

I am delighted to endorse Dr Magdalena Simonis MBBS FRACGP DRANZOCG MHHS, for the position of President of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RAGGP).

I have known Magdalena for the last 26 years and always found her a compassionate caring person and professional. This has been communicated to me by hundreds of shared care patients and fellow health professional and my own interactions and observations. Magdalena Simonis is a person who gives so much to her professional and health community, attending to every detail she works on. Also, her willingness to work on difficult projects and tasks and see them through to completion has impressed everyone in the field over the years.

She projects a warm, cheerful attitude to all who meet her. I have seen her resolving challenging conflicts and handle many difficult situations over the years with remarkable patience and admirable tact. In the local community where she lives, I have seen her going out of her way to help people. She loves people; works hard and always lifts the spirits of those around her; while at the same time, on the completion of the professional day spends hours of her time attending to the needs of her children and husband creating the love that exists within her family, that I have had the privilege to witness, over the years.

Magdalena has achieved recognised Leadership ability by her profession. Her Leadership attributes involve the capacity to connect, communicate, listen and understand and convey effective and meaningful dialogue. Magdalena, from her numerous and multiple roles, has a depth and wealth of experience to help negotiate the best that is possible for General Practitioners and shared care professional partners. Thereby achieve the best outcomes possible for the medical profession and the health and wellbeing of the general community.

Magdalena Simonis is a GP with a passion for women's health advocacy and chronic disease prevention. Magdalena is National Coordinator for the Australian Federation of Medical Women, President of Victorian Medical Women's Society and Co-Chair of the Medical Women's International Association Scientific and Research Subcommittee. Outside of MWIA, Magdalena is Senior Honorary Research Fellow University of Melbourne Department of General Practice, has represented the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) in National health policy development on cervical cancer screening, transvaginal mesh interventions, domestic and family

violence prevention, female genital cosmetic surgery, endometrial cancer screening, National Women's Health Framework and at senate enquiries. She is a Senior Research Fellow with the Department of General Practice at the University of Melbourne and her other appointments include the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) Expert Committee for Quality Care, Women's Health Victoria board member, Breast Cancer Network Australia (BCNA) Strategy and Policy Committee. Magdalena teaches and is an RACGP examiner and a University of Melbourne Medical Student Examiner. She has published extensively in her field and made numerous media presentation on behalf of the profession.

I believe these are the characteristics and qualities which represent all that is good for the profession and community, and I am very glad to endorse Dr Magdalena Simonis for the role of President of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners.

Sincerely,



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