Candidate statement: Dr Wayne Herdy

With a history of seven years on Federal Council (2005-12), eleven years on Branch Council (2004-15) and having chaired several committees of both Councils, I have a background of knowledge of the AMA organization as it used to be, and a capacity to identify the changes that make the AMA the organization that it is today.

Having practised medicine for over 50 years (graduated 1973), I have long experience of recent history of the profession. Still practising about 50 hours a week in a regional general practice, I remain current with how medical practice works today.

After 10 years as President of each of two Local Medical Associations, I have been honoured by the grant of Life Membership, a testament to the regard with which I am held by those colleagues who know me best.

With a law degree, indeed a higher degree in Law (Master of Laws, Bar Practice course), I am familiar with the ways that rules work.

With a history of 30 years as a military officer (Army Reserve, retired as Lieutenant-Colonel), I understand discipline.

Within my general practice, my particular areas of special practice include addiction medicine and nursing home practice.

Having recently returned to the benches of AMAQ Branch Council, I am keen to serve my profession and our peak representative association for a few more terms, to put my experience and special skills to work for the benefit of our membership.

Wayne Herdy.