This report summarises the efforts of the ANZAM Health Management and Organisation Special Interest Group (HMO SIG) in 2022, as per the 2022 annual plan. These include: a fireside chat on innovation; and a contribution to the ANZAM podcast series – although an ANZAM conference workshop was planned, it was decided to offer this in 2023, as part of the ANZAM professional development series. Before reporting on these activities, a brief description of the HMO SIG is presented.

Co-Convenors

For approximately the first half of 2022, the HMO SIG was convened by Associate Professor Ann Dadich and Associate Professor Stephanie Best. During the latter half, Associate Professor Best resigned from this position, and Associate Professor Hassan Hosseinzadeh was appointed. The HMO SIG wishes to extend its sincere appreciation to Associate Professor Best for her service, her leadership, and for generously advancing this SIG. The HMO SIG welcomes Associate Professor Hosseinzadeh and looks forward to his contributions.

Listserv Members

The HMO SIG maintains a listserv of 223 individuals who have previously participated or expressed interest in an HMO SIG event, some of whom are current ANZAM members. This listserv continues to be a helpful way to regularly raise the profile of ANZAM and encourage (inter)national collaboration, within and between academe and industry (sensu lato).

Advisory Group

In 2022, the Advisory Group was convened to reflect on the 2021 survey responses, and prioritise the efforts of the HMO SIG in 2022. The Advisory Group included 18 national and international colleagues who represented academe and/or industry, as well as different levels of seniority, from doctoral colleagues to emeritus professors. This discussion was the impetus for the plan, which was submitted to and approved by the ANZAM Board. The co-convenors wish to reiterate their sincere appreciation to Advisory Group members for kindly lending their expertise to the HMO SIG.

Fireside Chat on Innovation – Stories from the Field

Guided by the Advisory Group, the co-convenors hosted a fireside chat on innovation in health management and organisation – practice and research (see Appendix 1). Specifically, a curated conversation was facilitated with esteemed academics and health service managers to discuss innovation, broadly defined, particularly that during and/or in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic. Guests included Professor Yvonne Brunetto (Southern Cross University), Professor Jane Banaszak-Holl (Monash University), Ms Amanda Larkin (Chief Executive of the South Western Sydney Local Health District), and Ms Margot Mains (Chief Executive of the Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District). The fireside chat attracted considerable attention, with 79 registrants and 40 attendees (excluding the co-convenors, guests, and ANZAM manager).

ANZAM Podcast

To demonstrate the value of partnerships between academe and industry, the HMO SIG contributed to the ANZAM Spill the Beans podcast series. Specifically, Associate Professor Dadich and Dr Christopher Elliot, a paediatrician, discussed how they established and continue to sustain a fruitful collaboration for mutual benefit.
Conclusion

The co-convenors trust that the aforesaid report demonstrates the continued growth of the HMO SIG. However, this is only possible because of the continued support and tireless efforts of: the HMO SIG Advisory Group; the ANZAM Board; and the ANZAM Research Committee. The co-convenors would like to take this opportunity to reiterate their appreciation to the HMO SIG Advisory Group, the ANZAM Board, and the ANZAM Research Committee for their guidance and their contributions to the HMO SIG.

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Appendix 1: Workshop for Industry-Based and Academic Colleagues

INNOVATION STORIES FROM THE FIELD
LESSONS FOR A POST PANDEMIC WORLD

A PANEL DISCUSSION HOSTED BY THE
HEALTH MANAGEMENT AND ORGANISATION SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Don’t miss this panel discussion on innovation in health management and organisation – practice and research. The panellists include esteemed Chief Executives of Local Health Districts as well as Scholars with formidable track records in this field. Together, they will share innovative practices in healthcare – what works and why?

Date
Wednesday, August 17, 2022

Time
9.30am to 10.30am, AEST

Venue
Zoom

Registration
To attend this key event, registration is essential.
Register via the following URL by Monday, August 15, 2022
https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArf-utrDkrGoSwRz-VmgZ8PwufBL1R1R8pe

Panellists

Ms Amanda Larkin
Chief Executive
South Western Sydney Local Health District

Ms Margot Mains
Chief Executive
Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District

Professor Yvonne Brunetto
Professor of Human Resources and Management
Southern Cross University

Professor Jane Banaszak-Holl
Professor of Public Health and Preventive Medicine
Monash University

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