



24TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING OF THE AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF PHLEBIOLOGY

POST CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER

As the vibrant energy of our time together in Fiji still lingers in our hearts and minds, we pause to reflect on the brilliance that illuminated every moment of the ACP2024 conference. With gratitude we invite you to journey with us as we reminisce on the highlights of our unforgettable gathering.

Through spirited discussions and lively debates, we forged connections, fostered collaborations, and laid the groundwork for meaningful change.

To each and every participant, presenter, exhibitor, and supporter who contributed to the success of ACP2024, we extend our sincerest gratitude. Your passion and dedication are the driving forces behind our shared journey towards excellence.

We look forward to welcoming you next year to the Gold Coast, Queensland, for ACP2025.





MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dr Lisa Marks

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We recently had the 24th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australasian College of Phlebology in Fiji. It was a fabulous and successful meeting, featuring invited speakers – Dr Christopher Pittman, Phlebologist from Tampa, Florida and Dr Chris Rogan, Interventional Radiologist and Chair of IRSA, Australia.

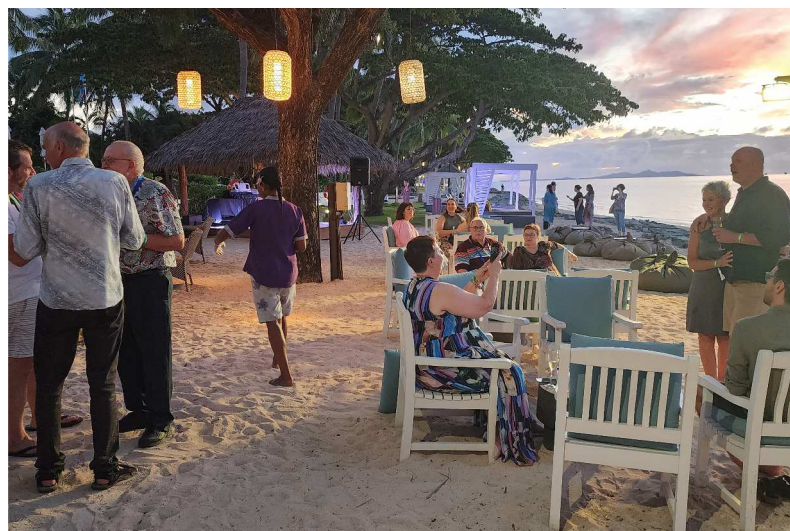
The meeting saw some landmark consensus discussions about Intra-arterial injection in venous procedures and how to manage these difficult cases. In addition, presentation of potentially industry changing lab based research about cyanoacrylate and some dynamic presentations about AI and digital health.

We were supported by our sponsors and trade exhibitors. Pelvic venous disorders were featured and the trainees were supported with a training session, ultrasound and endovenous workshop sessions. The location was idyllic and enjoyed by all.

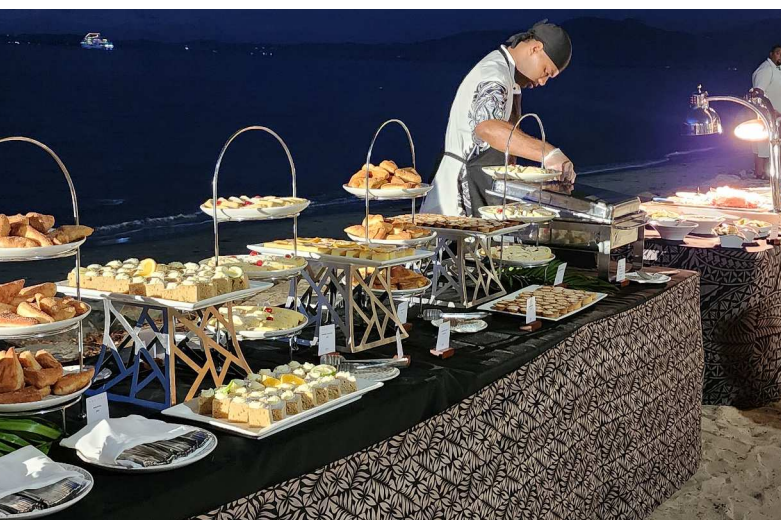
Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Dr Stefania Roberts and Dr Steve Benson, the ACP in conjunction with Youth With a Mission (YWAM) and local doctors, was able for the first time to do some mission work in Fiji on local patients with advanced venous disease. The enterprise was supported strongly by our industry partners – Medisol, Device Consulting, Sigvaris, Clinical Imaging and Fujifilm Sonosite, with provision of equipment such as endovenous laser devices, ultrasound machines, Radiofrequency generators and compression garments. As well as photographic documentation.

