

FOREWORD

The GP Clinical Council (GPCC) meetings were held on 7 July 2020, 4 August 2020, 1 September 2021, 13 October 2021, 1 December 2021, 2 February 2021, 2 March 2021, 13 April 2021 and 7 June 2021. The GPCC reviewed the terms of reference during the year, which were approved by the Board. Meetings are between 1 and 1.5 hours in duration and have been held via Zoom during the COVID period.

MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

Name	Eligible	Attended
Dr Michael Crampton (Chair)	9	9
Dr Linda McQueen	9	7
Dr Catherine Harman	1	1
Dr Sue Owen	9	6
Dr David Foley	9	9
Dr Hilton Brown	9	8
Dr Hany Gayed	9	9
Dr Thu Dang	9	8
Dr Anju Aggarwal	9	9
Dr Katy Gardiner	3	2
Dr Madhu Tamilarasan ¹	5	5
Dr Sarah Kemp	5	4

¹ Attendance reported as member only (i.e., prior to being appointed to the Board)

There are current vacancies at Lithgow (2) and Hawkesbury (1) for which targeted recruitment is underway.

Resignations through the year from GPCC were Dr Sarah Kemp, Dr Catherine Harman and Dr Madhu Tamilarasan (noting still attends as a Board member).

Dr Harry Pope, Dr Louise McDonnell and Jillian Harrington also attended the meetings for the year

KEY MATTERS CONSIDERED IN 2021

A report was presented to the Board in December 2020 outlining the GPCC's achievements in the 2020 calendar year. These are published on the WHL website.

In future, these will be reported to align to the Financial Year as part of this Annual report.

Items considered in the first six months of 2021 include,

- COVID 19 including Vaccination roll-out
- Primary Health Reform Steering Group Discussion paper was considered with feedback made
- Advocated for training and professional development over the year, especially Telehealth
- Health Literacy project
- Provided valuable input into how new LHD Palliative Care service should be communicated

CONTINUING AREAS OF FOCUS IN 2022

Steps are in train for the GPCC to contribute to the following matters in the 12-month period until 30 June 2022:

- Drug and alcohol Services – GP Engagement
- Service updates and input (e.g., Palliative Care update)
- Health Pathways
- Collaborative Commissioning input
- COVID

CHAIR'S QUALITATIVE ASSESSMENT

Challenges, Highlights and Outcomes

- Welcoming new member Dr Katy Gardiner (Blue Mountains)
- Attendance and input into the Board Strategic planning day
- Very good attendance by members made easier by the use of Zoom
- All aspects of COVID remains a challenge for all those involvement in General Practice
- Very valuable input into Collaborative Commissioning
- Appreciation of Guest members who attended during the year
- Highly Appreciative of work being undertaken by Wentworth healthcare management and staff regarding COVID advocacy and local implementation