

Candidate Information Regarding Dr Tony LEMBKE

Dr Tony Lembke is in full time general practice in Alstonville, NSW, and a VMO at Lismore Base Hospital. He has been a director of the Northern Rivers Division of General Practice since 1994, and chair of the division since 1999. He is a GP advisor to the IMIT and Parenting Support projects, and was an inaugural member of the Alliance of NSW Divisions IMIT steering committee. Last year he received an award from the Alliance recognising 10 years of service to the division movement.

In 2005 he was appointed Clinical Chair for the national Primary Care Collaboratives, which provides clinical leadership aimed at improving general practice's capacity to provide effective, safe, accessible and integrated care. He believes the ADGP's advocacy and managerial role is integral to achieving the best outcome for general practice and for primary care. Government policy needs to foster the provision of proactive, systematic, team-based care delivered through general practice, and divisions require the resources to provide their practices with the skills, training, support and workforce to achieve this.

He has previously presented at the NSW Vital Links Conference and the ADGP forum. He is a columnist for the division's magazine, GPSpeak, and Pulse+IT magazine, and is a regular media spokesperson on division matters.

He is also the ever optimistic coach of the Lismore Rugby Club U12s.