There was a large team of volunteers including doctors, sonographers, nurses and the youth volunteers. In all, 14 patients were treated and we were able to start educating local doctors in minimally invasive venous procedures. We hope to be able to continue this work in the future.

Next year's meeting is on the Gold Coast from 9-12th May. It would be great to see you all there.



Welcome Reception





MESSAGE FROM THE CONVENOR

Dr David Connor

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

What a tremendous way for us all to come together to discuss all things Phlebology. With our plenaries, debates, scientific presentations, trainee sessions and workshops coupled with beachside social functions or afternoon spent by the pool, our ACP meeting in Fiji was truly a success. The feedback we have received from our delegates has been overwhelmingly positive.

I am truly appreciative to all our speakers and especially invited speakers Dr Chris Pittman and Dr Chris Rogan whose insight and candid perspectives on Phlebology enriched our discussions. We hope to see them again at future ACP meetings. Kudos to Dr Steven Benson and Dr Joseph Grace for their spirited debates against Dr Stefania Roberts, managing to escape with only minor bruising. We hope that a daily debate will become a feature at all our future meeting.

Organising an event in Fiji was always going to be a challenge, given the distance for everyone to travel and we are all grateful to you all for making the journey. Our sponsors and exhibitors need to also be congratulated for their presence and support.

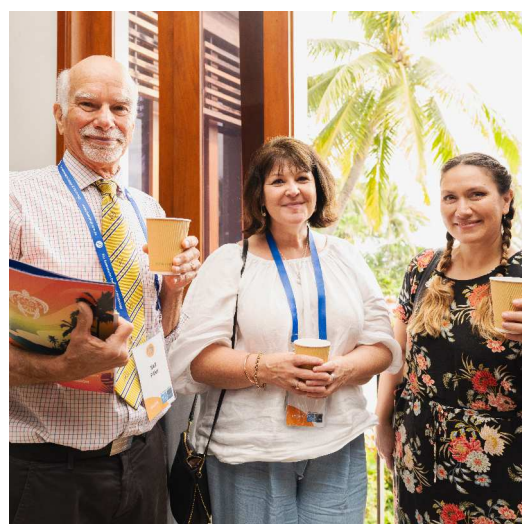
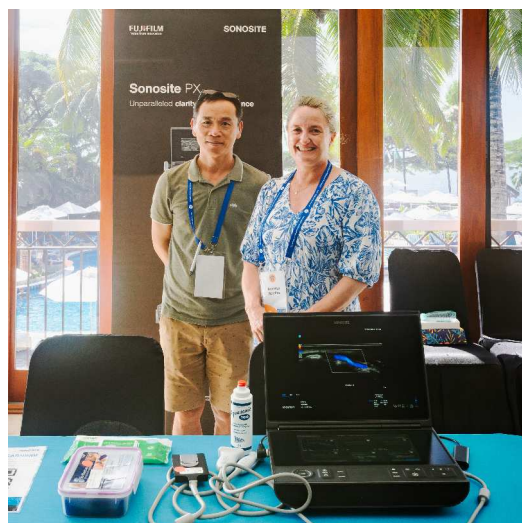
This meeting would not be possible without this support, so please continue to support those who continue to support the college.

A big thank you goes to our Major Partner Sigvaris who once again were unwavering in their support of the College and are always the first company to sign up for the next meeting.

And finally, a big thank you should go to Zivka and Jan, who are really the backbone of the College and the Conference. Their hard work and dedication have been essential to the success of this meeting.

See you all on the Gold Coast next year....







