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GPRRA Invites Students & Pre-Vocational Doctors on Board

General Practice Registrars Australia Ltd. (GPRRA) welcomes a series of changes to the constitution at our Annual General Meeting last week, one of which will allow students and Pre-vocational doctors to sit on the Board.

One of the key changes passed by the GPRRA membership at the recent Annual General Meeting has created two specific positions on the GPRRA Board for a medical student and pre-vocational doctor. The GPRRA Board will still retain its majority of members as Registrars, with 6 Registrar directors and now 2 directors who may be a student or a pre-vocational doctor. Additional independent directors may be co-opted by the Board to meet specific skill gaps if needed.

Dr Belinda Guest Chair of GPRRA stated: *“GPRRA has a strong focus on promoting General Practice to medical students and pre-vocational doctors via the GPSN and GP Compass initiatives that we administer. This change ensures that we have direct input from representative of our target group as we seek to increase exposure to General Practice as a medical specialty during the critical university and hospital years.”*

Ms Elina Gourlas, Chair of GPSN added, *“We welcome and support GPRRA’s acknowledgement of the importance of having direct student input in key decision processes. I think today’s medical students are very savvy and have a lot to add from a grassroots perspective as the voice of the future. We are delighted to see that GPRRA has taken a bold step to both strengthen their commitment towards the GPSN but also offer a great opportunity to students within mainstream GP training.”*

“GPRRA believes that the solution to the workforce shortage is to increase the image and appeal of General Practice, encouraging medical students and pre-vocational doctors to take up the profession. . This new Board structure will give GPRRA the depth and breadth of skills at a strategic level to ensure that we continue to strengthen and expand on our success in this space.” noted Dr Guest

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