



PSRH Newsletter May 2026



Pacific Society for Reproductive Health 2026 Conference

**Building and sustaining the Pacific
SRH workforce through
strengthened regional collaboration
Fakakaukau ki he kaha'u**



Register today on the PSRH website

NUKU'ALOFA, TONGA

14 - 18 SEPTEMBER 2026



PSRH PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS SEPTEMBER 2026, NUKU'ALOFA, TONGA



Pre Conference Workshops

PSRH are offering 6 workshops pre-conference. Most have limited capacity, so book early so you are not disappointed.

One-Day Sessions (14th September 2026 ONLY)

- Pre-invasive diseases of the lower genital tract: Improving capacity
- Perineal repair & obstetric anal sphincter injuries (OASIS)

Two-Day Sessions (14th & 15th September 2026)

- PEMNeT-FSEP joint workshop: Teamwork, communications & fetal monitoring
- Comprehensive contraception in the Pacific health systems
- Pacific research & audit

Two-Day Sessions (12th & 14th September 2026)

- Ultrasound scanning

For everything you need to know about the conference, workshops and registration



MEMBERS ONLY

PSRH SCHOLARSHIP



to the Asia and Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (AOFOG)

PSRH are offering up to two scholarships to Pacific Island Obstetricians and Gynaecologists to attend AOFOG Congress in:

Sydney 12–15 October 2026

This scholarship supports participation in a major regional congress, enabling Pacific clinicians to:

- Strengthen clinical knowledge and skills
- Engage in regional collaboration
- Contribute to improving women's health outcomes across the Pacific

SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS:

- Return travel
- Accommodation
- Conference registration
- Standard congress participation costs

(Max Value of \$5500AUD pp.)

ELIGIBILITY:

- Current PSRH membership
- Pacific based O&G
- Agree and abide by the conditions of the scholarship, complete the application in the PSRH - Members Lounge
- Attendance at the full congress programme
- Submission of a brief report within one month of completion
- Acknowledgement of funding support in any related outputs

Applications close: 8 June 2026

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Equivolution:
Equity and Sustainability
in Women's Health
12–15 October | Sydney | Australia

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These scholarships are proudly supported by the St Vincent's Pacific Health Fund.

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How to Apply:

Members: Log into the PSRH Members' Lounge and complete the application form.

Non-Members: You must first become a PSRH member, then complete the application within the Members' Lounge.





CALLING ALL PACIFIC MIDWIVES!

Brian Spurrett Fellowship

RANZCOG is offering the **Brian Spurrett Fellowship** to a Pacific midwife to attend the Pacific Society for **Reproductive Health 2026 Biennial Conference from 14-18 September in Tonga.**

The Brian Spurrett Fellowship covers return economy air travel, accommodation, registration (conference, workshop, dinner), and living allowance.

The Brian Spurrett Fellowship is available via online application only. Pacific midwives are invited to apply. Applicants must:

- Be registered and clinically active
- Working and residing in a Pacific Island country
- Be a current member of the Pacific Society for Reproductive Health (PSRH)
- Hold a current passport at the time of application that has 6 months' validity from the likely date of departure from the conference location at the conclusion of the PSRH Conference

A RANZCOG panel will adjudicate applications. Notification about the application outcome will be sent when adjudication is complete. Please apply using the [online form](#)

The application form includes 3 questions to each describe in 300 words or less:

- your clinical setting or practice (such as key health issues, communities served, urban/rural location, professional roles etc).
- why you are applying for the Brian Spurrett Fellowship.
- how attending the PSRH 2026 Biennial Conference will benefit you and the community in which you work.

Contact globalhealth@ranzco.edu.au for further information about the Brian Spurrett Fellowship.

Applications close 25 May 2026



*QR Code to PSRH website and
conference information*



*QR Code to the
RANZCOG
Online form*



Congratulations!

