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"A membership based organisation supporting GPs to care for the community"

Message from the CEO

This special Issue is published to launch the new mast head of GP Matters which reflects the new name of the Company GP partners Australia and is consistent with a new fresh look and easier to use GP partners Australia Website. We hope you like these changes.

GP partners Adelaide now GP partners Australia

Please be advised that the Members at the GP partners Adelaide General Meeting held on 17th October 2013 unanimously resolved to change the Company name from GP partners Adelaide to GP partners Australia.

The need to change the company name has resulted from the transition to a Membership based organisation and the resulting successful recruiting of a substantial and continuing growth in General Practitioner members. The Company Register now contains approximately 1000 General Practitioners as members. This membership growth has been derived primarily from across South Australia and outside the historical boundaries of GP partners Adelaide as defined by the now defunct Divisions of General Practice Program.

A number of alternative names were considered. GP partners Australia was selected as it had strong support from members, is inspirational and reinforces the new strategic intents of the company.

GP partners Australia new website

The new GP partners Australia website dedicated to the needs of members is now available at <http://www.gppaustralia.org.au>. A visit will reveal a new fresh look and demonstrate the improved functionality and ease of use. Its features include improved and simplified navigation for planning Continuing Professional Development participation, services for General Practice, current news, business development and other services all aimed at enhancing professional role satisfaction and adding commercial value to General Practice. Please visit the website; we are confident it will be useful to you.

New GP partners Australia Board Directors

At the Annual General Meeting held on 17th October 2013 it was also announced that Dr. Anna Aisatullin and Dr. Rod Pearce were elected unopposed to the two vacant Board Director positions. Dr. Aisatullin and Dr. Pearce terms of appointment are for three years commencing from the 2013 Annual General Meeting and concluding at the close of the date of the 2016 Annual General Meeting.

Retirement of Dr. Cathy Sanders as Board Director

At the Annual General Meeting Dr. Kellie, Chair of the Board formally acknowledged that Dr. Cathy Sanders was stepping down as a Director of the Board after many years of continuous service. Dr. Kellie publically recognised her outstanding and very long service as a Director which included a term as Chair of the Board and expressed the hope that in the near future opportunities will emerge to enable GP partners Australia to benefit from her abilities and experience. The Members joined with the Chair and the Board in expressing their appreciation to Dr. Sanders for her service.

GP partners Australia trusts this Special issue of **GP Matters** is interesting and worth a perusal.