ADULT MEDICINE DIVISION COUNCIL

Meeting 02-2013

C O M M U N I Q U E

The following Communiqué highlights the key issues discussed as part of the normal operational business during the 02-2013 AMD Council meeting, held Friday 28 June.

Chapter Fellowships Working Group

Council received a report on the progress that had been made to date on establishing FRACP pathways for Fellows of the Chapters of Addiction Medicine, Palliative Medicine and Sexual Health Medicine.

A recommendation to approve the FRACP pathway for Addiction Medicine would be submitted to the next meeting of the RACP Board. A secondary request would also be submitted to APHRA for Addiction Medicine to be recognised as an area of specialty practice.

Council noted that the development of an FRACP for Sexual Health Medicine had been placed on hold, so as to enable the Chapter to focus on finalising a specialist item number with Medicare. Work on developing the FRACP pathway was expected to resume in mid-2014.

General Medicine Working Group

Council received a verbal update on the General Medicine Working Group in its development of Green Paper II - *Improving access to specialist care in rural areas: The case for general medicine and dual-trained physicians.* Following its approval by the RACP Board members noted that a position statement on Green Paper II had been developed for distribution to key stakeholder groups and other interested parties. Council noted that the position statement would be forwarded to the Working Group for approval in early July.

AMD Workforce Summit

As part of their commitment to addressing health workforce issues Council agreed to convene a Workforce summit in September.

The summit would address the role of the RACP in matching its training and trainees to the changing needs of population health, and how this would interact with models of care.

New AMD Council members

The Council welcomed the following new members

- Dr Matthew Frei – AChAM President
- Prof Richard Macdonell – Specialty Society Representative (ANZAN)

Dr Alasdair MacDonald
AMD President