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RACP supports lock out laws

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The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) is confident that the lockout laws trade-off is more than worth it – arguing that a reduced number of alcohol-related harm and injuries should always be prioritised over night life.

RACP President Laureate Professor Nick Talley said the health of the public, particularly for young Australians who are often at greater risk of harm, should not be compromised.

“The lockout laws have consistently proven to reduce alcohol-related harm and injuries in Australia and internationally,” explained Professor Talley.

“We know that longer trading hours in licensed premises leads to a greater number of alcohol-related injuries.

“Sadly, RACP physicians have seen first-hand the impact of alcohol fuelled violence and drink driving. The positive health benefits of these measures, particularly for young people, are significant,” he added.

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The College represents a broad range of medical specialties including general medicine, paediatrics and child health, cardiology, respiratory medicine, neurology, oncology, public health medicine, occupational and environmental medicine, palliative medicine, sexual health medicine, rehabilitation medicine, geriatric medicine and addiction medicine. Beyond the drive for medical excellence, the RACP is committed to developing health and social policies which bring vital improvements to the wellbeing of patients.

The College offers 60 training pathways. These lead to the award of one of seven qualifications that align with 45 specialist titles recognised by the Medical Board of Australia or allow for registration in nine vocational scopes with the Medical Council of New Zealand.