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## Seasons Greetings to all Fellows & Best Wishes for 2002

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Dr. Geoff Hall, Fellow Regents, New Fellows, members of the College Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is a great honour to have been elected to the position of President of the Australasian Section of the International College and I thank my fellow Regents for their confidence in electing me. I shall do my best to further the objectives of the college and to enhance its status - especially this section - in the world of organised dentistry.

I realise that it will be no easy task to maintain the high standards set by previous Presidents - Geoff Hall, Don Heffron, Spyros Halikis and Syd Dobbin - all of whom have led the college so successfully over the last decade. Syd Dobbin, the recently retired World President has raised the status of the Australasian section and the College Internationally with his visits to so many fellows in so many countries during his year of office.

I have been fortunate during my dental career to have had the opportunity to serve my profession both nationally and internationally in many senior positions. I am very pleased once again to be able to serve dentistry through the International College for the next two years.

As you have already heard from Geoff hall and Rob butler there are a few projects in the offering and I hope to be able to complete them. Also I hope we can find or design some new initiatives in our sphere of influence which will progress the objects of the college in the future - some scholarships or postgraduate assistance perhaps.

A President always needs a good team to support him and I have an excellent Board of Regents with both enthusiasm, relative youth and experience to help me. I will ask them to stand as I introduce them to you.

Geoff Hall remains on the Board as Immediate Past President with his wealth of experience, dedication and record of past service. He also succeeds Syd Dobbin who retired yesterday as our International Councillor - a job for which Geoff is very well qualified and one which he will handle with his usual panache.

Robert Butler is my Vice President - and invaluable 2 I C. You all know of his commitment, expertise and plain hardwork as Executive director of ADA Inc and as the previous Registrar of this section of the College.

Bill Chalmers remains as our Treasurer. He has looked after our finances for many years and a better or more knowledgeable treasurer will be hard to find. His support common sense and financial advice are invaluable. Unfortunately he is not with us today because of his illness - we wish him well.

Gerry Dickinson will be assisting Bill with the Treasurers duties. He is very well qualified for the job being President of the Victorian Professional Provident Fund for the last seven years. A stayer and player in the orthodontic world also.

Braham Pearlman will take over the Registrar's duties from Rob Butler. Another very experienced administrator through the Academy of Periodontology and other organisations.

### A fund of new ideas.

Clive Ross from New Zealand is our new Editor. You have already read his first Newsletter a taste of things to come. His vast experience through all the offices of New Zealand Dentistry and as a Past President of the World Dental Federation

(FDI) will be of great assistance to us on the Board.

Peter Noblet is our new Regent. He is also unavoidably absent today. President of the South Australian Dental board for the last seven years he has recently been elected as President of the Australian Dental Council.

We shall be very sorry to lose the invaluable advice and expertise of Immediate Past President Don Heffron who retires from the Board at this Convocation. His service to the College in all its offices has been exemplary and long standing.

Don has been an especially good friend of mine - we have worked together on many committees for National and International Dental organisations over the past 30 plus years. His record of service to the college was outlined by Geoff hall at the convocation in Perth three years ago. And is as extensive and intensive as only Don knows how.

This then is your present Board of Regents - Gentlemen you my resume your seats. At this time I would like especially to farewell Syd Dobbin from the Board. He has been our International Councillor for many years - our second world President since Gordon Rowell in 1977. He is also one of our few Master Fellows. Today completes a very fine record of service to the college.

Now I have the very pleasant duty of presenting our retiring President Dr Geoff Hall with his Past Presidents Badge. Will you please come forward Geoff. After his very successful stewardship over the last three years there is little I need to tell you about Geoff. He is a tireless worker and excellent organiser as most of you know having attended the two successful dinner and induction ceremonies he organised in Melbourne and Sydney since our last Convocation in Perth. As well as the meeting in (Dunedin) New Zealand. What you may not remember is that he has served in every position on the Board of Regents over his many years of service and has always given his all in every job he undertook. Almost a unique record shared with Don Heffron and Bob Norton. I have enjoyed very much working with Geoff and I'm sure that all the Regents will support these sentiments - he has been a good leader who reached his entire objective with the least amount of fuss. We are all glad that he will continue as a member of the Board for the next two years until Sydney and beyond as our Past President and International Councillor.

