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NEW ADDITIONS TO AMA ROLL OF FELLOWS

AMA ROLL OF FELLOWS AMA NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2016 (Twitter: #amanc16)

The AMA has inducted five new members into the AMA Roll of Fellows.

Hugely influential rural GP Dr Paul Mara, intensive care specialist Dr Peter Sharley, GP and AMA Victoria President Dr Tony Bartone, obstetrician and AMA Western Australia President Dr Michael Gannon, and Hervey Bay GP and former AMA Queensland President Dr Shaun Rudd, have been added to the Roll of Fellows in recognition of the outstanding contribution each has made to both the AMA and the medical profession.

AMA President, Professor Brian Owler, announced the additions at the AMA National Conference 2016 in Canberra.

Professor Owler said that the five new Fellows were distinguished representatives of the profession.

“The new Fellows have all excelled in their medical careers, across many specialties,” Dr Owler said.

“At the same time, they have dedicated themselves to working to improve conditions for doctors, and to make the Australian health system work more effectively for patients and communities.”

Each new AMA Fellow carries an impressive record of achievement, as excerpts from their citations show:

Dr Tony Bartone

Decades of experience as a clinician and in health policy at both a state and national level have made Dr Bartone a much sought-after source of advice on key health issues. Dr Bartone, an AMA member for 30 years, is currently serving on committees advising the Victorian Government on issues ranging from violence in health care, advance care planning and naloxone provision to action on the drug ice.

In addition to his efforts to help inform and improve health policy, Dr Bartone has been an energetic and committed AMA member who has made an enormous contribution to the profession. He has served on the AMA Victoria Council since 2008, has been a Board member since 2010 and was Vice President from 2012 to 2014 before stepping up to become President two years ago.

Nationally, Dr Bartone joined the AMA Council of General Practice in 2008, and became a member of the AMACGP Executive in 2010 – a position he still holds. He is a member of the AMA Federal Council, and represents AMA Victoria on numerous bodies including Cancer Council Victoria, the Victorian Doctors Health Program and the Immunisation Strategy Group.

Dr Michael Gannon

Throughout his medical career, Dr Gannon has been active in representing his colleagues and safeguarding the interests of the medical profession.

Dr Gannon, the Head of Department, Obstetrics and Gynaecology at St John of God Hospital in Subiaco, served as President of the Australian Medical Students' Association in 1993-94 while studying medicine, and joined the AMA upon graduating in 1995. As a member of the federal AMA Doctors in Training Committee, he became a spokesperson for the successful Safe Hours campaign.

Not long after completing his training and being admitted as a Fellow of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Dr Gannon assumed a prominent role in AMA WA's push for reform of state maternity services. His leadership and robust representation helped convince the WA Government to reconsider its position on reforms. He became AMA WA Vice President in 2011 and was elected AMA WA President in 2014.

Nationally, he is Chair of the AMA's Ethics and Medico-legal Committee, and is leading a number of policy reviews, including on assisted dying. During his term as AMA WA President, Dr Gannon has had as his central tenet the inviolability of the doctor-patient relationship and the obligation of the medical profession to safeguard it. He has also campaigned hard against the creation of a third medical school in WA, arguing a better investment is to expand training opportunities for graduates.

Dr Paul Mara

Few have exerted as much influence over the shape of their profession as Dr Mara.

The Gundagai-based GP who, with his wife Dr Virginia Wrice, has served the rural community for more than 33 years, has played a foundational role in the development of general practice in Australia, particularly in rural and remote areas.

Dr Mara was a central figure behind the formation of the Rural Doctors Association of NSW, and was a founding member and inaugural Vice President of the Rural Doctors Association of Australia – becoming President in 2010.

His extensive list of firsts includes being the inaugural Director of General Practice at the Federal AMA. He was a key participant in negotiating the establishment of the Divisions of General Practice, as well as vocational registration, GP training reforms and practice enhancement grants (the precursor to the Practice Incentives Program).

During the 1990s and early 2000s, Dr Mara conducted trials of a national practice accreditation program, undertook a review of the rural medical workforce, and co-authored the landmark RDAA Viable Models of Rural and Remote Practice Project, which established a framework for sustainable practice in rural and remote areas. He is founder and Managing Director of GPA Accreditation, which accredits 2000 practices nationwide.

