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National training survey shows valuable contribution of ACRRM registrars

The Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) training program is being rated positively by registrars, according to the most recent Medical Board of Australia (MBA) Medical Training Survey.

Just released, the 2019 survey indicates registrars across general practice rate training highly and ACRRM registrars particularly value the direct relationship and support system they have with the College.

ACRRM President Ewen McPhee says the findings bode well for the introduction of College-led training in 2021 and reflect ACRRM's commitment to closely align the training program to the needs of registrars.

"It is encouraging that results indicate the quality of training is considered to be high for general practice and Rural Generalist training, and we are very pleased to see the satisfaction expressed by our registrars who receive direct training from ACRRM. "This strongly supports our strategic plans to extend and strengthen our direct engagement with them, and their supervisors, under a College-led training model.

"The College is committed to establishing a single, integrated training program that leads to ACRRM Fellowship.

Dr McPhee notes it is clear there are concerns with bullying, discrimination and harassment remain.

"There is still work to be done to ensure our trainees are able to practice with strong mental health and wellbeing support and in workplaces free from bullying and discrimination.

"This is a clear mandate for the Presidents' Respectful Workplaces group which is committed to strengthen support, guidance and education, and respectful working environments for our registrars," he says.

The Medical Training Survey was completed by nearly 10,000 doctors in training to provide educators, employers and stakeholders with a tool that can be used to strengthen medical training.

"We welcome the survey as a tool to help us to improve our training services," Dr McPhee says, "and it is particularly insightful for evaluating the satisfaction of Rural Generalist registrars who are completing the ACRRM program."

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ABOUT ACRRM

The [Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine](http://www.acrrm.org.au) is the only College in Australia entirely dedicated to training and supporting rural General Practitioners and Rural Generalists to serve rural and remote communities.

The College vision is to have the right doctors, in the right places, with the right skills, providing rural and remote people with excellent health care.

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