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Australia's GPs recognised on World Family Doctor Day

The role and contribution of Australia's GPs and family doctors around the world, is being celebrated today on World Family Doctor Day.

AMA President Dr Omar Khorshid said this year's theme for [World Family Doctor Day](#) was *Family Doctors, Always There to Care!* and reflected GPs role as a cornerstone of a person's health from birth to older age.

The celebration is the perfect opportunity to acknowledge the central role of family doctors in the delivery of personal, comprehensive and continuing health care for all patients. It's also a chance to celebrate the progress being made in family medicine and the special contributions of primary care teams globally.

Dr Khorshid said general practitioners were indispensable in our communities and very much valued.

"On World Family Doctor Day the AMA would like to acknowledge the commitment of the over 38,000 GPs across the country.

"GPs are at the heart of our health system, providing all the care needed for 90 percent of all the medical problems they encounter, as well as working with other specialists and health professionals to keep the community well."

Dr Khorshid said the AMA had made general practice a focal point of its election campaign, recognising the growing demand from patients and the need to ensure that high quality GP services remain affordable and accessible across the country.

"International evidence shows patients live longer and healthier lives when they have a long-term relationship with a GP, and we know that Australia's health system is one of the best in the world because of the significant role that GPs play," Dr Khorshid said.

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