His profound influence on general practice, particularly in rural areas, was recognised this year when he was appointed Member of the Order of Australia.

Dr Shaun Rudd

Collegiality has been a hallmark of Dr Rudd's career, both as a clinician and as an advocate for his colleagues as an AMA member, most recently as President of AMA Queensland.

This was nowhere more apparent than during the fight against the-then Queensland Government's attempt to impose individual contracts on the State's Senior Medical Officers. Dr Rudd led from the front during the intense, hard-fought dispute. Working in tandem with the federal AMA President, he played a key role in negotiations with the Government, informed by numerous conversations with individual members to learn first-hand about their thoughts and concerns.

As AMA Queensland President, he championed health issues including the obesity crisis (particularly in regional areas) and the dangers of combat sport, and was a vocal opponent of the Federal Government's attempts to introduce a patient co-payment.

Throughout his career, he has played an active role in teaching and mentoring medical students and by, engaging with professional colleagues and the broader community alike, has been a true ambassador for the AMA.

Dr Peter Sharley

From playing a key role in helping evacuate the horribly injured victims of the 2002 Bali bombings to his Presidency of AMA South Australia, Dr Sharley's career has been marked by a strong commitment to the service of others.

A senior staff specialist at the Royal Adelaide Hospital Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Departments, Dr Sharley is regularly called on for his expertise. He has held key roles with the National Organ and Tissue Authority, the Medflight Australia critical care retrieval service and RAH Medflight. He is a senior clinical lecturer with the University of Adelaide, is a Supervisor of Training at the RAH, and was the SA Regional Chair of the College of Intensive Care Medicine for six years.

He joined the AMA SA Council in 2007 and became SA representative on the AMA Federal Council in 2011. He has brought energy, insight and commitment to his AMA roles, most notably as AMA SA President when he brought great attention and scrutiny to the new Royal Adelaide Hospital development and the relocation of the Women's and Children's Hospital.

Full citations are attached.

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DR ANTHONY BARTONE

MBBS FRACGP MBA

Dr Anthony Bartone graduated from the University of Melbourne in 1984 with a Bachelor of Medicine (honours) and a Bachelor of Surgery (honours). He was admitted as a Fellow to the Royal Australian College of General Practice (RACGP) in 1990.

In 2004 Dr Bartone completed a Master of Business Administration at the Melbourne Business School where he focused on finance, innovation strategy and economics.

Dr Bartone joined the Australian Medical Association in 1986 and since then has made a significant contribution to the Association, holding multiple positions at both local and federal level.

Dr Bartone was an active committee member of the AMA Victoria Section of General Practice for a number of years and held the position of Chair from 2008-2013. He has been a member of the AMA Victoria Council since November 2008. He has served as an AMA Victoria Board Member since 2010, was Vice President from 2012-2014 and he currently holds the position of President. Dr Bartone has been a member of the AMA Victoria Finance & Audit Committee since 2011.

In 2008 Dr Bartone became a member of the AMA Council of General Practice (AMACGP) and in 2010 as part of the AMACGP Executive, a position that he continues to occupy. He has been a member of AMA Federal Council since May 2012 and he was the AMA Victoria nominee to the AMA Ltd Board from 2014- 2015.

Dr Bartone has held positions on the AMA Economics & Workforce Committee, the AMA Therapeutic Committee, the AMA Committee for Healthy Ageing and the AMA Finance Committee.

In addition to his significant contributions to the Australian Medical Association, Dr Bartone has been the AMA nominee to the Victorian Medical Benevolent Association (VMBA) since 2013 and he is its current Vice President. He is also the AMA Victoria nominee to Cancer Council Victoria and represented AMA Victoria on the Victorian Doctors Health Program (VDHP). Dr Bartone was a member of the General Practitioners Recognition Appeals Committee (GPRAC) from 2011-2013 and he is a current member of the Immunisation Strategy Group.

