



‘There is always something new.’

The AOGP Board

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PRACTICE/POST Mannum Medical Associates, Mannum

THE FIRST TIME I HEARD ABOUT AOGP WAS... when Justin Beilby visited the Practice to see if we were interested in being a training post. Initially we were not sure, but now realise that without Registrars, our Practice would struggle to survive.

A DAY IN YOUR LIFE As Chair of AOGP I do a variety of things, such as attending conferences and board meetings, meeting stakeholders, strategic planning to increase training places and supporting the educational role of the organisation.

I enjoy the contrast in my week—the first half is spent with the Registrars, Interns IMGs and students at my Practice, in a teaching/mentoring and support role.

The second half of my week is with Adelaide Country Health SA, as the Clinical Director of Emergency Services. Here I support and organise hospital Emergency Departments, help coordinate emergency services for the country, organise the Rural Emergency Responder Network (a group of doctors who treat out of hospital emergencies) and also support distance Emergency Departments over the phone.

DRIVING FACTOR When I commit to something, I commit to doing it properly and giving it 100% effort. I believe that ‘anyone can do anything’ given the right motivation and will.

LOVE ABOUT YOUR ROLE I find training young doctors to be very enjoyable. I see it as a two-way process and when they aren’t around, it is boring! I love the reinvigoration of new challenges.

DISLIKES ABOUT YOUR ROLE I would like to be able to fit more in—I dislike not having an extra day in the week!

PERSONAL BIGGEST CHALLENGE Fitting everything in is always a challenge, as is doing what I do at my age. I want to ensure I do things properly and know when I have passed my ‘use by date’!

PROFESSIONAL BIGGEST CHALLENGE There is always something new or a new way of looking at something. Finding the balance between relying upon learned behaviour and being open to new events and information. I like to use a system that is comprehensive, flexible and adaptable to enable me to do the job properly.

PERSONAL BIGGEST REWARD I have found the ability to be able to do what I do is very rewarding. My family’s support has been a big factor in what I have been able to achieve.

PROFESSIONAL BIGGEST REWARD The experience of being able to watch young doctors gaining confidence and enthusiasm for medicine is very rewarding.

WHAT MAKES YOU LAUGH? I have quite a quirky sense of humour and laugh easily about a range of things. I believe this light-hearted manner is invaluable in Practice as it is an intense social organisation of staff, patients, students, doctors etc. A light-hearted personality helps when dealing with lots of different people.

FAVOURITE MOVIE AND ALBUM OF ALL TIME My favourite movie is the ‘English Patient’ and I enjoy listening to Paul Simon’s ‘Rhythm of the Saints’.

ULTIMATE HOLIDAY The most enjoyable holiday I have been on has been to France with my wife and friends. I lived for several weeks in a small village in the middle of Provence and we were able to immerse ourselves in the culture and community.

IF I WASN’T A DOCTOR, I WOULD BE... lost! I had considered possibly psychology, plastic surgery or obstetrics and then decided to do all of them as a GP! Perhaps I would have been a lawyer in the medico-legal field.

GREATEST INFLUENCE I was not from a medical family, my father being an aeronautical engineer. He instilled the philosophies of ‘do something, do it properly’ and ‘don’t sell yourself short’ in me that I carry on today. He practiced what he preached and he also wasn’t home all that much, so that probably had an influence on me as well!

