



Apologies

It has been a long time since we published our last Newsletter, many apologies for this but we must plead pressure of work, office relocation and higher priorities and not the lack of news as being the issue. Hopefully, the snippets contained in this newsletter will help bring you up to date with what is happening within GGT GP Education & Training.

New Supervisor Rates

GPET has recently announced new rates for supervisors involved in the teaching of GP registrars. This rate will increase to \$120.00 per hour as from July 1st 2010. Practice subsidies will also increase from this date.

Name Change.

By now most people will have become aware that the amalgamation with GetGP Training is being finalised and should be complete around the end of August. There will be a name change and it is likely to **Southern GP Training**. The new Board will recommend the new name for organization.

Congratulations

Congratulations are extended to **Naomi Harris, Stuart Perry, David Phan, Jim Yu and Ami Thies** on recently being accepted as a Fellows of the RACGP.

Congratulations are also extended to: -

Zibi Setlhong (Millicent)
Yok Yin Lee (Warrnambool)
Frances Maxwell (Surf Coast)
Julie O'Connell (Geelong Paediatrics)
Darren Loo (ex Corangamite)

on successfully completing their RACGP Fellowship examination.

Amalgamation of GGT and GetGP Training

The merger of GGT is proceeding slowly, with the lawyers working busily behind the scene. The new Board comprising four members from each of the existing boards has now been nominated and plans to

meet for the first time at the end of July. It is anticipated that an Independent Chair will be invited to join the Board bringing the total membership to nine.

The new Board representatives are:

From GetGP Training

- Associate Professor David Campbell (*GP, Lakes Entrance & East Gippsland Regional Clinical School Director*)
- Geoff Dean (*Current Chairman – small hospital rep*)
- Kerry Watson (*Current Chair of the Audit Committee*)
- Jeanette Draper (*Local Gov/ Community rep*)

From GGT

- Dr Dale Ford (*GP Hamilton, Past GGT Chairman*)
- Dr Adrian Elliot Smith (*GP Mt Gambier Past GGT Chairman*)
- Dr Rod Fawcett (*Director Clinical Education Barwon Hospital*)
- Dr Tony Brown (*GP Camperdown, Current GGT Chairman*)

In the meantime, regular teleconferences have commenced in both the medical education and administrative areas with a view to bringing the two teams together.

At the practice/registrar level, very few changes will be seen in 2011. The plan, at this stage, is to proceed slowly, basically using the remaining part of this year and early 2011 to review current structures and to set up the required changes that will be progressively implemented by 2012.

One area that may change for 2011 is structure of the workshop program with strong consideration being given to the setting up of regional nodes for workshops. This would mean that in the present GGT regions we may see an **eastern node** (Terang Camperdown, Timboon, Colac, Geelong/Bellarine/Surf Coast) and a **western node** (Warrnambool, Hamilton, Portland, Mt Gambier, Millicent, Naracoorte, Bordertown).

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GP Training 2011

Applications for the 2011 training program have now closed with interviews being held on July 3rd & 10th. A number of supervisors and GGT staff members were involved with the interviews being held over these dates. It is pleasing to report that the application rate for GGT has been strong.

GGT staff represented the region at careers information sessions held in Adelaide (Royal Adelaide, Lyell McEwin, Queen Elizabeth & Modbury Hospitals) and the Adelaide and Melbourne Medical Careers Expos along with a number of hospital careers sessions in Melbourne and Geelong.

GGT has been granted a further two rural stream placements for 2011 bringing the total number of available places to twenty...In addition to these 20 places, GGT has been allocated four general stream placements. This recognises the fact that Geelong is now included as part of the GGT region.

To enable the placement of these registrars, Greg McMeel, Eldon Lyon and Margaret Garde visited number of Geelong practices with a view to getting them accredited as GP Training Practices.

It is also hoped to have a Portland practice accredited in the very near future.