CONFERRING CEREMONY

The conferring ceremony is a special evening for our graduates and recognising their achievement in passing the various levels of our training program. The evening also recognises individuals for achievement in the field of Phlebology.



Dr Adrian Lim

Gold Medal for
Outstanding Contribution
to the Australasian College
of Phlebology



Dr Christopher Pittman

Award of Excellence for
Public Advocacy in
Phlebology



ADVANCED TRAINING GRADUATES



Dr Melanie Andronicus



Dr Katie Cook



Dr Elizabeth Onley



Dr Maya Steeper



Dr Mei-Jo Sung

BASIC TRAINING GRADUATES



Dr Brendon Aish



Dr Wai Kit Yue

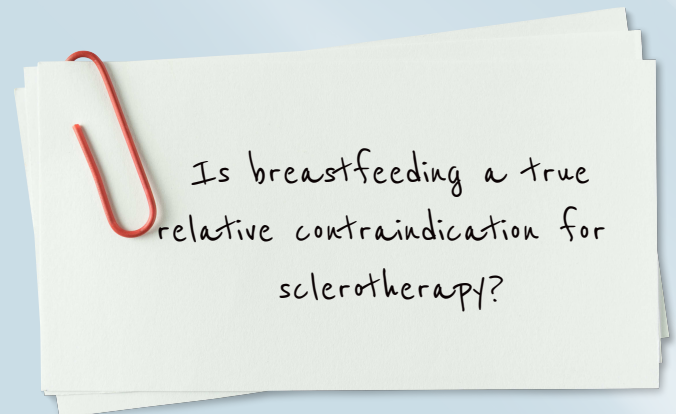


Dr Marissa Zamora



Prize for Best Trainee Presentation

A prize of \$1,000 was generously donated by Getz Healthcare to be awarded to the best Trainee presentation given at the conference. After much consideration Dr Paul Thibault deemed the presentation titled Is breastfeeding a true relative contraindication for sclerotherapy? by Dr Phoebe Shearman, as the winner of the prize. Congratulations Phoebe, well done!



*"I am glad my talk prompted some debate and thought into this area. Thank you to Paul Thibault and the ACP for the award and to Getz Healthcare for their generous prize."
Phoebe Shearman*

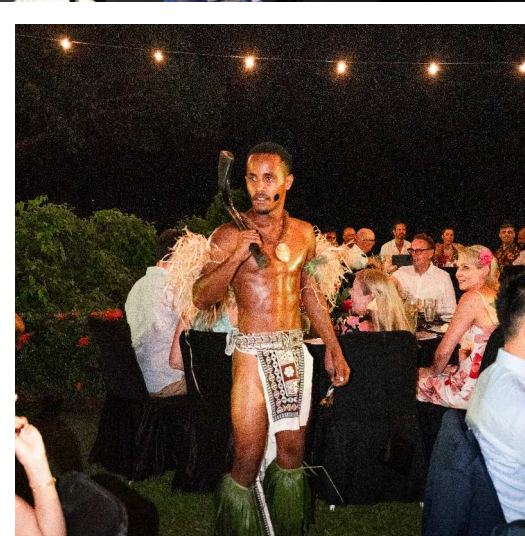
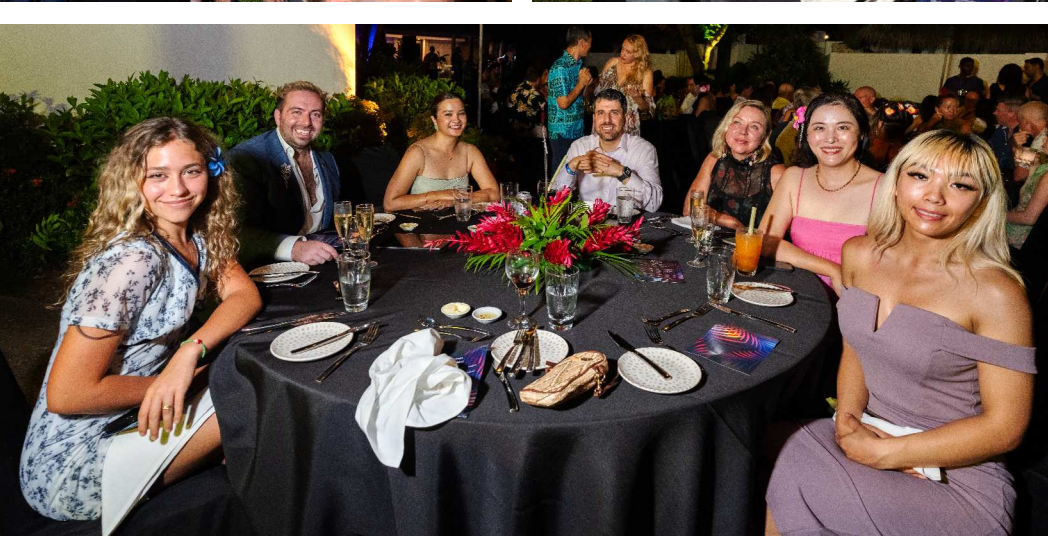


