



# International College of Dentists

## Australasian Section

### Newsletter

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### PROGRAMME 1999

As this is the first Newsletter for the New Year I will outline the College plans for 1999.

The prime function of the year is the dinner meeting and Induction Ceremony to be held in Melbourne on Thursday August 5th at the Athenaeum Club 6.30 p.m. with drinks and dinner to follow.

To add to the attraction of the Venue and date, The Victorian branch of the ADA will host its postgraduate programme with the ADIA Trade Exhibition in the You Yangs Room Centra Hotel complex of the Melbourne Convention Centre on August 6 & 7th. This will be the largest Trade Show in Australia this year.

On a sadder note we feature the loss of two old and respected fellows – **Sir Asher Joel** our eldest Honorary member and **Rupert Dingle** a Past President of our Section in the 1980's. We commemorate in this issue their busy and productive lives with their unique services to the profession of dentistry and their community.

### THE PRESIDENT

Included among the important objectives of the College is the promotion of fellowship. In earlier times meetings were usually held only at the time of Australian Dental Congresses, but following the inclusion of New Zealand and the Pacific region in 1977 to form the Australasian Section, changes have occurred. Since then this activity has been successfully pursued by holding induction luncheon/dinner meetings in the Australian capital cities and in New Zealand in between congresses.

These meetings are important in the life of the College as it allows for 'the fostering and cultivation of cordial relations amongst those involved in the profession of dentistry'. Fellows have the opportunity to meet with new Fellows and renew many long-standing friendships. It also allows Fellows to be inducted into the College within a reasonable time following their nomination acceptance, rather than having to wait until our Convocations which are held at the same time as the National Congress meetings.

Our regular publications of the Section Newsletter have been well received, thanks to our hardworking Editors over the years, and I am sure have made a notable contribution to the promotion of fellowship.

Having held a successful meeting in Wellington last year, I would urge as many Fellows as possible to attend our next induction and dinner meeting to be held in Melbourne in August, 1999 (details are in the Newsletter) – another opportunity for wonderful fellowship.

**GEOFFREY HALL.**

### REGISTRAR'S REPORT

The membership details of the Australasian Section of the College are as follows:

#### Australia

New South Wales	100
Victoria	65
Queensland	70
South Australia	54
Western Australia	31
Tasmania	7
Australian Capital Territory	11
Northern Territory	4
Resident overseas	3

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New Zealand	62
Fiji	2
Papua New Guinea	1
South Africa	1

**TOTAL 409**

This total includes some 30 Candidates who have been granted Fellowship by the Section, although not formally inducted. Two opportunities for Induction present themselves this year. The first is in Melbourne in August when the Section intends to have a Dinner and Induction Ceremony in conjunction with the ADA Victorian Branch Convention. Details will be advised in due course. The second opportunity for Induction will be on 11 November at the International Meeting in Santiago Chile.

In the January 1999, Australia Day Honours List, Dr. Dick Cook, of Perth was appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia (A.M.) for services to Dentistry.

In November 1998, Dr. Pat Colgan, a Fellow of the College, was elected as Federal President of the Australian Dental Association. Other Fellows were featured prominently at this time with Dr. David Thomson and Dr. David Houghton being elected ADA Vice President and Treasurer, respectively.

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PRESIDENT:  
Geoffrey C Hall

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TREASURER:  
William E. Chalmers

INTERNATIONAL COUNCILLOR:  
Syd Dobbin A.M.

REGENTS:  
Gerry R Dickinson;

Richard G Cook;

Clive B Ross CNZM

REGISTRAR:  
Robert J.F. Butler



Fellow, John Wilkinson has been presented with the Award of Merit by the NSW Branch of the ADA for his services to the Branch and the profession while Fellow, John Harcourt, has been appointed a Principal Fellow by the University of Melbourne with the title of Associate Professor, in addition to his recent award of Honorary Fellowship by the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. Following liaison with our New Guinea Fellow, Dr. Madu, the Board of Regents has arranged for an Australian Dental Journal subscription to be provided to the medical library in Port Moresby and financial support has been organised to support the purchase of instruments and materials. The College has also continued its sponsorship of undergraduate exchange programmes. This time, the exchange will feature students from the Queensland and Fiji Schools.

