

Nepean DGP Autumn Report

We warmly welcome Dr Anju Aggarwal to our Board. She fills the position left by Dr Brian Richardson, who after 11 years' service on the Board had decided to stand down. His input over the years has been greatly appreciated by all.

The Office Bearers for this year are:

Vice Chair: Dr Steven Wong

Treasurer: Dr Mark Dowsett

Secretary: Dr Viviane Leventhal

All Directors have portfolio responsibilities

Members present at the AGM, voted to change the trading name of the Division to the **Nepean GP Network**. This is in line with similar ongoing Divisions and better reflects the changing nature of what we are doing in advocating for our members. This will be effective from the 1st July this year.

We have been working hard, highlighting the impact on General Practice of the GP Co-payment, the proposed abolition of the Short consultation and the freeze in Medicare Rebates. It has been a moving target. The input of our very supportive Consumer Group has been valuable. Fiona Scott MP will be attending our Board meeting this month where we will have another opportunity to voice our concerns.

Dr Steven Wong and Michael Edwards represented us before the Senate Select Committee on Health. They were able to raise the concerns on the way the Government were implementing the Health reforms and the need to have a strong partnership arrangement with the ongoing Divisions. We were invited to submit a paper to support this position.

The Annual Planning Day focused on "engaging and retaining" our membership. For us to have a strong voice we need to have a strong member base. The Board will be further considering the outcomes at its next meeting.

Dr Hany Gayed

NDGP Chair