auckland.ac.nz) or call 0800 656 276.

## Minimising the Risk to the Security of Patients' Sensitive Information

Surgeons and staff were advised in February of the need to ensure the security of patients' information when communicating with the BSR.

Everyone is reminded not to send emails containing a patient's full name.

### DO NOT SEND:

- emails with full patient name;
- screenshots showing patient information; or,
- any attachment related to a patient.

### Options for sending data forms (Australia only) to the BSR:

1. Enter data directly online on the BSR interface (the BSR-i).
2. Secure FAX using the BSR fax number 03 9903 0717.
3. Post using **postage paid envelopes provided** by the Registry.

### Options for other communication with the BSR about your patients:

1. Call the BSR directly.
2. Send a secure email e.g., ZIP file with encryption.
3. Email stating:
  - a. the patient's URN (NHI number in NZ) or BSR patient ID, or
  - b. the first three initials of the FIRST NAME and first three initials of FAMILY NAME and date of birth.

If the Registry needs more information than this to identify a patient, we will contact you by telephone.

## BSR Staffing Update

### Brooke Backman

joins the Registry this month as the new Programme Manager.



Brooke has an extensive background in the public health domain. She has worked in senior management, scientific and healthcare project management, quality management and health research. Brooke will be a welcome asset to the BSR team.

## Easier Online Data Entry

Recent system updates to the online interface, the BSR-i, make it easier than ever to directly enter your patients' data.

Whereas previously you were required to enter the UR number in order to proceed with data entry, this is NO longer necessary as the only way to search for your patient.

The system will now allow you to search for your patients by name. This change will especially help with being able to enter your patients' follow-up data as they present for post-operative review.

Please refer to the newly revised BSR-i User Manual for Surgeons and Staff for helpful instructions.

Online tutorials can be organised by contacting the BSR.

## Update: BSR-i User Manual for Surgeons and Staff v4.0

The User Manual has undergone a significant update with the aim of making direct data entry easier to understand.

**Entering your data on the BSR-i is the most secure way** to ensure the inclusion of all your patients' information on the Registry. If data entry is delegated to staff, please ensure the User Access for

the BSR-i form in the Manual is kept up to date.

Before you replace your current Manual, please save the entries on the user authorisation pages and keep with your records.

## Data Element Update

The BSR has added the MIDCAL gastric calibration ring to the Device list. You are asked to please distinguish between this ring and the MiniMizer ring when entering this type of device.

If you submit your operations using paper forms, please indicate the brand of the ring used on your form (if you have a sticker, please use it). Otherwise, for entry on the BSR-i, this brand of ring is now included in the menu.

Also, the BSR has adopted the preferred nomenclature of the one anastomosis gastric bypass rather than "single anastomosis gastric bypass."

## Nominate Your Star Staff for Their BSR Contribution

This newsletter includes the names of the 2017 BSR Leading and Valued Contributors, often made possible by the assistance given to the surgeons by their supportive staff.

The Registry has a practice of saying 'thanks' when we notice the effort made by staff doing such hard work staying on top of data submission.

There are many practices that submit a significant amount of data and do an outstanding job of staying up to date with their follow-up data.

Surgeons and Practice Managers are asked to nominate their staff who keep their BSR data up to date for them. Nominees can also include your hospital data collectors.

Upon receiving staff nominations, the BSR will review the recent

efforts made on behalf of the practice to be sure that no one goes unnoticed and then confer a **BSR Certificate for Outstanding Merit** to deserving nominees.

Nominations made prior to each quarter's newsletter will be mentioned and all nominees for that quarter will go into a draw for a \$100 VISA gift card.

## BSR Steering Committee

The Steering Committee of the BSR provides the governance and organisational oversight for the Registry.

At the November 2017 meeting, Prof Paul O'Brien announced his resignation from the Committee as one of the members representing the profession. Paul had been on the Steering Committee since the beginning and is acknowledged for his significant contribution to the Bariatric Surgery Registry.