Dr Bartone represents AMA Victoria on a number of public health committees and advisory groups. He is currently a member of the Victorian Premier's Ice Action Taskforce Specialist Workforce Advisory Committee, the Victorian Government Violence in Healthcare Taskforce, the Victorian Community Naloxone Provision Advisory Group, the Victorian Advisory Group on Implementation of the Advance Care Planning Strategy 2014-18, the Victorian Law Reform Commission: Medicinal Cannabis Advisory Committee and the Post Graduate Council Victoria (PMCV) Welfare Interest Group.

Dr Bartone has 32 years' experience in General Practice in both private and community health. As a long-time supporter and active member of the Association and through his various roles, he has made an outstanding contribution to the Australian Medical Association.

DR MICHAEL BRYANT GANNON

MB BS (W.A.) MRCPI FRANZCOG

Dr Gannon graduated from the University of Western Australia in 1995 and joined the AMA in January of that year. He was an Intern and Resident Medical Officer at Royal Perth Hospital. He worked as a General Practitioner in rural Western Australia before commencing training in Obstetrics & Gynaecology at King Edward Memorial Hospital in 1999.

Dr Gannon was Assistant Master of the Rotunda Hospital in Dublin in 2004-2005 and then Senior Specialist Registrar in Urogynaecology at St Mary's Hospital in London in 2006.

Dr Gannon was admitted as a Member of the Royal College of Physicians Ireland in 2004 and subsequently as a Fellow of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in 2006. Since 2012 Dr Gannon has been Head of Department, Obstetrics and Gynaecology at St John of God Hospital Subiaco. He has a special interest in Medical Problems in Pregnancy and Perinatal Loss.

He is Obstetric Lead of the Perinatal Loss Service at King Edward Memorial Hospital. He is the RANZCOG Representative on the State Perinatal & Infant Mortality Committee. He holds appointments at St John of God Hospital Subiaco, St John of God Hospital Mt Lawley and Osborne Park Hospital. Dr Gannon is a Clinical Lecturer in the School of Women's and Infants' Health at the University of Western Australia and the School of Medicine of University of Notre Dame Australia. He is a Member of the Cases Committee of MDA National.

Dr Gannon has been an outstanding contributor to the Australian Medical Association over many years. Dr Gannon was AMSA President in 1993-1994 and sat on Federal Council as the AMSA representative. He joined the Doctors-in-Training Committee in 1995 and was elected as its representative to AMA (WA) Council in 1997. He was also nominated as the state representative to the Federal AMA Doctors-in-Training Committee. He was the local Junior Doctors' spokesperson for the AMA's national Safe Hours campaign, which was subsequently adopted by all the teaching hospitals in the state. He served two terms as Chairman of the Council of Doctors-in-Training Committee.

On completion of his post graduate training and Fellowship, Dr Gannon established his private practice and was re-elected to AMA (WA) Council. He subsequently was elected as the Craft Group Chairman representing Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. It was during this period that he became heavily involved in AMA representations to Government over Maternity Services reform. His leadership and robust representation contributed to the state government reconsidering its policy position on Maternity Services reform. He was elected AMA (WA) Vice President in 2011 and President in 2014. He currently a Federal Councillor and also holds the position of Chairman of the AMA Ethics & Medico-Legal Committee and is leading the Committee to develop new, and revise existing, policy on ethical and medico-legal issues. A central tenet of Dr Gannon's State Presidency is the inviolability of the doctor-patient relationship and the obligation of the profession to stand against anything which might undermine that relationship. He has led the campaign against a third medical school, and argued vigorously for a robust rational approach, through a serious expansion in the 'training pipeline' and the capacity of the health system to not only train the huge number of medical students now graduating, but to maintain the very high standards that the community expects and enjoys. He has worked to ensure that the new hospital infrastructure coming on stream meets all the operational service, professional and industrial standards.

Dr Gannon is an advocate on a range of public health issues, such as continuing the fight against tobacco, improving health literacy, and urging State and Federal governments to promote maternal vaccination and adopt a consistent approach to ensure children are vaccinated.

