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Australasian Section

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WELCOME 26 NEW FELLOWS

26 Fellows were inducted into the Australasian Section of the College by President Geoff Hall at a very pleasant and successful ceremony and dinner in the Athenaeum Club in Melbourne on Thursday 5th August 1999. Their names photographs and very attenuated Curriculum Vitae appear elsewhere in this Newsletter. We *welcome* them into the College and also the opportunity afforded by the Induction Ceremony to meet old friends from, not only Melbourne, but the rest of Australia and New Zealand. A fine cross section of Fellows and their wives attended.

THE PRESIDENT

As this century draws to a close it is interesting to think of the tremendous changes that have occurred in all facets of life affecting mankind during that time – surely the most progressive of all centuries.

Astounding discoveries and advances in technology and materials have been achieved and the progress in dentistry during this period has been quite remarkable. Quality of equipment, materials and new techniques has been outstanding, not to mention the high degree of sophistication that has been accomplished in the fields of orthodontics, endodontics, periodontics, prosthodontics and impantology and the use of computers.

However with all these tremendous advances available to us, we should not lose sight of the enormous amount of dental treatment that is still urgently needed in the underdeveloped countries. One of the aims of the International College is to assist such areas where the geographical and economic problems impose difficulties with the provision of dental services. Over the last ten years or so the Australasian Section has built up an impressive list of projects involving assistance to other countries within the South Pacific region, and we must continue this aid. Plans are already in place to continue with assistance in the Solomon Islands, and Papua New Guinea and your Board will continue to seek new areas of assistance in which to participate.

It was most gratifying to see almost a hundred people attending the induction meeting and dinner held in Melbourne recently. The Board's decision to hold these meetings in the various States in between the time of National Congresses surely seems vindicated and the support given by Fellows is much appreciated.

As we enter the new millennium I wish all Fellows and their families good health and happiness in the years ahead.

GEOFFREY HALL.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

The membership of the Australasian Section of the College stands at 412. The Section includes 60 Fellows from New Zealand, 1 resident in Malaysia, 1 from South Africa, 2 from Fiji and 1 from Papua New Guinea.

On 5 August 1999, an Induction Ceremony for 26 Fellows was conducted in Melbourne, including two from New Zealand. It was followed by an excellent Dinner, attended by 98 Fellows and their guests at the Athenaeum Club, which had been well organized by Regent, Gerry Dickinson.

The Australasian Section has been involved in support of activities in a number of Pacific countries. Reference Journals and funding for dental instruments and materials have been funded for Papua New Guinea. In July this year, a lecture tour by Fellow Arthur Marsden to PNG was sponsored and this enabled valuable training assistance to be provided in the field of Removable Prosthodontics. Opportunities for assistance to the volcano- devastated Rabaul dental facilities are being explored, as is assistance to Bougainville, following the recent conflict.

Student exchange programmes have been sponsored between the Dental Schools in Brisbane and Fiji and the Section has contributed further funding for equipment to the Fiji School.

Aid is also being provided to the Solomon Islands by way of financial assistance for training activities by Australian experts.

As the next scheduled Convocation will be held in Brisbane in May 2001, in conjunction with the Australian Dental Congress, the Section is continuing what has been the successful scheduling of annual College Dinners, held in the various States in rotation, to enable Fellows to met and provide an opportunity for induction of new Fellows. It is intended to hold a function in Sydney in mid 2000, possibly in conjunction with a College-sponsored lecture programme which will be held both in Sydney and in New Zealand. Details will be promulgated in a later Newsletter.

ROBERT J F BUTLER.

PRESIDENT: Geoffrey C Hall INTERNATIONAL COUNCILLOR: Syd Dobbin A.M. VICE PRESIDENT: Neil L Henry A.M.

Gerry R Dickinson;

REGENTS

PAST PRESIDENT: W. Donald Heffron CBE TREASURER: William E. Chalmers

Richard G Cook; Clive B Ross CNZM

REGISTRAR: Robert J.F. Butler

COLLEGE FINANCIAL REPORTS

Fellows wishing to obtain a copy of the Australasian Section of the College's Financial Reports are invited to contact the Registrar (PO Box 520, ST LEONARDS NSW 1590)

ELECTION TO FILL CASUAL VACANCY

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Australasian Section of the College, the Board of Regents has elected Fellow Braham Pearlman to fill a casual vacancy on the Board.

