

Tasmanian Rural Generalist Pathway

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From the Director

Welcome to our first edition for 2023.

I hope you had some rest over the summer and we have all had a busy start to 2023.

We have had our new rural generalist interns and resident medical officers (RMOs) start in January and we welcome our new rural registrars who start this week and last. Congratulations to both colleges for the smooth transition to College-led GP training.

The big news last week was the announcement of funding for a Single Employer Model for Tasmanian GP trainees, we look forward to working with everyone to make this a successful model to attract and retain doctors to General Practice. We hope that you can come to some of the meetings to help shape what this looks like for Tasmania.

Plans for the 2023 Tasmanian Rural Health Conference are nearly finalised and we hope to get registrations out by end of February so save the date and look forward to getting together then.

Professor Lizzi Shires – Director, Tas Rural Pathways



Single Employer Model pilot announced

The Single Employer Model is a State and Federal government initiative aimed at supporting general practice in Tasmania.

The initiative provides support for GP trainees by ensuring they have a clear training pathway and equal entitlements to trainees in other training programs. There are 20 places available in General Practice for the GP trainees, with additional places available for the hospital training component. This program aims to give GP trainees the security and stability they need to succeed in their careers.

Consultation and working groups are being set up to determine the best way of delivering this. We will be running a series of information gathering and sharing sessions to get this started. Please join us to make this a successful program in Tasmania.



GP supervisors, practice owners and practice managers are invited to join a collaborative meeting on Wednesday 15th February 7-8pm:

Meeting URL: <https://utas.zoom.us/j/82303082804?from=addon>

Meeting ID: 823 0308 2804

Registrars (or potential registrars) are invited to join us on Thursday 16th February 7- 8pm:

Meeting URL: <https://utas.zoom.us/j/86409349544?from=addon>

Meeting ID: 864 0934 9544

Visit from the Prime Minister

We welcomed the Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, Federal Health Minister Mark Butler and Premier Jeremy Rockcliff to the North West Coast last week. The team came to announce the innovative State/Federal funding support for general practice training. This move has been widely welcomed nationally and locally and had considerable press coverage, with stories and articles posted by the [ABC](#), [WIN News](#) and the [AMA](#) among others.

Emily Murray and Cody Felmingham, who are on the Rural Generalist Pathway, met with the team and explained what the model could mean to them. Watch the video posted by Mark Butler MP [here](#).

Welcome to our interns and RMOs



We welcomed our largest number ever of RG interns and RMOs in January. They are settling into their new roles in the health service in the north and north west and general practice placements.

Some of our RMOs starred in the new Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) training video and can be watched on the [ACRRM YouTube page](#).

New CPD arrangements

New CPD arrangements have started in 2023. The new Medical Board of Australia requirements oblige you to log 50 hours of CPD and complete a professional development plan every year and refresh your skills with one CPR course in the triennium.

The focus is on regular performance feedback, collaboration with peers, self-reflection and reviewing patient outcomes – things that you're already doing as a rural GP, like group meetings, teaching and case reviews or hospital or nursing home rounds. Visit the [ACRRM website](#) or [Royal Australian College of General Practitioners \(RACGP\) website](#) for more information.

RACGP Fellowship Support Program second intake opens soon

The second intake for the RACGP Fellowship Support Program opens on 13 February 2023. The FSP is a new education and training program to support doctors on the General Practice Experience Pathway when the subsidy for the Practice Experience Program ends in June 2023.

For more information about the FSP, visit the [RACGP website](#).

Save These Dates – 2023 Conferences

Tasmanian Rural Health Conference 2023

Join us for the next Tasmanian Rural Health Conference, to be held in Devonport on 13 and 14 May 2023, Prehospital Emergency Care workshop to be run on 12 May 2023.



RMA 2023 Hobart 18-21 October 2023. For more information, visit the [ACRRM RMA23 page](#).

WONCA 2023 Sydney 26-29 October 2023. For more information, visit the [WONCA2023 page](#).

Rural Education opportunities

You can find a large selection of online learning opportunities which enable rural GPs to participate in Continuing Professional Development without travel.

Local Webinars from Primary Health Tasmania are available on their [Events page](#)

Highlights include:

Caring for ourselves so we can care for others webinar – 28 February 2023

Highlights from the RACGP program:

Lower limb fracture management webinar – 2 March 2023

'Remember that patient you saw the other day?' Misses and traps in emergency presentations webinar – 6 April 2023

Doctors for Women in Rural Medicine: Online member meet up – 28 February 2023

For more information, visit the [RACGP Online Events page](#)

Highlights from the ACRRM program:

Alcohol and Other Drugs Virtual Workshop: 11 May 2023

Approach to Care – Natural Disasters online learning: self paced

For more information, visit the [ACRRM webinars page](#)

Scholarships and Grants for Rural Generalists

We have opened a new scholarship opportunity for Rural Generalists and Rural GP's to support advanced skills in non-procedural areas.

For further information and to register for the Rural Generalist Advanced Skills Support program (RGASS), visit the [Scholarship Page](#)

Wanted: practices to grow their own John Flynn Rural Doctor

The John Flynn Prevocational Doctor Program starts in 2023. This will replace the current Rural Junior Doctor Training Innovation Fund and will give us more opportunities (and funding) to place junior doctors in General Practice.

The Program will place interns and Resident Medical Officers in GP practices for a 12-week term as part of their hospital-based rotations. The Scottsdale practice, who have been training junior doctors in for many years, have watched these junior doctors come back as registrars and then rural GP's and RG's.

If your practice is interested in being part of this important program, please contact the [Tas Rural Pathways team](#)

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