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You're invited to the RCH Alumni Gala Lunch and AGM with an Alun- Oration from Associate Professor Georgie Paxton OAM

“Refugee and Migrant Health – Considering Medicine, Migration and Countering Misperceptions”

Thursday, 12th November 2026

Kew Golf Club (120 Belford Road Kew East)

Annual General Meeting at 12 noon followed by lunch at 1pm

Associate Professor Georgie Paxton OAM

Georgie started working in refugee health in 2005, as the Sudanese Australian communities settled in Victoria. One child would be booked for an appointment time - six children would turn up. When queried, their parent would gently reply: 'Well why would you only want to see this one?' It was often chaotic. This led to family based models of care, and adapting service delivery to new cohorts, emerging languages, new (and old) problems, systems challenges and evolving humanitarian and conflict situations. It's been a wild ride of medicine, policy, detention, migration and politics ever since. Twenty years on, it can still be chaotic, but we also see the hope and resilience in the communities we serve.

The Royal Children's Hospital immigrant health service was established in 1999, it is the oldest and largest paediatric refugee health service nationally, contributing to training, policy, guidelines and education in child refugee health. A/Prof Georgia Paxton OAM holds clinical, academic and research appointments in child refugee health, and advisory roles with the Department of Home Affairs, the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, and the WHO Technical Advisory Group on Health, Migration and Displacement.



Lunch tickets \$90/head. Please register by 30th October via <https://register-for-event.memberwizard.com.au/14196f78d195494f9ed92e5c0dfa6485>

Any queries to the Honorary Secretary, Peter Bunworth - rchalumni123@gmail.com