

Candidate Statement – Dr Russell Fayers 2026

I am seeking election to the WA RACGP Council because I believe my combined experience in General Practice and Occupational and Environmental Medicine brings a valuable and practical perspective to the WA Council.

As a GP, I have worked in community general practice and urgent care across Western Australia, experiencing firsthand the breadth, complexity and privilege of longitudinal patient care. My subsequent career in Occupational Medicine has broadened this perspective, working at the intersection of healthcare, employment, disability, return to work, industry and government. This has reinforced for me the essential role GP's play not only in treating illness, but in maintaining primary health in the workplace, supporting participation in work and community, and advocating for patients with increasing complex medical presentations.

I also bring experience in professional leadership and governance through my involvement as the Chief Medical Officer for the Public Transport Authority of WA and assisting staff return to work at the Perth Children's Hospital.

If elected, I would advocate for a strong, sustainable and respected general practice workforce in WA, greater recognition of the breadth of skills GP's contribute to the community, stronger connections between general practice, other specialities, workplaces and the wider healthcare environment in WA. I would bring a collaborative, pragmatic and genuinely GP-focussed voice to Council.

Warm regards



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