



WAMSS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

For the Committee Meeting to be held at 6pm on 29th June 2020.

1. Executive Report

1. President

Thankfully it's been a much quieter month in terms of meetings and commitments... this is a good thing because it means things are slowly starting to get back to normal in the world! As always, thanks everyone for your hard work and I can't wait to hear what you have all been up to and see you at the meeting! Remember if you ever need anything to hit me up - always available to chat and help out :)

- Electives & Exchanges Officer: On the 10th June, Rudra ran her main event for the year: Alan Charter's Seminar and Photography Exhibition! It was such a great night, and she did an incredible job with the organisation and overall smoothness of the night. It was an especially hard year for Rudra as she had already planned the event to be in person at the Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery and then COVID happened, and she worked with the Faculty and the Art Gallery to facilitate the event online. AMAZING WORK RUDRA <3
- International Officer: Sherwin has been doing a great job as our International representative! It's thankfully been a much quieter night for international students.
- Marketing Officers: Dav and Brie have got some ideas cooking... just you wait and see!
- Indigenous Representative: Tamika has some great ideas planned for later in the year once restrictions lift a bit. Hopefully we will have some great events soon!
- Queer Representative: Anthony and Thomas are working on a proposal to the Medical School about an LGBTI+ online education system. Again if anyone is happy to work through these to help out, please contact them!
- Foundation Chair: Erin has been doing a great job leading the Foundation team! We should soon have a proposal about how we can use our Return of Assets.
- Mental Health Chair: Lianne as always has been doing an incredible job of looking out for the wellbeing of medical students and leading her team of mental-health heroes that form WAMSS mental health! There's always exciting things to look out for here, amazing work guys!
- AMSA Representatives: The girls organised their second think tank of the year which I heard went super well! Keep up the good work!
- Immediate Past President: Harry is amazing as usual



2. Vice President Internal

Hey everybody! I hope you have all had as nice a month as me. It's definitely been a bit more quiet in the last few weeks, a sign that everyone is settling into the new normal. Some great news for our clinical students with clinical placements given the green light from the WA DoH! Now just a few more things to work out from the hospital and clinician supervisor point of view. Well done to our MD4s for getting through a busy few weeks of intern applications, scholarly activity due dates and in-term rotation assessments.

Issues from the last month

1. MD1 exams with exemplify – for the most part went fairly well with limited complaints. There was a character limit of 500 characters for each question, which some students found slightly restrictive. We had one major issue with the platform that was unable to be resolved before completion of the examination, and approximately 7 students who opted-out of the online platform. Overall, a relatively good outcome with exemplify from our MD1s.
2. Return to clinical placements - Some great news for our clinical students with clinical placements given the green light from the WA DoH! Now just a few more things to work out from the hospital and clinician supervisor point of view. A very fine line between early return and ensuring clinical placements are of high quality and are worthwhile to students. There is also the consideration of ensuring equal quality of teaching; especially in year groups and disciplines that have delivered material online. The decision has been made at a Medical School level to continue with the MD2 online learning for the sake of equity, until all students have completed their online intensives, putting them back into the clinical arena in August. MD3 students will be back for some rotations from June 22nd, with some disciplines still unable to accept students at present, and MD4s will be back in full clinical placements as of the 20th of July.
3. Finalisation of end of year assessments (especially OSCEs) – are currently being finalised. As soon as plans are confirmed they will be released to students. We are working with the relevant year committees (IMP2/3) and the WAMSS Academic Events team to plan formative/mock OSCEs.

Portfolios

- Year 1: See above regarding examinations. MD1s are currently on break. JT and Shanae are working with Lianne and the mental health team to pioneer a MD1-MD2 peer mentoring program to foster interyear connections.



- Year 2: Chipping along with their online rotations well. Thanks to Kasper for being the most proactive year reps and getting some great feedback from their rotation reps. MD2s have been busy this last week with RCS interviews (which I am sure everyone smashed!). We have had great news this week that clinical skill and procedural teaching (including the CTEC suturing workshop) will be back up and running for MD2s within this current online intensive block, albeit in smaller groups.
- Year 3: Devole are working with their rotation reps and the IMP2 Committee to ease in the transition back to clinical placements. MD3s are otherwise quiet for this month
- RCS Rep: Thanks Jas for being a proactive and valuable voice for our RCS students. RCS students have been back in WACHS hospitals for the past few weeks and going seemingly well! A few queries regarding the ungraded pass and how this will apply for ND/Curtin RCS students but this is now with the Head of School.
- Year 4: Have had a big month getting in applications, rounding out scholarly activities and working on their in term assessments. Katherine and Frank have done a great job behind the scenes organising the graduation jumpers and working with their dinner committee to start planning graduation dinner!