Current Steering Committee Members:

**Independent Chair:** Ian Caterson  
**Deputy Chair & Director/Clinical Lead Australia:** Wendy Brown

**Clinical Lead New Zealand:** Andrew MacCormick

**Custodian Representative and Epidemiologist:** John McNeil  
**Monash University (Registry Science Unit):** Susannah Ahern  
**NIHI Auckland University:** Chris Bullen

**Biostatistician:** Arul Ernest  
**ANZMOSS:** Samuel Baker, Wendy Brown, and Andrew MacCormick

**ANZGOSA:** Neil Merrett  
**Royal Australasian College of Surgeons:** Meron Pitcher

**Commonwealth Department of Health:** Nathan Hyson, Helen Wing  
**Medical Technology Association of Australia:** TBA

**Community Advocate:** Corinna Musgrave



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## Leading and Valued Contributors of 2017

The Bariatric Surgery Registry has the enormous pleasure of naming the significant contributors of data for 2017. It was exciting to note that all 2016 Valued Contributors became Leading Contributors in 2017.

### Contribution Level for Valued Contributors:

- Submits at least 30 operations to the BSR annually
- Completed a minimum of 50% of follow-ups

### Contribution Level for Leading Contributors:

- Submitted at least 100 operations to the BSR in total
- Completed a minimum of 70% of follow-ups

## 2017 Valued Contributors



Douraid Abbas  
Kiron Bhatia  
Adam Boyt  
Salim Chalooob  
Richard Chen  
Carolyn Jameson  
Costa Karihaloo  
Garth McLeod  
Nigel Peck  
Lincoln Rothwell  
John Treacy  
Stephen Watson  
Timothy Wright

## 2017 Leading Contributors



Adib, Reza  
Aly, Ahmad  
Baker, Samuel  
Barbour, Andrew  
Basson, Johannes  
Baxter, Ian  
Bessell, Justin  
Bovey, Peter  
Bowden, Blair  
Brancatisano, Roy  
Braun, William  
Brown, Wendy  
Burton, Paul  
Chan, David  
Chandraratna, Harsha  
Chisholm, Jacob  
Cichowitz, Adam  
Clifforth, Stephen  
Clough, Anthony  
Cohen, Leon  
Crosthwaite, Gary  
Devadas, Michael  
D'Onofrio, Giuseppe  
Draper, Geoffrey  
Dubrava, Zdenek  
Eaton, Stuart  
Epari, Krishna  
Free, Jason  
Frydenberg, Harry  
Gilhome, Richard  
Hamdorf, Jeffrey  
Harrison, Richard  
Hatzifotis, Michael  
Hensman, Chris  
Hii, Michael  
Hopkins, George  
Jordaan, Jacobus (Jorrie)  
Jorgensen, John  
Joseph, David  
Koong, David  
Kow, Lilian  
Kuzinkovas, Vytauras  
Le Page, Philip  
Leibman, Steven  
Leong, Paul  
Liew, Victor  
Lim, Kiat

Lockie, Philip  
Loh, Damien  
Loi, Ken  
Martin, David  
Martin, Ian  
McHenry, Raymond  
Moore, Patrick  
Moroz, Paul  
Munro, William  
Nottle, Peter  
O'Brien, Paul  
Pande, Girish Kumar  
Russell, Andrew  
Ryan, Brendan  
Scott, David  
Shenfine, Jon  
Silverman, Candice  
Skidmore, Adam  
Skinner, Stewart  
Smith, Andrew  
Smith, Garrett  
Talbot, Michael  
Taylor, Craig  
Teague, Benjamin  
Thomas, Alan  
Tog, Chek Hong  
Ward, Salena  
Werapitiya, Senarath  
Wilkinson, Stephen  
Williams, Nicholas  
Winnett, Jason  
Yee, Gary  
Yong, David  
Zarrouk, Ali