**Robert J F Butler.**

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### **MELBOURNE ICD MEETING - August 5th. 1999.**

A College dinner meeting with an Induction ceremony for new members has been arranged for Thursday evening August 5th at the Athenaeum Club, 87 Collins Street, Melbourne at 6.30 p.m. Induction ceremony followed by drinks and dinner at 7.30 p.m.

The cost will be \$76.00 per head and dress will be lounge suit. It would be appreciated if Fellows and/or wives/partners would let Gerry Dickinson (Phone 0396546092 or Fax 0396547632) know if they are attending. This is our only function for 1999 let us make it a good one.

As an incentive for interstate fellows to attend the dinner has been organised for the evening prior to the Australian Dental Association Victorian Branch and Australian Dental Industry Association's mid year Convention and Exposition.

The venue is the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre, corner Spencer and Flinders Streets with Australian Dental Industry Association display conveniently located in You Yangs Hall. Centra Hotel complex.

An interesting selection of local and interstate speakers will address clinical strategies and techniques for your patients' everchanging needs. The one and half day program will commence at noon on Friday 6th. August and the Trade Display will be open from then until 4.00 p.m. on Saturday August 7th.

The Australian Dental Industry Association will display the latest in dental technologies and equipment and industry experts will be on hand to discuss the latest in product development - see you there!

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### **ICD NEWS FOR NEW ZEALAND – Tom Speed.**

The Dental Act is still being reviewed somewhere in the legislative pipeline. The New Zealand Dental Association and the New Zealand Dental Council (the equivalent of the Australian Registering Boards) have completed their submissions, but it seems we will see no action from the government on the Act this year. State funded dentistry is in a mess with talk but little action. School Dental Therapists can not cope with the workload, systems of payment to contracting dentists for the treatment of adolescents vary through the country with no resolution in sight and the same unsatisfactory situation applies to treatment for the elderly and indigent. ACC (Accident and Compensation Corporation) is to lose some of its cover to private insurance companies and no one knows quite how this will work. The under funding and lack of co-ordination are most frustrating.

The New Zealand Dental Council has approved a set of guidelines on the use of qualifications and honorary titles. The basis of these are that the public display of titles should be limited to 'qualifications gained by examination and approved for inclusion in the New Zealand Dental Register'. Honorary titles may be used on letterheads but, must be clearly separated from recognised titles, e.g. put at the bottom of the page.

On a much happier note Fellow Brent Stanley has been elected to the Council of the FDI and Fellow Stewart Edward was made secretary of an FDI committee on oral health promotion.

Fellow John Sinclair has been elected President of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons and Fellow John Edwards is President of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.

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### **WESTERN AUSTRALIAN NEWS**

**Dr. Richard Cook RFD** was awarded membership of the Order of Australia (AM) in the Australia Day Honours list for service to the profession of Dentistry in the field of Orthodontics and his service to the community.

Dr. Cook has held executive positions with the Western Australian branch of the Australian Dental association and served in its National Council and the Councils of the ASO. He is an executive member WA Committee of Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons. He has served as a Trustee of the Foundation of Orthodontic Education and Research since 1990 and recently was Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

He is a Fellow of the Royal Australia College of Dental Surgeons and the International College of Dentistry.

In 1998 he was President of the 29th. Australian Dental Congress held in Perth.

He has been a clinical lecturer for the post graduate course in Orthodontics University of WA since 1991 and a lecturer in Orthodontics DCA course Central Metropolitan College of TAFE.

He has been a member of the Perth Rotary Club since 1979 and is currently President. He has served on its Youth Exchange Committee since 1987.