3. Vice President External

- Getting quotes from academic resources for possible return of assets \$pending
- Sorted out AMBOSS group discount
- Met with Buttler-Settineri, finalising contract
- AMSA Mayday MIPS prizes (go UWA!! Good job <3)
- Alan Charters Seminar Amboss prize, awesome work on organising it Rudra :)
- Avant contract signed finally

Portfolios

- Redparty: Red party coordinators and their subcomms have come up with some fab alternative if Court can't happen
- Pubs: Discussed how the role can be merged with other roles
- SGR: Awesome work, haven't needed my help at all
- MD2 Orientation: Discussed what orientation could be like next year with megacamp
- SHMRC: Have sent out sponsorship prospectus, looks promising

4. Treasurer

While I personally haven't been too busy this month with Treasurer stuff, there's definitely that bubbling underneath the surface of things starting to pick back up! Invoices are slowly but surely starting to trickle back into being a regular occurrence, we've received some



more payments from our generous sponsors and planning is underway across many portfolios for semester 2 events and what form they will eventually take.

Portfolios:

- MD1 Orientation: discussion combined with Hayden and Sarah + MD2 orientation reps about the structure of orientation rep positions for next year + following years, given change to course in 2021. Can't wait for megacamp!
- Social: They've already planned two amazing events and we aren't even halfway through the year! Keep up your great work Em Matt and Kierra!
- Med dinner: big discussion about ball dates, potentially changing venue. Our ball for 2020 is in amazing hands with this year's dinner reps
- Academic: Planning is underway for the MD4 Mock OSCE. + our superstars Ayesha and Tithi ran a great mock VAE for the MD1s.
- Interhealth: Planning is in the works for getting many of the IH committee back up on their feet for sem 2 so that fundraising and event planning can get underway. Looks like many exciting events are already rolling out from CB4H and Yira soon. Can't wait to see what else is planned! As always, Dimy are super dedicated and will certainly be making sure that IH makes the most of the restrictions easing I'm sure :)

5. Secretary

Things are starting to heat up a little bit with the restrictions loosening up and with the upcoming SGM, elections and ball season. We will also hopefully get to see events at UWA start to become possible. I've emailed venues@uwa.edu.au about hiring UWA venues and the response was, "I am pleased to say that UWA is now accepting bookings (with some limitations because of Semester 2 timetable being reworked) within WA state guidelines."

In other news, we've decided to have a SGM next month to make some changes to the Committee structure before the elections in August.

Portfolios;

- Sports - legend won the AMSA competition. WAMSS footy should hopefully be back soon YAY let's go
- Comms Chairs - discussion about how to update this role
- Website and IT - legend has been doing so much work on the website it is genuinely incredible. Thank you endlessly for updating the website and making it so clean and easy to use.
- UCO - incredible woman and a half. So much effort into the rebranding process
- Allied health - ripperinos



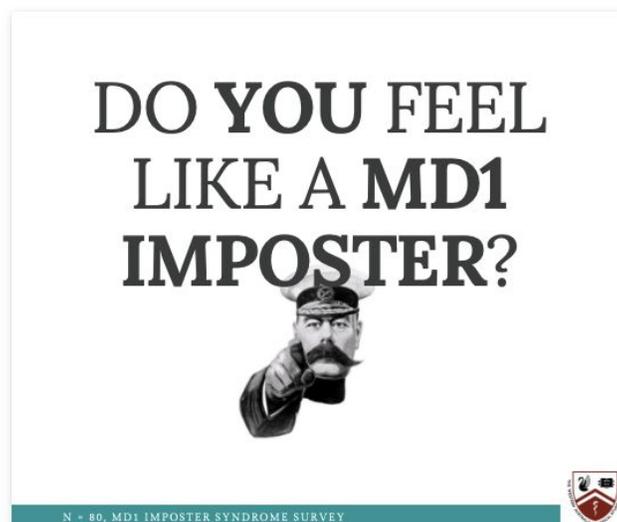
2. Education Report

1. Education Chair

HE Numbers - We have finally (omg!) had some progress with HE numbers, and the May submission is sitting with the DoH for reactivation. Another batch has been sent off for June. I anticipate we are going to have further issues with this, as the HE numbers once reactivated need to have passwords changed within 2 weeks, and many students will not be on prac for this period.

