



Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to another ANZACA newsletter, as we move ever closer to Christmas! It has been a busy “middle of the year” and a lot of work is being undertaken by ANZACA members, as we look forward to the upcoming ANZACA 2025 virtual conference – *Anatomy in Action*, and the IFAA 2026 Congress – *Anatomy for Everyone*. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the working group on skeletal donations (led by Manisha Dayal) and to the Education Subcommittee who are re-launching the ANZACA mentoring programme this month (please contact Krisztina Valter-Kocsi). It has been a busy time on the conference front and we were fortunate to have an ANZACA delegation attend the 11th Asia Pacific International Congress of Clinical Anatomists in Guangzhou, China. Included in this newsletter is the notice of the Annual General Meeting including information on proposed changes to the Constitution, the 11th APICA Congress, and our two upcoming conferences. We welcome any feedback or suggestions in relation to all things ANZACA, so please get in touch at any time.



Kā mihi,
Steph (stephanie.woodley@otago.ac.nz)

Notice of Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Australian and New Zealand Association of Clinical Anatomists (ANZACA)

Dear Members,

You are warmly invited to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Clinical Anatomists (ANZACA).

Date: Thursday 4th December 2025

Time: TBC

Location: Virtual – held as part of the ANZACA 2025 Online Conference (4–5 December)

Platform: Details to follow

The AGM will include reports from the Executive Committee, updates on association activities, financial statements, and the election of office bearers. All members are encouraged to attend and participate.

Nominations are open for the position of the New Zealand Treasurer – please submit to secretary@anzaca.org by Wednesday 5 November.

Agenda and relevant documents, along with the link, will be circulated closer to the date. If you have any items you wish to raise or propose for the agenda, please submit them to the Secretary at secretary@anzaca.org by Friday 15th November 2025.

We look forward to your attendance and continued support of ANZACA.

Best wishes,
Professor Stephanie Woodley, President, ANZACA

ANZACA Constitution Changes

ANZACA is an Incorporated Society (registered in New Zealand), and under the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022 we are required to make changes to our constitution, with a decision to approve and to reregister ANZACA to be made at our AGM. Thank you to Natasha Flack who has prepared a draft ANZACA constitution that aligns with the new framework. This has been discussed at several ANZACA Council meetings and we would like to open this for feedback from our membership.

The draft Constitution is attached to this email – please direct any feedback or queries to natasha.flack@otago.ac.nz

Further information on this law change can be found on the [NZ Incorporated Societies website](#).

11th APICA Congress, Guangzhou, China

The 11th APICA and 39th Annual Meeting of the Chinese Society for Anatomical Sciences (CSAS) was held in Guangzhou, China from 8–11 August.

We were fortunate to be able to offer partial support to a number of members through our travel fund, to bring together a strong delegation. Our ANZACA members contributed to several ANZACA-led symposia and other sessions, including:

- Growing anatomy and anatomists (Keynote presentation): Helen Nicholson
- Understanding normal: Imaging throughout life (Symposium): Seyed Ali Mirjalili, Lee Daffin, Quentin Fogg, Sebastien Barfoot
- Clinical applications of anatomical research (Symposium): Natasha Flack, Steph Woodley, Jerin Mathew, Phil Blyth
- Balancing tradition and innovation in anatomy education: Ethical and pedagogical considerations (Symposium): Helen Nicholson, Joyce El-Haddad, Awais Saleem Babri, Siti Nurma Hanim Hadie



Delegates were treated to an authentic banquet dinner, with entertainment largely provided by very talented members of the CSAS in the form of opera, harpsicord and a fashion parade to showcase traditional Chinese attire. A boat trip along the Pearl River was also a highlight, as was the hospitality of our hosts, with a big thank you to Ming Zhang, an ANZACA member who is now based in Shenzhen.



“ANATOMY IN ACTION” – ANZACA 2025

It gives us great pleasure to welcome you to the 22nd Annual Meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Clinical Anatomists (ANZACA). Our theme for this year is “Anatomy in Action”, and will take place as an inclusive, virtual conference, hosted online from 4-5th December 2025. This annual event offers an accessible opportunity for anatomists, clinicians, and educators from across Australasia to share their expertise and knowledge, advancements in research, exchange ideas and connect with colleagues in an inclusive, and supportive community. **For more information:**

<https://anzaca.org/anzaca2025/>

Abstract submissions are open!

