

RDAQ Management Committee Nomination

Statement to support nomination: Dr Matthew Masel

Dr Matt Masel grew up in Brisbane and first came to Goondiwindi as a medical student in 1993. After his hospital years, including a 12 month Advanced Diploma in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, he and his wife Dr Sue Masel travelled and undertook volunteer work overseas. They settled in Goondiwindi in 2001.

Since then, he has worked in General Practice at Goondiwindi Medical Centre and as a Visiting Medical Officer at the Goondiwindi Hospital. He became a Practice Partner in 2005. Matt is interested in Obstetrics, Indigenous Health, Zoonoses, and Geriatrics. Matt provides senior input and teaching, on call assistance for emergencies and advice, and is on the GP Obstetric roster for the Maternity Service of the Goondiwindi Hospital.

Matt was President of the Rural Doctors' Association of Queensland from 2022 to 2023 and chaired the Queensland GP Alliance during that time. He remains involved in medico-politics and is dedicated to improving health services for rural people.

Matt and Sue have four sons, living across three states. Matt enjoys cooking, swimming, kayaking, tennis, photography and videography. He does not really enjoy running but is proud of his 220 Parkruns...and still counting.

Having been an RDAQ member for 21 years, conference convenor and president, and having served on Management Committee for the last 5 years, I would like to continue to contribute to our Association this year for several reasons.

RDAQ and rural health advocacy in Queensland is at a pivotal moment. The RDAQ board has proposed a restructure to a National Model, with a single national Rural Doctors Association, and State Councils. This next RDAQ Management Committee will need to determine the wishes of our membership, be it to remain as an independent RDAQ, or to proceed to the winding up of RDAQ and adopt the National Model. It will be an essential role of the next Management Committee to determine how to ensure our financial equity, relationships, events and services are maintained for the benefit of Queensland rural doctors and the communities we serve.

I remain keen to continue RDAQ's important work done to date in supporting existing rural birthing services across Queensland, and in opening closed and bypassed services as Level 3 Rural Generalist/Midwifery collaborative services. I am also proud to have been vocal and supportive of rural community General Practice and feel there is momentum in this area that I can continue to push forward.

Education & Qualifications

Qualification	Name of University / College	Country of qualification	Year
MBBS	University of Queensland	Australia	1994
DRANZCOG	RANZCOG	Australia	1998
FRACGP	RACGP	Australia	2002
DRANZCOG (Adv)	RANZCOG	Australia	2012
FARGP	RACGP	Australia	2019
FACRRM	ACRRM	Australia	2022
FRACGP-RG	RACGP	Australia	2023

Clinical Experience

Dates	Jan 2001 – Current
Position Title	General Practitioner
Responsibilities	Fulltime
Facility	Goondiwindi Medical Centre

Dates	Jan 2008 – Current
Position Title	Visiting Medical Officer (Advanced Practice in Obstetrics)
Responsibilities	Part time
Facility	Goondiwindi Hospital