GGT will be approaching all practices in the near future to ascertain their training capacity for 2011.

GP Training Selection Process for 2011.

GPET is conducting a pilot program in Victoria for selection into the 2011 training program. For a couple of years, a small number of individual regional training providers have been selecting their applicants through Multiple Mini Interview Process (MMIs). This uses the team approach to interviewing applicants. A team of six interviewers is assembled to interview candidates. Each interviewer is assigned only one question. As each question is asked the candidate then moves on to the next interviewer. All interviewers come back together and enter their ratings into the data base with an interview score being collated for each applicant. In addition to the interview, each candidate completes a 30 part situational judgment test (SJT). The test

consists of medical scenarios in which the applicant is required to demonstrate his/her medical knowledge/competence. An applicant's referee statement is also taken into account in assessing overall rankings.

A candidate's final ranking is therefore based on the above three components with the attached weightings.

Interview	40%
SJT	30%
Referee Statements	30%

RTPs will be provided with a ranked list of all applicants who have sought to be placed within their region.

Deakin Medical Student Placements.

In addition to the extra places being sought for GP registrars, Deakin University is currently working with GGT and the practices in Warrnambool and nearby centres to place final year medical students into practices for a five week rotation. These placements will commence in January 2011

Meet your GGT Personnel

ANGELA BEILBY SPECIAL PROJECTS OFFICER

Angela comes from a South Australian medical family, however, unlike them does not support the Crows. If there is any team she has a soft spot for it is the Tigers. (And they are on the up!)



Angela has interests in many areas and now is completing a Masters in Applied Linguistics. Prior to this she completed a Science Degree with Honors from the University of Adelaide and worked in lung cell research. The best part of her job was teaching others so she followed her talent and became a high school teacher. Juggling motherhood, the wife's role and teacher's role became all too consuming so she stepped out of teaching and became a hospital scientist for 4 years. 'On call duty' caught up with her so she left that role and returned to teaching, for another 4 years. Becoming disillusioned with teenagers and the school system and going home to her own teens, she decided to take up a more leisurely job and work with doctors!

With a passion for travel and international food and culture Angela is well placed in the organisation, now preparing IMGs

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for their examinations. 'Cultural safety' and 'cultural competence' Angela believes are the way of the future for all Australians and believes that the medical profession needs to move on from its 'Anglo approach' to the world. Until her next change in career, Angela is a valuable member of the GGT team.

Medical Education Report

Workshops were run for GPT1 registrars and PGPPPs in May at Mt. Gambier and at Warrnambool in June. Topics have included practice contracts, bowel cancer, dental problems in general practice, diabetes, osteoporosis, report writing, motivational interviewing, smoking cessation, STIs and dermatology. Presenters have included MEs, practice managers, a surgical registrar, an endocrine specialist, a diabetes educator, a dentist, a sexual health GP and a presenter from the NPS. The inter-professional segments on Friday mornings have been well attended by practice nurses and allied health workers.

Marg & Eldon attended a workshop in Sydney in May aimed at deciding what form of governance would best fit the national medical educator group. This was a meeting facilitated by Heather Wellington from Phillips Fox and is still a work in progress.

They also attended the National Medical Educators day workshop where Marg co-presented a segment on practice orientation.

Supervisors Workshop

The April supervisors workshop covered the theme of OH&S and return to work issues. The day included a site visit to Midfield Meats. This was followed up by an interactive discussion with Andrew Westlake & Barry Crimmin from Midfield. The afternoon session continued with the theme being led by Dr Cathy Bones the Occupational Health and Safety Physician at Portland Aluminium. This was a good opportunity for the representatives of industry and the medical professional to open dialogue on a range of issues within the area of OH&S

While one group of workshop participants was visiting Midfield, Marg Garde lead a group through the processes of conducting ECTVs.

It was very pleasing to see such a large group of supervisors attend.

