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ADGP re-elects Dr Rob Walters as Chair

At its first meeting following the Australian Divisions of General Practice Ltd (ADGP) Annual General Meeting for 2004, the ADGP Board of Directors has re-elected Dr Walters as ADGP Chair for a third and final term.

Dr Walters, a practising GP from Hobart, Tasmania, has been ADGP Chair since November 2002 and is the first person since ADGP incorporation to hold this office for three consecutive terms. Dr Walters will stand down at the AGM in November 2005.

"I am delighted and feel very honoured to be re-elected as ADGP Chair for another term," said Dr Walters.

"The job of Chair of ADGP over the past two years has been a challenging, yet rewarding and enjoyable one, and I look forward to serving the Divisions network for another 14 months.

"The Board has begun its succession planning in earnest, to ensure that every opportunity is afforded to talented, motivated and visionary GPs who are willing to nominate for the Board and executive positions of ADGP to serve the interests of members," he said.

The remaining Board members of ADGP are Dr Ken Connolly from Queensland, recently elected WA director Dr Hilary Fine, Dr Tony Hobbs from NSW, Victorian Dr Chris Pearce, Dr Penny Roberts-Thompson, Northern Territory, Dr Michael Taylor from SA, Dr Jennifer Thomson from the ACT and non-medical member Mr Russell McGowan from the ACT.

As well as his private practice, Dr Walters holds the rank of Colonel in the Australian Army and is Consultant to the Surgeon General in General Practice for the army, navy and air force. He is the Medical Director on the Tasmanian Work Cover Board and secretary of the Medical Protection Society of Tasmania. Rob is also immediate past Chair of the Cancer Council of Tasmania.

The Divisions of General Practice Network 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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