

gplearning, the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners' (RACGP) online education service, has been upgraded and the enhanced version is now available – still at <http://www.gplearning.com.au/>. The upgrade embraces new educational technologies and learners will notice many changes. Comprehensive help guides will soon be available on the website but the *gplearning* team will be sending series of tutorial news bulletins over the next few weeks to assist participants to become familiar with key aspects of the new *gplearning*.

Like most new technology, it can take a little time to get used to a new way of doing things so simply enjoy exploring the site and feel free to contact Helpdesk (contactus@gplearning.com.au or freecall 1800 284 789) if you need assistance at any time.

This bulletin covers the basics of:

- [logging in](#)
- [first login](#)
- [learner homepage](#).

The website has been designed to be as intuitive as possible but, if you are looking for further assistance, future bulletins will cover the following topics:

- finding a new *gplearning* activity
- enrolling/registering in a new *gplearning* activity
- finding a completed *gplearning* activity
- completing an unfinished active learning module (ALM)/Clinical Emergency Management Program (CEMP) course
- using the '**Getting started**' box
- available search functions
- completing activity evaluation forms
- accessing QA&CPD credit point statements
- using the PDViewer
- frequently asked questions.

All learning activities previously available on *gplearning* (over 300) are still accessible in the new system; however, they are in the traditional format. New activities are available in an upgraded style: *AFP Clinical Challenge*, *AFP Practice Challenge* and **check**. More new activities will be released in the revitalised format soon, including:

- Breast symptoms active learning module (ALM)
- Dealing with a complex immunisation consultation
- Smoking cessation in pregnancy
- Therapeutics of hormone replacement therapy
- 'Why am I puffed? Am I just getting old?' Cardiology peer case review
- **check** October multiple choice questions
- Acute rheumatic fever.

Logging in

One of the benefits of the new system is seamless transition between the *gplearning* and RACGP websites allowing easy access to a range of resources. This transition is facilitated by one set of login details (and one login) for access to both websites.

People who previously had separate login details (username and password) for the *gplearning* and RACGP websites will now only need their RACGP login details which will work for both websites. And once logged in to one website, participants can move directly into their personal version of the other without logging in again (though, at this time, repeat login may be required for certain links).

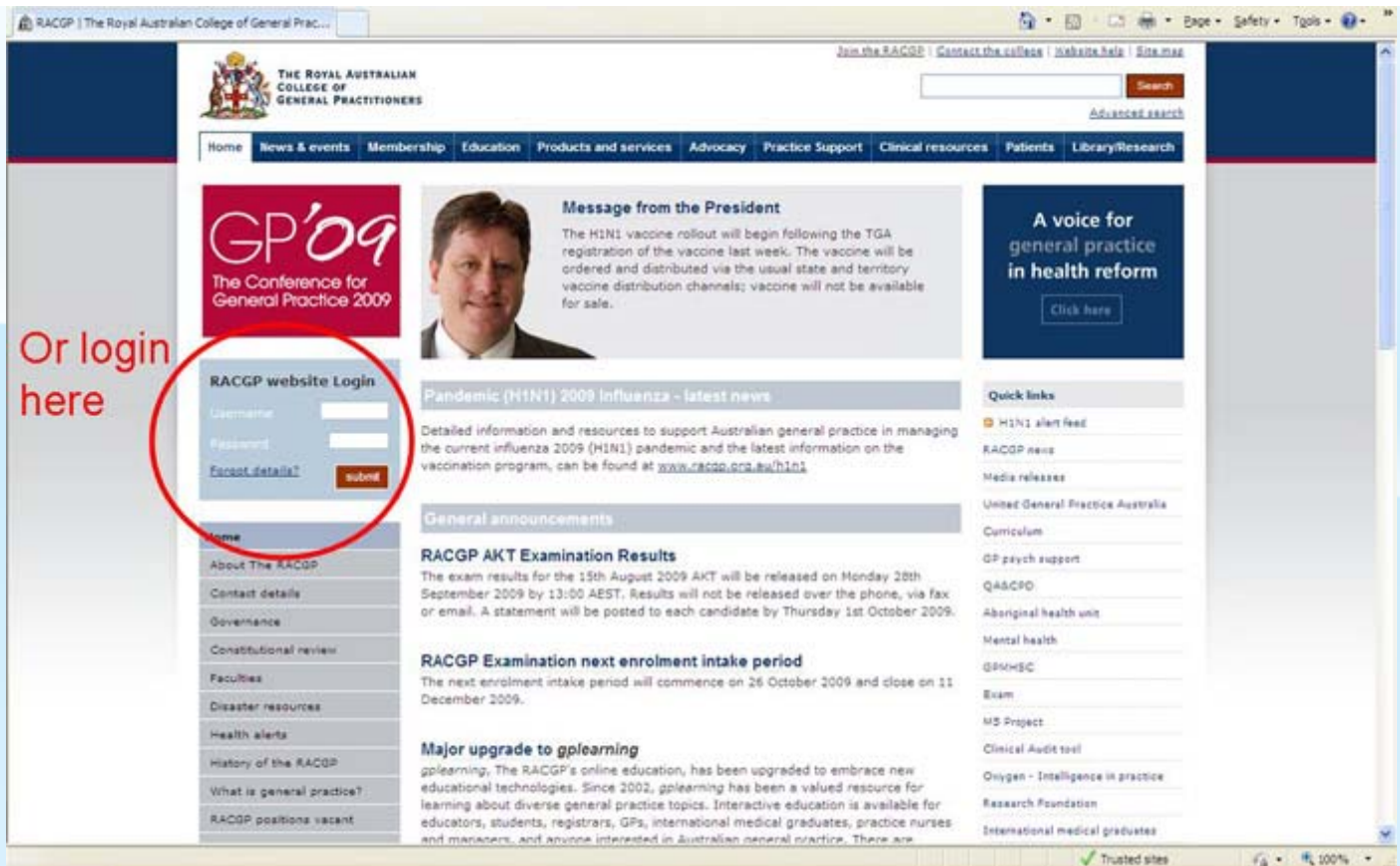
Learners who previously just had *gplearning* login details (they didn't access a personalised version of the RACGP website) should have already received an email confirming their new username and password. Wherever possible, these have been kept the same as the learner's previous login details.

