

To whom it may concern,

I am self-nominating for the position of Australian Deputy National Representative for EACH. I have very much enjoyed this role since 2018 (with a period of being Deputy National Representative during parental leave). I have collaborated with my colleague Dr Sarah White in efforts to build the Australian and New Zealand EACH network and build capacity in healthcare communication teaching, research and policy/practice.

The Australian/New Zealand network has been successful in publishing a framework for effective healthcare communication in our context: White, S. J., Condon, B., Ditton-Phare, P., Dodd, N., Gilroy, J., Hersh, D., . . . Gilligan, C. (2023). Enhancing effective healthcare communication in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand: Considerations for research, teaching, policy, and practice. *PEC Innovation*, 3. doi:[10.1016/j.pecinn.2023.100221](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pecinn.2023.100221)

Through 2022 and 2023 we held a series of webinars to share experiences and best practice, with a range of local and international speakers. In 2024, I was able to facilitate the EACH academic partnership with the Ottawa 2024 conference, involving Marcy Rosenbaum as keynote speaker and opportunities for advertising of EACH. Following this conference, we also held a networking event for Australian EACH members, with Marcy Rosenbaum, Andy Ward, and Claudia Kiessling (fellow EACH members) taking part in a panel discussion and workshop.

These activities give me great pleasure and I am enthusiastic about continuing to grow the network and expanding the reach of EACH in our region. Having recently moved institutions and regions within Australia myself, I feel I have an opportunity to connect with a new group of existing and prospective EACH members and continue to engage the group through tangible activities and outputs.

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