

**SIG/Committee Name: Australia & New Zealand SIG (ANZ SIG)**
**Date: 29/02/2020**
**Co-Chairs: Rasa Ruseckaite, Rebecca Mercieca-Bebber, Askika Maharaj, 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.

<b>Project/Objective</b>	<b>Actions/Deliverables</b>	<b>Project Chair</b>	<b>Project Members</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
Member engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Member meetings held 3-4 times per year, encouraging contributions from members about achievements, upcoming meetings and ongoing research.</li> <li>■ Communication 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
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: Natasha Roberts Askika Maharaj x2 Melissa Rowthorn	On-going (4 times per year)
Collaboration	Members invited to submit ideas and/or proposals for collaborative projects at our quarterly meetings. Current proposals which may develop into collaborations include (1) PROs in haematological cancers, and (2) an audit of PRO measures used in clinical practices around Australia.	SIG chair	1. Natasha Roberts 2. TBC	On going
Regional meeting	<p>The PROMS2020 conference is planned for 22-24 July 2020, at the University of Sydney (pending adequate registrations to cover running costs). This unique event will bring together leading international experts, researchers, and clinicians to engage with the latest advances in the field of patient-reported outcomes (PROs) research and implementation.</p> <p>Dr Nancy Mayo is the confirmed international keynote speaker, and will also run the ISOQOL Introduction to PROs course on the first day of the event.</p> <p>The ISOQOL ANZSIG Chairs, and other ANZSIG members, will all be involved in running workshops at the meeting:            WS1: Trial design and conduct: An introduction to SPIRIT PRO and strategies for reducing missing data            WS2: Interpreting group differences and individual change: challenges and opportunities in PRO data            WS3: Implementation Science and Patient Reported Outcome Measures in Routine Care            WS4: PRO assessment in a multi-cultural context: Cross-cultural language translation and validation</p>	Claudia Rutherford (CR) and Madeleine King (MK)	CR is Chairing the meeting. SIG leaders will be involved in reviewing the program and chairing sessions. ANZSIG members have been invited to join the abstract review committee.	Abstract registration closes at the end of January.  Decision about feasibility of the conference will be made in early Feb 2020.



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	<p>WS5: Key considerations for selecting PROs and QOL measures for clinical research and health economics WS6: Inclusion of patient reported outcome measures (PROMs) within health systems or services.</p> <p>ISOQOL members and students are offered discounted registration. The conference is being broadly promoted around the Asia-Pacific region.</p>			
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