2. Year 1 Representatives

- Supplying lectures to the WAMSS academic team for a practice formative VAE- THANK YOU WAMSS ACADEMICS <3 <3
- Further answering student questions regarding exemplify with Liam/ Kezia/ Helen
- Corresponding with students regarding Q&A about UP, and students post exemplify
- Ran an imposter syndrome survey for the benefit of student mental health in the lead up before exams (was a huge success), made a poster
- https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2ovJ5oLveCmgrvI5roClootVrjllKtHgiXJy5tM_8Eqd2mQ/viewanalytics?fbclid=IwAR2RwqDxUwezWLFjCjIHD-QdvKsbaP33WvBrRWHQpoBIAIsCr_bTGBUdE



- Currently on break between semesters so our job is a bit quiet at the moment
- Setting up Stethoscope Order for MD1 + MedSci3, planning to contact different companies for quotes



- Bulletin is every 2 weeks now during the Winter break
- MD1/MD2 mentoring with wamss mental health

3. Year 2 Representatives

Nothing to report

4. Year 3 Representatives

Preparing for return to placement and reconsidering MD3 cocktail night or an MD3 event

5. RCS Representative

Currently negotiating with RCS faculty about reducing the number of SCAs and REFLEXs required, as the number has remained the same since pre-COVID and students are very stressed about achieving the same amount of work in less time. RCS students are just about to head into their much needed mid-year break back in Perth (yay!).

6. Year 4 Representatives

- Jumpers ordered
- Yearbook planning coming along well-- subcomm set up and being uber productive
- Graduation dinner also progressing well-- subcomm are doing well, and we have had convos w Ball crew to ensure optimum timing of both events

7. International Officer

In the midst of creating an International Student guidebook

3. AMSA Report

1. AMSA Representative

Hosted Think Tank 2 - Collaborative Think tank with Curtin and ND

2. AMSA Junior Representative

Nothing to report

4. Social Portfolio Report

1. Social Representatives

Nothing to report. Just uni stuff!

2. Medical Dinner Representatives

Ball on 24/10 is definitely not going to be feasible anymore so we are currently looking into alternative dates and locations. We have already put down a deposit for the Westin. The



only date they can offer us is 4th December, which is a bit late for MD1, 2, 3 and too close to graduation activities for MD4s.

The deposit we have put down can either be used for grad dinner if they have it at the Westin, or it can be used for next year's ball (it means next year will be locked into the Westin but we don't think this is an issue).

Current dates we are considering are 6/7/13/14 November. These seem to be the best compromise considering when all the different cohorts' exams are. We have a surprising number of options, haven't locked in anything yet but things are rapidly progressing so watch this space.

3. Allied Health Representatives

Nothing to report

4. MD1 Orientation Events Coordinators

Nothing to report

5. MD2 Orientation Events Coordinators

Discussing with exec regarding 2021 MD1/MD2 orientation rep roles. These may combine or just work together on camp planning in order to facilitate 'mega camp'

5. Sports Portfolio Report

1. Sports Representatives

Congrats to everyone who contributes to our AMAZING win in the AMSA May Day Bootcamp!!! We were able to give individual awards each week to WAMSS contributors thanks to MIPS. Special shoutouts to Kayley Crebbin, Mikayla Everuss, Matthew Mann and Nathaniel Owen, but also to everyone who contributed to UWA's win

Other notes: We are planning on doing WAMSS football against Notre dame on the 28th of August and Netball against them on the 11th of September. Please keep these dates free and come along. More info about these will come as they come closer

6. Communications Portfolio

1. Communications Chair

No report submitted

2. Publications Chair

No report submitted



3. Marketing Officers

In communication with UCO for WAMSS connect logo/banner/communications.

4. Website & IT Officer

- WAMSS Connect Memberships + general membership clean-up! Had a meeting(s) with Liv, Britt and Stu to sort out the plan and hopefully launch new purchase membership pages by the meeting - just waiting on a couple of details.
- All existing WAMSS Associate members now have a 3yr WAMSS Connect Membership - new non-MD-student members can purchase 1, 2 or 3 yr memberships (with a discount!). Implementation of this with event discounts TBD ...also we kinda need events to come back :(
- Website - Yira have a page now (easiest set up ever! thanks Yira committee)
- Website cleanup - if you/your subcommittees are responsible for a page on the website, please claim it at the following spreadsheet:
<https://wamss.org.au/website-cleanup-2020> - I'm going through and deleting old info that we don't need / hasn't been updated in like 7+yrs

7. Academics Portfolio

1. Student Grand Rounds Coordinators

Core Curriculum Project has kind of been on the backburner with many of the MD4s recommencing placement

- Clinician allocations are ongoing by Helen
- Some have had trouble getting a hold of their clinicians

2. Academic Events Coordinators

Organising MD3 and MD4 mock osces - venue bookings, speaking to fac about potential osce structure etc, organising JMOs to send us cases :)

3. SHMRC Convenors

Prospectus and contacting sponsors, finding locations for conference

8. Non-portfolio bound

1. Interhealth Chairs

As the COVID-19 restrictions start to ease Interhealth is slowly starting to kick back into action. We're currently in the process of reaching out to each project individually and discussing how they can get back into organising and hosting events.



