

# Volunteer Profiles -

## Dr Matthew Andrews

### Introducing:

Dr Matthew Andrews

### Hospital/Practice:

MIA Victoria, Cabrini Hospital, Brighton, VIC

### Role Title:

President-Elect RANZCR  
Portfolio Leader: Economics and Workforce Portfolio  
Ultrasound Reference Group Convenor

### How did you get involved?

Many years ago, I was asked to convene the College Ultrasound Committee, as it was then known. A long period of involvement in ultrasound policy and politics then followed including being a member and President of the Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine (ASUM).

### What does it involve?

Interacting with other radiologists, clinicians, College staff, health bureaucrats and paramedical groups with a view to determining and effecting appropriate radiology practice.

### What commitment is required?

Some time is clearly required, but it should be limited to what can realistically be fitted in. The other major commitment is to keep up with issues and deal with them promptly.

### What skills do you need to have?

The ability to listen effectively, communicate and remain calm under pressure, all of which I am still trying to attain.

### What do you get out of it?

It gives me the opportunity to influence the practice of radiology. I also learn much by interacting with other radiologists outside my own practice.

### Why do you enjoy it?

I enjoy the interaction with a wide range of people and views; the challenge of trying to achieve effective outcomes in radiology practice. It provides an added dimension to my regular work routine.



### What difference has it made to you?

It has made me very aware of the huge amount of honorary input that has gone into establishing and maintaining the radiology environment in which we practice.

### Should other people become involved?

Yes; ideally with a large number of radiologists, each doing a small amount. In reality, some have more aptitude and interest than others. By being involved, members have the opportunity to add their voice and influence. The College is thus more representative of its members' views.

### How can other people get involved?

The initial easiest approach is to express an interest in being a member of a committee or reference group.

### Who to contact to find out more?

Any colleague who is, or has been, involved in College matters or College staff.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Our members are integral to the future of radiology and radiation oncology. The College encourages its members to get involved. The College's mission as a Fellowship based organisation is to set, promote and continuously improve the standards of training and practice in radiology and radiation oncology, for the betterment of the people of Australia and New Zealand.

The College's ability to meet its mission and objectives is directly contributed to by the members who volunteer their time and expertise in numerous ways. The College has many ways members can make a contribution to the radiology or radiation oncology profession, for further information please contact +61 2 9268 9704, email [pamela.taylor@ranzcr.edu.au](mailto:pamela.taylor@ranzcr.edu.au) or visit [www.ranzcr.edu.au/members](http://www.ranzcr.edu.au/members)

College Council election nomination forms will be distributed to members in April 2010. Interested members can start to prepare their 200 word statement in support of their nomination.

Radiation oncology members who are interested in progressing research with the Faculty should consider joining the Faculty Research Committee; for further details see page 46.