An Officer in the Australian Army since 1969, he presently serves as Senior Dental Officer in the Army's Western Region.

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## *Sir Asher Joel*

Sir Asher was a legendary Australian. He was a former politician, businessman, publisher, author, philanthropist, public relations specialist and an unsurpassed organiser of major events.

Sir Asher was born in 1912 in very poor circumstances in Enmore, attended the local school and then Cleveland St. High School. At fourteen he went to work at the Daily Telegraph as a copyboy.

After serving in the Navy as a liaison officer to General Douglas MacArthur and being decorated by the U.S.A. he started one of the country's first public relations firms. One of his early clients was the Australian Dental Association which was seeking a higher profile and required a political lobbyist. He often referred to the fact that representing a professional organisation gave him extra kudos in his burgeoning business. He well served the interests of the A.D.A. for twenty years.

He was elected to the Legislative Council of N.S.W. in 1957, firstly as an Independent and then joined the Country (National) Party. He served in Parliament for twenty years.

He organised royal visits including the opening of the Opera House in 1973 and also a visit from the Pope. He was the first Australian Jew to be made a papal knight. He was also knighted by the Queen, twice in fact – in 1970 and 1973 and received the Order of Australia in 1986.

Sir Asher was particularly proud of another honour bestowed on him – an Honorary Fellow of the International College of Dentists. He and the late Martin Halas were the only two Honorary Fellows who were not dentists.

'I had a close relationship with Asher for over 35 years' said Derek Freeman 'being the A.D.A. president who ended his position with the A.D.A. in 1967. I spent eleven years with him in Parliament and was in awe of his ability to speak eloquently on any subject with virtually no notice at all'.

'His genius was in networking, and on his retirement from Parliament, I was privileged to be one of 600 who attended the function. He greeted every guest by their first name. He had a very vibrant personality, a compassionate nature which led him to great philanthropy both in Australia and in Israel – there is the Sir Asher Joel Foundation linking Macquarie University and the Tel Aviv University in research projects. He was the founder of the Australia – Israel Chamber of Commerce which has had great success in trade relations'.

'Asher was simply Asher – a unique and outstanding Australian – he will be well remembered and revered by a huge cross-section of the community'.

*Derek Freeman.*

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## *Rupert John Dingle* BDS<sup>c</sup> (Qld) F.I.C.D.

Rupert Dingle, Past President of the Australasian Section of the College, erstwhile Federal Treasurer and raconteur died in Greenslopes Hospital Brisbane on 10th. November 1998.

He was born in Melbourne on 2nd. August 1916. His Father, Staff Sergeant John F. Dingle was a specialist dental mechanic in the AIF Dental Corps who obtained an Queensland Dental Board registration by completing their LDQ examination. John Dingle commenced the famous Dingle dental practice at Albion, Brisbane in 1925 and became a foundation member of the A.D.A. in 1928.

Rupert attended Eagle Junction school and later Brisbane Grammar. He entered first year dentistry in Queensland in 1934 becoming President of the Dental Students Association in 1937. Following graduation in 1938 he entered the Dingle practice in Albion.

He married Alix Mitchell in 1938 and enlisted in the RAAF Dental Branch as a Flight-Lieutenant in 1940. Following his discharge as Squadron Leader and Senior Dental Officer Port Moresby he resumed dental practice in Albion. In 1949 he commenced his own practice in Queen Street Brisbane where he remained until his retirement in 1987.

He served as a Councillor on A.D.A. Queensland branch from 1950 becoming Treasurer in 1955 and President in 1957. He served on the Dental Board 1967-77 and was Treasurer of the Brisbane Dental Congress in 1970. He became a member of the Federal Council in the late 1950's and early 60's when he was elected Federal Treasurer and later Inter State Vice President. He was made a Life member of the Queensland Branch of the A.D.A. in 1964 as recognition of his outstanding record of service to Queensland Dentistry.

He was a foundation member of and later President of the Dental Discussion Group started by ex-service dental officers in the early 1950's.

