

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GP DIRECTOR TO THE BOARD OF AGPN: July 2009

I am happy to accept the nomination for election to the AGPN Board.

I am fortunate to have worked with the Division's Network in a variety of privileged roles for more than fifteen years. I believe I have proven to those who know me that I am passionate about General Practice and the team. I am also fully aware that without the staff of the Divisional Network, General Practice would not have reached the pivotal position it is now in.

Last week saw the release of the blueprint recommendations of the National Health & Hospital Reform Commission. This document proposes some sweeping changes to the landscape of our Network. I am optimistic that if the National Organisation provides an inclusive collaborative dialogue with its members then the Network has a very exciting future. AGPN looks set to become Australian Primary Care Network with its individual organisations also widening the horizons of its membership. Changes will need to be orchestrated with the utmost care and consideration. I would like the honour of your support to allow me to be part of this process. With a listening, collaborative approach, the National Board has the opportunity to strategically bring about the best possible outcome for its members. I stand on a platform to lead from behind with maturity in this critical time for our future.

Four years ago I stood for this position promising passion, plausibility and persistence. I offer them again to this role. I am never scared to speak up and enjoy advocating strongly. In the last two years I have remained very closely involved in local and State work. I have experienced first hand the enormous personal investment Divisional Network Staff make on a day to day basis. The expertise and capacity is immense. Whilst I believe there may be some rocky roads, this is probably the most exciting time for our Network. The government's financial investment, the words of leading health economists and lessons from Primary Care Organisations elsewhere in the world have enabled us to be in crucial position. The Network has the chance to be the leading health organisation in supporting future Australian Primary Health Care. None of this is possible without the local and State Networks. GPs need also to be re- invigorated.

Retaining the best of the old and marrying with the finest of the new can be a win win option. If elected I will strive to achieve this and am extremely mindful that one size does not fit all with different geographical localities (particularly in the vast area of WA) having their own specific needs. Listening is the most important skill of an elected member.

Having the expertise to contribute strategically to achieve positive outcomes and lobby the best future for the Network is a priority. I am asking for your support to allow me to work at a National level in an area I know well and am passionate about.

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Profile Overview

- Extensive General Practice experience for over twenty years
- Dedication to evidenced based, well researched ,financially responsible health care for Australian Citizens
- Commitment to a collaborative communicative approach between GP's, student Doctors, Medical Educators, citizens, health policy makers and planners. The aim is for improved and appropriate health care to the community now and for the future.
- Business and managerial experience in running my own group practice since 1993 (has grown from two staff members to twenty two; from a solo Practice to a National Award Winning Multi disciplinary Primary Care Team Practice)
- Commitment to the promotion of General Practice and enhancing the role of the GP in the broader health system.
- Supporting General Practice involvement in improved data management as the cornerstone for future research development.
- Fifteen year history of involvement with Divisions of General Practice, with leadership roles at Local, State and National levels.
- Regular contributor to GP Publications and media experience.

Relevant Professional Activities include

Committee Member

WA Primary Care Network (current)

Director (Western Australia Representative)

Australian General Practice Network AGPN

Steering Committee Member

WA State Based Organisation WA

Chairperson

Fremantle GP Network

Director/Deputy Chairperson

Fremantle GP Network

GP Advisor GP Wellness

Fremantle GP Network

Interests and Activities : Snow skiing, Swimming, theatre, education and teaching, public speaking, exploring Western Australia, History of Medicine, poetry.