

# Nepean GP Network

## 2014 - 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

### Chairman's Report

**Dr. Hany Gayed**

I believe we are entering into a new era for our organisation. Since the establishment of the Medicare Local and the loss of our previous role and function, it has taken time to re-establish ourselves and find our place in the new regime. The finality of the nexus of any dependency on the Medicare Local required the umbilical cord to be cut and our organisation to fully stand on our own. Your Board has addressed and strategized as to where we should be putting our efforts, within the limited income stream we have, that would most benefit you our members and provide better health outcomes of our community.

We are a valued member of Wentworth Healthcare Ltd. I had the privilege to speak on behalf of GPs in the official launch of the Primary Health Network. It's through the Primary Health Networks that GPs are acknowledged as pivotal in primary healthcare of patients. GPs will have an important role in the Clinical Council. This means that GPs will have a direct voice into the direction and affairs of the newly established Nepean Blue Mountains PHN. We are active on the GP Advisory Committee which of late has addressed such things as Review of Diabetes Services, Demand on ATAPS access, Drug and Alcohol admissions and Aboriginal Health Service.

The formation of the PHN has also meant that there is now greater clarity in service gaps. Areas that we can now address include the continuation of Friday CPD events, input into topics for CPD events and greater scope for advocacy.

During the 2014-15 year we have:

- Moved away from the joint MYOB and setup a standalone Financial Accounting Software.
- Underwriting of Friday CPD events
- Changing our trading name to Nepean GP Network
- Compliance with Associations legislative requirements
- Maintaining active Membership of AGPN, GP NSW, Wentwest and Consumer organisations.
- Maintaining and strengthening the Consumer Reference Group
- Setting up an office outside of Wentworth Healthcare
- Compiling current email lists of Practices and GPs within our boundary
- Active advocacy against GP Co-payments and Level B rebates
- Meetings with the Member for Lindsay, Fiona Scott
- Attended & Submitted paper to Senate Health Enquiry
- Co-Branding with the Medicare Local of information

Your Board has also been active within the following Portfolio responsibilities to better serve you and undertake the Board's ongoing function. These are:

- CPD – Dr Anju Aggarwal & Dr Shiva Prakash
- CRG – Dr V Leventhal
- HealthOne – Dr M Dowsett
- Membership – Dr S Prakash, Dr Viviane Leventhal, & Dr Anju Aggarwal
- After Hours – Dr S Wong



We are, corporate members with full voting rights of NBM PHN, Wentwest, AGPN, GPNSW and Consumers Health Forum of Australia.

It was appropriate that at the beginning of this financial year we implemented our new agreed change of name to better reflect our ongoing Networking of GPs within the Penrith LGA. A new website is also about to be launched for the **Nepean GP Network**.

The Consumer Reference Group remains our link with the community. Our CRG has a wellness focus with preventive health and education being the main priority. It is truly representative of the Penrith LGA Demographics and is co - Chaired by Mr. Joe Rezpecki.

I would like to thank you, the members of the Nepean GP Network, who without your support we would not be able to continue to be viable, to provide a strong voice and continue to advocate for General Practice. Congratulations to the Board for their hard work and dedication during the year. I want to say a special thankyou to our CEO Michael Edwards, who has worked tirelessly for the Network making our transition so smooth.

I would also like to thank Tina, Dawn, Saskia and Adam who as well as juggling their work with the Medicare Local (PHN) provide valuable administrative duties and support for the Division. I also thank and congratulate Lizz Reay as the new CEO of the PHN and her support of the Division

## Our Vision:

*" To be the lead organisation in the Nepean area that promotes and supports General Practice in providing optimum primary health care to the community"*

## Our Mission:

*" Excellence in GP's as Primary Health care providers "*

## ADVOCATE EDUCATE COMMUNICATE

### ADVOCATE: That we will-

- ✓ Raise issues and make regular contact with Local, State and Federal Members
- ✓ Maintain and build NDGP Consumer Reference Group
- ✓ Appoint GP Representatives to NMB ML Advisory groups
- ✓ Have input to NMB PHC Governance strategy

### EDUCATE: That -

- ✓ We source supporting data for press & Radio releases for Health Calendar
- ✓ Have a visible involvement at NBM ML CPD events
- ✓ Sponsor and run Friday CPD events

### COMMUNICATE: That we will -

- ✓ Maintain NDGP Webpage
- ✓ Explore social Media possibilities
- ✓ Have joint NMB ML Fax-outs



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## Directors Report

Your Directors' submit the financial accounts as attached in the Audited Financial Report of the Organisation for the year ended 30 June 2015.

### Principle Activities

The principal activity of the entity during the year was educate, promote and advocate for the professional interests of Medical Practitioners in General Practice and to promote the control or prevention of disease in human beings to:

The community

General Practice

Other professions and profession bodies, and

Other branches of the medical profession.

### Trading Results

The net result of the entity for the year ended 30 June 2015 was a deficit of \$48,064 (2014 \$24,459 deficit).

No income tax was payable by the entity.

### Events Subsequent to Balance Date

With the formation and relocation of the PHN it was necessary to Archive and relocate records

The Board has taken out Directors Liability insurance cover on the ongoing function of the NDGP. The Board believes it will remain solvent in its limited range of operations of the entity, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the entity in subsequent financial years.

### Changes in the State of Affairs

The only significant changes in the state of affairs of the entity during the year was to change its Trading name to the Nepean GP Network, as passed by members at the 2014 AGM.

### Review of Operations

The ability of the entity to continue operating as a going concern is dependent upon interest from equity, Member's dues, cost of services and drawing upon Reserves.

### Likely Developments

The entity will remain the representative body of the Penrith LGA General Practitioners .

### Directors' Benefits

No committee member has, during the financial year, received or become entitled to receive a benefit (other than a benefit included in the aggregate amounts of emoluments received or due and receivable by the committee members as disclosed in the financial report) by reason of a contract made by the entity with the committee member or with a firm of which they are members, or with a company or entity in which they have

a substantial financial interest.

Members determine the aggregated remuneration payable to Directors and the Board determines its allocation by way of payments between Directors.

Details of remuneration for each Director is available.

### Directors

The Board members in office at 30 June 2015 were as follows:

Director	Office	Board-Service (years)
Dr Hany Gayed	Chair	9
Dr Steven Wong	Vice Chair	15
Dr Mark Dowsett	Treasurer	12
Dr Viviane Leventhal	Secretary	3
Dr Anju Aggarwal	Member	1
Dr Shiva Prakash	Member	14
Mr Michael Edwards	Company Secretary	14

### Declaration by Members of the Committee

In the opinion of the members of the committee:

- a) the financial statements and notes of the entity:
  - i) give a true and fair view of the entity's financial position at 30 June 2015 and of its performance for the year ended on that date;
  - ii) comply with Accounting Standards in Australia; and
- b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the entity will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.



Dr Hany Gayed  
Chair

5th November 2015



Dr Mark Dowsett  
Director