PRESIDENT: Neil Henry	PAST PRESIDENT: Geoffrey C Hall	VICE PRESIDENT: Robert Butler	TREASURER: William E. Chalmers	INTERNATIONAL COUNCILLOR: Syd Dobbin A.M.
REGENTS: Gerry R Dickinson;	Richard G Cook A.M.	Clive B Ross CNZM, Editor	Braham Pearlman	REGISTRAR: Robert J F Butler

Congratulations Geoff on a job very well done I now present you with your Past President's Badge to commemorate a successful term as leader of this section of the College for the last three years.

Fellows, Ladies and Gentlemen it is a great honour to occupy this position as President of the Australasian Section. I hope over the next two years I can maintain the high standard of my predecessors.

I would like to congratulate again our newly inducted fellows and wish them every success in their future endeavours.

Also I would like to thank all the unsung helpers who make these convocations and receptions happen and who do so without any recognition. Especially I would like to thank Rob and Wendy Butler who lead this team of helpers by example.

Before I close this convocation I would like to invite you to be present at our next Convocation at the International FDI Meeting in Sydney in September 2003 and an intermediate function we hope to hold in Melbourne next year probably in May.

I now declare the Convocation closed and invite you all to join me and the Board of Regents for luncheon.

*Neil Henry*  
*President*

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## CONVOCATION 2001

Distinguished Guests, Fellows of the College, Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is my privilege to extend to each of you a very warm and friendly welcome to this Convocation of the Australasian Section of the International College of Dentists.

*In particular we welcome:-*

Our official guests - The President of the Australian Dental Association, Dr David Thompson and his wife Monica, and The Chairman of the 30th Australian Dental Congress, Dr. Eddie Street, all of whom are Fellows of the College.

*We welcome -*

Our new inductees of whom we shall hear more about a little later.

*We welcome*

The Fellows of the College who always give great support to the College and who continue to practice the high ideals of the College and lastly and most importantly we welcome the wives, friends and families who are attending this induction ceremony today.

*Thank you all for supporting the College on this important occasion.* As most of you know our convocations are held in conjunction with Australian Dental Congresses, usually every 2 or 3 years. Over the last few years in particular, in between Congresses, we have endeavoured to hold annual regional meetings to allow Fellows to have more contact with the College, and to allow for the induction of Fellows within a shorter time-frame. Despite our limited contacts the Australasian Section is a vital and progressive part of the College and is held in high regard by the International Body.

I now ask our hard working Registrar to present his report on the activities of the Section since our last Convocation in Perth in 1998.

### **Dr Butler**

Before we induct our new Fellows may I just say a few words about the College and its ideals.

It was formed just over 80 years ago in the United States and gained full approval from the major World Dental Associations and the FDI in 1928. The first Convocation of the College was held in Denver, Colorado in 1930. Initially Australians were elected as Fellows of the American Section until the Australian

Section was formally inaugurated in 1967. This became the Australasian Section in 1977 with the incorporation of New Zealand, Fiji, Papua New Guinea and other small South Pacific countries. This wider membership, particularly in more recent times, has led to the

induction of Fellows from Fiji and Papua New Guinea, so we are beginning to have a wider and more healthy spread of Fellows within our region.

The College is truly international as it encompasses many countries and has active Sections in most parts of the world. It is widespread in that you will find Fellows in all fields of dentistry - general practice, specialist practice, universities, research, armed services and public dental health services.

I would strongly urge you to read the history of the College summarised in our publication "Know Your College".

The Central Body meets once a year and our International Councilman, Syd Dobbin has been attending and contributing to these meetings for many years. Through his outstanding service it was both pleasing and rewarding that he served as World President of the International College last year, only the second Australian to do so, and we thank you Syd for your efforts on our behalf.

I have had the privilege of serving with a dedicated and hardworking Board of Regents, all who have performed admirably. Don Heffron has served for many years in most positions on the Board and he has given valuable service to the College with his unselfish and forthright approach to all matters, and we thank you for this and wish you well in the years ahead.

Unfortunately Bill Chalmers is not well enough to be with us today, and we miss him greatly, but he is certainly with us in spirit. As Treasurer he has again done a wonderful job in looking after our finances with a minimum of fuss. Neil Henry has continued to produce our informative Newsletters, and we thank them both for their enthusiasm and hard work.

Having no permanent office or staff means that the responsibility for the day to day running and organisation of the Section falls heavily on the strong shoulders of the Registrar. Rob Butler has been a tremendous help to me and all Board Members and I sincerely thank you Rob for your dedication and sound advice at all times.

