



Network Initiatives for Cardiovascular Trials

But we already do CVD Trials?



- Strong history in CVD Trials
 - ISIS / LIPID / ANBP 1 & 2 Trials
- World class CVD Trials Groups
 - George Institute
 - SAMRI
 - Monash
 - Greenlane NZ
- Evidence that recruitment in Australia / NZ had fallen well below previous standards
- Lack of coordination of efforts – individual pockets of excellence

Participating Networks

Australasian College for Emergency Medicine Clinical Trials Group
Australasian Gastro-Intestinal Trials Group
Australasian Lung Cancer Trials Group
Australasian Radiopharmaceutical Trials Network
Australasian Sarcoma Study Group
Australasian Society for Infectious Diseases Clinical Research Network
Australasian Stroke Trials Network
Australia & New Zealand Breast Cancer Trials Group
Australia & New Zealand Melanoma Trials Group
Australia New Zealand Gynaecological Oncology Group
Australian & New Zealand Children's Haematology/Oncology Group
Australian & New Zealand College of Anaesthetists Clinical Trials Network
Australian & New Zealand Intensive Care Society Clinical Trials Group
Australian & New Zealand Urogenital & Prostate Cancer Trials Group
Australian Epilepsy Clinical Trials Network
Australian Musculoskeletal Clinical Trials Group
Australian Paediatric Research Network
Australian Primary Care Research Network
Cooperative Trials Group for Neuro-Oncology
Multiple Sclerosis Research Australia Clinical Trials Network
NSW Better Treatments 4 Kids
Paediatric Research in Emergency Departments International Collaborative
Paediatric Trials Network Australia
Palliative Care Clinical Studies Collaborative
Primary Care Collaborative Cancer Clinical Trial Group
Psycho-Oncology Co-operative Research Group
The Australasian Consortium of Centres for Clinical Cognitive Research
The Australasian Kidney Trials Network
The Australasian Sleep Trials Network
The Spinal Cord Injury Network
The Australian Type 1 Diabetes Clinical Research Network
The Interdisciplinary Maternal Perinatal Australasian Collaborative Trials Network
Therapeutic and Vaccine Research Program, Kirby Institute
Trans Tasman Radiation Oncology Group



We are a little behind – but its never to late!



Medical Research
Future Fund

In the beginning.....



2016 Clinical Trials Council Meeting - August

Meeting focus on possible barriers to establishing a clinical trials network

General Consensus:

- “It’s a good idea”
- “Probably need to engage wider audience”
- “Lots of issues to discuss!”
- “ Don’t want to wait another year to get it going!”

1st Meeting – Feb 2017



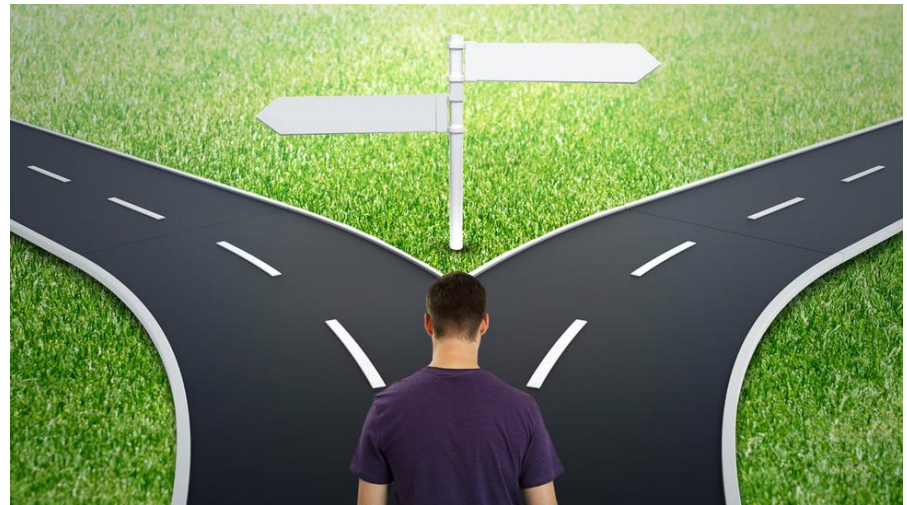
Convened by the NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence
in CVD Outcomes Improvement

~100 participants

All States and NZ

Wide representation

What do we want to be?