CB4H has had a busy few weeks with their collaboration with Students for Refugees to run a Refugee Health Advocacy Week and with the various Crossing Borders projects around the country to bring a AMSA Crossing Border Online Panel Discussion. Unfortunately, placements at Ishar might have to wait until the restrictions ease up even more to commence again.

Yira, our newest project, have got their FB and Instagram page up and running (please follow!) and have posted some great content. They've also organised their first event, a webinar via Zoom on Aboriginal Health in the rural practice which will also include a Q&A!

Code Green are currently in the process of getting a Plastic Free July event up and running, which they hope will run similarly to Vampire Cup. We're also hoping to get some UWA students to participate in a hackathon led by AMSA Code Green - the idea is student groups work on solutions to sustainability issues in the health care sector! More to come on this!

Teddy Bear Hospital is waiting for the undergraduate semesters to start as well as restrictions to ease a bit more to get TBH started again but in the meantime are trialing some training videos and a quiz our superstar coordinator Kayley developed!

We're due to have an Interhealth committee meeting soon where we'll discuss collectively how we can move forward from here and some exciting events we can hold. Watch this space!

2. Red Party Chairs

Confirmed with the Red Party Exec and Sub-Comm members that people are still keen to organise a Red Party-type event later in the year. Discussion with Red Party Exec members about potential Red Party and Red Aware Week later in the year. First Red Party Exec meeting planned Monday 22 June via Zoom.

3. Indigenous Chair

No report submitted

4. WAMSS Mental Health Chairs

Quaran-tea-ne Chats: MD1 edition

- With JT, Shanae, Britt, Stu, and around 5 other MD1s
- Discussed what Britt and Stu (and cohort) found helpful
- Got some key ideas from MD1s as to what they wanted from WAMSS and WMH



MD1 peer mentoring program (Emily Wishart)

- 18 MD1 sign ups so far, 32 MD2 sign ups
- Will do final call out for MD1s this weekend
- Then will match MD1 and MD2 students

COVID-19/Mental Health survey

- One month review of progress made
- Next survey point is August

Plans for the rest of the year

- I still need to post socks! (eep!)
- Imposter Syndrome event (Cynthia Carvalho): planned for end of July. Putting together speakers and event.
- Draw-a-picture-with-your-run competition (Emily Wishart): event being put together now, for launch soon.
- R U OK Day campaign (Julian Atlas): September
- Rock climbing event (Alex Brown): pending venues opening again
- Random Acts of Kindness round 2 (Fiona Iwansantoso): date TBA
- Fluoro Fridays Yoga - in person! (Claire Breidahl): date TBA
- Putting online resources together for students interested in Psychiatry (Lianne): goal is to have this up by the end of the year.
- General wellbeing portal (eg sleep, healthy habits, mindfulness, etc) (Lianne): also by end of the year

5. Undergraduate Communications Officer

- Aiming to launch WAMSS Connect rebrand week before semester 2 goes back (week of Monday 20th July which is soon and v scary)
- Working with marketing for logo and jono+stu for memberships
- Planning "journey to becoming a doctor" event with science union for early sem 2 (hopefully will be an in-person event!!)
- Organising med student highlights for our social media, so i may be sliding into some of your DMs to see if you would like to answer some questions for me :)

6. WAMSS Electives & Exchanges Officer

No report submitted



7. Foundation

Not too much has changed since the last meeting - everyone's projects are still tracking along well, and good progress is being made. It's going to be good to be able to start getting more things done now restrictions have started lifting, especially with membership benefits. We're hoping to have our next Foundation meeting in person when I'm back in Perth which will be exciting! I've also started making progress on the planning for suggested Foundation projects for next year.

8. Queer Chairs

There is not a lot to report this month, there were some difficulties getting in touch with the UNDF Equity rep to aid in setting up a WA wide Queer/LGBTQIA+ medical student group. We will be aiming to set up this group before the next committee meeting.

We are still very keen to get some more committee members to complete the Wavelength modules. We would only need 5 more committee members to complete the modules to reach our goal so please get in contact with either Anthony or Thomas through Facebook or our email (queer.chair@wamss.org.au).