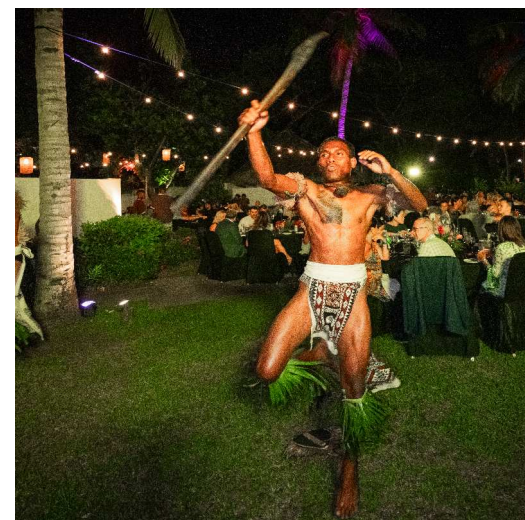


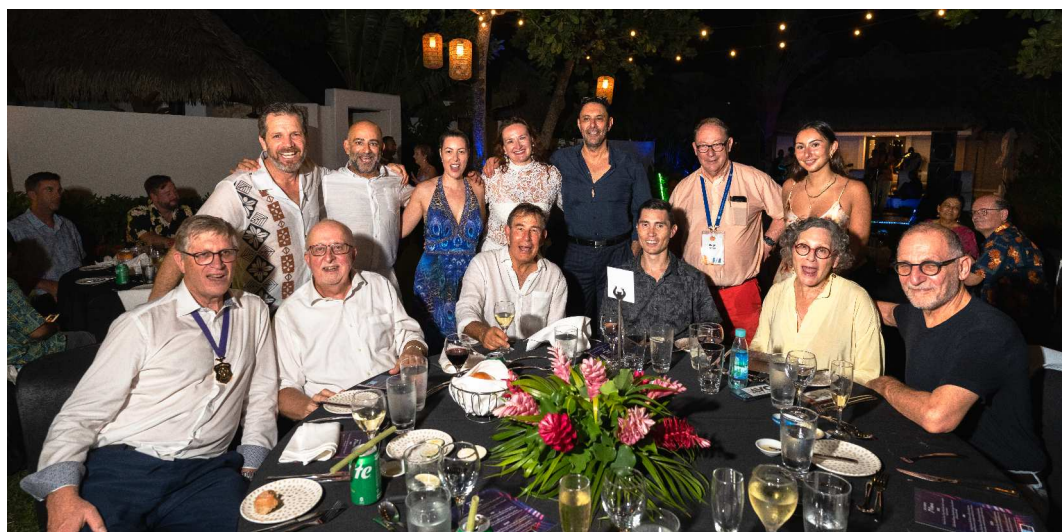
**Many thanks to our
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each year helps bring
our fabulous
conference to you all.**

