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1996 A YEAR OF FELLOWSHIP

The college has run more functions this year than ever before and they have all been unqualified successes. The very nice dinner meeting at the Adelaide Club in May which was organised by Vice President Geoff Hall saw fifty Fellows and their partners welcome the six new Fellows who were inducted by the President. Then came the very successful dinner held at the Ritz-Carlton, Sydney in August. Four new Fellows were inducted and the seventy six Fellows and their guests enjoyed an excellent evening of fellowship and an amusing address by the occasional speaker Dame Leonie Kramer.

Again, in September in Rotorua, on the occasion of the New Zealand Dental Association's Biennial meeting, Regent Tom Speed hosted a luncheon for attending Fellows and guests. President Don Heffron inducted three new Fellows on that occasion.

During the North Queensland Convention in Cairns in late August, Michael Bennett hosted a more informal function for visiting and local Fellows and their guests.

A good year, good parties, good fellowship, a good membership increase and a good idea to extend College functions beyond the Triennial Convocations held during Australian Dental Congresses.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

In the first week of September I attended the New Zealand Biennial Congress in Rotorua, during which our Australasian Section held a luncheon and an induction for three New Zealand Fellows.

The luncheon was held in the Conference Hotel by the pool. It proved to be a most attractive venue, which was added to by a beautifully prepared and served meal.

Two Fellows travelled considerably to attend, one from the U.K. and the other from Western Australia. In addition a few Australians were present, but as you would expect the majority were New Zealanders. All were most appreciative of our Regent Tom Speed's efforts in organising a delightful function.

The weather was a disappointment. Some Fellows had to be bussed to Rotorua when flights were cancelled, but it was a minor inconvenience once there. The attendance was some 400 dentists totalling over 1000 when associates, students, industry etc were included. If any of our Fellows have yet to attend a New Zealand Congress, I can thoroughly recommend you do so. I have been to four since 1974 and all have had excellent scientific programmes and socially were a joy.

As this is the last Newsletter for 1996, I extend to all our Fellows and their families my best wishes for a happy Christmas.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Three College functions during the past six months have provided the opportunity for the Induction of New Fellows.

Six Fellows were inducted prior to a Dinner held at the Adelaide Club on 3rd May 1996. Dr. Elizabeth Coates, Dr Ross King, Dr John McIntyre, Prof Tilly Peters, Dr Ian Stead and Dr Brian Wheeler. The Dinner was well attended and an occasional address was given by the College President Dr W D Heffron C.B.E.

On August 2nd, at the Ritz-Carlton in Sydney, seventy six Fellows and guests attended a Dinner prior to which the following Fellows were inducted: Dr Tony McLaughlan, Dr John Keys, Dr Graham Thomas and Dr Robert Wright. In addition to the Induction, the occasion was also marked by the presentation of the Certificate of Master Fellow to our International Representative and Past President, Dr Syd Dobbin A.M. The guest of honour was Dame Leonie Kramer, Chancellor of the University of Sydney who, in addition to presenting the certificates to the new Fellows and Dr Dobbin, gave a most witty and entertaining address.

The Biennial Conference of the New Zealand Dental Association provided an opportunity for New Zealand Fellows to meet and, at a luncheon in Rotorua on 4th. September organised by the New Zealand Regent, Dr Tom Speed, three Fellows were inducted - Drs Karen Brook, David Crum and Paul Pound.

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REGENTS MEETING

A meeting of the Board of Regents of the Australasian Section was held on Saturday 3rd August 1996 at A.D.A. headquarters Lithgow Street Sydney. The meeting noted that the total membership of the Section was now 358.

The following Fellows were granted Life Membership during the year.

K.O. Binns	NSW	D.J. Hagerty	Qld	J.H. Pearson	Qld
T H Boshier O.A.M.	NSW	S.E. Halikis A.M.	WA	B.W. Phillips	S.A
T. Brown A.M.	S.A	R.G. Hardham	Vic	C.M. Savage	NSW
N.J. Cox	NSW	R.G. Henry	NSW	P.F. Swinburn	NZ
L.M. Crawford	NSW	B.L. Hoskin	NZ	K.E. Versace	Qld
J.W. Dallimore Jnr	WA	J.S. Howie	NZ	E.W. Wagner M.B.E.	Qld
B.G. Drysdale	VIC	A.C.N. Marsden	Qld		

The Income and Expenditure Statements for 1995 /96 were received together with the Balance Sheet and the Auditors Report. A Financial Report provided by the Treasurer is published elsewhere in this Newsletter. A full statement of the accounts is available for Fellows on request.

