



Welcome.

GGT extends a very warm welcome to all new registrars commencing on the training program for 2010.

Hospital Based

Cameron McPherson—Ballarat Base Hospital
Deepti Rampal—Portland & District Hospital
Michelle McIntosh—Mt Gambier Hospital
Phil Argy—Mt Gambier Hospital
Joanne Ambrose—Barwon Health
Marlene Pearce—Nambour Hospital
Rob Park—Nambour Hospital
Song Me Wu—Sir Charles Gardiner Hospital
Rajni Joseph—Barwon Health

GPT1

Ashutosh Singh—Camperdown Medical Clinic
Carlee Mark—Corangamite Medical Clinic
Corsini Aragon—Jamieson St. Medical Clinic
Dina Elhalawani—Hawkins Medical Clinic
Edith Masih—Camperdown Medical Clinic
Eleanor Donelan—Port Fairy Medical Clinic
Faisal Murad—Warrnambool Medical Clinic
Saba Qutub—Terang Medical Clinic
Hannah Mason—Hopkins Clinic
Kiran Kumar—Millicent Medical Clinic
Nick Mason—Jamieson St Medical Clinic
Tim Nguyen—Casterton-Coleraine Medical Clinic
Vishnu Sangangari—Hawkins Medical Clinic
Alice Kelly—Cambourne Medical Clinic
Christina Kanagasabai (VMA) - Cambourne Medical Clinic

Advanced Rural Skills Post

Vernu Vernugopalan—Anaesthetics (Hamilton)

Special Skills Post

Clare Hand—Obstetrics—South West Healthcare
Julie O'Connell—Paediatrics—Geelong

Congratulations

Congratulations are extended to **David Cameron** (Millicent Medical Clinic), **Bao Nguyen** (Mirnee Clinic—Winchelsea) and **Joseph Ngui** (Corangamite

Clinic) on recently being accepted as a Fellows of the RACGP.

Congratulations are also extended to Dr Ljupka Naumoski and her partner Norm, on the birth of a daughter, Sofi. Ljupka completed her GPT1 term at Warrnambool Medical Clinic and is currently on leave from the GP Training program.

Amalgamation of GGT and getGP Training

The GGT Board at the meeting on Feb 3rd accepted in principle, the due diligence reports. However, the Board still wished to seek some further information on some of the findings. GGT GPET will engage experts to review the issues, seek clarification and communicate to all board members before a joint meeting with getGP on 10th March.

As mentioned in the last newsletter of 2009, 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

Feb 2010	Due diligence process completed
Mar 2010	Agreed Board structure. Constitution developed
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

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Meet your GGT Personnel

Alicia Nicolson - Finance Officer



Alicia was born in Alice Springs, and grew up on a farm in Purnim, not far from Warrnambool. She has a Bachelor of Commerce (Hons) and a Bachelor of Arts and is almost finished post-graduate study in health economics. After university, Alicia started her working life as a tax accountant, before moving to the Warrnambool City Council's business and multimedia department, where she ran computer courses for beginners in the old Fletcher Jones factory.

Away from work, Alicia was once caught in a swarm of bees, likes toast, and spends way too much time playing Peggle.

Alicia has been GGT's finance officer since January 2005 and hopes to get time off for good behaviour soon.

Medical Educators Report.

A. New Supervisors Workshop

A workshop for new supervisors from across Victoria & Tasmania will be held at Melbourne University on Friday February 12th. A number of new supervisors from the GGT region will be attending this workshop. Marg Garde and Eldon Lyon will be leading some of sessions being conducted over the day.

B. 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.

C. Registrar Workshops

The orientation workshop for Basic Term (GPT1) registrars will be held at the Sebel Deep Blue Resort in Warrnambool on Monday Feb 8th. This will be followed on February 18th & 19th by the first of the residential workshops. This will be held at the Lady Bay Resort in Warrnambool. Junior doctors on the PGPPP program will also be joining all residential workshops being held in 2010.

A new innovation in the workshop format for 2010 is the Interprofessional Education (IPE) session being conducted on the Friday morning of each residential workshop. The topics selected for this part of each workshop have been arranged so that they are suitable for practice nurses or other allied health staff to attend. These units have been arranged in conjunction with the Otway Division of General Practice.

