

ICD Distinguished Service Award for David Goldsmith



The Section VIII Board is proud to announce that the ICD Awards Committee has approved awarding an ICD Distinguished Service Award (DSA) to Section VIII Fellow, David Goldsmith (VIC). The ICD Distinguished Service Award is a rare honour within the College, a lifetime achievement award recognizing outstanding service to the College or the public over an extensive period of time. David has earned the ICD Distinguished Service Award through his long term dedication to improving oral health in the islands of the South Pacific. David is only the fourth Fellow of Section VIII to receive a DSA. Other recipients are John McIntyre AM (SA), Clive Ross CNZM (NZ) and Peter Lazar AM (NSW).

Dr David Goldsmith has been a Fellow of Section VIII of the International College of Dentists since 2007. David has been involved with volunteer programs on islands of the South Pacific for over 25 years. His leadership has been invaluable in enhancing the availability and elevating the standard of dental services in Tonga and the Solomon Islands, as well as in the Cook Islands and Vanuatu, in recent years. David is a model of effective collaboration. He works intimately with the Rotary Club of Ballarat West, with local professionals and organisations and with a wide network of dental and other professionals he has established over many years to achieve outstanding oral health outcomes for the people of the South Pacific Islands. David is tireless in his efforts and is an inspiration to all who know him. He is ever modest and unassuming in his work.

In recent years David has been involved with establishing a dental preventive program in Tonga, conducting oral health surveys in Tonga and Vanuatu, supporting establishment of the Gudfala Tut Skul Program (school toothbrushing and education program) in Vanuatu with Dr Barry Stewart and establishment of the first National Dental Referral Clinic in Honiara (Solomon Islands) which serves as a base for a national dental program.

The November 2022 Section VIII newsletter reported on the culmination of David's most recent efforts in Tonga and illustrates the David's depth of dedication and leadership in the South Pacific : <http://www.icdsectionviii.org/newsletter-archive>.



Congratulations, David, on this well-deserved recognition of your service to the South Pacific islands over many years. We thank you for your leadership and dedication to improving oral health in our region. Formal presentation of the ICD DSA certificate will be made to David at a Section VIII induction ceremony when David is able to attend.

SECTION VIII PERPETUAL FELLOWSHIP ROLL

The Section VIII Perpetual Fellowship Roll commemorates the passing of our Fellows through the years. We thank each of them for the outstanding contributions they made to advancing our profession and to improving oral health in communities in our region. We are eternally indebted to them for their leadership and example. As we receive notification of Fellows who pass, they will be added to the Roll. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the Roll.