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Media release

Scone Medical Practice wins “best in NSW” Award

The Primary Health Network is delighted to report that the Royal Australian College of General Practice (RACGP) has announced that Scone Medical Practice is the winner of the NSW & ACT General Practice of the Year Award.

The award is to recognise the practice’s commitment to the health and wellbeing of its patients.

“The Scone Practice is the quintessential general practice”, said CEO of the PHN, Richard Nankervis.

“Since 1934 the practice has been providing continuing, person centred, comprehensive and coordinated health care to people living in Scone and the surrounding districts”.

“One of the many challenges facing rural practices and their patients is the large distances needed to access health care. Scone **Medical** Practice has helped to alleviate this issue by providing a comprehensive range of medical services on site which help reduce the stress and costs for patients by minimising travel times”

“GPs working at the practice have a wide range of expertise and have gained specialised skills in areas such as obstetrics, anaesthetics, paediatrics, skin cancer, mental health and chronic disease management.”

“The practice also arranges for visiting specialists in a variety of areas such as cardiology, endocrinology, physiotherapy, psychology and dietetics to provide services on site at the practice’s purpose built medical facility”

“One of the main reasons we believe Scone **Medical** Practice has been chosen from amongst the many other outstanding general practices in our region is because of the high level of GP retention for a general practice servicing a small rural community”, said Nankervis.

Ross Higham, Practice Manager, believes this high retention rate for GPs can be attributed to the strong focus the practice places on the needs of both the patient and the community.

“Every part of our practice is about giving our patients optimum care; from the building and equipment, to our policies and procedures, staff training and encouraging the next generation of doctors and nurses through being a training practice, and embracing changes such as eHealth”, said Mr Higham.

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