DR PAUL MARA MB BS FRACGP FACRRM DipRACOG

Dr Mara is a prominent rural generalist practitioner from Gundagai, NSW, where he has practised with his wife, Dr Virginia Wrice, for over 33 years. He has advanced training in obstetrics, anaesthetics and accident & emergency medicine. He was a central figure behind the formation of the Rural Doctors Association of NSW, and has been closely involved in the RDANSW and RDAA for many years, including as the long-serving Secretary of RDANSW, and Founding Executive Member and Inaugural Vice President of RDAA. Dr Mara was elected President of the RDAA in 2010.

Dr Mara has dedicated much time and effort to industrial issues affecting rural doctors: he played a leading role in the 1987 NSW Rural Doctors Dispute, and the subsequent negotiation

of the NSW Rural Doctors Settlement Package that set the benchmark for terms and conditions for rural doctors working as VMOs in NSW hospitals.

He was the first Director of General Practice at the Federal AMA and in 1992, at a time of significant political interest in general practice, co-authored the document *General Practice a Strategy for the Nineties and Beyond*. Dr Mara was then a key participant in negotiating the establishment of Divisions of General Practice, vocational registration and general practice training reforms and practice enhancement grants (precursors to the current Practice Incentives Program).

He undertook a number of consultancies during the 1990s and early 2000s, including a nationwide consultancy to support general practitioners establishing Divisions of General Practice; trials of a system of accreditation in 500 practices nationwide; a review of medical workforce, education and training in rural and remote areas with Dr Michael Jones and Dr Ross Vining; a review of general practitioner use of pathology services; and a review of the Rural Undergraduate Steering Committee (RUSC) Program with Professor John Humphreys. Dr Mara project managed and co-authored with Professor Humphreys the landmark RDAA Viable Models of Rural and Remote Practice Project that established benchmarks and a framework for sustainable practice in rural and remote areas.

Dr Mara is the founder and Managing Director of GPA Accreditation plus, which currently accredits 2000 rural, remote and city practices nationwide, providing assurance to the Australian public that these general practices meet strict college standards. Dr Mara and the other QPA Directors have established the Rural and Remote Health and Medical Infrastructure Trust, to support the development of practice infrastructure in rural communities.

He was awarded the ACCRRM/RDAA Peter Graham “Cohuna” Award and the RDANSW Bowman Cutter Award for services to rural medicine and his community in 2015 and was appointed Member of the Order of Australia on Australia Day 2016.

Dr Mara has had a profound influence on general practice and especially rural practice over several decades. He and his wife have mentored and supported many medical students, GP Registrars and International Medical Graduates for decades. His contribution to the profession, the welfare of his patients and colleagues is exemplary.

DR SHAUN RUDD

MB BCH BAO (Belfast)

Dr Shaun Rudd is a Hervey Bay based General Practitioner who served as AMA Queensland President from 2014-2015. Dr Rudd completed his medical degree at Queens University Belfast in 1978 and moved to Australia in 1987. A longstanding AMA member, he has served on the AMA Queensland Council since 2003, supporting valuable initiatives, projects and campaigns at both the state and national level.

Dr Rudd’s contributions to the profession stem from a true belief in the importance of collegiality. He fought strongly in 2014 to protect working conditions and doctors’ rights during the implementation of individual contracts for Queensland Senior Medical Officers. Serving a key role in the negotiation process, Dr Rudd worked diligently to represent the interests of members, often taking the time to speak with individual members about their thoughts and concerns. He worked alongside the then Federal AMA President Dr Steve Hambleton to secure a fairer contract - an accomplishment that underpinned the important role and influence AMA has across the country.

As AMA Queensland President, Dr Rudd championed numerous campaigns aimed at promoting health, particularly throughout regional Queensland. Of note, he focused on addressing the obesity crisis through education initiatives, media campaigns, and regional tours.

He also successfully established relationships with a number of health organisations such as Parenting, Eating, & Activity for Child Health (PEACH), an organisation dedicated to supporting families to be healthier and more active together.

As a prolific media spokesperson, Dr Rudd brought a number of critical policy issues to the forefront. In particular, he strongly advocated against the implementation of the flawed co-payment proposed in the 2014 Budget, frequently speaking to the media, participating in rallies, and ensuring members were abreast of AMA's concerns and work in the area.

Following the death of boxer Braydon Smith in March 2015, Dr Rudd garnered national attention by renewing calls for boxing to be banned in Australia, setting the agenda for a broader discussion on combat sports. These calls went beyond Queensland, with Dr Rudd speaking to media across the country.