Contact Helpdesk (<mailto:cotactus@gplearning.com.au> or freecall 1800 284 789) if you experience any difficulties logging in to the *gplearning* or RACGP websites.

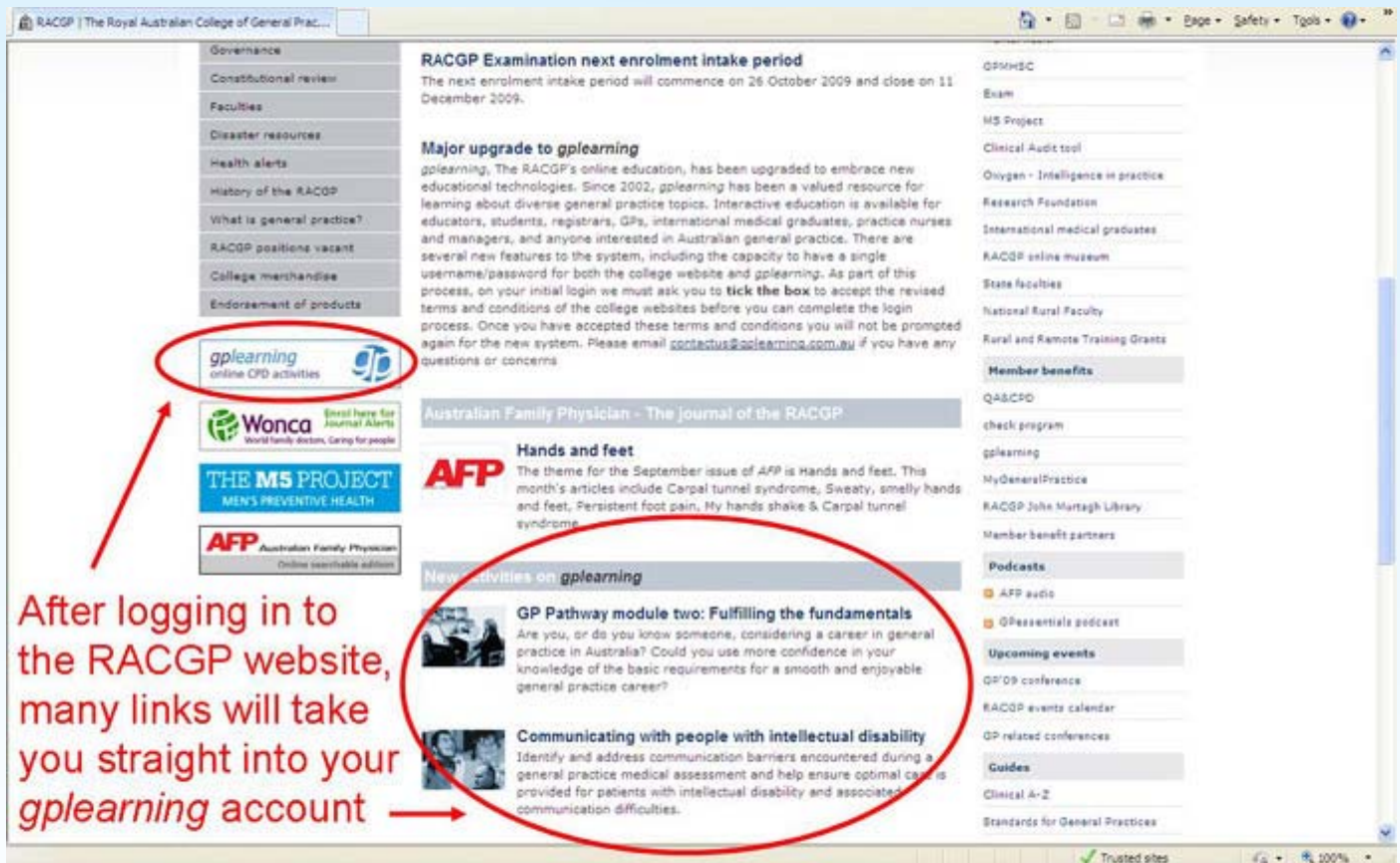
The www.gplearning.com.au new webpage:



