

Candidate application Richard Taylor

My name is Richard Taylor. I am a GP based in Geraldton. I am nominating for election for the RACGP WA Faculty Council.

I am currently a co-opted rural representative and have previously been elected to the WA Faculty Council. I work as a GP in private general practice and support the local health service by providing GP obstetric and anaesthetic care. I am also a medical educator with the RACGP.

In my time on WA council, I have been a RACGP representative on the Health Advisory Working Group for Firearms Health Assessments. I sit as the RACGP WA representative on the Western Australian Anaesthetic Mortality Committee. I have assisted in the development of the learning modules for Volunteer Assisted Dying. I have also been active in advocating for rural and remote general practitioners, meeting both local and federal members of parliament and discussing issues including workforce and Medicare funding for general practice.

I am currently participating in the RACGP Future Leaders Program. At the 2026 Rural Health Excellence Awards I was awarded the GP of the year. I was also awarded the RACGP WA Faculty Legend Award in 2025.

Despite the current challenges, the future of GP is bright. General practice is the cornerstone of our health system. I truly believe that we have the best job in the world. As a medical educator and supervisor, I love sharing what it is to be a GP and training the next generation.

My priority is to continue to advocate for our profession and our patients to ensure the ongoing sustainability and viability of general practice, with a particular emphasis on rural and remote general practice. I will continue to advocate on workforce issues, appropriate remuneration for general practice, and ensuring that GPs continue to be recognised as a central component of the multidisciplinary team.