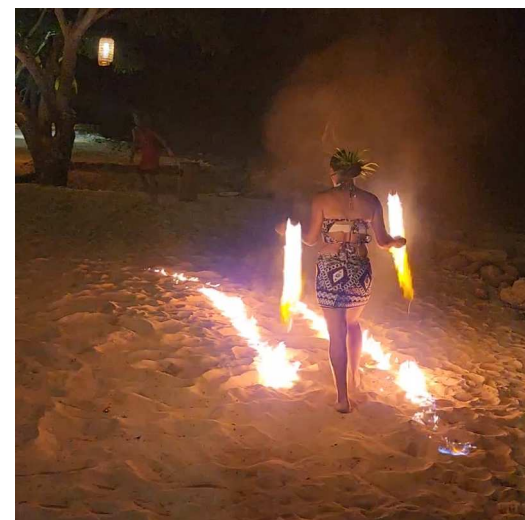


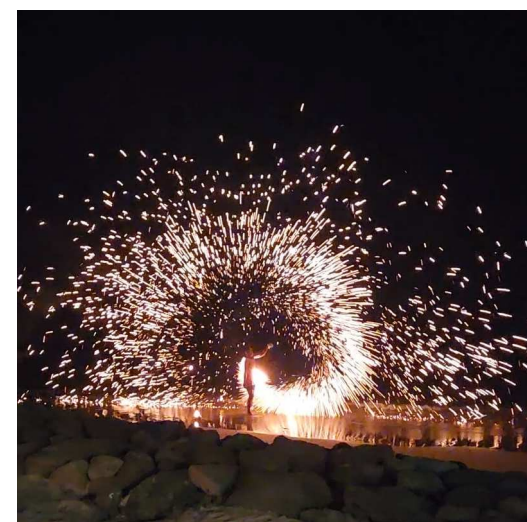
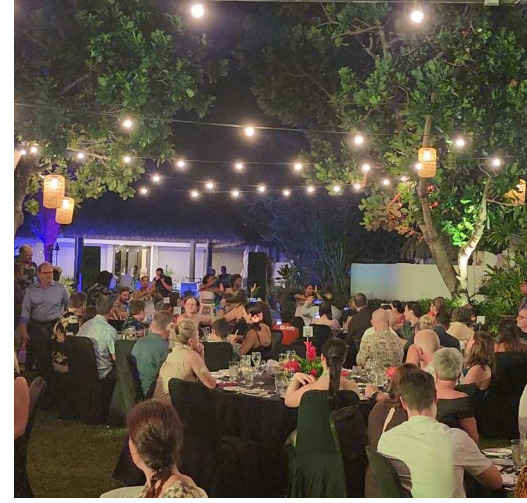
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On the 30th April 2024 the College embarked on a Mission, to teach doctors in Fiji about the field of Phlebology. The mission was funded through the Phlebology Foundation of Australia and organised by Dr Stefania Roberts and Dr Stephen Benson, both Board Members of the ACP. The day was a great success, with further assistance from Dr Lisa Marks, Dr Kurosh Parsi and Dr Joseph Grace, together with their dedicated teams, including Dr Manisha Siriwardene, Nicole Curtis, Tony Nguyen, Andy Nguyen, Yana Parsi and Parmiss Parsi. Patients were treated with Endothermal Ablation procedures, with the Fijian doctors participating and learning these techniques.

Dr Zen Low of Zen's Clinic, generously opened his clinic for the teams to take over and treat patients while providing valuable instruction to those Fijian doctors present.

Without the help of Youth Without A Mission (YWAM) this mission would not have been possible. They were the go-to team in Fiji that brought everyone together and ensured that all equipment and supplies were able to safely enter the country to ensure the day was a success.

Our trade partners were overly generous with the following donations:

- Sigvaris donated 2 suitcases full of compression stockings and funds
- A Fujifilm Sonosite ultrasound machine was donated to the Zen clinic
- Clarius bought a 15MHz POCUS to be used for the mission
- Medline gifted vascular packs
- Device Consulting brought a 1500nm laser, 5 laser fibers and a Klein pump
- Medisol brought their laser machine
- Medtronic brought 2 radiofrequency generators and 12 RFA fibers to be used, plus vascular packs
- Laureth-9 was donated for UGS

A HUGE Thank you goes to Dr Stefania Roberts for not giving up on the idea, despite many hurdles!



For further information about the Phlebology Foundation of Australia visit our website

www.phlebologyfoundation.com

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