

# Influence of Riverina doctors is recognised

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HIGHLY respected Riverina doctors Tony Hobbs and Ayman Shenouda have been named in the top 50 most influential people in the Australian medical industry. Cootamundra's Dr Hobbs and Wagga's Dr Shenouda from Glenrock Country Practice were named for the dedication to general practice in rural NSW and development of allied health.

Medical journal *Australian Doctor* lists the pair alongside some of Australia's biggest medical and political names, including former prime minister Kevin Rudd and Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) president Chris Mitchell. Dr Hobbs currently serves as the chairman of the Riverina Division of General Practice and Primary Health and was handpicked by federal Health Minister Nicola Roxon to help develop the primary care strategy.

Dr Shenouda, the current RACGP GP of the Year, was a fore-runner in what are now called superclinics, bringing together health professionals in a range of fields to service the community.

Dr Shenouda said it was a real privilege to be included on the list. "What an honour ... you do what you do for the community and then to be surprised like this was



**INFLUENTIAL MAN:** Wagga doctor Ayman Shenouda has been named as one of the 50 most influential people in Australian general practice today. Dr Shenouda as well as Cootamundra's Dr Tony Hobbs are two Riverina professionals named in the list by *Australian Doctor*.  
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"I think the set-up we have here at Glenrock is well recognised across Australia and was a super-clinic before the idea was thought of, an idea that has worked well for community health

influence the development of health through the mentoring of GPs and continue the education of the wider community."

Dr Hobbs has been a driving

was overseas when contacted yesterday. The list was compiled using a criteria including: "they have changed or have the ability to change general practice national-