Thank you to everyone who applied for the PSRH & St. Vincent Scholarship to attend the PSRH Conference in Tonga 14-18 September. The high caliber of applications made the selection process incredibly difficult. We are pleased to congratulate the following PSRH Scholarship recipients:

Frank Apamumu & Relmah Harrington.

*This scholarship would not have been possible without the financial support from **St Vincent's Pacific Health Fund.***



Thank you!





PEMNeT Rarotonga 20–24 April 2026

Pacific Emergency Maternal and Neonatal Training (PEMNeT) has officially landed in the Cook Islands. The PSRH PEMNeT team, led by Dr Amanda Noovao-Hill (Head of Secretariat & VP Medical) and Dr Sharron Bolitho (Programme Director), recently delivered training in Rarotonga. Faculty included Dr Lana Hughes and Midwifery Educators Litiana Tatukivei, Noémi Gulliver, and Salote Tubakibau.

PEMNeT brings the whole health team together to strengthen both clinical and teamwork skills required to manage maternal and newborn emergencies effectively.

Participant feedback highlighted the value of the programme:

"In order to have a safe delivery we need good teamwork, and to enable good teamwork we need good communication."

"What I've liked from this training is the demonstration roleplays and practicing everything hands-on."

"The axillary traction technique made it easy to remember how to manage shoulder dystocia."

"Even as a senior midwife, this was a good upskilling—especially recognising what junior team members can offer."



Participants consistently noted the relevance of the topics, the effectiveness of PEMNeT's practical, adult-learning approach, and the strong emphasis on teamwork and communication. The interactive format supported engagement throughout, with high levels of participation across all sessions.

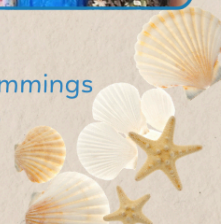
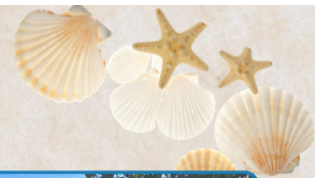
The impact of the training was strengthened by the inclusion of Pa Enuā (Outer Island) participants from Atiu, Mauke, Mitiaro, Aitutaki, and Mangaia, and by running two consecutive courses to support staff release from Rarotonga Hospital.



PSRH extends sincere thanks to:

- Maryann Pakitoo, Cook Islands
- Mr Bob Williams,
- Mrs Ngatamariki Manea,
- Lycee Teiotu,
- Charlie Emmanuela
- Dr Koko Lwin,
- Dr Kevin Bisili & Dr Hannah Cummings
- PROMPT Maternity Foundation (Education Partner)
- UNFPA (Support Partner)

Thank you!





PEMNeT Subcommittee Volunteers

Pacific Emergency Maternal and Neonatal Training (PEMNeT)

Safer Care • Stronger Teams • Healthier Families

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

PEMNeT is seeking **volunteers** to support emergency obstetric and neonatal training across the Pacific

Project Management & Planning Lead

- Interest in project coordination and budget planning
- Support logistics, timelines, and grants



- ✓ **COMMITMENT**
 - 2-4 hours per week
 - Fully remote
- ✓ **IMPORTANT**
 - Voluntary (unpaid)
 - No funding available

- ✓ **APPLY**

Submit an email with Expression of Interest outlining:

 - Background
 - Preferred role
 - Interest in PEMNeT



Email contact:
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Warm Pacific greetings – we welcome your involvement.

Regards
Sharron and Rebecca



Your PSRH membership NOW DUE!

Just go to the website and complete your renewal membership form. Not a member? It's easy just complete the New Members Application on the website

Membership is to the 31 March 2027.

As a member, you'll receive valuable privileges like early access, special event/information invites, and access to opportunities such as the scholarship, free webinars and members lounge



PSRH's work continues to build on regional collaboration, shared learning, and strengthening the reproductive health workforce across the Pacific. We encourage members to remain engaged with upcoming activities and opportunities throughout the year.



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