The composition of the Board is:

GERALD R. DICKINSON.

Dr. GC Hall	(SA)	President	Dr. RG Cook AM	(WA)
Dr. NL Henry	(Qld)	Vice President	Dr. GR Dickinson	(Vic)
Dr. RJF Butler	(NSW)	Registrar	Dr. B Pearlman	(NSW)
Dr. WE Chalmers	(Vic)	Treasurer	Dr. CB Ross CNZM	(NZ)
Dr. S. Dobbin	(NISW)	International Councillor		

Dr. S Dobbin (NSW) International Council

Dr. WD Heffron CBE (NSW)

Past President.

CONVOCATION -MELBOURNE - August 5th. 1999.

Athenaeum Club, 87 Collins Street

Coinciding with the ADA Vic Branch Dental Expo, a meeting was held in Melbourne to induct new members into the College with a dinner to follow. Under the guidance of the secretary Dr. Rob Butler, the president Dr. Geoffrey Hall capably performed the induction ceremony, welcoming 26 new members into the college. This ceremony took place in the members' lounge of the club and was followed by pre-dinner drinks where all members and their guests, mingled together. Dinner was held upstairs in the Main Dining Room where the president welcomed those present. Dr. Dan Hurley performed Grace and then Dr Hall proposed a toast to the college and its members. The evening was a significant success with 98 people attending and many enjoying the atmosphere and company stayed on until close to midnight.

ICD NEWS FOR NEW ZEALAND

Very little has changed in the Dental scene in New Zealand since the last report.

The New Zealand Dental Association Newsletter reports that the Health Funding Authority (HFA) has told them that the Purchase Framework planning is under revision; it seems the timetable is too tight and the NZDA is back to 'planning for next year', which is what it has been doing since 1997.

Over the last four years the NZDA has made four submissions requesting that dentists should have the facility of referring for diagnostic laboratory services under the state system. The HFA has now told the NZDA that all the submissions have been lost and they are starting again.

All dentist employers have now to find new workers compensation providers as the Accident and Compensation Corporation (ACC) is to cease providing this form of cover.

The new ACC schedule of services and fees for dentists that had been worked on through 1998 should be in place but, it seems that ACC are so busy that a review of schedules and costs is on hold until July 2000.

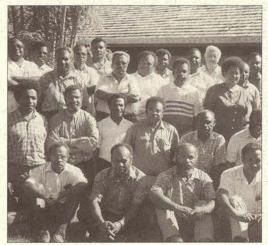
Dental students are having to borrow heavily from the student loan scheme because of government under-funding of their courses. In March students marched in Dunedin in protest against the course costs. The release, by the Ministry of Education, of a long withheld report provided evidence of error by the then Minister, Lockwood Smith, and shows that the dentistry study fees were set from the wrong data. The NZDA and the Otago University support the students who, it seems, are seeking a judicial review.

Fellow D'Roger Gain has been elected a Fellow of the NZDA.

Fellow Jeffrey R Annan, NZDA President has been elected Vice President of the Asian Pacific Dental Federation.

CLIVE ROSS.

DR. ARTHUR MARSDEN Visiting Lecturer PNG



Under the auspices of the Australasian Section – Dr. Arthur Mardsen a Brisbane Prostodontist presented a week long workshop on Prosthetic Dentistry to 30 dentists and dental technicians in Port Moresby, PNG from 26 – 30th July. It was the first post graduate course for field dental personnel since the closure of PNG's Dental School.

The participants, some from remote provinces in PNG, were appreciative of the course – the only post graduate experience for some since they graduated nearly 30 years ago.

They were also pleased to meet their colleagues and discuss the problems and programmes of their regions.

Fellow Node Madu and Dr. B. Guale, Chief Dental Officer PNG Oral Health Services co-coordinated local travel arrangements and also arranged accommodation and conference facilities.

It was a most successful and satisfying project for all concerned.



