



COUNTRY HEALTH ISSUES UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

With all the fuss about the new Royal Adelaide Hospital, you might be forgiven for thinking country health issues had dropped off the radar.

Yet the Australian Medical Association (SA) is keen to ensure the government is focused on delivering a first class health system in regional areas, ahead of next year's election.

That's why AMA(SA) President Associate Professor William Tam will be coming to the Coonawarra on Thursday 28 September to talk to local medical practitioners about their issues.

"We know that more and more doctors are feeling the pressure and there has been a lot of publicity recently about suicides and the need to support doctors' wellbeing.

"We also know that there are particular pressures in the country, with many doctors juggling busy private practices and work in hospital emergency departments – often without adequate breaks," Dr Tam said.

"That's why it's more important than ever that country doctors feel that someone has their back and they are supported and valued in what they do.

"The AMA(SA) is keen to hear first-hand about their issues so that we can raise them with the government and ensure that country health receives the attention it deserves."

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What: Australian Medical Association (SA) President, Associate Professor William Tam's fact finding mission.

Why: To talk to local practitioners about country health issues.

When: Thursday 28 September 2017.

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