

Nepean GP Network

2018 - 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Chairman's Report

Dr. Hany Gayed

The Nepean Division of General Practice celebrates its 25th year in serving local GPs and improving the health of the Community. We have had to understand, adapt and have a new vision of how to do this at different stages of our existence. The fact that we still exist, is testimony to those who have gone before us and the support of Members along with the dedication of our current Board and staff.

We as Founding members of Wentworth Healthcare, who hold the current PHN contract and also Wentwest, whom we are still advocating for better deals with placement of Registrars in the Greater Western Sydney area, all provide opportunity for the voice of GPs to be heard.

We are the only true GP Association in the Penrith area, a city that is expanding in so many ways that provide opportunities to contribute to the health and well being of every citizen. It will come with many challenges as well, which the Board is addressing to firm up those areas where we are able to influence positive change.

The Board remains focussed on the three main pillars that undergird our operations. That of **Advocacy, Education and Communication.**

Advocacy: We have been in contact with our new Federal member for Lindsay Melissa McIntosh who has shown a keen interest in maintaining Health as an important focus. This provides opportunities to ensure there is an understanding of the needs and benefits of General Practice. Dr Shiva Prakash OAM, remains on the Wentworth Healthcare Board, and we have local representation on the PHN Clinical Council, GPAC and various focus groups. I personally have enjoyed contributing to the development of the Health Pathways project. We liaise with the Local Health District raising concerns and looking at ways that will assist our Patients to have improved Coordinated care. Our Vice Chair, Dr Anju Aggarwal remains on the RACGP Faculty Board, not only contributing but bringing insights back to our Board.

Education: The first Friday of the month CPD meetings has remained a priority to contribute to the local networking of our members and conduct education that meets the needs of you our members. We have explored and continue to seek opportunities to partnering with other organisations to offer a range of other CPD events always maintaining our high standards. Attendance has remained at a healthy level and there have been opportunities for participation by Practice Managers and Nurses on relevant topics.

Communication. Heather Engel our Medical Administration Officer whose responsibilities also include CPD and Membership has progressively been visiting the Practices within our area. We have published a newsletter and continue to look at other ways to remain in contact. Our webpage www.nepeangpnet.org.au remains popular with GPs, Specialists and the Public. During the last 12

months we average 2,600 monthly page views, 1 600 unique visits, 1,200 first time visits and 374.2 Average return visits per month.

Consumer Reference Group. This active group brings a voice and valuable understanding of the Consumer perspective to the Board table. Under consideration is to change its name to a Consumer Advisory Committee in line with current national focus and to be seen as a subcommittee of the Board. It is co-chaired by Dr Viviane Leventhal and Joe Rzepecki. Joe is also on the Consumer Groups of the PHN, LHD and Penrith City Council's Ethic Group which brings a richness of understanding to the NGPN. Michael Edwards, as an ACHS Assessor, has just completed a Grad Cert in Consumer Engagement. This is a very informed Committee.

The Future. The Board has decided not to have a Strategic Planning Day next year. Instead we will work further on the outcomes agreed this year. These include:

- To allow Associate Membership to out of area General Practitioners who relate to the Penrith Medical Facilities,
- To enhance support to General Practice where it is not currently provided by other means.
- Review our current Constitution to facilitate the above.

Concluding Remarks

As we move into next year we look forward to ways and means of supporting all our members in making our community a much healthier place.

I would acknowledge one of the founding members and Past Chair, Dr Barry Kroll who has hung up his stethoscope to retire and spend more time with his family. Of particular contribution to the Division was being the spearhead of the After Hours GP Clinic which he had particular passion along with the value of the Solo Family GP.

To our valued members of the Nepean GP Network, I would like to say thankyou, who without your support, we would not be able to remain viable, to provide a strong voice and continue to advocate for General Practice. I sincerely acknowledge the Board for their hard work and dedication during the year. I would like to recognize our part time support staff Michael, Karen, Dawn, Tina, Heather and Robert who go over and above in fulfilling their responsibilities. We were sorry to receive the resignation of Tina this year. She has been a very valuable member of our team whom has a heart for General Practice

Our Consumers, Joe Rzepecki, Catherine Daniels, Yung Yung Mitchell and Alan O'Connell for their valued contribution. I also acknowledge and thank Lizz Reay the CEO of the PHN and her staff for the continued support during the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy holiday as we enjoy the festive season.





2019 NGPN Board

Directors Report

Your Directors' submit the financial accounts as attached in the Audited Financial Report of the Organisation for the year ended 30 June 2019.

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. .

Trading Results

The net result of the entity for the year ended 30 June 2018 was a deficit of \$57,563 (2018: \$48,678) No income tax was payable by the entity.

Events Subsequent to Balance Date

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

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the entity during the year apart from employing an additional staff member one day per week.

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., and explore other income streams such increased sponsorship

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.

2019 Directors

Director	Office	Board Service (yrs)
Dr Hany Gayed	Chair	13
Dr Anju Aggarwal	Vice Chair	5
Dr Mark Dowsett	Treasurer	16
Dr Viviane Leventhal	Secretary	8
Dr Shiva Prakash	Member	18
Mr Michael Edwards	Company Secretary	18

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 2019 and of its performance for the year ended on that date;
 - ii) comply with Accounting Standards in Australia; and
 - iii) Comply with International Reporting Standards as made by the International Accounting Standards Board; 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

Dr Mark Dowsett
Treasurer

29th October 2019

General Purpose Financial Report year ended 30 June 2019

The independent audit report was conducted and compiled by Berger Piepers, Chartered Accountants.

"I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit of The Nepean Division of General Practice Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2019 there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; or
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.." (signed Berger piepers dated 29th October 2019)

The full financial report is available to members on request to the Nepean Division of General Practice. The abridged Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Statements are provided below.

BALANCE SHEET	2017-18	2018-19
Current Assets	\$1,064,989	\$1,007,272
Non-Current Assets	\$985	\$884
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,065,974	\$1,008,156
Current Liabilities	\$541	\$541
Non-Current Liabilities	\$0	\$0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$541	\$286
EQUITY	\$1,065,433	\$1,007,870

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

INCOME	2017-18	2018-19
Other Funding		
Interest	\$27,767	\$26,081
Membership Fees	\$1,091	\$2,318
Other	\$250	\$0
TOTAL INCOME	\$29,108	\$28,399
EXPENSES		
Accounting & Audit	\$6,120	\$6,500
Depreciation	\$1,344	\$101
Directors	\$22,014	\$27,441
Insurance	\$3,668	\$3,098
Other (Including CPD events)	\$9,849	\$9,085
Property Expenses	\$0	\$0
Providers & Contractors	\$0	\$0
Staff	\$30,259	\$34,188
Superannuation	\$4,532	\$5,549
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$77,786	\$85,962
Operating Surplus/(deficit)	(\$48,678)	(\$57,563)



Top left: Presentation to Dr Lisa Umphrey, MD Paediatrician, Medical Advisor— Doctors without Borders
 Left: Dawn Ryan receiving 15 yr Service Award
 Above: D Mark Dowsett receiving 15 yr Service Award
 Below: Retirement Dinner in Honour of Tina with Dr Viviane Leventhal and members of CRG



Our Vision:

"To be the lead GP 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"

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