Dr Rudd is committed to ensuring the next generation of doctors has the skills, support, and mentorship necessary to thrive in the challenging field of medicine.

From 1989-2015 he played an active role in medical student teaching and mentoring, working with medical students from five different universities in Victoria and Queensland.

Additionally, Dr Rudd has spoken at numerous graduation, intern, and medical society events, highlighting the important role AMA serves in supporting young doctors.

Dr Rudd has epitomised the most positive traits of a medical professional throughout his career and time in medicine. By engaging members and the public at the community level, he has been a true ambassador for the AMA, the medical profession, and general practice. Whether speaking at an industry-related conference, meeting members from around the country, discussing health and nutrition at a local community centre, or highlighting the importance of exercise with a friendly football match, Dr Rudd has diligently upheld the values of the profession.

DR PETER HAMILTON SHARLEY OAM

MBBS (Adel), Dip Obs RACOG, PG Dip Av Med, PG Cert AME, Dip Bus Mgt, GAICD, FANZCA, FCICM

Dr Peter Sharley graduated MB BS from the University of Adelaide in 1985. He is a specialist intensivist and specialist anaesthetist. He has been a senior staff specialist at the Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH) Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Departments since 1993 and is a visiting specialist in intensive care at Alice Springs Hospital and Noosa Hospital. He was RAH ICU deputy director for over seven years and Director of the Critical Care Retrieval Service for five years.

Dr Sharley is a senior clinical lecturer with the University of Adelaide (since 2007), and is a RAH Supervisor of Training for the College of Intensive Care Medicine (since 2010). He was the SA Regional Chair of the College of Intensive Care Medicine from September 2009-September 2015.

Dr Sharley has held key roles with the National Organ and Tissue Authority (hospital medical director) and Mediflight Australia critical care retrieval service, and RAH Mediflight (chief medical consultant, and director). He was awarded an OAM in 2003 for the provision of medical assistance to victims of the bombings which occurred in Bali in 2002.

Dr Sharley joined the AMA(SA) State Council in May 2007, as Salaried Medical Officers' Representative. Peter's energy, capability and commitment subsequently saw him elected to the role of Honorary Treasurer on the AMA(SA) State Council in 2008, and re-elected in 2010. In this role he led the AMA(SA) Finance Committee, with a focus on growing membership and maintaining and improving services to members.

Dr Sharley was subsequently elected to the role of AMA(SA) President in May 2011 (to May 2013). At this time, he also became the AMA(SA) Branch Nominee to the Federal Council of the AMA. In all his roles, Peter was a steadfastly reliable contributor at Council meetings,

which he missed only extremely rarely, and an energetic and committed contributor outside of meetings.

Since joining the AMA(SA) Council, Dr Sharley has given countless hours of time in service of the AMA, at state and federal levels. He has done this because of his interest in making a difference. His passion, energy and dedication meant that his commitments to the AMA expanded and increased over time, both within and outside the organisation.

Dr Sharley completed many projects as President. Working with the CEO and others he reformed the AMA(SA) Constitution and formed the AMA(SA) Executive Board, as part of a new structure for the organisation to enable the State Council to focus on policy and advocacy and the Board to provide strategic, operational leadership for the Association. It was particularly important to Dr Sharley to support the advocacy of the AMA(SA)'s Regional Representatives in Council meetings.

Dr Sharley took up the role of AMA(SA) President at a challenging time, with members concerned about a number of key elements in the new Royal Adelaide Hospital and the relocation of the Women's and Children's Hospital. As President Dr Sharley brought greater attention and scrutiny to these major projects. He played a key role in AMA(SA) negotiations on behalf of rural general practitioners to provide services to country hospitals, including after his presidency, and up to recent times.

His sense of community and collegiality is also reflected in his longstanding involvement in the Adelaide University Football Club, of which he has been club doctor and vice president since 2010.

Dr Sharley continues to contribute to the AMA as a member of the Board of Australian Medical Association Limited, Doctors Health Services Pty Ltd and Chair of the SA Post Graduate Medical Education Association (SAPMEA).