The expressions of interest from the practice nurses to attend these sessions has been very good.

Date	Venue	Topic
Feb 19 th	Warrnambool Lady Bay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inter Professional Education Practice Safety The Difficult Patient
April 9 th	Colac Otway Estate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immunization Asthma
May 14 th	Mt Gambier Southgate Motel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diabetes EPC Care Plans
June 18 th	Warrnambool Sebel Deep Blue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motivational Interviewing Use of Cognitive Behaviour Therapy for Motivational Interviewing.
July 23 rd	Warrnambool Quest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Sick Child
August 20 th	Warrnambool Sebel Deep Blue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cognitive Decline Acquired Brain Injury
Sept 17 th	Warrnambool Quest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contraception Pap Smears
Oct 15 th	Warrnambool Sebel Deep Blue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wound Management Disability
Nov 12 th	Warrnambool Lady Bay Resort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women's Health
Dec 10 th	Warrnambool Sebel Deep Blue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Palliative Care

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The program for the IPE workshops is set out below.

Each session will run from 8.30am—12.30pm. If you are interested in attending any of these sessions please contact Brian Trotter on 03 5562 0051 or btrotter@ggtgp.net.au to express your interest.

IMG Support Program

The IMG Education program will run for the whole of 2010.

Both AMC and RACGP IMG doctors are included in this program.

There are 4 Victorian venues hosting 4 x 5 hour workshops.

Each workshop will run from 10.00am—3.00pm.

TOWN	VENUE				
Hamilton	Hospital 20 Foster Street	13th March	19th June	4th Sept	30th Oct
Horsham	Hospital Ed Centre 81 Ballie Street	20th March	26th Jun	18th Sept	6th Nov
Ballarat	Division of GP 105 Webster Street	10th April	3rd July	2nd Oct	13th Nov
Geelong	Division of GP 105 Yarra Street	17th April	10th July	9th Oct	20th Nov

Alongside this in SA, a similar program will be run by Dr. Estevez and Dr. Hough supported by funding from Rural Doctors. The dates for these workshops will be: -

27th MARCH,
24th APRIL ,
28th AUGUST,
18th SEPT,
9th OCTOBER

A number of guest speakers will be included in this program. District hospitals, GP Divisions, Dept of Health offices, Workforce agencies and relevant RTPs have been informed and are supportive of the program.

Currently there are between 30 and 40 doctors expressing interest in the program across the 5 venues.

Please contact Angela Beilby if you require more details.

Updated rates for 2010

New payment rates will apply for work done by supervisors and board members on and after 8 February 2010. The new rates are \$109/hour for work performed, and \$54.50/hour for travel time. Updated claim forms can be found on the Downloads page of GGT's website.

We also remind those who salary package their payments into a credit card that a statement should be provided with each claim submitted.

GGT is Moving

After a long search for more suitable premises, with a couple of false starts, our wait is over. As from April 1st GGT will be operating from new offices on the corner of Kepler and Timor Sts in Warrnambool. The GGT Offices will be located on the first floor of the former Western Hotel.



GGT's new office location

This building is presently being completely refurbished with a coffee/lunch shop and solicitors premises occupying the ground floor and the GGT offices on the top floor.

The new premises will offer increased office and storage space along with a dedicated meeting room and two offices than be used by our Medical Educators or registrars when visiting the office.

Australian Family Physician

Many readers of this newsletter will have noticed an article in the latest edition of this journal written by Dr Adrian Elliot-Smith and co-authored by Dr Mark Morgan. Adrian is a GP at Hawkins Clinic in Mt

Gambier and is a current Board Member of GGT.

In his article, Adrian has applied the 'pay for performance criteria' for medical practices in the UK where practices are funded on a performance based system, to his clinic in Mt Gambier.

In this very interesting article, Adrian has shown that Hawkins Clinic would meet the vast majority of the key performance criteria and, as a result, his Clinic would have received a significant increase in income through these performance based incentives.

Make sure that you get to read the full article by taking the following link: -

<http://www.racgp.org.au/afp/201001/201001elliott-smith.pdf>

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
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