

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

Thursday April 5, 2018

## **GP EDUCATION AND NETWORKING EVENT**

Where: MCCC Geelong office, 91a McKillop Street, Geelong

When: Friday April 6, 2018

Time: 3.30-5.30pm for photo opportunities and interviews

General practice medical educators from the south west region will met this week at Murray City Country Coast (MCCC) GP Training's newly opened Geelong office to discuss strategies for supporting GP registrars training in the Geelong area.

MCCC Director of Medical Education, Dr Angelina Salamone, said the establishment of a local office "will ensure the quality of the educational experience of local GP trainees and their host facilities as it allows registrars to have increased face-to-face contact with our education team."

It will also help to foster 'home-grown' doctors of the future, who will be encouraged to stay and work within the Geelong community, once qualified.

The meeting provided the opportunity for the highly experienced medical education group to identify resources needed for building skills and confidence in GP registrars placed in local medical practices.

Following the meeting an afternoon tea was held as a networking opportunity for accredited MCCC GPs and to familiarise them with the new office.

"We wish to encourage a further sense of collegiality in the Geelong region. Our new office will provide a location for supervisor and practice manager workshops, integral to the professional development support we provide our training posts" Dr Salamone said.

Murray City Country Coast GP Training, (MCCC) plays a crucial role in developing the next generation of GPs. One of their key areas of strength is the work they do with their colleagues at the <u>Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine</u> and <u>Royal Australian College of General Practitioners</u>, in preparing registrars for the vital work they do in the communities of rural and remote areas of Victoria and Australia.

## Background:

At MCCC, we offer specialist training for qualified doctors who want a career in general practice medicine.

Established in January 2016, we are one of nine regional training organisations in Australia and two in Victoria that offer the federally-funded Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) Program.

The AGPT is based on an apprenticeship model where the majority of GP training is conducted within GP clinics, Aboriginal Medical Services or approved hospitals, with additional peer learning workshops developed and delivered by MCCC.

Doctors who join GP training in our region develop their specialist skills and knowledge through supervised work placements in hospitals and accredited GP teaching practices that service the health needs of metropolitan, regional and remote communities across Victoria.

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