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ADGP CEO to leave Divisions in July

The Chair of the Australian Divisions of General Practice (ADGP) Dr Rob Walters announced today that ADGP Chief Executive Officer Dr Steve Clark had notified him of his intention to leave the organisation in mid July to pursue a new career opportunity.

Dr Walters said Dr Clark had made a very significant contribution to the Divisions of General Practice network during his four and a half year tenure and that his departure was a great loss.

“He has been a strong and visionary leader in the primary health care sector and we are very sad to see him go,” Dr Walters said.

Dr Clark, who has been ADGP CEO since January 2000, has overseen the growth of ADGP from a staff of 10 to 25 FTE equivalents, providing policy advice and support on a range of national general practice programs.

“Dr Clark has played an important role in ensuring that grass-roots GPs, through their local Division of General Practice and ADGP, can influence the development of primary health care policy in Australia for the good of the profession and the community it serves,” Dr Walters said.

“He has helped make the Divisions network a key player in this area.

“Under his tireless leadership the network has seen much positive change in policy development in areas such as rural palliative care, nursing in general practice, mental health, immunisation and youth health.”

Dr Clark is a past Chair of the National Rural Health Alliance and an Adjunct Associate Professor of Rural Health at James Cook University, Queensland.

He completed his doctoral studies (PhD) in rural education at JCU in 1992 under a visiting research fellowship sponsored by the Queensland Department of Education.

Dr Walters said that Dr Clark would be actively assisting ADGP over the next three months in identifying his replacement so that the transition was as seamless as possible.

On behalf of the Board, the staff of ADGP, and the network in general, Dr Walters said he wished Dr Clark well in his new career.

ADGP is the peak body of the Divisions of General Practice Network which links 95 per cent of GPs across Australia in a national structure that supports general practice and improves community access to primary care. This Network is the key to integrating general practice with other sectors of the health system, both government and non-government, to deliver high quality care to the Australian community.

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