

Local doctors learn about Harvard experience

By Tony Robinson

Three leading doctors are benefiting country G.P.'s from their Medical Education – The Harvard Experience and shared their knowledge gained with local doctors who attended the Sturt Fleurieu Management Committee meeting held at the Novotel Barossa Valley Resort, Rowland Flat last Thursday.

Dr. Peter Clements, formerly of Kapunda, was M.C. for the evening.

Sturt Fleurieu is a regional training provider based in Strathalbyn and Adelaide tasked with providing general practice training to G.P. registrars.

The region encompasses southern metropolitan Adelaide, the Riverland, Barossa Valley, Fleurieu, Adelaide Hills and the Murray Mallee.

The organisation works closely with its senior G.P. supervisors, teaching general practices, Divisions of General Practice, hospitals, and universities to ensure training of the highest standards.

Part of their commitment as a training provider is to ensure that they adequately service

the region with a regular and consistent placement of registrars.

In 2008 Sturt Fleurieu has five registrars of various stages of their training programme placed in the Barossa and Gawler areas.

The three speakers were Dr. Ian McCombe, of Victor Harbor; Dr. Shirley Fung, of Hahndorf and Dr. Bruce Mugford, C.E.O. Sturt Fleurieu.

Dr. Mugford explained that each doctor had to take a project with them. His subject was studying G.P. training.

Dr. McCombe provided a brief outline of how the doctors had benefited from undertaking training at the Harvard Macy Programme in Boston, U.S.A.

He said we need medical services in country towns and if you promote general practice in the country you are half way there.

Each doctor was given a project to complete to get into the course. Dr. McCombe's project was about intern placements.

He said, "Sturt Fleurieu has eight practices with 40 junior doctors receiving training. The sign of a successful intern placement is that they learn lots. It is a very successful programme."

Dr. Shirley Fung spoke of how she developed a programme in dermatology.

RIGHT:
Dr. Bruce Mugford, Dr. Ian McCombe and Dr. Shirley Fung who spoke at the Sturt Fleurieu dinner.



BELOW:
Local G.P.'s who attended the Sturt Fleurieu dinner: Dr. Max Van Dissel, Dr. Bernie Myatt, Dr. Frank Altmann, Dr. Ben Baker, Dr. Peter Clements and Dr. Adrian Borg.



Jamie Briggs is Liberal candidate for Mayo

Mr Jamie Briggs has been appointed the Liberal Party candidate for Mayo. He is 31 years old, married to Estee. The couple have a daughter, Elka and a second baby due in September.

Job opportunities took the family to Canberra a few years ago, but

have returned to South Australia to raise their family.

The people of Mayo will have an important decision to make in the looming by-election. They will have the opportunity to make a statement to the Rudd Government that enough is enough.



Mr Jamie Briggs