The <http://www.racgp.org.au/> webpage:



An internal RACGP webpage with links straight to personalised *gplearning* pages (when already logged in):



After logging in to the RACGP website, many links will take you straight into your *gplearning* account

First login

The first time that you login to either the *gplearning* or RACGP website following the upgrade, you will need to read and respond to the privacy policy and terms and conditions. This page will not appear on subsequent logins but you can always find this information from links at the very bottom of <http://www.racgp.org.au/> webpages.

Learner homepage

Your learner homepage (displayed in the images below) will appear whenever you first enter your *gplearning* site. You can return to this screen at any time (when not in a learning activity) by clicking the 'house/home' image (1) in the top part of the screen.

The '**My to do**' panel (2) in the middle of the homepage screen is where you'll find key information about your active educational activities. The 'Current training' section (2) lists all activities that you are currently enrolled/registered in (whether or not you have commenced the activity), eg. see '3' in the image below. So if you were part way through any *gplearning* individual activity or ALM in the previous system, it will be listed here in the new system. Click the corresponding 'Start' button to open the activity (4).

The new *gplearning* learner homepage:

The screenshot shows the learner homepage interface with several key elements highlighted by red circles and numbers:

- 1**: The 'Home' icon in the top navigation bar.
- 2**: The 'My To Do' panel, which includes a 'Training' section.
- 3**: The 'Current Training' section, listing activities with 'Start' buttons.
- 4**: A 'Start' button for a specific activity.
- 5**: A scroll bar on the right side of the 'Current Training' section.
- 6**: A minimize button on the right side of the 'My To Do' panel.
- 7**: The 'Getting Started' panel on the left side of the page.

Activity Name	Start Date
Course: Advance care planning for general practitioners	13/09/2009
Course: AFP Clinical Challenge September 09 - Hands and Feet	28/09/2009
Course: Bipolar: Colin - GP case of Bipolar	
Course: Bipolar: Patient & Carer Perspectives in Bipolar	
Course: Bipolar: Post-test of Bipolar	

The '**Catalogue**' panel (below) beneath the '**My to do**' panel provides many different ways of searching for *gplearning* educational activities (this will be discussed in a future bulletin). Note that if you have many items in your '**My to do**' panel, you will need to scroll down (5) or minimise the '**My to do**' panel (6) to view the '**Catalogue**' panel (8).

The lower part of the new *gplearning* learner homepage:

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Remember, the house icon with 'Learner' underneath (1) will remain at the top middle of the screen on most *gplearning* system webpages. Clicking on this icon returns the learner to their homepage.

The 'PDViewer' (a summary of the learner's personal learning history for the current QA&CPD triennium) is available from multiple links on the homepage including under 'View my PDViewer' in the '**Getting started**' box (7). More information on how to use the PDViewer and other '**Getting started**' box functions will be provided in future bulletins.

For further assistance contact the Helpdesk: contactus@gplearning.com.au or freecall 1800 284 789.

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