International Councillor Dr. S. Dobbin A.M. reported on the Convocation and meeting held in Las Vegas in October 1995 and announced that he would be attending the coming meeting in Orlando in September 1996. Dr. Gordon Rowell would also be present at Orlando. A meeting was mooted for the time of the Darwin Convention in July 1997.

Donation of Gown:-

The Regents and the College are most grateful to Dr. Peter Finch (Victoria) who has very kindly donated his College gown for use on Ceremonial occasions.

SYDNEY DINNER AND INDUCTION

A most successful and enjoyable evening was held on Friday 2nd August 1996 when Fellows and their guests gathered for an Induction and Dinner held at the Ritz-Carton Sydney.

Four Fellows were inducted: John Keys (Qld), Tony McLaughlan (NSW), Graham Thomas (NSW) and Robert Wright (NSW). In addition, a Certificate of Master Fellow was presented to Dr. Syd Dobbin. The Guest of Honour was Dame Leonie Kramer, Chancellor of the University of Sydney, whose late brother, Hartley Gibson was a Fellow of the College. Dame Leonie delivered a most polished and entertaining Occasional Address, after presenting the various recipients with their Certificates.

Seventy six attended this function which provided an opportunity for Fellows to meet in a congenial atmosphere.



Master Fellow
Dr. Syd Dobbin A.M.
and wife Patricia -
Sydney 1996.



Dame Leonie Kramer A.C.
President Don Heffron CBE
Sydney. 1996.

The following citations were read in introducing the new Fellows:

JOHN KEYS

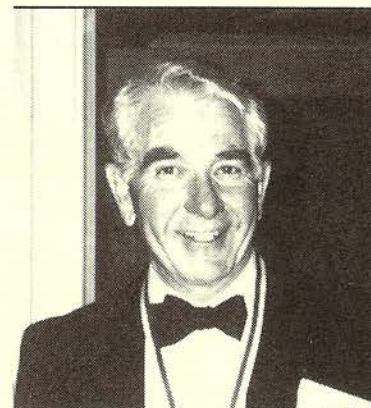
John Keys graduated from the University of Queensland in 1958 with a Bachelor of Dental Science and gained his Masters Degree in Dental Science in 1971 and a Diploma in Psychology in 1975.

He practices as a Specialist in Paediatric Dentistry and is an Honorary Life Member of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Paediatric Dentistry. He teaches part-time in the Dental Faculty of the University of Queensland and is an external examiner for post-graduate students.

In addition to his primary interest in Paediatric Dentistry, he has been involved in continuous research in the areas of Dental Psychology and Dental Materials and has published in these diverse areas.

He has served as a Councillor of the Queensland Branch of the Australian Dental Association and as President of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Paediatric Dentistry.

Dr. Keys has made an outstanding contribution to his profession and is highly respected in the community.



ROBERT WRIGHT

Dr. Wright graduated from the University of Sydney in 1938 with a BDS(Hons) after being awarded a number of prizes and gained his Masters degree in Oral Surgery in 1944. He was an inaugural Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons.

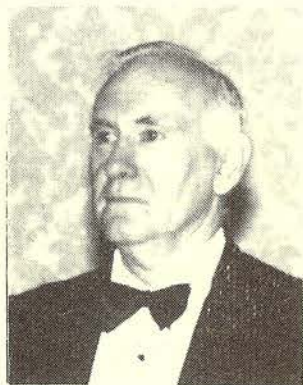


He practised for many years in the Hunter area with a special interest in oral surgery. He has held many honorary hospital appointments and his outstanding contribution in this area has been recognised with appointments as Consultant Emeritus at the Wallsend and Mater Hospitals in Newcastle and as Senior Emeritus Consultant to the John Hunter Hospital. He has been involved in teaching and research and was in the military reserve during the Second World War.

