

Tasmanian Rural Medical Generalist Program

Director – Rural Pathways news:

It's the final TRMGP newsletter for 2016. Thank you everyone for your contributions to the pathway this year!

There have been a number of advancements in the pathway in 2016, and there are lots of exciting possibilities in 2017.

We have seen the pathway flourish amongst the health students, with a very active RUSTICA network; a number of rural events including the amazing race, rural weeks and Agfest activities through UTAS, as well as the ongoing Rural Application Process through admissions. We have had increased engagement from stakeholders regarding the TRMGP, including the THS who is supporting a number of training positions. There has been confirmation that GPs with a FRACGP, FARGP or FACRRM in a service position in the THS are considered specialists and will be remunerated as such under the Salaried Medical Practitioners Agreement.

In Tasmania in 2017 we look forward to the reinstatement of the 4 dedicated TRMGP RMO positions at the NWRH/MCH; the commencement of the RMO GP rotations out of the LGH at Scottsdale; a dedicated Palliative Care Advanced Skills post; and opportunities in ED, O&G and anaesthetics too. We also await the outcome of a proposed Tasmanian Rural and Regional Post-Graduate Medical Training Hub.

We are also collaborating to undertake the inaugural Tasmanian Rural Health Conference!

SAVE THE DATE: 25-26 March 2017

This will be an opportunity for members in all stages of the TRMGP, from medical student to

experienced rural General Practitioner to learn from and with each other through a program designed with rural in mind.

Nationally, we await the announcement of the National Rural Health Commissioner and National Rural Generalist Pathway.

Introducing Sharee Taylor:

'Hi my name is Sharee Taylor and I recently commenced as the TRMGP Project Support Officer in the North West region. I have previous experience working in primary care organisations. I look forward to supporting this program three days a week from 2017, located at the Rural Clinical School in Burnie.'



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Research shows medical students with a preference for rural clinical schools work in rural communities

See article here:

<http://www.rrh.org.au/articles/showarticlenew.asp?ArticleID=3698>

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Extension of [Rural Procedural Grants](#)

[Programme](#) until Dec 2017. Check it out if you are a procedural GP in surgery, anaesthetics, obstetrics or emergency medicine.

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FOAM (Free Open Access Medical education)

Starting with FOAMED- for ED, there is also a FOAM4GP. You might find both useful. Check out this example by Dr Fiona McKinnon: On the Path to GP Obstetrics.

<https://foam4gp.com/2016/10/13/dr-fiona-mckinnon-on-the-path-to-gp-obstetrics/>

Events

January 10 Rural students BBQ @ NWRCS

February 20-21 Rural Students orientation @ Medical Science Precinct

March 24 Pre-conference ALMs proposed

March 25-26 Tasmanian Rural Health Conference, Hobart

April 26-29 [14th National Rural Health Conference, Cairns](#)

April 29-May [WONCA 14th World Rural Health Conference, Cairns](#)

If you'd like to help sponsor scholarships to international students to WONCA check out Go Fund Me page:
<https://www.gofundme.com/WONCACairnsStudentFunding>

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