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New Generation of Doctors Start Work in Tasmanian Hospitals

A new generation of doctors today commenced work as interns in public hospitals across Tasmania.

AMA Tasmania President Dr Michael Aizen congratulated the 65 new doctors on reaching this important milestone in their training.

“These fine young men and women will be the backbone of the State’s hospital system over the coming decades,” Dr Aizen said.

“They have already spent years completing their undergraduate training, and are now entering an exciting, but demanding, period of their careers.

“As hospital interns they will quickly become important members of staff, helping to meet the ever-increasing demand for health services across our community.”

However, Dr Aizen warned that more needed to be done to provide extra training places for new graduates in the years to come.

“Our community needs more doctors, so we need to ensure that every single medical school graduate is able to complete their postgraduate training in the Hospital of their choice”.

“It is expected that the number of graduates will increase to over 120 by 2014, so extra places for interns and post-graduates must be made available.

“It would be extraordinary if we were to lose new doctors simply because we failed to plan and invest in our medical training system.”

AMA Tasmania will be visiting a range of several hospitals to welcome interns during orientation week between 10 – 14 January 2010.

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