Robert Waterford Wright comes from a family in which the attainment of excellence is not unusual and his own contribution to his profession has been outstanding.

GRAHAM THOMAS

After graduating from the University of Sydney in 1963 as a Bachelor of Dental Surgery, Dr. Thomas served in the Royal Australian Navy as a Dental Officer, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He gained his Fellowship in the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons in 1970 and served the College as the Student Adviser from 1975-78, Chairman of the NSW Regional Committee from 1985-88 and as a Councillor from 1989.



Following an extensive background in general dental practice and part-time teaching commitments over many years, he became a full time Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Sydney, in 1992 and is currently Director of Fifth Year Studies at Westmead Hospital Dental Clinical School.

His particular research interests are in the pathology of oral cancer and in dental prosthetic materials and he has published a number of articles in these fields.

Graham Thomas brings to the profession a valuable blend of private practice and academic activity.

TONY McLAUHLAN

Tony McLaughlan graduated Bachelor of Dental Surgery from the University of Sydney in 1983 and Master of Dental Surgery from the same University in 1993.

He has held the position of Senior dentist at the Government Employees Health Fund Dental and Optical Centre in Parramatta, following just under ten years of employment at the Westmead Hospital Dental Clinical School first as a Dental Officer and later as a Registrar and Senior Registrar. He has also had a background of private practice. He was appointed a Senior Clinical Associate in the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Sydney, in January 1994.



Dr. McLaughlan's special interest and expertise has been in the field of Dental Assistant Utilisation and, of particular interest these days, in its application in infection control. He has lectured extensively in this area and has been an active participant in the production of educational videos in the subject.

NEW ZEALAND FELLOWS INDUCTED IN ROTORUA SEPTEMBER 4, 1996.

PAUL T POUND

Paul Pound graduated BDS(NZ) in 1960 from the University of Otago and is in private general practice in Wellington. He has given Territorial military service in the Royal New Zealand Dental Corps from 1960 to 1963. His dental appointments include service on the Central Region Peer Review Committee of the New Zealand Dental Association from 1982-1988, being appointed Chairman of this Committee from 1988-1994. From 1989 to 1995 he served as Chairman of Complaints Assessment Committees of the Dental Council of New Zealand and in 1994 was a committee member of the Wellington Branch of the New Zealand Dental Association. His activities

outside Dentistry in serving his community have been very significant. He has had a long involvement in Rotary and has held a number of senior positions in that organisation.

KAREN J BROOK

Karen Brook graduated BDS from the University of Otago (with Distinction) in 1977. During her undergraduate education, she carried off a number of academic prizes. In 1975, she was awarded the Lorna Patrick Memorial Prize, the Peter Milne Prize in Anatomy, the B V Davies Prize in General Dentistry and the Craddock Prize in Prosthetic Dentistry. In 1976, she won a Senior Scholarship in Dentistry and, in the 1977, the LP Davies Prize in Preventive Dentistry and a Colgate Palmolive Travelling Scholarship. Further scholarships were awarded as a postgraduate by the University of Otago and, in 1979, she was awarded a Fullbright-Hayes Scholarship. Following attainment of a Diploma in Orthodontics from the Louisiana State University in New Orleans, she undertook further postgraduate studies in the UK culminating in the Diploma of



Orthodontics from the Royal College of Surgeons. She conducts a private specialist orthodontic practice in Auckland.

DAVID GORDON CRUM

David Crum graduated BDS from the University of Otago in 1983 and received his Diploma in Clinical Dentistry from the same University in 1990. He has been a representative to the Council of the New Zealand Dental Association since 1993 and was appointed Honorary Treasurer of the Association in 1995, currently serving as a member of the Executive. He has also served as Chairman of the Northern Peer Review Committee since 1994. A general practitioner in Auckland, he has a special interest in continuing education and has worked hard in maintaining the well-being of his profession through his involvement with the NZDA.



ICD DINNER PARTY CAIRNS AUGUST 1996.

