



20 January 2025

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### ***Happy New Year!***

We hope you had a relaxing holiday season.

We look forward to working with you in 2025 to continue to reduce the incidence and impact of skin cancer in New Zealand.

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### **Skin Cancer Prevention and Early Detection Strategy | Launching soon**

We are thrilled to announce that the **Skin Cancer Prevention and Early Detection Strategy 2024 – 2028** will be launched virtually in the week of 24 February 2025.

Developed by a team of skin cancer experts, with support from MelNet and funding support from Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand, this comprehensive strategy outlines key recommendations to reduce the incidence and impact of skin cancer in New Zealand through primary prevention and early detection. It also aims to raise awareness of the national burden of skin cancer, build a compelling case for urgent action, and highlight our collective responsibility in tackling this preventable disease.

#### **What to expect:**

During the week of 24 February 2025, MelNet members will receive an email containing a link to the full Strategy and a toolkit of resources.

#### **How you can get involved:**

- **Join the launch:** Keep an eye on your inbox for the launch information.
- **Spread the word:** Share the Strategy and its resources widely within your networks to help build momentum for this important initiative.
- **Stay engaged:** Do what you can to support the recommendations in the Strategy and keep an eye out for updates as the Strategy progresses.

We look forward to your participation in this significant milestone as we work together to reduce the burden of skin cancer in New Zealand.

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### **Exciting changes ahead | MelNet is looking to rebrand**

We are incredibly proud of what we have built together under the MelNet brand. However, as we grow and adapt, it's time to consider how we can better reflect who we are and where we are heading.

A rebrand will help MelNet:

- present a refreshed identity that resonates more strongly with our members, supporters, and the public
- better reflect our impact and those we serve
- modernise our visual identity
- open up new opportunities to strengthen collaboration, build a united community, and keep you better informed.

A rebranding proposal will be presented at our AGM on 8 April. If you have any questions or comments in the interim, please contact Katrina at [melnet@melnet.org.nz](mailto:melnet@melnet.org.nz) or 0274926650.

We're excited for this next chapter and grateful for your continued support.

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## **Goodfellow-MelNet Dermatoscopy and Skin Cancer Diagnosis workshop** | Build your confidence in diagnosing skin lesions

**Friday 21 March 2025, 10.00 am – 5.00 pm**  
**Due Drop Events Centre, Auckland**

Conducted by Drs. Chris Boberg and Andrew MacGill, this beginner's workshop is designed to boost confidence in diagnosing typical benign skin lesions, as well as how to spot melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers.

All health professionals undertaking skin examinations are invited to attend, whether or not you own a dermatoscope.

Co-hosted by MelNet and the Goodfellow Symposium, this pre-Symposium workshop is endorsed by The Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners and approved by the College of Nurses Aotearoa NZ for professional development purposes.

[More information](#)

[Register now](#)



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## **Notice of MelNet AGM** | 8 April 2025

The MelNet AGM will be held online via Zoom from 7.30 – 8.00 pm on Tuesday 8 April 2025.

Please be advised that a proposal to amend the constitution will be presented for discussion at this meeting.

Members are invited to submit nominations for the Executive Committee to the [MelNet Chief Executive](#) no later than 5.00 pm Tuesday 25 March 2025, using the prescribed [nomination form](#).

According to the MelNet rules, the Committee shall comprise at least eight and no more than 15 members, with occupations that span the continuum. Members who will be serving the second year of their two-year term have general practice, pathology, surgical, oncological, and dermatological expertise. Up to seven additional members can be elected to the committee at the AGM. Preference will be given to those with expertise in nursing, primary prevention, radiology and research.

Members are also invited to submit remits or other matters to be considered at the AGM to the [MelNet Chief Executive](#) no later than 5.00 pm Tuesday 25 March 2025.

Connect to the meeting via this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4453635635>

Or email the [MelNet Chief Executive](#) to request a calendar invitation.

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## **Skin Cancer Study Day for Nurses** | 14 November 2025

MelNet and Auckland Cancer Nurse Coordinators will again co-host a Skin Cancer Study Day for Nurses.

It is scheduled to take place at Auckland City Hospital on Friday 14 November.