A JOHN ARMITAGE

BDSc(Melb) DOrthRCS FDSRCS. Specialist orthodontist – Melbourne. Chairman ADAVB Dental Nurses Training Committee 1982. President Australian Society of Orthodontists (Vic) 1981. Secretary/Treasurer International Academy of Gnathology 1983. Federal Treasurer ASO 1993.



STEPHEN CHEN

BDS(Malaya) MDSc(Melb) FRACDS. Specialist periodontist – Melbourne. Service on a number of ADAVB Committees. Section Editor "Clinical Update" in ADAVB Newsletter. President Australian Society of Periodontology (Vic) 1995-97. President Australasian Osseointegration Society 1998. Popular lecturer.



ANTHONY BOYDEN

BDS(2nd Class Hons) (Syd). General Practice – Sydney. Honorary Secretary Nepean and District Dental Group 1985-92. After a brilliant undergraduate record in which he was placed first in each of the five years of his course, he has established himself as a leader in general practice.



GERARD CONDON

MDSc(Melb) General practice – Melbourne. Secretary IADR Dental Materials Group 1976-81. Part-time Tutor, Conservative Dentistry. The University of Melbourne. Chairman Federal ADA Infection Control Committee. Numerous ADAVB Committees. President ADAVB 1998-99.



LOUSIE BREARLEY MESSER

MDSc(Melb) PhD(Minnesota). Elsdon Storey Professor of Child Dental Health, The University of Melbourne. Former Professor and Director of Research Programmes. University of Minnesota. Numerous publications and research awards. Leading consultant in paediatric dentistry.



JOHN COONEY

BDS(Syd) General practice – Sydney. Past service on ADA Federal and State Committees. President Eastern Suburbs Dental Group 1997-98. Secretary Australian Society of Periodontology 1981. Honorary Life Member Spastic Society for service over 30 years, currently Honorary Head Dental Consultant.



MICHAEL BUCHANAN

MBBS(Syd) BDSc(Melb) FDSRCS. Specialist oral and maxillofacial surgeon – Sydney. The University of Melbourne Medal 1970. President ANZAOMS 1993-95. Chairman of ANZAOMS Education and Research Foundation 1993-95. Secretary Australian Council of Dental Specialists 1995-99.



ADRIAN GAFFNEY

BDSc(Melb) General practice – Adelaide. Part-time Clinical Tutor, The University of Adelaide 1977-82. President Dental Advancement Society 1977. President ADA(SA) 1995. Deputy Chair AMADA



SUSAN BUCHANAN

BDSc(Melb) MDS(Syd) FRACDS. Deputy Director of Dental Services, United Dental Hospital of Sydney. President Northern Suburbs Dental Group 1991-92. Honorary Clinical Lecturer, University of Sydney and many tutoring appointments in paediatric dentistry.



SUSAN GAFFNEY

BDS(Adel). General practice – Adelaide. Ministerial appointments to Guardianship Board 1987 and Dental Board 1997. Special interest and activities in the treatment of emotionally traumatized patients and those with mental illness. Extensive community service.



JOHN BURROW

BDS(Adel). Retired from specialist public sector position in paediatric dentistry. Secretary ADA(SA) 1960-63. Tutoring and visiting appointments in paediatric dentistry. Past President of Australian Society of Dentistry for Children (SA).



ROSS GREEN

BDSc(Qld). General practice – Melbourne. Current clinical examiner in restorative dentistry Australian Dental Council. Extensive service on many ADA Committees at both State and Federal level. Current member ADAVB Professional Development Committee. President ADAVB 1993-94.



NEIL HEWSON

BSc(Hons)(Mon)BDS(Melb). General practice – Melbourne. Extensive service on ADA State and Federal Committees including Chairman of seven State Committees plus Federal Oral Health Education Committee 1989-94. Dental Auxiliaries Committee 1998. President ADAVB 1994-95. ADA Federal Councillor 1996.



JOHN LOCKE

BDSc(Melb) MSD(Indiana). Specialist prosthodontist – Melbourne. Clinical Tutor, The University of Melbourne 1985-. Member ADAAVB Professional Fund Policy Advisory Committee. Chairman ADAVB Mentorship Committee. Past President Australian Prosthodontic Society.