Eight Fellows attending the 21st North Queensland Dental Convention in Cairns invited some twenty seven other guests to a very pleasant informal dinner on the night of Tuesday, 20th. August. The dinner was held in the Cairns International Hotel which was the Convention venue.

Fellows present were Patrick Dalton (Federal President), James Grainger (ACT), David Phillips (UK), Bruce Kidd (Cairns), Keith Eriksen and Bruce Waters (both of Townsville), Peter Martin (Convention Executive Director) and Michael Bennett (Convention President) - both of Cairns.

Guests included Queensland State President Dr. Ian Thompson and the Executive Director of the Queensland Branch Mr. Robert Kemp, as well as all the guest lecturers, their partners, partners of Fellows and several other guests.

This was the third occasion on which North Queensland Fellows had organised such an informal ICD dinner party in conjunction with North Queensland Conventions. Apart from a welcome from Fellow Mike Bennett, there were no speeches - just a lot of mixing around the tables during the meal (enforced), and the enjoyment of good food and good company.



Left to right: Patrick Dalton, James Grainger, David Phillips, Michael Bennett, Bruce Kidd, Bruce Waters, Keith Eriksen, Peter Martin

REPORT ON ICD FUNDED VISIT TO FIJI MAY 1996.

Following an invitation from Dr. Joe Tui Suva, Head of the Department of Dentistry, Fiji School of Medicine, I arrived at Nandi airport on May 4th. armed to the teeth with slides and overheads concerning Preventive Dentistry and Minimally Invasive Restorative Dentistry. The excess material was intended to allow me to see more accurately initially what approaches to prevention might be most useful in this beautiful tropical country, and then to provide a series of lectures which might be helpful to the students in meeting this need. The high caries rate, and prevalence of Periodontal Disease were soon pointed out to them, along with the desperate shortage of dental personnel. This resulted in there being a very high extraction rate, as seen in the frequency of (toothless) smiles displayed by the adult population. Hence, the routine approach to prevention for Australia had to be modified considerably.

The students undertaking the recently recommenced Degree Programme in Dentistry in Fiji, in fact, came from a great variety of Pacific Island Countries, extending from New Guinea to the Kirebas Islands. This school is being viewed by the WHO as a training centre for the whole Pacific region. The students were very impressive as a group, comparing

VICTORIAN NOTES

Dr. Syd Warneke was honoured by Federal Council when he received the Meritorious Service Award. Both Fred Widdop and Syd Warneke have now retired from Federal Council and David Houghton has been elected as a Victorian Councillor Dr. Rowan Storey is President of the Dental Board of Victoria.

Douglas Loader and Lloyd O'Brien have retired from the Dental Board. John Harcourt OAM and Ross King are current members.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The main expenses for the Australasian Section of the International College of Dentists for 1995-96 are set out here under. The full accounts are available from the Registrar.

Dr. S. Dobbin attending ICD Council Meeting Las Vegas 1995.	3268.16
Subscription A.D.A.	
Journals sent to Turkey	108.00
Two Composite Curing Lights donated to Fiji Dental School	927.81
Fees paid to Parent Body ICD	6393.56
Accounting and Auditing fees	1066.00
Two Newsletters - Printing and postage	2410.91
Dr. J. McIntyre - Return airfares Adelaide to Fiji for course	1145.20
Expenses President & Registrar to Adelaide meeting	706.00

Bill Chalmers.

very favourably with the better Australian Students in terms of their maturity and curiosity, and desire to learn. All faced similar situations of poor dental health in their own countries, and inadequate resources to meet these needs. The assistance provided by the International College of Dentistry had been very much appreciated over recent years, and I hope this support can continue for many years to come. It is desperately needed, and well utilised.

My final day in Fiji involved a visit to a Field Day of Dental Care, where the students went to a remote village to assess the dental health of the inhabitants, and provide ART restorations using GIC, extractions and a plan of advice to the village elders as to what options might be considered to meet the general and dental health problems of the village. This trip again emphasised to me the enormous difficulties that our colleagues in the Pacific Islands are up against, and the need for continued support by College members both collectively and individually. My thanks go to the College for their financial contribution towards this visit.

John McIntyre.