



**AOGP**  
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## Chairperson Report

2017 has been a positive year for the Board of AOGP, as we continue to build on past success and explore new opportunities. Our focus remains on general practice but our combined understanding of the health care system positions us well to continue to take advantage of opportunities that present in this ever changing environment. Due to the quality of our organisation, its resources, and particularly our personnel, we have been successful in achieving various contracts.

These have included a significant program with the Rural Doctor's Workforce Agency to provide Fellowship support to rural South Australia. Additional contracts with the Rural Workforce Agency Victoria for exam preparation workshops, and conference management for the Rural Doctors Association of South Australia. We have also been contracted by rural and urban practices for additional services where the need was identified.

We have continued to provide education for doctors in their pre-Fellowship stage, and CPD for GPs and nurses. In addition are currently involved in the development and delivery of new workshops – for example ProMBS - aimed at allowing participants to develop a better understanding of how to use appropriate Medicare item numbers to more accurately reflect the services offered by a general practitioner.

Dr Tim Kelly and Carolyn Cheah both deserve special commendation for their continuing enthusiasm and commitment to their roles which have been essential in helping AOGP to progress to its present position.

Thank you to all our staff for their efforts over the last year and we look forward to the future and further expansion of our organisation.

Dr Peter Joyner

## CEO Report

2017 was a year of consolidation and growth for AOGP. We built upon the experience of 2016 and refined our ability to serve our customer base. Our Board has continued to support our work, helping us to strike the balance between exploring new opportunities and adhering to our core values and vision.

We have worked closely with our Quality Practice Network practices, seeking opportunities through benchmarking, networking and cooperative buying. The range of services we can offer practices continues to grow, and 2017 saw the implementation of in-house CPR training, nursing CPD events and an increase in the number of collaborative partners offering services to the network.

Our education programs have continued to grow, with uptake from across Australia. Webinars and workshops have had hundreds of participants from all states and we are looking forward to increasing our physical presence in other states in 2018. Successful partnerships have been developed with the Rural Doctors Association of South Australia through the management of the Rural GP Masterclass, the Rural Workforce Agency Victoria, and in particular the Rural Doctors Workforce Agency (RDWA). Our continuing partnership with RDWA to develop and support intern placements in rural South Australia has gone from strength to strength, whilst our new partnership to support rural doctors toward Fellowship has become a major focus for us.

There is a range of other projects we have commenced work on, that have potential to fulfill identified needs for the communities we serve. We are looking forward to 2018, and the opportunity to continue to provide value for our members and customers.

Dr Tim Kelly

