

RURAL GENERALIST PATHWAY E-UPDATE

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Advanced Specialised Training – Statewide Recruitment and Selection Pilot

The Rural Generalist Pathway (RGP) team has rolled out a state-wide pilot process for the recruitment, placement and support of Rural Generalist Trainees pursuing a career in rural medicine into accredited Advanced Specialised Training (AST) positions across the State. An overview of where applicants were placed will be available following the completion of the Resident Medical Officers (RMO) campaign.

The RGP team has commenced an evaluation research project to investigate the effectiveness of the recruitment and selection process to AST positions. This will include comparing the processes used in 2011 with previous years. Results of this study will be available in early 2012.

Rural Generalist Training Endpoint Reminder

The RGP Team would like to remind Rural Generalist Trainees of the training endpoint to reach Rural Generalist status. Please ensure you are familiar with these requirements and contact the Team or your Regional Training Provider if you require further clarification or assistance.

Whilst General Practice Registrars may choose any of the following endpoints: FACRRM; FRACGP and FARGP; or FACRRM plus FRACGP (with or without FARGP); it should be noted that Queensland Health has prescribed the following requirements to be completed before recognition as a Rural Generalist is attained and the appropriate advanced credentialed pay scale awarded:

- Successful completion of FACRRM including certified completion of Advanced Skills Training in a discipline specified in the Role Description of the position you wish to pursue; OR
- FRACGP **and** FARGP with certified completion of Advanced Skills Training in a discipline specified in the Role Description of the position you wish to pursue AND evidence that the abilities and skills specified in ACRRM's curriculum statements for Obstetrics and Women's Health have been successfully completed (except where the certified AST is in Obstetrics and Women's Health).

Rural GP Terms in Queensland Health Facilities

Members of the Rural Generalist Team have recently met with senior representatives of the RACGP and a regional training provider to work through some issues that have arisen with accreditation of GP terms in rural hospitals. We believe these issues are close to resolution, but please let us know if you are experiencing any problems or have any queries about your training.

2013 Rural Generalist Intern applications now open

Applications for 2013 Rural Generalist Intern positions are now open and will close on 16 March 2012. If you know of any final year medical students graduating in 2012 who wish to join the Pathway please direct them to the Rural Generalist Pathway website:

www.health.qld.gov.au/ruralgeneralist for further information.

Rural Generalist Trainees Workshop series

The 2011 Rural Generalist Trainees Workshop series has come to a close with the Toowoomba workshop (28 – 30 November) wrapping up the workshop series for the year.

Successful workshops were held in the following locations:

Cairns	5 – 7 June 2011
Darwin	29 – 31 August 2011
Townsville	26 – 28 September 2011
Mount Isa	17 – 19 October 2011

The workshop held in Darwin was a first for the RGP Team and the Northern Territory (NT). The NT, keen to establish a Rural Generalist Pathway, launched into this space by introducing a cohort of PGY 1 and 2 NT Junior Doctors as participants at the workshop. The NT Minister for Health, Hon Konstantine Vatskalis, officially opened the workshop with a number of representatives from the NT Department of Health also participating in the workshop.

The RGP Team have now finalised dates and locations for the 2012 workshop series. The details are:

Gold Coast (pre-RDAQ)	4 – 6 June 2012
Cairns	29 July – 1 August 2012
Townsville	23 – 26 September 2012
Toowoomba	18 – 21 November 2012

The Team is currently calling for Expressions of Interest (EOI) from Rural Generalists and Rural Generalist Trainees who are nearing Fellowship to nominate their interest in facilitating at the 2012 workshop series. If you would like to indicate your interest in participating or you have any queries concerning the workshops, please do not hesitate to contact Deanne Bond by phone: 07 4616 6947 or email: rural_generalist@health.qld.gov.au

Rural Medicine Australia 2011 Conference – Alice Springs

Rural Medicine Australia 2011 took the latest in rural and remote medical skills, knowledge, and issues to the heart of the country this year – Alice Springs. The national rural medical conference was hosted by the Rural Doctors Association of Australia and the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine.

The three day event was held in Alice Springs from 28 to 30 October and featured a Rural Generalism theme with a focus on the future of sustainable medical services. Pathway representatives Drs Denis Lennox and Dan Manahan were in attendance and participated in a number of sessions. More than 300 rural doctors were in attendance; a record for the conference.

