

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Gympie's Doctor Dunn 'honoured' to take up RDAQ president role**

Gympie's Dr Alex Dunn has officially been inaugurated as President of the Rural Doctors Association of Queensland (RDAQ) at the organisation's Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Cairns today.

A Queenslander, born and raised in Maryborough, and a member of the first cohort on the Queensland Rural Generalist Pathway, Dr Dunn said he was deeply honoured to step into the role advocating for rural and remote Queenslanders.

"I've always been passionate about rural medicine," Dr Dunn said.

"I am very grateful for the experiences and opportunities being a rural doctor has provided me, and being involved with RDAQ has been a huge part of that journey," he said.

"RDAQ is a great community of likeminded, passionate members who are doing everything they can to deliver the best care possible for their patients, often in very challenging situations or environments."

Dr Dunn completed a Bachelor of Science, followed by a Medical Degree at the University of Queensland, graduating in 2005, before undertaking his core rural training and Advanced Skills Training (AST) in anaesthetics at the Sunshine Coast Hospital.

He spent two years in Cooktown and subsequently headed further north to Weipa where he served as the Western Director of Medical Services for seven years.

Dr Dunn relocated to the Gympie region in 2018, where he lives with his wife and three daughters and works as a Rural Generalist at Gympie Hospital, in emergency and anaesthetics.

Most recently he has been chair of the RDAQ Rural Workforce Committee and is committed to continuing the momentum the organisation is building in advocacy at all levels of government.

"I'm honoured and excited to have the opportunity to give back and to work towards better outcomes for our members and the communities they serve, but it's also daunting taking on this role that's been held by so many great leaders in rural medicine.

"I have received great mentorship from Immediate Past-President Dr Matt Masel, and I thank Matt for his tireless, effective, and passionate work over the past year. I'm also grateful to many other past presidents who have been more than willing to share their advice and wisdom.

"Ensuring a sustainable workforce, viability of rural general practice, and rebuilding safe and reliable maternity services, are issues that will continue to be at the forefront of RDAQ's agenda.

"Rural medicine can certainly be challenging but it is also extremely rewarding, and we have a lot to be optimistic about moving forward as well. "

Dr Danielle Allan, from Esk, was named President-Elect, and will take over from Dr Dunn as president next year.

## **2023-2024 RDAQ Management Committee**

### **Executive**

President	Dr Alex Dunn - Gympie
President-elect	Dr Danielle Allan - Esk
Treasurer	Dr Ulrich Orda – Mt Isa
Secretary	Dr Felicity Constable - Toowoomba

### **Management committee**

Dr Gabrielle Keating – Mt Isa  
Dr Rebecca Lyon –Toowoomba  
Dr Elizabeth Clarkson – Theodore  
Dr Bek Adams - Kingaroy  
Dr June Brundell – Pilton  
Prof. Tarun Sen Gupta – Townsville  
Dr Vidhushan Paheerathan – Mt Isa  
Dr David Walker - Longreach

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[RDAQ Immediate Past-president Dr Matt Masel passing the presidential pin to RDAQ President Dr Alex Dunn](#)

[RDAQ Executive and Management Committee 2023-24](#) (excluding President-elect Dr Dannielle Allan and committee member Dr David Walker.

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