



Chair Report

After this tremendous year of growth for GPEX, it brings me great pleasure to present the 2017 Annual Report.

I would firstly like to thank Professor Paul Worley for his enormous contribution to the GPEX Board during his two years as Chair. He has been instrumental in steering GPEX to where it is today. His enthusiasm and commitment to providing the best possible training to general practice registrars has been reflected in a successful year.

On 11 November 2017, Paul was appointed as Australia's first National Rural Health Commissioner. I will watch with interest as he continues to have a positive impact on Australia's rural health system.

We also farewelled Hon Karlene Maywald AM, and Professor Michael Kidd AM, who was appointed to the position of Chair, Department of Family & Community Medicine at University of Toronto, Canada. Both Karlene and Michael played a pivotal role in shaping GPEX. On behalf of the Board, we wish them great success in their new endeavours.

Now more than ever, the community needs a strong general practice workforce for urban and rural communities and GPEX continues to provide this by partnering with accredited practices throughout South Australia, including the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) SA&NT General Practice of the Year for 2017, Arkaba Medical Centre.

In 2017, GPEX provided 18,773 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) weeks of service to the South Australian community, with 456 accredited supervisors in 208 accredited practices.

We continue to strive for the highest standard of GPs who train with GPEX to complete the AGPT program. Testament to this are the various awards collected by our community throughout the year, with Dr Jacob Mackenzie receiving the RACGP Monty Kent-Hughes Memorial Medal; a national accolade awarded to a general practice registrar who achieved the highest Objective Structured Clinical Exam score across Australia.

In 2017, 96 registrars achieved fellowship with either the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) or the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP).

I would like to congratulate those in our community who were recognised for excellence in general practice and welcome the new generation of general practice registrars to the GPEX community. We look forward to following your journey and are committed to your success in the general practice training program. Our goal is to help you put your best foot forward, wherever it may lead you.

I want to acknowledge the work and contribution of all Directors. Their hard work and dedication to ensuring GPEX is driven in the right direction is absolutely crucial to the success of GPEX. Underpinning this success is the dedication of our CEO, Christine Cook, who continues to lead and inspire staff towards excellence. On behalf of my fellow board members, I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation for all of the contributions made by Christine, and her exceptional team. I welcome 2018 with every confidence.

Dr Martin Jones
 Chairman

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Collaboration

GP Extend, a continuing professional development (CPD) program for GPs, practice managers and other health professionals, was redesigned to meet growing demand and saw the delivery of 20 workshops across the year. Our focus on remote and rural SA expanded, building capacity in our rural training regions with enhanced ME and PTA support for practices and registrars. Acknowledging GPEX's expertise, Country SA PHN awarded GPEX the contract to deliver professional development for healthcare professionals in country SA. This provided a collaborative opportunity to streamline and coordinate CPD events across rural SA. Workshop evaluations indicate this model of delivery is very highly regarded, with 247 attendees across the 15 workshops delivered in 2017. This was an enormous effort by our team and I'm grateful for the hard work and attention to detail that goes into running these workshops and building valuable relationships with our colleagues in the wider health care community.

GPEX has been busy extending its reach towards the training pipeline entry. We formalised relationships with several university medical student associations including Adelaide Medical Student Society (AMSS), Adelaide University Rural Health Alliance (AURHA) and Insight Global Health Group. Working collaboratively, we have developed a program of experiential activity that focuses on building student awareness of general practice, the AGPT program and the early development of collegial relationships. I was delighted that medical students from University of Adelaide who participated in an Aboriginal health outreach program in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands, the APY Exchange, have indicated that they will apply for GP training, specialising in Aboriginal health. GPEX has previously developed eight Aboriginal training posts, all of which were filled. On this basis we advocated strongly for additional salary support funding during 2016/17 to develop four more

Aboriginal Community Health Services training posts and I was thrilled that GPEX received the additional Department of Health funding for these in 2018.

Through our engagement, our Vision is being delivered -

- *GPEX will support a pipeline of educational excellence for General Practice education from undergraduate through to specialist registration as a General Practitioner.*
- *We will maximise opportunities for alignment of rural and indigenous pathways through a focus on customised and personalised support of registrars.*
- *We will understand and be responsive to community workforce issues by working collaboratively with local agencies and stakeholders.*

“From AGPT to community practice - this is the training/workforce pipeline.”



Adelaide University Student Society APY Exchange Program.