Cardiovascular Clinical Trials Network

Workshop

February 9th 2017

9.00am – 4.45pm

Venue: Level 5, Lecture Theatre, Alfred Centre,
99 Commercial Rd, Melbourne



8.30 – 9.00	Registration and Coffee	
9.00 - 10.30	Session 1: Why do we need a Cardiovascular Trial Network? <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. ACTA Update - Networks and MRFF2. Cardiovascular trials in ANZ - an historical perspective.3. Working models of clinical trials networks4. Panel Discussion: Are we ready to entertain a binational CV Trials Network?	Chair: Christopher Reid Rhiannon Tate Phil Aylward Steve Webb Panel: Session Speakers + Gerry Devlin / John Simes
10.30 – 1.00	Coffee Break	
11.00 – 12.30	Session 2: Facilitated Discussion - What are the questions that need addressing and that define a Network? – Part 1 <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Do you want network to be facilitating or coordinating network?2. Should network be part of Society or an independent legal entity?3. What should the network's relationship be to industry?4. What does the governance structure look like?	Chair: Tom Briffa Facilitator: Steve Webb Panel Members: Steve Nicholls, Garry Jennings, Tony Keech, Anushka Patel, Jamie Rankin, Carl Schultz, Chris Ellis
12.30 – 1.30	Lunch	
1.30 – 3.00	Session 3: Facilitated Discussion - - What are the questions that need addressing and that define a Network? – Part 2 <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What are the activities of the network?2. Endorsement of projects?3. Branding?4. Meetings?5. Relationship to registries?6. How does the network obtain funding and what does it need to fund?	Chair: Anushka Patel Facilitator: Steve Webb Panel Members: Clara Chow, John French Peter Thompson, Gemma Figtree, Ralph Stewart,
3.00 – 3.30	Afternoon Tea	
3.30pm – 4.45	Session 4: Network Hopes and Fears Government perspectives? Broader CV research community? International linkages?	Chair: Jaye Chin Dusting Facilitator: John French Panel: Michael Wright, Steve Nicholls, Lauren Davidson, John Atherton, Tim Usherwood, John McNeil Christopher Reid
	Wrap-up	

Facilitator – Steve Webb

Engaged participants from
the key CVD Trial Coordinating
Centres

Craft Groups

- Interventional
- Surgical
- Clinical
- Primary Care
- Allied Health

Stakeholders

- Government / NGO
- Consumers

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Establish Interim Steering Committee to progress TOR

Terms of Reference

- Executive Committee
- Elected or appointed, by whom?
- Geographic representation
- Specialty interest representation
- Election or appointment of office bearers
- Size of committee
- Frequency of meetings
- Membership
 - Individuals
 - Hospitals / community practices
- Responsibilities
- Mission, vision, values

Vision



For Australia and New Zealand to lead and participate in the development and conduct of cardiovascular trials of the highest domestic and global relevance, and to achieve this utilising established clinical trial facilities and state & national cardiovascular registries.

Terms of Reference



- Support the development of high-priority research questions
- Support the design and conduct of investigator-initiated trials
- Facilitate the establishment of collaborations with the full skill set to deliver high quality trials in Australia and New Zealand
- Facilitate engagement of clinical sites in trials across Australia and New Zealand
- Facilitate the involvement of Australia and New Zealand in key investigator-initiated trials led from elsewhere
- Facilitate the exchange of ideas and information on relevant trials being conducted globally

Proposed benefits of Membership



Membership aims to be *inclusive and broad-ranging*:

Organisational membership (fee-based)

- Lead the establishment and growth of ANZACT
- Committee representation
- Opportunity to promote and provide scientific and operational capabilities
- Participation in scientific meetings

Individual membership (no fee, at least initially)

- Access to information
- Opportunities to propose and participate in ANZACT trials
- Access to career development opportunities
- Participation in scientific meetings

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Terms of Reference distributed to all members of the
Clinical Trials Council and workshop 1 participants
Supported by Clinical Trials Council



2nd Meeting Planned for Clinical Trial Network
Governance / Structure
Endorsement / Support

2nd Meeting – Feb 2018



- Confirm consensus/commitment to principles of ToR and membership benefits (this meeting)
- Understand how ANZACT might operate in relation to current initiatives and external landscape (this meeting)
- **Continue** the ball rolling with a few trial ideas (this meeting)
- Subsequently:
 - Establishing policies and procedures
 - Establish committees within structure
 - Develop and implement strategic plan (branding, membership growth, networking, funding, scientific meetings, capacity development)

2nd Meeting – Feb 2018



Group 1 Carl Schultz: FULL REVASC (tbc)

Stephen Nicholls: BB Post MI

Facilitators: Len Arnolda, Ralph Stewart

Group 2 Graham Hillis: Easy AS

Sanjay Patel: COLCARDIO-ACS (Presented by Graham Hillis)