We are now accepting abstracts for papers in the following formats:

- Standard conference oral presentations
- Lightning round presentations

Deadline for abstract submissions is Monday 20th October, 2025

- [Submit your abstracts here!](#)
- [Information on abstract guidelines](#)

Meet our invited speakers

We are delighted to announce internationally recognised anatomists and educators Professor David Morton (University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, United States) and Professor Elle Gregory (Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia) as our invited speakers.

David Morton

Enhancing learning with retrieval, spacing and interleaving in anatomy education

Dr. Morton is a Professor of Neurobiology at Fox Spencer Eccles School of Medicine at the University of Utah where he also serves as Vice-Chair of Medical and Dental Education. He is a curriculum leader, directs multiple courses, and teaches anatomy, physiology, histology, and neuroanatomy to medical, dental, PA, PT and OT students.

Dr. Morton has received numerous teaching awards including the American Association for Anatomy's (AAA) Henry Gray Distinguished Educator Award, the University of Utah's Distinguished Teaching Award and the School of Medicine's Jarcho Distinguished Teaching Award. His research interests focus on the



development and study of active learning strategies and the educational use of cadaver-donors. He is the author of several textbooks, including *The Big Picture: Gross Anatomy* and *The Big Picture: Histology* (McGraw Hill) as well as *Gray's Dissection Guide for Human Anatomy* (Elsevier). His YouTube channel, *The Noted Anatomist*, serves students around the world and has received over 35 million views and more than 700,000 subscribers. Dr. Morton is an internationally recognized educator and speaker, a Fellow of the AAA, and a visiting professor at numerous international medical schools.

Elle Gregory

Under the surface: How imaging brings anatomy to life

Professor Elle Gregory is the Associate Dean Learning and Teaching (Faculty of Health) at the Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane Australia. Her PhD in bone adaptation has led the way in a strong research and teaching career in anatomy, anatomical variation and paediatric imaging. She currently leads the Clinical Anatomy and Paediatric Imaging research laboratory with a focus on improving anatomical knowledge through contemporary imaging techniques and advancing our understanding of the anatomy and bone health of children and subadults. Her teaching experience spans over 20 years with a focus on anatomy education, including imaging anatomy, systematic anatomy, regional and sectional anatomy, histology and human donor dissection. Her innovative approaches to teaching maximise student success through collaborative student-centred learning design that leverages contemporary and future-focused technologies to prepare students for the real world of employment. Elle is a recipient of the Award for Teaching Excellence in the 2017 Australian Awards for University Teaching, and more recently was awarded the Australasian Society for Computers in Learning in Tertiary Education (ASCILITE) Outstanding Leadership in Digital Learning in Higher Education in 2023. Elle currently leads the Digital Health Futures team at QUT in embedding digital capabilities and Generative AI into health science curricula, which was recognised with a Gold Award in the Reimagine Education Awards 2024 in the category of Developing Emerging Skills and Competencies. These awards recognise Elle's innovative and effective leadership in the application of digital technologies to enhance teaching, learning, and student success in higher education.



Registration is open!

We are committed to keeping the event accessible, with affordable registration rates available for all participants, but current ANZACA members receive a reduced registration rate. If you're not yet a member, now is the perfect time to join and enjoy the savings.

- [Register for the conference](#)
- [Join to become an ANZACA Member/Renew your Membership](#)

**Please help us spread the word about this conference, and we
look forward to connecting with you in December!**



Thank you to the team working behind the scenes to help organise the IFAA 2026 Congress. A reminder of some key dates below.

Call for Symposia

Closes Sunday 30 November, 2025

If you would like to be involved in a symposium proposal, please contact one of the local organising committee.

Call for Abstracts

Closes Saturday 14 February, 2026

We will soon be making a call for abstract reviewers, so please keep an eye out for that!

Sponsorship

Any contacts would be gratefully appreciated – details can be passed on to the local organising committee please.

See the latest updates in the recent IFAA2026 [Ezine](#)