It has been said that the reward for excellence is not wealth but honour. The honour of Fellowship is given in recognition of your effort and dedication, and with the acceptance of Fellowship you have an obligation to assume the duties of continued service and leadership which applies to all of us.

One of the objectives of the College is to sustain and raise the dignity of the profession by maintaining the highest of ethical and professional standards. It is sad to see more and more commercialism becoming apparent, and with the continued political interferences by both government and health funds we must ensure that our standards do not fall. We must be aware of compromise, for out of compromise comes only mediocrity.

It is important to recognise that this is not an elitist organisation. It is an organisation with the highest of standards and your service to dentistry and the community has been measured against those standards, you have passed the test and today we acknowledge you and welcome each of you as a Fellow of the College. Congratulations to you all.

The time has now come for change. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as your President for the last three years. As I said earlier, I have had tremendous support from many people within the College, and I have had the same from colleagues during my years of involvement in dentistry for which I am most grateful. I must thank my wife Nonie for her patience, support and encouragement over those years.

Our new President is Dr. Neil Henry who really needs little introduction such has been his outstanding service to his profession for many years.

He graduated from the University of Queensland in 1952 and from his early days became involved in dental matters, serving with great distinction not only locally and nationally, but also internationally where he held appointments to Standing Committees within the FDI. From State Branch President in 1968 to Federal President of the Australian Dental Association from 1984 to 1986, he has served on many committees at all levels. His outstanding achievements have been well recognised as he has received several awards,

culminating in being made a Member of the Order of Australia in 1989.

He has given unstintingly of his time and experience to the profession and the community, obviously with wonderful support from his wife Beth, and these endeavours have been much appreciated by all concerned.

Within the College Neil has been a Regent since 1995 when he also accepted the position of Editor of the Newsletter, a publication which has improved and become more informative to Fellows over the years due to his efforts. He has been Vice-President for the last three years, and has been of great assistance in organising the delivery of equipment and supplies to our Pacific neighbours as part of our project schemes. His enthusiasm for work has not waned, and his support and advice have always been given willingly and generously at all times, and much appreciated.

Neil, I now formally install you as President and ask you to come forward to accept your President's badge.

### QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the four dentists named in the awards announced in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours List. They were:

**Lloyd O'Brien** - Officer (AO) in the General Division of the Order of Australia.

For service to the dental profession, particularly in the areas of professional development, training and education, and to the community through the establishment of dental care programmes for disadvantaged groups in society.

Dr O'Brien is a Past President of the Australian Dental Association (Victorian Branch), Past President of the Dental Board of Victoria and Past President of the Australian Dental Council.

**William Wilson** - Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia in the General Division.

For service to the dental profession and the community, particularly children with disabilities.

Dr Wilson is a Past President of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Paediatric Dentistry (Qld) and a Past President of the Qld Society for Crippled Children (Montrose).

**Vincent Amerena** - The Public Service medal (PSM).

For outstanding public service to dentistry.

Dr Amerena is a Past President of the ADA Victorian Branch, former Principal Consultant to the Department of Veterans' Affairs and previous Registrar of the Dental board of Victoria. (From Dr G C Hall - Australia)

**Dr Geoffrey Heithersay** was recently awarded a Doctor of Dental Science degree from the University of Adelaide - an outstanding achievement. This adds to a brilliant career in endodontics as a specialist practitioner, a teacher author and researcher. He has also been responsible for the setting up of the successful graduate endodontic programmes at the Adelaide Dental School over the last twenty-five years.

**Dr Brian Wheeler** was recently presented with the Australian Council of Professions S.A. Award for outstanding service by a professional to the community. He has been most active in wider community service including Apex and the Stirling Hospital Board and it is with the Royal Flying Doctor Service the Dr Wheeler has made a significant contribution, and his term as National President saw the development of primary health care projects aimed at improving the health status of rural and remote area communities. Major consultant positions have been held with the World Health Organisation from 1972 to 1984; Federation Dentaire Internationale from 1969 to 1980; South Pacific Commission from 1976 to 1990; institute of Dental Research from 1981 to 1997; National Health and Medical Research Council 1975 to 1992; National Oral Health Survey of Australia in 1986 to 1989; and as a Lieutenant Colonel to the Australian Army from 1982 to 1987.