HELEN McLEAN

MDS(Adel). Specialist orthodontist – Adelaide. President ADA(SA) 1989. President Australian Society of Orthodontists (SA) 1991. Numerous ADA Committees at State and Federal level. Director South Australian Dental Service Board 1996-99.

Undergraduate and postgraduate Tutor, The University of Adelaide.



DAVID MANN

BScDent(Hons)(Adel)BDS(Adel). General practice – Adelaide Special interests in occlusion, endodontics and patient communication. State and Federal ADA Committees. Chairman ADA(SA) Constitution Committee 1992. Tutor and external examiner, Restorative Dentistry, The University of Adelaide 1979.



JOHN MATTHEWS

MDSc(Melb). General practice – Melbourne. Numerous State ADA Committees. President ADAVB 1997-98. Chairman ADA Schedule Committee 1998-. Federal Council ADA 1996-. Member NHMRC Infection Control Working Party 1992-.



WILLIAM O'REILLY

BDS(Syd). General practice – Sydney. Admitted as a Barrister of the NSW Supreme Court 1988. Lecturer Institute of Forensic Medicine 1992-. Secretary/Treasurer Australian Society of Forensic Dentistry. President ADA(NSW) 1998-. Federal Councillor ADA 1998-.



BARRY PRATT

BDS(Otago). General practice – Auckland. Past President of the Auckland Branch of the New Zealand Dental Association. Chairman for nine years of the New Zealand Dental Health Foundation.



NEIL SAVAGE

President, ASE 1995.

RALPH REID

BDSc(Qld) MDS(Adel). Specialist

endodontist - Brisbane. Previous Tutor in

Oral Pathology, Operative Dentistry. The

University of Queensland. Served as Vice President and Secretary Brisbane Dental Study Club. Past President Australian

Society of Endodontology (Qld). National

MDSc(Qld) PhD(Qld). Associate Professor, The University of Queensland. Specialist in oral pathology and oral medicine. Research into oral mucosal disease, oral oncology and infection control. ADAQ and Federal ADA Infection Control Committees. Member of ADAQ Council.



STEPHEN SIMMONS

BDS(Otago). Private Practice Christchurch. Dental House Surgeon Canterbury Hospital Board 1977-78. Honorary Dental Surgeon to Canterbury Rugby Football Union 1987. He served on NZDA Executive and represented NZDA at FDI Congresses. Currently Assistant Honorary Treasurer NZDA.



LYNN STEWART

BDS(Adel). General practice – Adelaide. President Dental Advancement Society 1979. President Occlusal Studies Group 1987. President Dental Practice Management Society 1995. State ADA Committees. ADA(SA) Health Funds Liaison Officer. President ADA (SA) 1991.



ROBERT von DOUSSA

BDS(Adel). Retired clinical teaching. Private general practice 1964-75. SA School of Dental Therapy – Tutor 1975-77, Senior Dental Officer 1977-78, Principal 1978-94. Senior Clinical Tutor, Oral Health, Fiji School of Medicine 1995-97. ADA(SA) Council 1968-72.



DON WILSON

BDS(Adel). General practice – Adelaide. Chairman Association for the Advancement of Private Health. ADA(SA) Committees, Federal Oral Health Education Committee. ADA(SA) Newsletter Editor 1998-. ADA(SA) Council 1995-98. President ADA(SA) 1997.



MARK WOTZKE

MDS(Adel). Specialist endodontist – Adelaide. Tutor and Temporary Senior Lecturer, Endodontics, The University of Adelaide. President Australian Society of Endodontology (SA) 1982-83. President Dental Advancement Society 1987-88. Federal President ASE 1997-99.

PROFESSOR ARTHUR MAXWELL HORSNELL AO LDSRCS(Eng) MRCSLRCP, FDSRCS 1912 – 1999

Professor Horsnell graduated in 1934 and, until the war, was a general practitioner and part-time teacher. Service in the Royal Air Force brought out his administrative skills and he became assistant dean of the London Hospital Medical College. It was then he developed his interest in preventive dentistry and was a founding member of the British Periodontic Society.

In 1959 he was appointed Professor of Dental Science to the Adelaide Dental School.

