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6 November 2019

Ms Kate Sanderson
Coroners Registrar
Coroners Court of Victoria
65 Kavanagh Street
Southbank VIC 3006



Dear Ms Sanderson,

Re: Court ref: COR 2017 001844 – Carmel Killackey

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) acknowledges receipt of your letter dated 6 August 2019 regarding the death of Carmel Killackey (Court ref: COR 2017 001844).

Pursuant to Section 72(2) of the Coroners Act 2008, the RACGP responds to the recommendations as follows:

Recommendation

That the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine develop a continued professional development scheme for General Practitioners in Emergency Medicine.

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) Continuing Professional Development (CPD) program includes a broad range of activities to meet individual General Practitioner (GP) learning relevant to scope of practice.

RACGP members have access to many CPD education opportunities in and relating to emergency medicine available via [Find a course](#) on the RACGP website.

Recommendation

That the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine and the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine form a tripartite Joint Consultative Committee on Urgent Care and Emergency Medicine to oversee the development of Emergency Medicine skills in rural General Practitioners.

The Fellowship of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (FRACGP) is a specialist general practice qualification accredited by the Australian Medical Council. Attainment of the FRACGP signifies that a GP has been assessed as competent across the core skills of general practice enabling him or her to practice safely, unsupervised, anywhere in Australia.

Forming the centrepiece of the [RACGP Curriculum for Australian General Practice 2016](#) is the Core Skills Unit. Core Skill CS2.2.3.2b – *Emergency management skills* – refers to the need to maintain skills which are appropriate to the general practice environment and access to specialised emergency services. Core Skill CS2.2.3.1c – *General practice – lifelong learning* requires GPs to undertake regular reviews of emergency management skills to ensure relevance and currency is maintained.



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GPs who live and work in rural and remote Australia may apply for a second RACGP Fellowship. The Fellowship in Advanced Rural General Practice (FARGP) is a qualification awarded by the RACGP in addition to the FRACGP and is designed to develop advanced rural skills and broaden options for safe, accessible and comprehensive care for Australia's rural, remote and very remote communities. Providing detailed information about the FARGP pathways and pathway requirements is [The FARGP Guidelines for general practice registrars and practicing GPs](#). These guidelines include information regarding the compulsory program requirement 6.8 – *Emergency medicine module* – which outlines that all FARGP candidates, whether they are a general practice registrar or practising GP, must complete the FARGP emergency medicine module. This module includes a series of case studies, a clinical skills audit and the satisfactory completion of two advanced emergency skills courses.

Should you or the Coroner wish to discuss this further, please contact RACGP Victoria on (03) 8699 0488.

Yours sincerely

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Chair, RACGP Victoria