



Congratulations

Congratulations are extended to **Manal Saka** (Hopkins Medical Clinic) and **Muneer Saka** (Jamieson Street Medical Clinic) on recently being accepted as a Fellows of the RACGP.

We also congratulate the following registrars on passing their RACGP Fellowship exam.

Successful candidates were: -

Ami Thies
Jim Yu
David Phan
Bao Nguyen
Stuart Perry
Skye Hueneke

Video Cameras

A reminder is given to those practices hosting GGT registrars wishing to have access to a video camera to contact GGT. We presently have a small number of video cameras available for loan. Depending on demand, GGT is considering providing a video camera to all teaching practices who believe that they can make use of one in their teaching program. Please contact Brian Trotter if your practice would like to have a camera issued to them on a long-term loan. GGT will try and organize a bulk purchase.

Proposed Amalgamation of GGT and getGP Training

As readers may be aware, a memorandum of understanding has been established between GGT and getGP Training to commence formal discussions with a view to amalgamating the two training regions by June 30th, 2010.

The Boards of the two Regional Training Providers met in Melbourne in November with Susan Lloyd, the current CEO of getGP, being appointed as the Interim CEO and the framework of the new Board established. It is proposed that the new Board will be a skills based Board of Directors that will have a composition along the following lines: -

- Two General Practitioners

- Board members with management experience in: -
Personnel
Financial
Information Technology
Law

If you are aware of people from the above categories whom you believe would make a good board member on the new entity, please feel free to pass on their name to a GGT Board member, or Greg McMeel, GGT CEO.

A subcommittee with representatives of each of the two Boards has commenced meeting on a regular basis to work through the full range of issues relating to the amalgamation.

The Due Diligence process is now about to commence with the final report due to the two organisations by the end of February 2010.

It will be business as normal for both GP registrars and Teaching practices for 2010. Throughout 2010, the processes of amalgamation will be worked through with any recommended changes in structure and procedures being brought about as a result of the amalgamation not being implemented until the 2011 training year.

GGT GPET – getGP Amalgamation Timelines

Sept 2009	Agreement and submission of MOU to GPET
Oct 2009	Feedback from the submission to GPET
Nov 2009	getGP and GGT GPET joint board meeting
Nov 2009	Agreed principles outlined
Dec 2009	Due Diligence commenced
Dec 2009	Draft policies & constitution developed. Review of organisational structure
Jan 2010	Financial contract allocated to getGP with subcontracting arrangements for GGT GPET (tbc)
Feb 2010	Agreed Board structure. Constitution developed
Mar 2010	Due diligence process completed
Mar 2010	Appointment of new board. Adoption of constitution & key policies
Mar 2010	Confirmation of Senior staff roles & appointments
April 2010	Confirmation of staff roles & appointments
July 1 2010	New business operational

Greg McMeel
Chief Executive Officer



Meet your GGT Personnel

Leeanne Cook – Office Administration

Leeanne has lived in the Warrnambool region for the past 20 years, and has raised her two children Danielle & Nathan here. Danielle trained as a nurse and worked in the emergency department at South West Healthcare before moving to home duties with her three children. Nathan is currently living in the wine region just south of Adelaide. Leeanne is a grandmother with two granddaughters and one grandson from her daughter.



Leeanne is currently residing in Ellerslie with her husband and his son. Leeanne's hobbies are horse riding and bike riding. She has been horse riding for 15 years and has competed at the local Agricultural

shows and dressage competitions around the district in previous years.

Leeanne previously worked with Maddens Lawyers as a Personal Assistant to the Practice Manager. Prior to this Leeanne worked at Darrian Office & Art Supplies in an Administration/Accounting role. She has worked with GGT for the past 4 years and her role is Administration and office management.

Medical Educators Report.

A. Workshops

We have run only one workshop since the last Board meeting and this was a supervisor workshop held in Warrnambool. We covered a number of different issues as follows; -

- An update on amalgamation and change in RRAMA numbers.
- The sharing of web based resources.
- A presentation by Adrian Elliot-Smith on his UK experience and discussion around the model of practice using nurse practitioners.
- Managing complaints about registrars.

B. Training Advisor Visits

Both Eldon Lyon & Marg Garde have been undertaking these visits for the second training term. All visits

should be complete by the end of this year.

C. South West Update

Marg Garde and Eldon Lyon are continuing to organise this annual event, which is quite labour intensive. The program and invitations have now been distributed to all members of the Division, including potential associate members

IMG Support Program

The ROVE IMG education program has finished for 2009. Three doctors involved with this program have recently received their results and have passed the RACGP 2009.2 Fellowship examination. Congratulations to:-

Hassan Mahmood—Bordertown Family Medicine Clinic
Ern Chang—Lorne Medical Centre
Emeka Nwagbara—Keith Medical Centre

A second AMC OSCE preparation program was run in Hamilton at the hospital. Doctors from Horsham, Portland and Hamilton attended this program. One doctor sat and passed the AMC. The other doctors are awaiting dates for their examination.

A mini-AMC OSCE examination was conducted in Hamilton on December 5th. Eight doctors have enrolled in this exam with another four of these doctors having an exam date for February 2010. (See photo)

AMC Candidates & Examiners at the Hamilton Workshop.



In September DHS state funding was applied for and received to run a combined IMG program. Both hospital IMGs and GP VMOs will be invited to attend this program.

Four education sessions will be run in four centres: Hamilton, Horsham, Ballarat and Geelong. The program will be repeated at each of the 4 centres, with 16 Saturdays involved over 2010.

Dr Ann Dunbar and Angela Beilby will develop the sessions based on successes of the IMG program to date. Guest presenters and Medical Educators from other regions will be invited to assist with running these sessions .

The partners involved in this program include: DHS, Otway and surrounding GP Division, hospitals across

greater green triangle



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western Victoria. Please contact Angela Beilby at GGT if you require more information.

Angela Beilby
Special Projects Officer

GGT Board Responsibilities 2010

At the GGT Board meeting held on December 2nd it was agreed that all executive positions would be rolled over until the new Board commences operation in March 2010.

GGT Office Closure

The GGT Office will close at the close of business on Tuesday December 22nd and reopen on Wednesday January 6th. However, the phone will be diverted during this period to take calls if needed.

Board Membership 2008-2009

Tony Brown	Otway Division (<i>Chair</i>)
James Dunbar	University Dept Rural Health
Adrian Elliot-Smith	Limestone Coast Division
Naomi Harris	GPRA
Mike Page	GPS Association
Rod Fawcett	Health Services
Brendan Kay	RACGP (<i>Vice Chair</i>)
Phil Hall	ACRRM (<i>Treasurer</i>)
Dale Ford	Otway Division
Lucie Walters	Flinders University
Ruth Stewart	Deakin University
Greg McMeel	CEO (<i>Secretary</i>)

Staff

Greg McMeel	CEO
Tim Slattery	Supervisor Liaison Officer
Josh Bye	Registrar Liaison Officer
Joseph Ngui	Registrar Liaison Officer
Marg Garde	Director Medical Education
Eldon Lyon	Director Medical Education
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Alicia Nicolson	Finance Officer
Angela Beilby	IMG Project Officer
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The GGT Board and Staff wish all the compliments of the season and hope that you all have a happy and safe time.