

COMMUNIQUÉ

College Council

of The Royal Australasian College of Physicians

The College Council met virtually on 25 September 2025 to progress a number of strategic and governance matters.

Awards and Recognition

College Council agreed to establish an Awards Review Panel out of session to review the College and Fellowship medals and award nominations. It was noted the broader awards framework will be reviewed in alignment with the developing Events Strategy and equity principles.

Membership and Fellowship

College Council considered a re-admission to Fellowship request and along with appointments to State and Territory Committees.

Strategic Reports

- *Physician of the Future Report*: Endorsed for submission to the Board, with emphasis on alignment to the new five-year strategy.
- *Regional, Rural and Remote (RRR) Physician Strategy*: College Council endorsed the establishment of a Special Interest Group (SIG) to support engagement across Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand. Terms of reference for the SIG have been referred to the Board for approval.

Governance

College Council reviewed proposed amendments to its By-law regarding membership. It was agreed to defer changes pending the outcome of the proposed Board governance amendment at the upcoming Extraordinary General Meeting.

Protected Time

An overview of the advocacy work relating to protected learning, education, and teaching time was received. The College continues to engage with jurisdictions, training committees, and relevant stakeholders to identify models of best practice with a view to illustrate these examples to jurisdictional governments and hospital settings.

The next meeting is planned for 6 November 2025 by Zoom.

Any questions and comments are welcomed via Council@racp.edu.au

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