RACGP Update
GPET conference

September 2012
Everything starts with our vision

- Proud to be Australia’s largest GP membership based organisation
- Our core focus areas remain:
  - Education, training and professional development
  - Professional services, products and resources
  - Practice and policy innovation
  - Advocacy
- Today’s presentation will highlight current developments at the RACGP
Current President
Professor Claire Jackson

President-elect
Dr Elizabeth Marles
Growth of RACGP membership

(^RACGP Australian-registered GP members, 2006-07 to 2011-12)

RACGP Australian-registered GP members:
- Fellows: 13,011
- Other GPs: 6,341

- 2006-07: Fellows 66%, Other GPs 34% (Total: 10,000)
- 2007-08: Fellows 66%, Other GPs 34% (Total: 13,000)
- 2008-09: Fellows 67%, Other GPs 33% (Total: 16,000)
- 2009-10: Fellows 66%, Other GPs 34% (Total: 19,000)
- 2010-11: Fellows 67%, Other GPs 33% (Total: 22,000)
- 2011-12: Fellows 33%, Other GPs 67% (Total: 25,000)
RACGP members\(^{^\circ}\) by state/territory

(RACGP Australian-registered GP members in 2011-2012)

- Queensland: 4,758 members
- New South Wales: 5,717 members
- Victoria: 4,235 members
- South Australia: 249 members
- Western Australia: 1,575 members
- Tasmania: 539 members
- Northern Territory: 332 members

* excludes 165 members with overseas addresses
Continued growth of RACGP membership

- Other GP members
- Fellows


Membership numbers:
- 2006-07: 34%
- 2007-08: 34%
- 2008-09: 33%
- 2009-10: 34%
- 2010-11: 33%
- 2011-12: 33%
**GP12 - Leading primary care**

The RACGP Conference for General Practice  
Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre  
25 – 27 October 2012

Streams:
- Chronic disease
- Clinical skills
- Education and training
- E-health and the PCEHR
- Men’s, women’s and children’s health
- Skin and bones
- Telehealth / business innovations.


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RACGP Education – Strategic Framework

General Practice Professional Lifecycle

- Lifelong learning including special interests, postgraduate work, further specialisation and pursuit of clinical excellence
  - Maintaining and expanding general practice specialist skills including maintaining minimum competency level for unsupervised general practice in accordance with changing local conditions and medical advances

Learning Levels:
- Undergraduate and prevocational skills development: common competencies with other medical specialities
- Vocational
- Continuing Professional Development

RACGP Curriculum
- Education Standards
  - Assessment & Fellowship
  - QI & CPD

Education a critical enabler of RACGP's vision

Healthy Profession, Healthy Australia.
Education – Strategic priorities

- **CPD**
  - QI&CPD Program review and implementation

- **FELLOWSHIP**
  - Fellowship and Assessment Pathways
  - Exam capacity planning

- **STANDARDS**
  - Outcome-based vocational training standards
  - Bi-College RTP accreditation
  - Trainers and Training Post accreditation
  - RACGP AMC accreditation

- **CURRICULUM**
  - Competency based Curriculum
  - Ongoing curriculum renewal framework

- **PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES**
Competency based curriculum update

• Curriculum requires ongoing update
• Dual focus for NSC-Ed and Standards team
• Next iteration must be user friendly and competency focused
• SWOT/benchmarking analysis underway
• Curriculum renewal to commence in 2014
Vocational Training Standards update

- Move to outcomes based standards
- Addressed stakeholder concerns to:
  - Improve clarity
  - Reduce duplication
  - Provide clear examples
- Developing support resources
- Phased implementation aligned with Bi-College RTP accreditation
- Go live 1/1/14
**CPD strategy update**

- Evolution not revolution with four key themes:
  1. GP User focused
  2. QI&CPD activity focused
  3. On-line resource focused
  4. Refine the functional QI&CPD roles
- Council approval Aug 2012
- Project planning Sep 2012
- Implementation > Sep 2012
3 R’s of the FARGP

- **Rural** – recognises the unique needs of rural communities and the GPs who practise there
- **Relevant** – meets the needs in ways that are meaningful and applicable
- **Retention** – leads to GPs choosing to stay in rural communities

The new FARGP has arrived!
## The old and the new FARGP

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<th>New FARGP</th>
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<td><strong>Complete a learning plan</strong></td>
<td>Complete Learning Plan and Reflection with four set meetings</td>
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<td><strong>Complete core module of activities “Working in Rural General Practice”</strong></td>
<td>Complete a 6 month project for “Working in Rural General Practice”</td>
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<td><strong>Complete core module “Emergency Medicine”</strong></td>
<td>Complete revised “Emergency Medicine” activities</td>
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<td><strong>Complete 160 hours of educational activities and submit evidence</strong></td>
<td>No longer required – normal CPD and training identified in the learning plan can be undertaken as needed or as part of GP training – RTP signs off</td>
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<td><strong>Submit a portfolio for assessment</strong></td>
<td>No longer required – assessment is formative and shared between the RTP/medical educator/mentor and the National Rural Faculty</td>
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<td><strong>Complete 12 months of advanced rural skills training in an accredited training post and complete reports and activities</strong></td>
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FARGP moving to On-Line
Bi-College RTP Accreditation

- GPET funded
- Appointed Project Manager
- Project underway
- Project Review Committee oversight
- Focus on QI and improved process efficiency
Trainers and Training Posts

• Devolved trainers and training post accreditation to RTPs in 2010
• Emphasis on data capture and quality over the last 12 months
• Next contract period commences 1/7/13
• Focus on:
  • Process compliance
  • Increased quality assurance on a broad range of quality/safety KPIs
Recently completed

- RACGP guidelines for preventive activities in general practice (8th edition)
- Employment guide (employer and employee)
- Starting and closing a medical practice toolkit
- Privacy handbook
- MBS fee summary
- Effective solutions for e-waste in your practice
- 20 submissions to external bodies in year-to-date
QUESTIONS?