*If your practice has more than one surgeon and all surgeons are Leading Contributors, the practice can get a "2017 BSR Leading Contributors" certificate with the practice name on the certificate. Please contact the BSR if you would like this for your practice.*

## Current Hospital Status Report for Australian and New Zealand Hospitals Where Surgeons Provide Bariatric Surgery

State	Approved Sites		Approved (Other)	Sites in Progress	Ethics/Locality Approvals Yet to Commence	Total
	Not Contributing	Contributing				
NSW/ACT	7	26	1	9	9	52
QLD	6	20	0	2	1	29
SA/NT	0	9	1	3	0	13
TAS	1	4	0	0	0	5
VIC	8	31	0	4	0	43
WA	2	9	0	3	0	14
<b>AU Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>NZ Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>

	Approved Sites		Approved (Other)	Sites in Progress	Sites Remaining
	Not Contributing	Contributing			
Aus Private	16	78	1	11	9
Aus Public	8	23	1	11	1
NZ Private	5	0	-	4	4
NZ Public	1	0	-	2	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>18</b>

Hospital Participation in Australia		
	Previous Report	March 2018
Hospitals known to do bariatric	146	156
Hospitals with ethics approval	123	127
Contributing	98	101

### Australian Hospitals Yet to Commence Ethics

Organization Name	Public/Private	State/Province
Delmar Private Hospital	Private	NSW
Dubbo Private Hospital	Private	NSW
Macquarie University Hospital	Private	NSW
Orange Health Service	Public	NSW
St Lukes Private Hospital	Private	NSW
St Vincent's Hospital Sydney	Private	NSW
Waratah Private Hospital	Private	NSW
Hillcrest Private Hospital	Private	QLD

## Current Surgeon Status on the CRM (Insightly) Database

	At Sites with Ethics Approval		Enlisted but not at site with ethics approval	Not Enlisted		Total
	Not Contributing	Contributing*		At Site with ethics approval	At Site yet to get ethics approval	
NSW/ACT	7	36	1	6	5	55
QLD	3	26	1	7	1	38
SA/NT	1	15	1	0	1	19*
TAS	1	4	0	1	0	6
VIC	7	57	1	2	0	68*
WA	2	22	1	3	0	28
<b>Aus Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>160*</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>212</b>
<b>NZ</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>234</b>

Surgeon Participation in Australia			At March 2018
	Previous Report	March 2018	Percent of Total # of Bariatric Surgeons at a site with ethics approval
Surgeons known to do bariatrics	*214	212	(last report %)
All surgeons at sites with ethics approval	*196	200	94.3% (91.5%)
Registered Interest	*180	188*	88.2% (84.1%)
Enlisted and at sites with ethics approval	*176	186	88% (84.2%)
Contributing*	*158	160	75.5% (73.8%)

\* Includes retired surgeons



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## Australian Hospitals with Ethics Approval

Albury-Wodonga Private Hospital  
Ashford Private Hospital  
Austin Hospital  
Baringa Private Hospital  
Belmont District Hospital  
Bethesda Hospital  
Box Hill Hospital  
Brisbane Waters Private Hospital  
Cabrini Hospital Brighton  
Cabrini Hospital Malvern  
Cairns Private Hospital  
Calvary Central District Hospital  
Calvary North Adelaide Hospital  
Calvary Riverina Hospital  
Calvary St Vincent's Hospital  
Calvary Wakefield Hospital  
Campbelltown Private Hospital  
Concord Repatriation General Hospital  
Darwin Private Hospital  
Epworth Eastern Hospital  
Epworth Freemasons Hospital  
Epworth Geelong Hospital  
Epworth Richmond Hospital  
Essendon Private Hospital  
Fiona Stanley Hospital  
Flinders Medical Centre  
Flinders Private Hospital  
Footscray Hospital  
Geelong Private Hospital  
Glen Iris Private  
Glengarry Private Hospital  
Gold Coast Private Hospital  
Gosford Private Hospital  
Gosford Public Hospital  
Greenslopes Private Hospital  
Hamilton Hospital  
Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital  
Hobart Private Hospital  
Hollywood Private Hospital  
Holy Spirit Northside Hospital  
Hospital for Specialist Surgery  
Hurstville Private Hospital  
Ipswich General Hospital  
Jessie McPherson Private Hospital  
John Fawkner Private Hospital  
John Flynn Private Hospital  
John Hunter Hospital  
Joondalup Health Campus  
Kareena Private Hospital

