



North Coast GP Training Ltd.

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Local GP registrar wins national 2008 "GP Registrar of the Year" award**

Dr Tim Francis, GP registrar and Registrar Liaison Officer (RLO), with North Coast GP Training (NCGPT), has been selected by General Practice Education and Training (GPET) and Medical Observer to receive the 2008 "GP Registrar of the Year" Award.

Tim was selected, from a number of GP registrar hopefuls, as a dedicated, enthusiastic and tireless campaigner for general practice as a meaningful and fulfilling career. In the role as NCGPT's RLO, Tim provides excellent support to his GP registrars peers as they progress through their general practice training.

Tim wins an all expenses paid trip to London to attend the BMJ Careers Fair in October to promote the Australian General Practice Training program. He was presented with the award at this year's GPET Convention, Wollongong.

Of the award, Tim said

"I know that there are plenty of registrars out there doing amazing things, so I was surprised and rather humbled to be considered among their number. The fact that I have been able to do what I do is due to the great support I have received from my colleagues at NCGPT and General Practice Registrars Australia and the patience of my wonderful wife, Sonia. It is very rewarding to find ones contribution so highly valued."

John Langill, NCGPT Chief Executive Officer, said

"Tim has made an enormous contribution to general practice through his tireless dedication to supporting his GP registrar peers. He truly is an extraordinary asset to NCGPT and we are enormously proud to have him on the team."

*North Coast GP Training was established under a Commonwealth Government initiative to provide regionally based general practice vocational education. Their training region stretches from Laurieton in the south to the Queensland border in the north and west to the Great Dividing Range. North Coast GP Training has won multiple awards for innovation in delivery of its education training and service excellence and is one of 21 general practice training providers in Australia.*

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