

**FRIENDS OF VELLORE  
TASMANIAN BRANCH  
NEWSLETTER**

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Greetings Friends

Our first Curry Banquet for the year will be on Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup> at Anna Purna Restaurant Salamanca Place at 6:30 pm. Cost \$40 per head. Tickets can be purchased from Jeanette Hyland 62296298 or via email [jehyland@ozemail.com.au](mailto:jehyland@ozemail.com.au) or Meg Skegg 62236751 or via email [skeggh@netspace.net.au](mailto:skeggh@netspace.net.au)

We are obliged to require payment for tickets at the time of booking and will deliver these to you prior to the night or at the door if that is convenient.

*Please advise if you have any special dietary requirements*

**We thank the management at Anna Purna for their generous assistance**

Further fund raising activities will include a Curry Banquet in August and a Spring Luncheon in November.

We considered a further garage sale but this has become too difficult but if any individual would like to conduct a garage sale or other fund raising activity for the committee we would be very grateful.

We are very aware of making the best use of the money raised so if you have an email address and would be happy to receive your newsletter by that means please send your address to Meg Skegg - [skeggh@netspace.net.au](mailto:skeggh@netspace.net.au) .

This has become even more imperative with the recent rise in the cost of postage stamps.

**Snippets from Vellore:**

We are continually reminded of the high standard of training at CMC and this has been recognised with a number of Departments being granted accreditation to conduct PhD Courses.

In a nationwide survey “The Week” magazine has ranked CMC as the third best Multispecialty Hospital in India in it’s annual ‘Best Hospital Survey 2013’

CMC has also been awarded the ‘National Accreditation Board for Hospital’s and Healthcare Providers’ accreditation for a further 3 years. Similar to accreditation of hospitals in Australia, this is an acknowledgement of the quality of care and services offered by the facility and for the hospital it means a program of continuous monitoring and quality improvement in all aspects of care and service.

The International Society of Nephrology (to do with kidneys) has recently upgraded CMC Paediatric Nephrology Unit to a higher Level in recognition of the work done there. This Unit has a

partnership with the Paediatric Nephrology Unit at UCLA in USA which enables staff to stay in touch with the latest knowledge and treatment options.

In November 140 Allied health Students graduated with their Baccalaureate again demonstrating the breadth of courses being conducted at CMC and recognised internationally. In addition 132 lay Christian workers based in remote villages graduated with their Health Training Certificate to enhance their work in remote areas.

204 Nursing Undergraduates and 28 Nursing Post Graduates also successfully completed their studies in early 2014.

On going training for practicing Medical Staff continues to be a feature of the College's program and has recently included updates in such subjects as Diabetes and Vascular Surgery. In addition the Radiology Dept conducted a Seminar titled "Emergency Radiology" covering all common emergencies such as traffic accidents, as well as non accidental emergencies such as stroke, heart attack and obstetric emergencies etc.

CMC has a large Prosthetic and Orthotic Service and recently hosted an eleven day workshop conducted by an internationally recognised prosthetic expert, to increase the knowledge and skills of its staff. This is another measure of the recognition of the high standing of CMC that it can attract international experts to its programs.

CMC also recently hosted the First National Conference on 'Hospital Safety and Occupational Health'. It has department dedicated to this important area which manages all aspects relevant to a complex healthcare facility.

Facilities within the complex continue to be upgraded.

New facilities in the Ophthalmology Dept have extended the hours of service to the community by providing evening clinics, 2 nights each week, walk in appointments daily and a new day care facility.

The Ear Nose and Throat (ENT) Dept has expanded considerably with four new operating theatres in their 'State of the Art' facility. The Department now manages all conditions related to ENT, base of the skull and airway, voice, and swallowing difficulties.

Two new 24 seater buses and a new car were dedicated in the Transport Dept to facilitate travel for staff and students between the College Campus and the Hospital.

Our support assists in enabling people who could not otherwise afford healthcare to access top class services.

We invite you to join our committee and assist to spread the workload and bring us some fresh ideas.

Don't forget the website for further information and news

[www.australianfov.net.au](http://www.australianfov.net.au)

[www.cmch-vellore.edu](http://www.cmch-vellore.edu)

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