Major consultant positions have been held with the World Health Organisation from 1972 to 1984; Federation Dentaire Internationale from 1969 to 1980; South Pacific Commission from 1976 to 1990; institute of Dental Research from 1981 to 1997; National Health and

**Peter Alldritt BDS (Adel)**  
General practice, Adelaide.  
Part-time teaching (Adel Uni).  
ADA SA Council, ASE SA  
Council. Chair ADA SA Public  
Relations Committee



**Mark Bartold BDS(Adel),  
BscDent Hons(Adel),  
PhD(Adel), DDSc,  
FRACDS(Perio)**  
Professor of Periodontics,  
Uni Qld and specialist practice.  
Chairman ANZ Div IADR, Editor Australian  
Dental Journal and Editor Periodontology.



**Louise Brown BDSc(Melb),  
MDSc(Melb) MPH(UNC)  
PhD(Adel)**  
Specialist practice in  
periodontics, Melbourne.  
Vice-Pres ASP Vic Branch,  
Director Aus Perio Res Foundation.  
Senior Fellow (Uni Melb).



**John Clement BDSCL  
DS(RCS), DipForOdont  
(Lond), PhD(Lond)**  
Associate Professor, Uni Melb.  
Forensic odontologist with  
extensive lecturing and  
publication record.



**John Davies  
BDSc(Melb), LDS(Vic)**  
General practice, Perth  
ADA Federal Council, Past  
President ADA WA. Part-time  
teaching. Leadership in  
infection control.



**David Evans BDSc(Qld)**  
General practice, Brisbane.  
Part-time teaching (Uni Qld).  
ADAQ committee service.  
Treasurer, ADA 2001 Congress  
Committee.



**Andrew Heggie MB  
BS(Melb),  
MDSc(Melb), LDS(Vic),  
FFDRCSI, FACOMS,  
FRACDS(OMS)**  
Undergraduate and  
postgraduate teaching, UniMelb.  
Committee service ANZAOMS and RACDS.



**Robert Jones BDS(Adel),  
BscDent(Adel), MDSc(Adel),  
FRACDS(OMS)**  
Senior Lecturer (Adel Uni).  
Specialist OMFS practice,  
Adelaide. Service on ADAQ  
and ADASA Branch Councils and  
committees. Past President ANZAOMS.



**William Joyce BDS(Syd),  
BDS(Adel)**  
Retired general practice  
Former Senior Lecturer (Adel  
Uni). Past President of both  
Tas and SA ADA branches.  
Past Registrar, Dental Board of Tasmania.



**Robert Junner BDSc(Qld),  
MDSc(Qld), FRACDS**  
Specialist prosthodontist,  
Brisbane  
Undergraduate and  
postgraduate teaching.  
APS Executive member.  
RACDS committees.



**Josephine Kenny BDS(Syd),  
MHA(NSW)**  
Hospital practice and  
administration, Westmead, NSW.  
Undergraduate tutoring and  
coordination of final year  
clinics.



**David Keys BDSc(Qld),  
BHMS(Qld), PhD(Qld),  
FDSRCS(Eng)**  
Specialist periodontist,  
Brisbane.  
Undergraduate and  
postgraduate teaching. ADAQ  
Council. Past State President ASP.



**Derek Lewis BDSc(Qld)**  
General practice, Brisbane.  
Significant service on ADAQ  
Council and committees. Past  
President ADAQ.



**Louise McLouglin BDSc(Qld)**  
General practice, Rockhampton  
and Ipswich.  
ADAQ committees including  
chair of several and service on  
ADAQ Council 1993-96.



**John McNamara  
BDSc(Qld), MDSc(Adel)**  
Specialist endodontist,  
Brisbane.  
Undergraduate and  
postgraduate teaching. ADAQ  
Council and committees.  
Past president ASE(Qld).



**Paul Marin  
BDS(Adel), FRACDS(Endo)**  
Specialist endodontist,  
Adelaide.  
Undergraduate and  
postgraduate teaching. Past  
President ASE (SA).  
RACDS and ASE committees.



**Roderick Marshal  
BDSc(Qld), MDSc(Qld),  
FRACDS(Perio)**  
Specialist periodontist in  
academic and private practice,  
Brisbane.  
Undergraduate and postgraduate teaching.  
Research interests in periodontal pharmacology  
and links between periodontal and systemic  
disease.



**Ian Meyers BDS(Hons)(Qld)**  
Professor of General Practice  
Dentistry (Uni Qld).  
Research background in dental  
materials, wear and restoration  
of dentition. Service on IADR  
and ADA committees and ADAQ  
Branch Council.



**Rodney Mitchell BDS(Syd)**  
General practitioner, Sydney.  
Significant honorary activities  
in the care of disabled patients.  
1973 ADA-FDI Congress  
Organising Committee,  
Divisional Chairman.



