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NSW specialists scrub up for Surgeons Month

Tuesday 1 November, 2016

Surgeons from across New South Wales will gather at the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) Regional Office in Sydney for a range of sessions starting Wednesday 2 November as part of their annual *Surgeons' Month* activities.

This year's event, which will see up to 150 Fellows, Trainees and IMGs attend a series of presentations and seminars over four weeks, will focus on developing knowledge in areas that affect the daily life of a surgeon, the key to networking in the 21st Century and what to expect when starting out in surgical practice.

Four prominent women in NSW healthcare; Dr Ruth Bollard - Chair of Women in Surgery, Ms Carrie Marr - CEO of the Clinical Excellence Commission (CEC), Dr Sharon Tivey - Medical Women's Society NSW and Libby Davies - CEO White Ribbon Australia, will discuss the role of women in the future of healthcare in NSW on Wednesday 16 November.

Surgeons Month will also include a number of informative presentations including understanding the role of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), financing your practice, creating an online presence, and adapting to life as a rural surgeon.

This will be followed by the session 'Developing Surgical Life' on Tuesday 22 November.

The month will conclude with a special recognition evening on Thursday 24 November where guests will hear from Lismore surgeon Prof. Austin Curtin who will give the Graham Coupland lecture.

RACS Indigenous Health Committee Chair Dr David Murray, a Darug man from the Sydney area and one of only two Aboriginal surgeons in Australia will also provide an Indigenous Committee Update, to be followed by the presentation of a number of awards.

[Read the full program](#)

All events are held at the RACS NSW Regional Office
Suite 1 Level 26 201 Kent Street
Sydney 2000

About the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS)

RACS is the leading advocate for surgical standards, professionalism and surgical education in Australia and New Zealand. The College is a not-for-profit organisation that represents more than 7000 surgeons and 1300 surgical trainees and International Medical Graduates. RACS also supports healthcare and surgical education in the Asia-Pacific region and is a substantial funder of surgical research. There are nine surgical specialties in Australasia being: Cardiothoracic surgery, General surgery, Neurosurgery, Orthopaedic surgery, Otolaryngology Head-and-Neck surgery, Paediatric surgery, Plastic and Reconstructive surgery, Urology and Vascular surgery.

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