Max Horsnell showed great foresight in virtually tearing up the plans for the final stage of the new dental school building and starting again. He fired up thinking with the school by introducing new staff members to the faculty – most from other States and overseas. The roster of full- time academic staff grew from four people to 20 within two years.

He kick-started the careers of many of the younger members of the local profession and gave them tasks which they did not expect.

He encouraged further study and attendances at conferences overseas. He won outside funding for university positions.

He 'fathered' fluoridation of water supplies and was strongly supportive of colleague Dr. Betty Fanning, who carried out the world's first trials in fluoridation in Adelaide, thereby opening the way for a revolution in dental care. There were many other innovations. He established the Post-graduate Committee in Dentistry for ongoing education of dentists and courses for higher degrees in most dental disciplines.

The Adelaide Dental School is renowned for the quality of its graduate students – a legacy of Max Horsnell. Wherever he could, he promoted the image of dentistry by being part of the broader university scene, becoming involved in all kinds of on-campus activities.

He was an adviser to the National Health and Medical Research Council and the World Health Organization.

When he retired in 1977, the profession set up a fund to establish the A.M. Horsnell Student Travel Scholarship, designed to help undergraduate students to broaden their horizons with travel before they graduate. The University recognized his contribution by making him Professor Emeritus. In 1984, he received the Order of Australia for service to his profession.

Professor Horsnell's outstanding characteristic was 'his great warmth'. People were important to him. He knew each of his students personally and kept a careful watch on their progress.

There have been few who have had the profound influence not only with the profession but on the University and the community generally.

ROBERT HARRIS AM MBE MDS DDSc FRACDS FDSRCS FACD FICD 1908 - 1999

Robert Harris graduated with First Class Honours from the University of Sydney in 1932. He was awarded the degree of Master of Dental Surgery from the same University in 1938, was elected a Fellow of the American College of Dentists in 1961 and elected a Fellow of the International College of Dentists in 1970. He was an Inaugural Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (1965) and, later, served as its Secretary and Editor of the College Annals. In 1978, he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Dental Science, University of Sydney. In the same year, he was elected a Fellow of the Faculty of Dental Surgery, Royal College of Surgeons.

He held teaching appointments within the University of Sydney, the University of Otago and the University of Medical Sciences, School of Dentistry in Bangkok and acted as an examiner for the Dental Board of New South Wales. He lectured extensively and was the author of numerous scientific papers.

He was Head of the Department of Preventive Dentistry at the United Dental Hospital of Sydney from 1952 to 1956, Assistant Superintendent (Preventive Dentistry) from 1956 to 1962 and Director of the Institute of Dental Research from 1962 to 1972. Throughout this period, he acted in a consultative capacity to the Australian Government and to the World Health Organization. From 1963 to 1969, he was a member of the Dental Health Committee of the National Health and Medical Research Council and, in 1968, he became a member of the Commission of Dental Research of the FDI World Dental Federation.

Within the Australian Dental Association, he served as Honorary Secretary from 1943 to 1946, was Secretary of the Twelfth Australian Dental Congress in Sydney in 1950, was Editor of the Dental Journal of Australia from 1945 to 1950 and Editor of the Australian Dental Journal from 1956 to 1985. He was elected an Honorary Life Member of the Australian Dental Association in 1978 and was appointed Editor Emeritus of the ADJ in 1986.

The Alumni Society of the University of Sydney honoured him in 1960 as the recipient of the Fairfax Reading Memorial Prize. In 1971, he was made a Member, Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE) and, in 1980, was appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM).

Robert Harris was, no doubt, one of the most outstanding Australian dentists and has left a legacy for the profession in his high standards of research, teaching and editorial guidance.

RETIREMENT OF JOHN WILKINSON

Fellow John Wilkinson retired from his position of Director of Dental Services for the Central Sydney Area Health Service and Dental Director of the United Dental Hospital of Sydney in July this year. John's outstanding contribution to the profession and the community had been recognized just prior to this when he received the Award of Merit from the ADA (NSW Branch) and was invited to give the Occasional Address at the University of Sydney Graduation Ceremony, at which degrees were awarded from the Architecture, Dental Health Science and Nursing Faculties.