In or at on on Directors



Hon Karlene Maywald AM

Director – resigned 31 December 2017

Qualifications

GAICD, FTSE, GDM&B

Experience

Hon Maywald is the Managing Director of Maywald Consultants Pty Ltd and Chair of the International Centre of Excellence in Water Resources Management. She is a Foundation Member of the Flinders University New Venture Institute Advisory Council, a Board member of SA Water, ModMed (formally SFET) and the Australian International 3 Day Event. Hon Maywald has had past experience as a Member of Parliament and Cabinet Minister and various advisory committee roles within both the public and private sectors. She is currently engaged by the South Australian Government as a Strategic Advisor, International Water Opportunities.



Karen Glover

Director

Qualifications

B Ed, MBA

Experience

Ms Glover is a senior research fellow in the Aboriginal Family Health Research Partnership within the Healthy Mothers Babies and Childrens theme at the SA Health and Medical Research Institute, and was previously CEO at Pangula Mannamurna Aboriginal health service in Mount Gambier SA for five years. Ms Glover has worked to improve Aboriginal health and quality of life over many years in her work life in both State and Commonwealth governments and nongovernment; and through various committees, steering committees and Councils with a focus on Aboriginal health, education, culture, wellbeing and reconciliation.



Catherine Cooper

Director

Qualifications

LLB, GDLP

Experience

Combining a legal and business background, Ms Cooper has significant expertise in areas such as strategic planning, project management, change management and corporate governance. In addition to a professional career as a lawyer, Catherine has extensive executive management experience across a broad industry base that includes Fosters Brewing Group, Elders Limited and Bendigo Bank. Ms Cooper has wide involvement at board level both as a Chairperson and Director for a number of organisations including the Australian Fisheries Management Authority, Law Guard Pty Ltd, Beston Global Foods Pty Ltd and the Repatriation General Hospital.

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Dr Alison Edwards Director

Qualifications MBBS, DA(UK), FRACGP, FACRRM, FAICD

Experience Dr Alison Edwards is a general practitioner based in Port Broughton since 1994. She is the current Board Chair of Country SA PHN, and Presiding Member of Port Broughton District Hospital and Health Services Health Advisory Council. She is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and has served on the Board of Rural Doctors' Workforce Agency, executive committee of Rural Doctors' Association SA,

	Note	12 Months Ending 2017 \$	15 Months Ending 2016 \$
Income	4	16,584,561	17,850,938

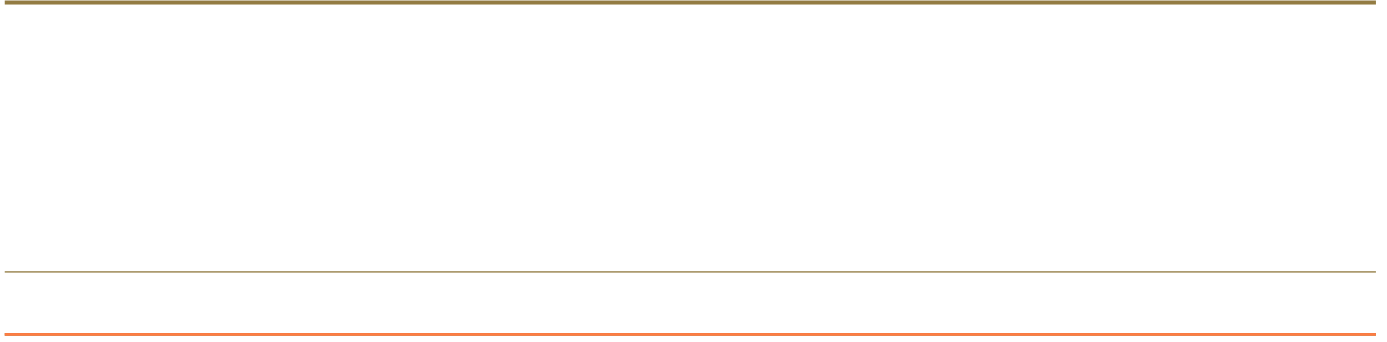
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Financials and Risk

The Company is exposed to a variety of financial risks through its use of financial instruments.

The Company's overall risk management plan seeks to minimise potential adverse effects due to the unpredictability of financial markets.

Typically, GPEX Ltd ensures that it has sufficient cash on demand to meet expected operational expenses for a period of 60 days.

Financial Instruments

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We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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