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United Voice for General Practice

GPRRA welcomes the formation of United General Practice Australia, a group positioned to represent key bodies within the General Practice Landscape.

"We applaud the formation of UGPA and are pleased to see the inclusion of GPRRA in this group. We have been strong advocates that reducing fragmentation and working together is the best way forward to enhance general practice training and delivery in Australia", said GPRRA Chair, Dr Belinda Guest after the first meeting of the group.

"GPRRA has sought to bring together stakeholders over the last 2 years through our annual 'Breathing New Life Conferences' over the last 2 years. We will strive to continue our tradition of providing a fresh and innovative voice to this group," she continued.

"GPRRA will represent the joint voices of registrars and students at this forum, through collaboration with the General Practice Student Network (GPSN" Commented Mr Vohra, GPRRA CEO

" GPRRA represents the future General Practitioners in Australia and is keen to provide grass roots input to drive positive change in health policy," he added.

"GPSN are keen to work with GPRRA to provide student input and welcome the UGPA's decision to call for a substantial increase General Practice training places," said Mary Wyatt, GPSN National Secretary, who attended the meeting as an observer.

"GPRRA are aware that there were over 800 applicants for next year's 600 General Practice Training Places, and strongly support GPET's submission to Government that training places are increased by 100 for 2009," Dr Guest asserted.

"However, it is fabulous to see an increased number of applicants this year, which I believe is a result of many initiatives, including those by GPRRA, which have increased the awareness of General Practice as an appealing career choice. This is an area we would like to ensure that the UGPA continue to explore" said Dr Guest

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