



MelNet update

15 October 2018

2018 New Zealand Melanoma Summit: Only two weeks to go

Secure your spot - [register now](#).

Notice of MelNet AGM - 2 November 2018

The MelNet AGM will be held at the Cordis Hotel, Auckland from 5.15 – 5.45pm on Friday 2 November 2018, in conjunction with the 2018 New Zealand Melanoma Summit.

Members are invited to submit nominations for the Executive Committee in writing to the [MelNet Coordinator](#) no later than **5.00 pm Friday 19 October 2018**. These should include the nominee's name, a brief biography and the signatures of two members.

According to MelNet rules, the Committee shall comprise at least eight and no more than ten members, with occupations that span the continuum. Members who will be serving the second year of their two-year term are a health promoter, a plastic surgeon, a surgical oncologist and a plastic surgeon/senior lecturer. Up to six additional members can be elected to the committee at the AGM. Preference will be given to those with oncology, GP, nursing, dermatology, pathology and research expertise.

Members are also invited to submit any remits or other matters to be considered at the AGM to the [MelNet Coordinator](#) no later than **5.00pm Friday 19 October 2018**.

In the news

New Zealanders should be cautious of sunburn bracelets, Cancer Society CEO says

TVNZ Breakfast

27 September 2018

Melbourne researchers have developed UV active ink bracelets which change colour when UV levels are high. Cancer Society CEO, Mike Kernaghan warns that their effectiveness is dependent on continuous monitoring, and that they should be used in conjunction with sun protection behaviours.

[Watch the story](#)

Skin cancer science: Sunscreen in winter urged as study reveals flaws in UV advice

Radio New Zealand

18 September 2018

Health agencies in Australia and New Zealand recommend people use sun protection when the UV index (UVI) is three or higher. However, a world-first Australasian study co-authored by NIWA Emeritus Scientist, Dr Richard McKenzie, has found that people can get sunburned on days when the UV index is under three, especially if they're fair-skinned and spending a lot of time outside. The study recommends that New Zealanders use sunscreen even on the shortest, darkest day in winter to prevent skin damage and cancer.

[Read the story](#)

[Read the research](#)

Upcoming events

Get spotted: Melanoma Awareness Week

19 October – 26 October 2018

Help in the battle against melanoma by taking part in Melanoma Awareness Week, facilitated by Melanoma New Zealand.

- Join [‘Go Spotty Day’](#)
- [Make a donation](#)
- Get your [workplace spotted](#)
- Share information about Melanoma Awareness week with other organisations.

Webinar: Sunscreens – an update for primary care

9.30 – 10.30pm 24 October 2018

This webinar is being hosted by Skin Cancer College Australasia in response to member interest. Professor David Whiteman (QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute) will deliver information about sunscreen use, recent clinical trials and discuss the public health impact of sunscreens.

[More information and registration](#)

Other upcoming events

November	December
<p>Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine and Certificate of Dermoscopy 10-11 November Gold Coast Further information</p>	<p>Professional certificate of skin cancer surgery 1-2 December 2018 Sydney Further information</p>
<p>Professional certificate of skin cancer surgery 10-11 November 2018 Perth Further information</p>	<p>Cancer Trials New Zealand Annual Scientific Meeting 3 December Auckland Further information</p>
<p>Clinical Oncology Society of Australia 13-15 November 2018 Perth Further information</p>	

[For more events see the MelNet events calendar](#)

Recent MelNet website postings

[Skin checking associated with more frequent sun protection behaviour](#)

[Upgraded Australian SunSmart Program could prevent 45,000 melanoma cases](#)

[Immunotherapy affects quality of life for many melanoma patients](#)

[Current sun protection advice provided to the public flawed](#)

[Technology could be used in melanoma posttreatment care for patients in remote areas](#)

[Baseline serum LDH an inexpensive biomarker of clinical outcomes of ipilimumab therapy](#)

[Online skin cancer prevention campaigns should focus on sunburn and sunscreen](#)

[Mobile phones under-utilised opportunity to deliver skin cancer prevention messaging](#)

[Metastatic melanoma patients undergoing immunotherapy remain uncertain about their disease trajectory](#)