The next workshop will be held at Quest Apartments on the weekend of July 24th & 25th. Please make sure that this date is entered in your diaries.

Inter-professional Education.

Three of these sessions have now being held in conjunction with the GP registrar workshops. It has been very pleasing to see the support being shown for these sessions. The remaining sessions for the year are in the table below.

Each session will run from 8.30am—12.30pm. If you are interested in attending any of these sessions please

Date	Venue	Topic
July 23 rd	Warrnambool - Quest	The Sick Child
Aug 20 th	Warrnambool – Sebel Deep Blue	Cognitive Decline Acquired Brain Injury
Sept 17 th	Warrnambool - Quest	Contraception Pap Smears
Oct 15 th	Warrnambool – Sebel Deep Blue	Wound Management Disability
Nov 12 th	Warrnambool – Lady Bay Resort	Women's Health
Dec 10 th	Warrnambool – Sebel Deep Blue	Palliative Care

contact Brian Trotter on 03 5562 0051 or btrotter@ggtgpet.com.au to express your interest.

IMG Support Program

A second round of workshops has been held in the Vic region for IMGs in the local hospitals and GP practices. Most of these doctors are working towards their AMC clinical examination or RACGP examination.

There were two workshops held recently in Horsham and Ballarat that addressed an 'Introduction to Aboriginal health' with two Indigenous presenters, Kellie Saunders and Dan Joseph. They worked through some cultural, social and historical information and clinical scenarios. Thanks initially to the support of Dr. Marg Garde; these workshops were simple and beneficial for IMGs, who, in some instances have had very little experience with Indigenous people. These workshops will be repeated in Hamilton on September 4th and Geelong on October 9th. Please contact Angela Beilby at GGT if you require more details.

In S.A. there are a large group of IMGs also working towards fellowship. Workshops will be held on the following dates:

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

The photos show a couple of views of the reception area.



Board Membership 2009-2010

Venue: Flinders University Centre, Vivienne St, Mt Gambier

Time: 10am – 2pm (unless otherwise informed)

Dr Lucie Walters and Dr Mike Page resigned their positions from the GGT Board in May. The GGT Board has expressed its appreciation to both Lucy and Mike for their contribution to the Board discussions during their period of tenure and wishes them well for the future.

There have been changes to the qualifications for

The GGT Board held its last meeting in June. Sincere thanks are given to all current and past members for their commitment to the training program. Much has been achieved over the last nine years as result of the leadership shown.

Date	Type of workshop	Doctors	Comment
7 Aug	Written skills - RACGP	GPs	Jose Estevez to lead
14 Aug	Written skills - RACGP	GPs	Jose Estevez to lead
28 Aug	Clinical Skills -AMC/RACGP	HMOs & GPs	
18 Sept	Clinical Skills-AMC/ RACGP	HMOs & GPs	
9 Oct	Clinical Skills-AMC/ RACGP	HMOs & GPs	

Tony Brown Otway Division (*Chair*)
James Dunbar University Dept Rural Health
Adrian Elliot-Smith Limestone Coast Division
Naomi Harris GPRA
Rod Fawcett Health Services
Brendan Kay RACGP (*Vice Chair*)
Phil Hall ACRRM (*Treasurer*)
Dale Ford Otway Division
Ruth Stewart Deakin University
Greg McMeel CEO (*Secretary*)

the RACGP examination. All IMGs should make enquiries to the RACGP to confirm they have all the requirements to sit for the examination. Please allow plenty of time to prepare the correct details to be accepted for the examination. Further information can be found on the RACGP website:

<http://www.racgp.org.au/assessment/img>
<http://www.racgp.org.au/assessment/faqs>

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GGT has moved

By now all would be aware the we are very comfortably settled into our new office at 49 Kepler St, Warrnambool. The office provides for an open welcoming reception area, increased office space much improved storage facilities, a dedicated meeting room with full conference facilities, separate dining facilities and internal toilets.