

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Another record intake of new GPs

Communities across the North East and Goulburn Murray are set to benefit from a record intake of doctors into a specialised GP training program run by Bogong Regional Training Network ([www.bogong.org.au](http://www.bogong.org.au))

Twenty three (23) doctors will this week begin specialised GP training delivered by Bogong.

Chief Executive, Ms Nicki Melville, said 2010 is proving to be a milestone year for community general practice in the region.

“Bogong has consistently increased its GP training intake by almost 25% every year for the last four years, building from twelve participants in 2007, to fifteen in 2008, nineteen in 2009 and our current intake of 23,” said Ms Melville.

Every accredited practice in the Bogong region who wanted a new GP trainee this year through the Australian General Practice Training Program was successfully matched.

<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>PRACTICE</u></b>	<b><u>GP name</u></b>
<b>ALBURY</b>	Central Medical, Wodonga	Dr Ashraf Islam
<b>WODONGA</b>	Federation Clinic, Wodonga	Dr Priya Kondappan
	Lavington Clinic, Albury	Dr Nishani Kulatunga
	The Doctors at Lavington	Dr Joanne Tong
<b>BEECHWORTH</b>	Beechworth Surgery	Dr Assad Assaduzzam
<b>BENALLA</b>	Church Street	Dr Christie Rodda
<b>BRIGHT</b>	Bright Medical Clinic	Dr John Lambert
<b>COBRAM</b>	Cobram Medical	Dr Rebecca Anderson
<b>COROWA/</b>	Corowa/Rutherglen	Dr Ivanka Silic
<b>RUTHERGLEN</b>		Dr Maylene Pineda
<b>EUROA</b>	Euroa Medical Family Practice	Dr Rob Phair
<b>KYABRAM</b>	Kyabram Medical	Dr Sharmaine Perera
<b>MANSFIELD</b>	Central General Practice	Dr Jin Xue
	Mansfield Medical Clinic	Dr Jimmy Huang
		Dr Matt Reid
<b>MYRTLEFORD</b>	Standish Street	Dr Loredana Reid
<b>NATHALIA</b>	Nathalia Medical	Dr Dong Dong
<b>SHEPPARTON</b>	Lister House Medical Centre	Dr Jian Huang
	Princess Park	Dr Wil Chong
<b>WANGARATTA</b>	Ovens Medical Group	Dr Joseph Ding
<b>YARRAWONGA</b>	Yarrowonga Denis Medical	Dr Ben Addison
	Yarrowonga Medical	Dr John (Keith) Abraham
		Dr Raymond Chan

Each year Bogong competes for GP registrars from a national pool of applicants. If they meet certain criteria, applicants are interviewed and, if successful, commence GP training in the Bogong region the following year.

Ms Melville said all of the new doctors hold Australian or overseas medical qualifications and are committed to working with people in rural and regional areas.

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“These doctors have chosen General Practice as their specialty. Our job now is to deliver first class training that ensures our doctors deliver excellent care for patients.”

Bogong Regional Training Network offers training for fully qualified doctors who have chosen General Practice as their medical specialty. It services an area that includes Albury Wodonga, Wangaratta, Benalla, Yarrawonga and Shepparton.

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### PHOTO/INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES – FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY :

**1. Bogong Chief Executive, Nicki Melville** is available for interviews this Friday, 12 February from **8.30am – 9.15am** and from **2.15pm – 3pm** at the Bogong RTN office at 115 Hume Street Wodonga VIC 3690

**2. Representatives from the 2010 GP training group** will be available for interviews on Friday, 12 February from **10.30am – 11am**. The group will be attending Rural Skills Emergency Training at the Health & Sciences Building at La Trobe University, Wodonga Campus.

For further information or to arrange an interview please contact:

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