



Time for me to say goodbye to Uraidla Family Practice

Friday 15th May will be my last day consulting at Uraidla Family Practice. I leave with some sadness but also with a sense of satisfaction with what I have achieved and what I leave behind.

Many of you will know but many of you won't know that Robyn and I purchased the practice and the cottage in 2001. It was a one doctor practice back then and it is fair to say that both of the buildings were in need of some TLC.

Over the years we completely renovated the cottage and lived in it on and off for extended periods, loving every minute of it. We built an extension on the back of the clinic, creating extra rooms and completely renovated the interior of the building.

We began with a very loyal and wonderful team of receptionists, Marlene and Lynn were with us for the entire time of our tenure. The team expanded and we gathered together a remarkable group, incredible reception staff, exceptional doctors and nurses. Other team members you don't often see. Carmen, our groundsman, and Janine, our cleaner have both been with the practice for many years.

We have watched Uraidla change and then grow to the wonderful place it is today. We have looked after and seen the passing of the old identities, many of whom the Uraidla streets are named after.

In 2018 we sold the practice to Dr Kundu. We had resisted approaches from corporate purchasers because we wanted someone who shared similar values and approach to patient care as us and we saw that in him.

Robyn stayed on as practice manager to get the practice through the next round of accreditation and to smooth the transition for her replacement, Jess. I stayed on to do some sessional work to provide the extra appointments needed to meet the requirements of the community.

Two years down the track, all those commitments have been met and it is time for us to go. Robyn retired last week and I am doing so now.

I want to say thank you to all of the people who have supported us over the years. We are sure Uraidla Family Practice will continue to be a happy, successful and very important provider of health care to this wonderful community.

Dr Peter Schultz