Kawana Private Hospital  
Knox Private Hospital  
Lake Macquarie Private Hospital  
Latrobe Regional Hospital  
Launceston General Hospital  
Linacre Private Hospital  
Lingard Private Hospital  
Maryvale Private Hospital  
Mater Hospital (Brisbane)  
Mater Private Hospital (Brisbane)  
Mater Private Hospital (North Sydney)  
Mater Private Hospital Pimlico  
Mater Private Hospital (Redland)  
Mater Private Hospital (Springfield)  
Mater Private Hospital Rockhampton  
Mildura Base Hospital  
Mildura Private Hospital  
Mitcham Private Hospital  
Monash Medical Centre  
Mount Hospital  
Nambour Selangor Private Hospital  
National Capital Private Hospital  
Nepean Private Hospital  
Newcastle Private Hospital  
Noosa Private Hospital  
North Shore Private Hospital  
North West Private Hospital (Brisbane)  
North West Private Hospital (Burnie)  
Northpark Private Hospital  
Norwest Private Hospital  
Nowra Private Hospital  
Peninsula Private Hospital  
Pindara Private Hospital  
Port Macquarie Private Hospital  
Prince of Wales Private Hospital  
Princess Alexandra Hospital  
Queen Elizabeth Hospital  
Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Hospital  
Repatriation General Hospital  
Royal Adelaide Hospital  
Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital  
Royal Hobart Hospital  
Royal North Shore Hospital  
Royal Prince Alfred Hospital  
Shepparton Private Hospital  
Southern Highlands Private Hospital  
St Andrew's War Memorial Hospital  
St Andrew's-Ipswich Private Hospital  
St George Private Hospital  
St John of God Hospital Ballarat  
St John of God Hospital Berwick

St John of God Hospital Bunbury  
St John of God Hospital Geelong  
St John of God Hospital Geraldton  
St John of God Hospital Mt Lawley  
St John of God Hospital Murdoch  
St John of God Hospital Subiaco  
St John of God Hospital Warrnambool  
St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne  
St Vincent's Private Hospital (Fitzroy)  
Strathfield Private Hospital  
Sunnybank Private Hospital  
Sunshine Coast Private Hospital  
Sunshine Coast University Private Hospital  
Sunshine Hospital  
Sydney Adventist Hospital  
Sydney Southwest Private Hospital  
The Alfred Hospital  
The Avenue Private Hospital  
The Valley Private Hospital  
The Wesley Hospital  
Wagga Wagga Rural Referral Hospital  
Waikiki Private Hospital  
Wangaratta Private Hospital  
Warringal Private Hospital  
Waverley Private Hospital  
Western Private Hospital  
Westmead Private Hospital  
Williamstown Hospital

## New Zealand Hospitals with Ethics Approval

Middlemore Hospital  
St George's Hospital  
Southern Cross Hospital Christchurch  
Southern Cross Hospital Hamilton  
Southern Cross Hospital North Harbour  
Southern Cross Hospital Wellington

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## Steering Committee Meeting Dates for 2018

Friday 16 March

Friday 27 July

Friday 21 September

Friday 23 November

For more information about registering to participate with the BSR or any other queries, please contact the BSR. Your support of this important health initiative is sincerely appreciated.



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