

**SIG Name:** Australia & New Zealand SIG (ANZ SIG)

**Date:** 14 March 2019

**SIG Co-Chairs:** Claudia Rutherford, Rasa Ruseckaite, Rebecca Mercieca-Bebber, Natasha Roberts

**Board Liaison:** Kim Cocks

**Mission:** The Australia Special Interest Group brings together Australian-based researchers in the field of quality of life research. Given geographical remoteness of Australian quality of life researchers from colleagues in the northern hemisphere, the SIG aims to support local researchers by facilitating communication and opportunities for collaboration and exchange of ideas.

**Number of SIG Members:** 32

Project/Objective	Actions/Deliverables	Project Chair	Project Members	Timeline
1. Member engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member meetings held 3-4 times per year</li> <li>Regular communication with members as needed (e.g. announcements, sharing relevant resources, conferences, updates from ISOQOL conference, etc) via teamwork</li> <li>Registry of member expertise</li> <li>Member share and brag – members encouraged to share any relevant news, publications, grants, etc. This is an agenda item for member meetings.</li> </ul>	SIG chair	All members encouraged to communicate with other members via teamwork and share relevant news and achievements.	On-going
2. Knowledge dissemination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Member in the spotlight – a member invited to present results from their current work as a way of disseminating information to other members.</li> </ul>	SIG chair	Past 'spot light' members: Melanie Hawkins, Natasha Roberts	On-going
3. Collaboration	<p>Members invited to submit ideas and/or proposals for collaborative projects. This is an agenda item for member meetings.</p> <p><i>Papers arising from collaborative projects:</i></p> <p>Mercieca-Bebber, R., D. Williams, M. A. Tait, J. Roydhouse, L. Busija, C. S. Sundaram, M. Wilson, A. Langford, C. Rutherford, N. Roberts, M. King, E. Vodicka, B. Devine and R. International Society for Quality of Life (2018). "Trials with patient-reported outcomes registered on the Australian New Zealand Clinical Trials Registry (ANZCTR)." <i>Qual Life Res</i> 27(10): 2581-2591.</p> <p>Mercieca-Bebber, R., D. Williams, M. A. Tait, C. Rutherford, L. Busija, N. Roberts, M. Wilson, C. Shunmuga Sundaram, J. Roydhouse, A. International Society for Quality of Life Research and G. New Zealand Special Interest (2018). "Trials with proxy-reported outcomes registered on the Australian New Zealand Clinical Trials Registry (ANZCTR)." <i>Qual Life Res.</i> (E-pub date: 2018/12/17)</p>	SIG chair		



4. Regional meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Draft proposal for a regional meeting prepared.</li><li>• CR/MK met with Jan Sansoni (who was Chair of the Australian patient centred outcomes conference) regarding plans for a regional meeting.</li><li>• CR to draft a proposal for consideration by the ISOQOL board.</li></ul> If proposal approved, CR send announcement for expressions of interest to join the conference organising committee.	Claudia Rutherford (CR) and Madeleine King (MK)	To be confirmed	a) March 2018 b) April 2018 c) Feb 2019 d) Meeting is planned for 2020
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**Issues Requiring Board Attention:**

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