



Message from the President

The 14th Australasian Cystic Fibrosis Conference (ACFC) is once again providing an opportunity for researchers, clinicians, and community to share ideas. This time we will not have the opportunity to meet each face to face, however we are still committed to providing the best opportunity we can for research to be shared, ideas to be generated and decisions to be made that will benefit those who live with cystic fibrosis (CF) and those who care for them either as family or health care providers.

Cystic Fibrosis Australia (CFA) has always championed connection between people as a scaffold for improving the lives of those affected by CF. The 14th ACFC has been a challenge and has necessitated us running it in 2 parts, however we believe that we need to provide these opportunities, no matter the challenges presented.

Our conference seeks to further facilitate partnerships that share best clinical practice, cutting edge research, peer support opportunities and knowledge-sharing in the expectation of further improving the lives of people affected by CF. The conference is part of the suite of programs supported by CFA, particularly to the work of the Australian Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust which has been Australia's leading community funder and connector of CF research for more than 32 years.

I would like to thank all members of the Medical Committee, especially Prof Phil Robinson. They have given their time, expertise, and enthusiasm to the production of this conference and I thank them for their work and commitment. I also want to thank CFA's past CEO Nettie Burke and current CEO Jo Armstrong and the staff of CFA who worked tirelessly to ensure that the Conference could proceed.

While we have not been able to run this event as a face-to-face meeting as we have in the past, I hope you will still enjoy the opportunity to connect and share knowledge and expertise with your colleagues in an important event for research and research communication. I look forward to hearing the feedback from this event and to CFA welcoming you all again at future conferences.

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