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Joint Consultative Committee on Rural Generalist Medicine

July 2026

The Joint Consultative Committee on Rural Generalist Medicine (JCCRG) held its second meeting on 27 July 2026. The JCCRG is a collaborative group comprised of senior representatives from RACGP and ACRRM, and is chaired by the National Rural Health Commissioner. The JCCRG will lead and inform the implementation of Rural Generalist (RG) Medicine as a specialised field of practice.

AMC feedback and program alignment

The JCCRG discussed the feedback from the Australian Medical Council's (AMC) assessment of both colleges' RG training programs. It was recognised that the Medical Board of Australia (MBA) would be meeting on 29 July 2026 to approve the accreditation of ACRRM's and RACGP's training programs.

Central to discussions was the need to prioritise the review and alignment of graduate outcomes for the two RG training programs.

Collaboration with stakeholders

The committee agreed that engagement with a range of stakeholders is critical to inform the sector about RG Medicine. Existing formal arrangements with some specialist colleges were noted. The JCCRG will seek to engage closely with the specialist medical colleges, state health jurisdictions and regulation bodies.

Advanced skills

The JCCRG discussed commonalities and differences between the advanced skills components of each college's curricula. It was decided that a framework to determine new advanced training skills may be considered.

Scope of practice and credentialing

The committee discussed the importance of scope of practice and credentialing processes for RG Medicine.

Continuing Professional Development

The JCCRG acknowledged that subspecialty RG registration may impact CPD and discussed potential options for core and higher level CPD requirements.

Contacting the JCCRG

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For general enquiries about the respective training programs and any other matter, please contact ACRRM (policy@acrrm.org.au) or RACGP (rural@racgp.org.au).

Further information

For more information about Rural Generalist Medicine, college training programs and medical specialist registration, please visit the following links:

- [ACRRM](#)
- [RACGP](#)
- [Australian Medical Council](#)
- [Medical Board of Australia: Specialist Registration](#)

The members of the JCCRG who attended the July meeting were:

Chair Professor Jenny May, National Rural Health Commissioner

Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) Associate Professor David Campbell, Marita Cowie, Dr Jillann Farmer, Associate Professor Shannon Nott

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) Associate Professor Michael Clements, Georgina van de Water, Dr Karin Jodlowski-Tan, Dr Ken Wanguhu

The next meeting of the JCCRG will be held in September 2026.