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2016 Annual Parliamentary Dinner

Hon. Elise Archer, Speaker of the House of Assembly in the Parliament of Tasmania. And The President of the AMA in Tasmania Dr Stuart Day have pleasure in inviting you to attend **AMA Tasmania's Annual Parliamentary Dinner for 2016.**



To be held in the Parliamentary Reception Hall, Parliament House, Hobart on **Wednesday 21st September 2016**

7.00 pm for 7.30 pm (\$70.00 per head - two-course meal and drinks)

RSVP - AMA House 6223 2047 or ama@amatas.com.au

Federal Council and AMACGP Members

You are encouraged to consider submitting an **EOI** to become a 'core' member on a TGA statutory advisory committee or act as a specialist expert advisor on a specific medicine or devices regulatory topic.

The TGA is spilling all its committee and specialist advisory panel positions as part of a reorganisation of its committee structures and functions.

It is, therefore, seeking expressions of interest from a very wide range of health care professionals including general practitioners and other medical specialists.

The TGA relies on its advisory committees to advise on regulatory decisions regarding medicines scheduling, medicines advertising, complementary medicines, adverse reaction notifications, and so on.

These are critical functions impacting on all medical practitioners and of keen interest to the **AMA**.

More information about the positions, remuneration and application process, is available at: <https://www.tga.gov.au/tga-statutory-advisory-committee-and-specialist-advisor-vacancies> Applications must be made directly to the TGA and close on 4 October 2016.

Ears Blocked with Wax?

Following on from the article in the AMA Newsletter in June this year highlighting the need for a dedicated micro-suction earwax removal clinic in Tasmania, Hobart is set to open its own at the beginning of October.

Earworx removes ear wax using the gentle micro-suction technology under direct observation.



Established by Registered Nurse Lisa Hellwege, Lisa has undertaken both a Nationally Accredited Course in Micro-Suction and Aural Hygiene and a Course in Aural Care adapted from the Aural Care Certificate delivered by Mandeville Hospital in the UK. Lisa previously worked for a number of years in the ENT outpatient clinic at the Royal Hobart Hospital. She is also the Tasmanian State Coordinator for the National Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Nurses Group and coordinates education for the State.

Located at 181 Harrington Street Hobart and opening October 5th, bookings are made online at www.earworx.com.au. Lisa is keen to meet with AMA members to discuss her business and how it can complement general practice services. You can contact Lisa directly: lisa@earworx.com.au, mob 0475841033.

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Vocational training of general practitioners in rural locations is critical for the Australian rural medical workforce

Objective: To investigate associations between general practitioner vocational training location and subsequent practice location, including the effect of rural origin.

Design and participants: Annual panel survey of GPs (from the MABEL study) who completed their vocational training and transitioned to independent practice, 2008–2014.

Main outcome measures: Rural practice location in the 5 years after vocational registration for participants in four primary cohorts:

(1) rural origin/rural training;

- (2) metropolitan origin/rural training;
- (3) rural origin/metropolitan training; and
- (4) metropolitan origin/metropolitan training.

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Rural Primary Health Services Commissioning REMINDER

FINAL REMINDER - Tenders for rural primary health services commissioning opened **Friday 2 September** and will **close on Friday 30 September at 2 pm**.

General practices, health and community service providers and local councils in 21 Tasmanian local government areas* are eligible to tender for rural primary health services funding. Primary Health Tasmania is encouraging collaborative approaches for tenders. You may be approached by other organisations who wish to collaborate on tender submissions, or you may wish to consider planning a tender application in your community.

Tender documents including the Commissioning Intentions Document and assessment criteria will be available following registration on Primary Health Tasmania's eTender portal at www.tenderlink.com/primaryhealthtas

It's easy to register, and there is no cost. All enquiries regarding the scope of the tender must be submitted in writing via the portal's online forum. For probity reasons, we cannot provide advice about the tender to individual providers. General enquiries (e.g. around access to the portal) can be directed to Julia Doyle at jdoyle@primaryhealthtas.com.au or on 6213 8200.

* Burnie, Devonport, Launceston, Brighton, Glenorchy, Clarence, Sorell and Hobart local government areas are not eligible for rural primary health services commissioning. Eligibility is assessed on socioeconomic disadvantage (SEIFA Index for Australia), Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia (RA3-RA5) and population size.

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