He became a fellow of the International College of dentists in 1972 and served many years as Regent and later President of the Section.

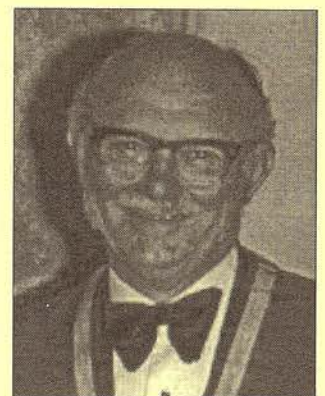
He joined the Board of Directors of the Queensland Society for crippled children and provided dental treatment to them for many years.

After retiring in 1987 to Maleny, he later moved to Cleveland Gardens where he and Alix their 60th. Wedding Anniversary in May 1998.

He died in November following a two year struggle with Motor Neurone Disease.

Rupert was a happy guy liked and respected by all those who crossed his path.

*Mo Dingle.*





## INTERNATIONAL REPORT



International Councillor, Syd Dobbin attended the International Council meeting in San Francisco in October 1998.

At this meeting Dick Shaffer our longtime Registrar General retired. There were several presentations to mark the occasion. Syd presented Dick with an Akubra hat and a Drizabone coat on behalf of the Australasian Section while Trish presented his wife with a book on Australia. Syd says the gift will be useful on Dick's ranch.

Dr. Robert Brady was installed as the new Registrar General. He brings a wealth of experience to the position as he finished his dental career as General in charge of the American Army Dental Corps worldwide.

Dr. David Glynn of London became world President for 1999. He is keen and well qualified for this top position which can be expected to give the European Section a boost.

As usual financial matters featured largely in the meeting due in part to a low net membership growth of 58 during the past year.

The increasing percentage of Honorary life members is creating problems regarding the cost of circulating the Globe to everyone. The International Council will be investigating this problem during the coming year.

The next International Council meeting will be held in Santiago, Chile in November 1999, two weeks after the F.D.I. World Congress in Mexico City. Any member is welcome at this meeting which will incorporate an International Induction ceremony.

*Syd Dobbin.*

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## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NEWS

The following honours and awards have been received by South Australian Fellows for their services to the profession:-

### **Ian Watson**

Life member, A.D.A. South Australian Branch

### **Brian Wheeler**

Distinguished Service Award, A.D.A. South Australian Branch

Brian Wheeler has also been elected National president of the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia at the recent National Annual General Meeting in Kalgoorlie. A dentist from Stirling, Brian has been involved with the RFDS for over twenty years and has been on its National Council since 1994.

### **Jonathon Rogers**

Jonathon Rogers is the new elected President of the Pierre Fauchaud Academy, Australasian Section.

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## VICTORIAN NEWS

Ross Bastiaan has unveiled four more plaques in Borneo at Balikpapan, Tarakan, Kundasang and Labuan.

The plaque at Kundasang is in the area where the Sandakan Death March finished.

Ross Bastiaan has now erected 117 of these plaques around the world commemorating Australians at war. Each plaque which would cost around \$5,000 has been sculptured in relief by Ross who has also raised the money for them.

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## NEW PROJECT

Following a decision of the Board of Regents in December 1998 The College, in conjunction with the Academy of Dentistry International donated a clinical camera to the Fiji Dental School as a teaching aid for their students.

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## INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

### **SANTIAGO, CHILE**

Following closely after the FDI World Dental Federation Congress in Mexico City, 28 October to 1 November 1999, the College will be conducting an International Meeting in Santiago, Chile, 10 – 12 November.

This will be the first time that the ICD has met in South America and, in addition to an excellent Scientific Programme being organised by the US Section, there will be an International Induction Ceremony on the evening of 11 November. Details will be promulgated in due course but any Fellow or Inductee interested in this event should contact the Registrar, Dr. Rob Butler (Fax: 02 9906 4676).

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