

Media Release

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RACP thanks Minister Greg Hunt for his service to Australians

The RACP thanks Minister Greg Hunt for his service to the community, particularly as Minister for Health and Aged Care.

RACP President-elect Dr Jacqueline Small says “We have appreciated his leadership and consultative approach during the incredible challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Through a strong working relationship, the RACP has secured a series of important improvements to the healthcare system.

“These achievements include establishing a range of permanent telehealth items for specialist physicians and their patients and boosting protective equipment for health workers.

“During the pandemic we appreciated the Minister’s support for improvements to the Australian Immunisation Register, the AusVaxSafety scheme and the implementation of a vaccine compensation scheme.

“We have also done some important work together on strategies for preventive health, and obesity in Australia. We look forward to the release of these strategies.

“We thank Minister Hunt for his ongoing engagement with physicians across Australia through his attendance at our member Town Halls.

“We appreciate Minister Hunt’s engagement in resolving the challenges of the healthcare workforce and alleviating the burden doctors are facing in a system which has been overwhelmed by the COVID-19 pandemic.” Dr Small said.

The RACP welcomes \$540 million in funding to deliver the ongoing management of the COVID-19 pandemic and looks forward to working with the incoming Minister in our ongoing pursuit of a robust, well-funded and resourced healthcare system.

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