

Tasmanian Rural Generalist Pathway

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From the Director

As we approach Easter, we would like to wish you all a happy holiday after such a busy autumn.

We are keen for Practices and GP registrars to express interest in the Single Employer Model. We have attached our February 2023 Single Employer Model briefing to this newsletter in case you haven't seen it. If you are interested in starting in July 2023 and helping us deliver this model for Tasmania, see the link below in this newsletter.



We have a great line up for our upcoming Tasmanian Rural Health Conference, including the Assistant Minister for Rural and Regional Health Hon Emma McBride MP and Professor Paul Worley, the previous health commissioner and architect of the Riverland Academy of Clinical Excellence.

We have an excellent selection of CPD to suit all learning needs and we will have the colleges at hand to help us negotiate the new CPD arrangements. There are even some training events that attract some GP remuneration for attending. In addition, we have programs for partners, children and partners with prams so that you can bring the whole family. Treat yourself to a weekend away on the North West Coast with friends, other healthcare professionals. Don't forget to register for the conference before it sells out.

Once again, we wish you a very happy Easter, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Professor Lizzi Shires – Director, Tas Rural Pathways

Single Employer Model pilot update

We have been hard at work throughout March to progress the Single Employer Model pilot, engaging with internal and external stakeholders to co-design the processes that will underpin the pilot. Our working groups are now set up and start next week. If you would like to be more involved with the working groups please contact us so we can ensure that we deliver an equitable system that works for all involved.

We would like to start the pilot for the mid-year intake, or for registrars that want to switch to the SEM mid-year. If you have a registrar or are likely to have a registrar mid-year that is interested in this pilot please let us know via our [expression of interest form](#).

This expression of interest was released last week for up to 20 practices to register their interest in participating in the pilot. Registrations for the expression of interest will close on 3 April 2023.

If you would like any further information, please contact the [Tas Rural Pathways team](#).

Tickets on sale for 2023 Tasmanian Rural Health Conference

Join us on 13-14 May for a brilliant program for rural generalists, rural GP's and other rural practitioners, including workshops on emergency care, sexual health, mental health, and greening general practice.

Our theme for 2023 is 'Coming Back', looking at the ways we are coming back for our communities after the events of recent years, and coming back together as a rural health community. We have children's and partners programs available, as well as self-care and mindfulness sessions for all to enjoy.

We also have a great pre-conference workshop, Pre-Hospital Emergency Care, which will be held on Friday 12 May at the Mersey Community Hospital. This full day workshop is a hands-on, simulation-based day that provides training in first response scenarios for rural doctors. [Visit the ACRRM website](#) to secure your spot.

The Conference will be held at the paranapple convention centre in Devonport, with a [special conference rate](#) secured next door at the Novotel Devonport – this special rate is only available until **12 April 2023**, book soon so you don't miss out.

View the full program on offer and book your Conference tickets through [Eventbrite](#) today.



Sponsorship opportunities for the 2023 TRHC

A range of sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities are available for the Conference, please email the [Tas Rural Pathways team](#) for more information.

Interested in starting a career in General Practice in 2024? Applications are open now

Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) is a government funded Fellowship training program for general practice. Aspiring GP's can take two routes via either College to Fellowship. The training program gives education and support and is fully funded. If you know anyone who is interested in applying encourage them to contact either the [Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine \(ACRRM\)](#) or the [Royal Australian College of General Practitioners \(RACGP\)](#) for further information.

Not sure which College is right for you? Get in touch with both Colleges to learn about them and remember the Tas Rural Pathways team is always here to help, [send us an email](#).

Tasmanian Government responds to Rural Health Services Inquiry

The Tasmanian Government has released its response to the Rural Health Services in Tasmania Report, which can be read on the [Parliament of Tasmania website](#).

The Tasmanian Government broadly supports the recommendations made by the Inquiry, and their response shows the State's commitment to advancing the rural generalist pathway, as well as their support of the Single Employer Model pilot in strengthening Tasmania's rural medical workforce.

Self-care and fresh air on the Cradle Mountain Wellbeing Walk for Doctors

Dr Natalie Burch, GP, and Sheena Polese, Fit Mind Coaching, have designed a 6-day hiking retreat for doctors, with a focus on wellbeing and burnout prevention. To find out more and book your spot, visit the [Tasmanian Walking Company website](#).



Congratulations Dr Tim Andrewartha, RACGP-RG

Congratulations to Dr Tim Andrewartha who is one of Tasmania's first RACGP-RG's.

Tim works in Wynyard as a GP and in the North West as a Palliative Care consultant, he converted his FARGP to RACGP-RG.

If you are interested in becoming a Rural Generalist Fellow, converting your FARGP or becoming RACGP- RG, [visit the RACGP website](#) to learn how to follow that path.

Save These Dates – 2023 Conferences

RMA 2023 Hobart 18-21 October 2023. Abstracts are open until 10 May 2023, and Early Bird tickets available until 30 June 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:

GP update: restrictive practice and the Mental Health Act – 5 April 2023

“What’s in the box?” – unwrapping the offerings of new Tasmanian mental health services – 26 April 2023

Highlights from the RACGP program:

Which pathway is for me and what is my first step in progressing to RACGP Fellowship? – 4 April 2023

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

Family & Domestic Abuse – Lunch & Learn Series – starts 21 April 2023

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

Highlights from the ACRRM program:

RG Careers Fest – Training in TAS – 5 April 2023

Supervise for ACRRM: The A-Z of what you need and how to get support – 27 April 2023

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 has started in 2023.

The Program places 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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