The study day is targeted at primary and secondary care nurses and nursing students. It provides an overview of skin cancer prevention, early detection, treatment and care. Participants should gain an increased understanding of the journey of a skin cancer patient and the critical role of a nurse throughout this journey.

We will be sure to update you with more details in due course and let you know when registration opens later in the year.

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## 2026 New Zealand Skin Cancer Summit | 5 – 7 March 2026

In case you missed last month's newsletter – we are excited to announce the 2026 New Zealand Skin Cancer Summit, to be held in Wellington on **Friday 6 and Saturday 7 March 2026**.

Pre-Summit workshops are scheduled for **Thursday 5 March 2026**.

Be sure to mark your diaries now. More details will be available over the coming months.

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### Upcoming opportunities and events

#### Clinical Nurse Specialist (dermoscopy) vacancy | Healthbox

Healthbox is looking for an engaging and passionate Registered Nurse to join their growing team, part-time. The ideal candidate will be based in Auckland, and will be willing to travel to other regions periodically.

[SEEK job ad](#)

#### MIA webinar: Updates in management of non-melanoma skin cancer | 25 February 2025, 9 – 10 pm NZDT

Melanoma Institute Australia invites you to register for their free webinar for Skin Cancer GPs, GPs and Nurses. It will feature leading multidisciplinary experts sharing the latest updates on managing non-melanoma skin cancers through interactive case study discussions.

[Register now](#)



#### 29 – 30 March 2025 | Auckland

This year's Annual Scientific Meeting's timely theme is Mahi Tahi I Roto I Te Pokanga – "Collaboration in Surgery".

As the field of surgery continues to evolve in tandem with technological advancements, multidisciplinary approaches, and increasing global connectivity, the importance of collaboration has never been more crucial to patient outcomes, professional growth, and the overall progress of our discipline.

[Find out more](#)

## Other upcoming opportunities and events

February	March
<p><b>Certificate of Dermoscopy – Online</b> (Skin Cancer College Australasia) Starts on 7 February 2025 Online <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>21<sup>st</sup> Annual International Symposium on Melanoma and Other Cutaneous Malignancies</b> 8 February 2025 Online <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine</b> (Skin Cancer College Australasia) Starts on 14 February 2025 Online and practical workshop in Sydney, Australia <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>RCPA Pathology Update 2025</b> 21 – 23 February 2025 Melbourne, Australia <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p>For more events see the <a href="#">MelNet events calendar</a></p>	<p><b>AAD Annual Meeting</b> 7 – 11 March 2025 Orlando, USA <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>Certificate of Skin Cancer Medicine</b> (Skin Cancer College Australasia) Starts on 7 March 2025 Online and practical workshop in Melbourne, Australia <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>37<sup>th</sup> TROG Cancer Research Annual Scientific Meeting</b> 18 - 21 March 2025 Brisbane, Australia <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>MelNet Skin Lesion and Dermoscopy Course – Goodfellow Symposium Pre-Symposium Workshop</b> 21 March 2025 Auckland <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>Goodfellow Symposium</b> 22 – 23 March 2025 Auckland <a href="#">Find out more</a></p> <p><b>NECTA Drug Development Meeting 2025</b> 28 March 2025 Sydney, Australia <a href="#">Find out more</a></p>

<p><b>Online skin cancer education courses</b> for Primary Care Practitioners <b>starting anytime</b> can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	
<p><i>Skin Cancer Symposiums</i></p> <p><a href="#">Advanced Certificate of Dermatoscopy</a>  <a href="#">Dermatoscopy Masterclass</a>  <a href="#">Mini course (free): Dermatoscopy and Melanomas</a></p> <p><i>Skin Cancer College Australasia</i></p> <p><a href="#">Introduction to Skin Cancer</a></p>	<p><i>HealthCert</i></p> <p><a href="#">Skin Cancer Medicine</a>  <a href="#">Skin Cancer Surgery</a>  <a href="#">Dermoscopy</a>  <a href="#">Medical Certificate of Dermoscopy for Dermatology</a>  <a href="#">Advanced Certificate of Dermoscopy for Dermatology</a>  <a href="#">Advanced Certificate of Histopathology for Dermoscopy</a>  <a href="#">Certificate of Case Management: Dermoscopy</a>  <a href="#">Masterclass in Dermoscopy</a></p>



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