Rural Generalist Provisional Fellow appointments spotlight

The Rural Generalist Pathway recently concluded the 2012 Rural Generalist Provisional Fellow Placement process. This edition of the e-update focuses on the appointment of a Provisional Fellow to Goondiwindi; Dr Sue Masel, Medical Superintendent and private GP provides some insight into the work and lifestyle opportunities available.

Goondiwindi is a thriving rural community, located approximately four hours drive from Brisbane and is located on the Queensland – New South Wales border.

Goondiwindi Medical Centre is a large private practice which was formed by the co-location of the two private practices in Goondiwindi in 1999. We have 9 consulting rooms, three treatment rooms and two prep bays. At present we have eight doctors on staff and allied health professionals including a credentialed diabetic educator, a dietician, and podiatrist.

Our core business is family medicine. We also specialise in skin cancer work and minor associated surgery. Two of our doctors provide the local obstetric service and two of us are procedural anaesthetists.

We are accredited with GPA, GPET and are an approved placement for the training pathways for both GP fellowships (RACGP and ACRRM).

Goondiwindi is a prosperous town with the main industries in town cotton, wheat, beef, wool and lamb and mutton farming. There are many rural support businesses in town including some farm machinery fabrication businesses, mechanical businesses, earthmoving businesses, agronomy businesses, accounting / bookkeeping businesses.

Goondiwindi has a strong following in the four main codes of football (League, Union, Rules and Soccer), a motorcycle club, horse event clubs (polocrosse, cutting, rodeo, pony club), netball, basketball, little athletics, cricket, waterskiing and swimming.

Queensland Health's Healthcare Culture and Leadership Emerging Clinical Leaders Program 2012/13

Applications are currently open for the Emerging Clinical Leaders Program 2012/13 conducted by Queensland Health's Healthcare Culture and Leadership Service. This 12 month program offers a flexible leadership development opportunity for clinical staff. The program is targeted at clinicians with over four years experience who have a desire to become clinical leaders.

For further information contact Program Coordinator Jackie Woodward at eclp@health.qld.gov.au or phone 3636 2055.

Deakin University Australia's: Agricultural Health and Medicine (postgraduate)

HMF701 Agricultural Health and Medicine is offered by the School of Medicine at Deakin University. It aims to develop the next generation of rural and agricultural health leaders to improve the health, safety and wellbeing of rural and remote Australians. This five day intensive unit has been developed for graduate-level students and professionals across the health disciplines and agricultural industry with the aim of enhancing an individuals knowledge of the physical and mental health issues facing today's rural and remote communities.

For further information about this unit or the application process, please visit www.farmerhealth.org.au or contact the unit chair, Dr Scott McCoome at scott.mccoombe@deakin.edu.au p: (03) 5551 8533

Farewell to Rural Generalist Pathway Staff

It is with great sadness that we farewell one of the Pathway's longest standing staff members, Cathy Kirkbride from the Rural Generalist Pathway Team (Rural Health Connections) in Roma. Cathy had been an integral member of the Team through the foundation years of development and implementation of the Pathway.

We also farewell Gemma Pallisier and Sue Williamson (Griffith Scholarships) from the Roma Team, who we are sure over the past few years you have also had many dealings with. We wish them well in their future endeavours.

Seasons Greetings from the RGP Team

The RGP Team would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to continuing to support you in 2012.

Training College Newsletters

If you would like to keep updated with what is happening at the training colleges, Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) and the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP), you might like to check out the links below:

ACRRM Country Watch Newsletter: <https://www.acrrm.org.au/country-watch-newsletter>

Update Your Contact Details

Have you moved recently or changed your phone number or email address? It would be appreciated if you could please contact the RGP Team in Roma to ensure we have your most recent contact information.

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Rural Generalist Pathway Website

We are currently updating the RGP website which you can find at: www.health.qld.gov.au/ruralgeneralist. Please continue to review the website as changes occur. Your suggestions for inclusions are most welcome and can be forwarded to: rural_generalist@health.qld.gov.au.

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If you have been forwarded a copy of the RGP E-update and would like to be added to the distribution list and receive future editions please send an email to rural_generalist@health.qld.gov.au with the subject title 'Subscribe me to the RGP E-update'.

Kind regards

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