



# Central Wheatbelt Division of General Practice, Inc

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Dear Colleagues

I am nominating for the position of WA Director to the Australian Divisions of General Practice (ADGP) Board. Having reviewed the selection criteria, I am confident in my ability to represent the Western Australian Divisional Network at a national level.

I am a registered GP, practising in Beverley, a small rural town 140km south east of Perth, in the Central Wheatbelt district. I was one of the inaugural Directors of the Central Wheatbelt Division of General Practice (CWDGP). Following an initial six-month Directorship, I become Chairman, a position I held for two-and-a-half years.

In that time, the CWDGP underwent rapid and sustained growth, securing grant funding from both the State and Commonwealth governments. The team effort resulted in gaining counselling services, IM/IT support, accreditation support, an after hours project (State run initially), dedicated board governance and workforce support. During my appointment, the CWDGP demonstrated sound corporate governance and financial management.

I have promoted the role of the Divisions Network and General Practice through national presentations on rural and remote health care, including presentations at the National Division Network Forum. Furthermore, I was an ADGP representative on the Health Insurance Commission's (HIC's) Divisions Advisory Group with the aim of improving the value of HIC data and services to general practice.

In 2000, I was elected as a Director to the GPDWA Board. I had a strong belief and commitment to the aims and objectives of the organisation; however, I resigned in 2001 for professional reasons as I wished to dedicate more time to the GP registrars and medical students assigned to my practice.

Currently, I hold the position of Vice Chairman on the Western Australian Centre for Rural and Remote Medicine (WACRRM) Board, and also Chair the WACRRM finance committee. At the State level, I have developed close links with the Health Department of Western Australia, particularly the Clinical Senate Executive, which has promoted the value of involving the Divisions Network in State managed programs.

With respect to national representation, I am a Director of the Australian Rural and Remote Workforce Agencies Group, and continue to provide a general practice perspective on the HIC's Doctors Communication Group. My interaction with the HIC has led to an understanding of the HIC's business improvement agenda, and has provided an opportunity to gain experience in areas of innovation/management and compliance.

I am committed to the highest standards of corporate governance and I recognise the importance of ongoing governance training, having undertaken such courses with consultants to the CWDGP as well as with the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

The ADGP Board position has been a personal goal since joining the Divisions Network. My extensive experience in general practice and the Divisions Network, and my continued loyalty to the Divisions in Western Australia in particular, would prove a real asset in the development of General Practice in Australia. In the role of WA Director to the ADGP Board, I will be committed to good systems of communication within our Network.

A few kind colleagues have offered to act as verbal referees and would be happy to be contacted to offer more background on my skills and suitability to the position: Dr Peter Del Fante, Dr Duncan Steed, Dr Dennis Carragher, Dr Steve Wilson, Dr Frank Kubicek, Dr Shiong Tan and Dr Scott Blackwell.

Nominee: Dr Parbodoh Gogna