SYDNEY OLYMPICS DENTAL CLINIC

Fellow Tony McLaughlan has been appointed to head the dental facility set up for the Sydney Olympics in September 2000. There will be a four surgery dental clinic within the polyclinic in the Games Village and it will provide immediate and necessary treatment for athletes, officials and all on the site. At the Atlanta Games, the dental clinic saw 75 patients per day and it will operate from 8 am to 11 pm for a period of approximately two months. All medical and dental appointments are unpaid and Tony and his team will be serving in a voluntary capacity.

QUEENSLAND NEWS

Drs. David Thomson and Stuart Edwards attended the FDI second World Conference on Oral Health Promotion at the Royal College of Physicians London from 27 – 29th. August 1999.

It was a very successful workshop attended by delegates from most National Dental Associations.

Dr. Thomson later attended the FDI Congress and Education Committee meeting to discuss the proposed FDI meeting in Sydney 2003.

VICTORIAN NEWS

Dr. Peter Finch - Honorary Life Member

At the June General Meeting of the Victorian Branch, Honorary Life Membership was awarded to Dr. Peter Finch for his continued activity and service to members of the Branch, the dental profession and the community. He was the recipient of the Branch's Distinguished Service Award in 1988 and this highest award is an acknowledgement to Dr. Finch by his colleagues of a life spent in service, particularly the Branch's Defense Scheme.

Dr. Barry Feiglin - Dentistry Achievement Award

The Council and members of the Victorian Branch of the ADA presented Dr. Barry Feiglin with the 'Dentistry Achievement Award' as a fitting tribute for his outstanding service especially with regard to the recent International Conference on Dental Traumatology.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

Awards for Distinguished Service were presented to Mr. Robert Cook AM, Associate Professor Robert Kingsley Hall OAM and Associate Professor Martin John Tyas in recognition of their contributions to Victorian and Australian Dentistry.

AUSTRALIAN COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES PROJECT (1990 – 1998)

Since 1990 Ross Bastiaan has privately and voluntarily placed over 100 large bronze commemorative plaques around the world recording Australia's amazing achievements in wars and commitment to defending world peace. The plaques, many one-metre square and weighing over 80 kg are set in three tonnes of concrete. The plaques are often at the actual sites of Australia's finest military achievements. The Bastiaan plaques are usually designed with a central basrelief map of the region as it exists today. On this map is superimposed the geographical features of the battle commemorated. For the visitor these maps assist orientation and multilingual text, surrounding the map, outlines essential historical details.

The plaques stand in 16 countries around the world including Turkey, Greece, England, Thailand, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Malaysia, New Zealand, Indonesia, France, Belgium, Australia, Israel, Egypt, Libya and Burma and record Australia's role in war from Gallipoli (1915) to the Gulf(1990).

Ross Bastiaan was born in 1951 and is a full time periodontist in private practice in Melbourne. Alone he initiated the concept of the plaques after visiting Gallipoli in 1987 where he found almost no information about the battlefield for the English-speaking visitor. This lack of information gave birth to the 'Plaques Project'.

Bastiaan has personally hand sculpted each bronze plaque and written a plain text, oriented to the layman and compiled from the Official Histories. The most difficult aspect of the project was the often lengthy negotiations that Bastiaan conducted with foreign Governments to ensure that the plaque was acceptable for permanent placement on foreign soil. The plaques, collectively costing over quarter of a million dollars, have been predominantly privately funded through private companies approached by the sculptor. These many companies share with him a pride in Australia's past and a desire to record the nation's history for the future. The sculptor has installed the majority of the plaques himself. Ceremonial unveilings have often coincided with official

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Government commemorative pilgrimages and Governor-Generals, Prime Ministers and war veterans have performed such unveilings.

The work behind these plaques has resulted in Bastiaan receiving the Medal of the Order of Australian, the Returned Services League's (RSL) Anzac of the Year and appointment to the Council of the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. The work on the plaques, over many years, has been a private commitment of one man to this country.

His next project is a plaque bound for Johannesburg and Elands River South Africa to commemorate the 100th. Anniversary of the Boer War.