Facilitators: Julian Smith, Len Kritharides

Group 3 Isuru Ranasinghe: SA Heart Failure Snapshot

Julie Redfern: Quel

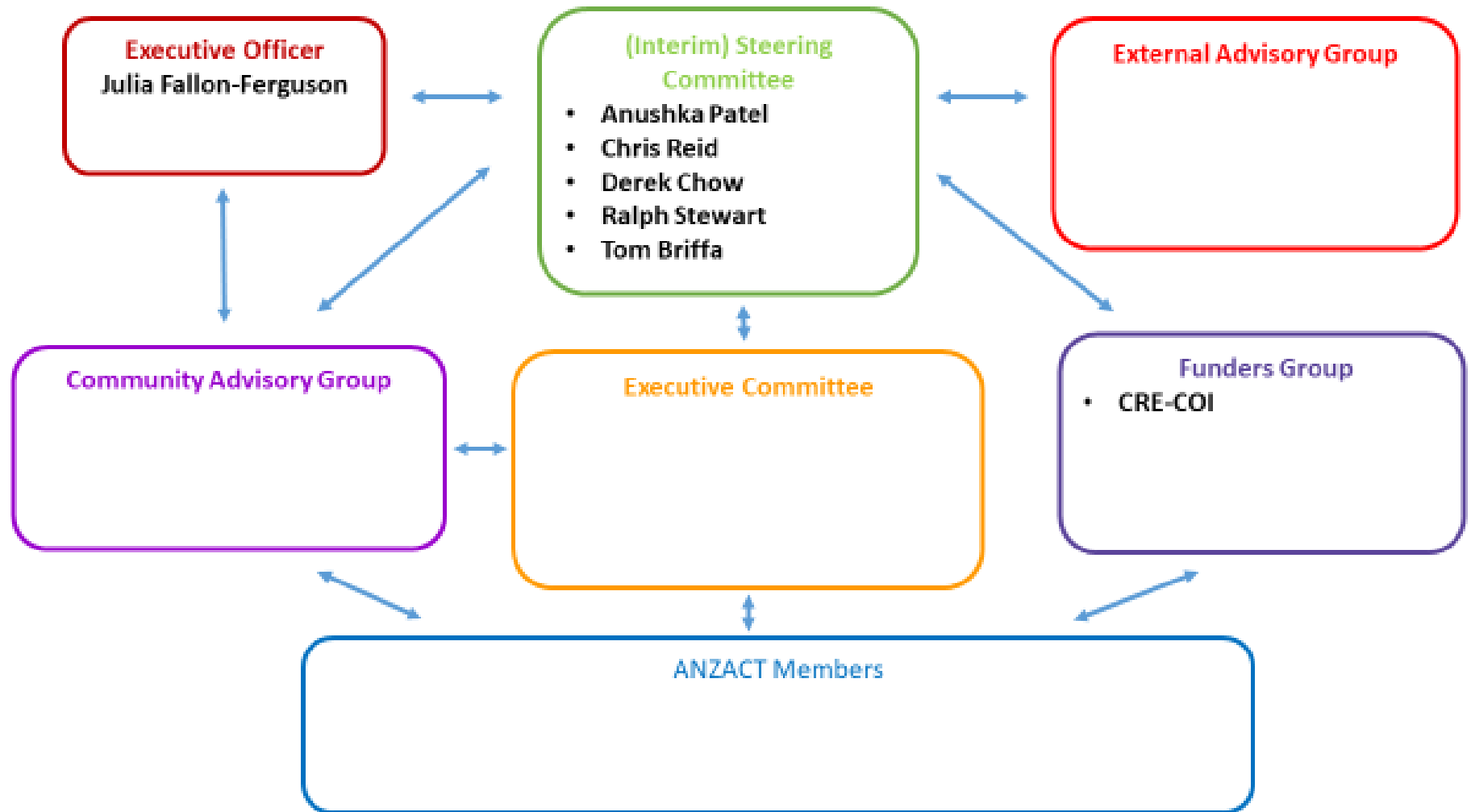
Facilitators: John Atherton, Mark Nelson

Group 4 Gemma Figtree & Kristen Bubb: Moving from mouse to man with a novel medical therapy for PVD

Peter Kistler: CAPLA

Facilitators: Brendan McQuillan, Jon Kalman

Proposed governance structure (adapted from ANZMUSC)



Next Steps



Getting up on our feet

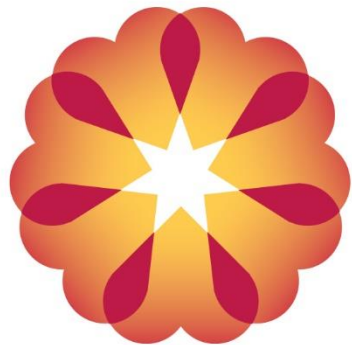
Appointed an Exec Officer

Website and Branding

Membership Drive

Business Case for Sustainability

Thank You



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