**Phillip Murray BDS(Syd)**  
General practitioner, Parkes,  
NSW.



Active in influencing  
fluoridation of the water  
supply in Parkes and the  
establishment of the Western Shires  
Dental Scheme. A significant professional  
contribution to the community.

**Ralph Neiler BDSc(Qld),  
Bbus Health Admin(QUT)**  
Hospital administration,  
Brisbane.  
Service on ADAQ committees,  
Dental Board of Queensland  
and Dental Technicians and Prosthodontist Board.



**Anthony O'Meara BDS(Syd) MDSc(Syd)**  
Specialist Orthodontist,  
Penrith, NSW.  
Undergraduate and  
postgraduate teaching. ADA  
NSW Council and committees.  
Past President ASO.



**M Paul Renner BDSc(Qld)**  
General practice, Dalby, Qld.  
Service on a number of ADAQ  
committees and Council, Past  
President ADAQ.



**David Roessler BDS(Syd),  
FRACDS**  
Specialist prosthodontist,  
Undergraduate and  
postgraduate teaching.  
Clinical Editor, Australian  
Dental Practice. Popular lecturer and Keynote  
Speaker,  
ADA 2001 Congress.



**Barbara Woodhouse  
BDS(Hons)(Qld), MBS(Qld),  
MDSc(Qld), FFDRC(Sirel),  
FRACDS(OMS).**  
Oral and maxillofacial  
surgeon, Brisbane, Cairns  
and northern NSW.  
Undergraduate and postgraduate teaching.  
ADA committees.



Medical Research Council 1975 to 1992; National Oral Health Survey of Australia in 1986 to 1989; and as Lieutenant Colonel to the Australian Army from 1982 to 1987.

Professor Barnard has produced over 400 major papers and publications during his career and overseen more than 250 graduate students from 41 countries while they gained further postgraduate qualifications in dentistry. His academic honours have included Supervisor of the Year at university of Sydney and the Alan Docking Science Award of the International Association for Dental Research (ANZ Division). He was active in continuing education in eight countries overseas, developed courses in six overseas countries, and was an invited lecturer to 13 countries. He was an active contributor to many government, university and dental committees in Australia and internationally, especially with FDI World Dental Federation and the Asia Pacific Dental Federation.

During all of this activity, Professor Barnard has had a deep, continuous and continuing involvement for the past 40 years with the Australian Dental Association. In 1962, he was appointed to the Health Education and Dental Practice Committees and was an active member, then Consultant, with the Dental Health Services Committee from 1968 to 1996. He has been a Research Consultant with the Association since 1978 and was the person responsible for the first of many Australian Dental Practice Surveys started in 1960/1961, as well as the Dental Fees Surveys from 1961. The publication of "Facts and Figures - Australian Dentistry from 1970 to 1988" involved countless hours of work with the Association.

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## OBITUARY

### DR WILLIAM EDWARD CHALMERS 19-3-24 - 7-6-2001

Bill Chalmers was born in Shepparton on the 19th of March 1924, the elder of two sons to William and Louisa Chalmers. Tragically his father died when Bill was only six years old.

Initially he attended the Shepparton Primary School and was renowned for his childhood escapades and money-making ventures. In 1934 he attended Assumption college, Kilmore as a boarder until he matriculated in 1939 at the age of 15 - the youngest in the class. He participated in cricket, football, handball and tennis over the years at Assumption. During vacations he returned to Shepparton assisting run his mother's café in order to help support the family. Bill came to Melbourne in 1940 and commenced a dental degree at Melbourne University but his tertiary education came to an abrupt halt when he joined the Navy in May of 1943 World War 11 as an able seaman. He completed his naval training at Flinders and joined HMAS Deloraine as a seaman gunner for a short while, as the corvette participated in escort convoys along the East Coast of Australia. In August of 1944 he was posted to the HMAS Ipswich, which was built in Brisbane and commissioned on June 6th 1942. HMAS Ipswich was a Bathurst class minesweeper, one of some 50 corvettes built in Australian shipyards during World War 11. The Ipswich was small, 815 tonnes, 186 feet long and steamed in good conditions at 16 knots. All corvettes were named after Australian provincial towns and whilst designed to carry 75 men, with the addition of radar and anti-submarine detection devices plus other technical improvements the ship ended up with 92-94 personnel. Bill (known as Joe) became the postman on board having the important responsibility of collecting mail and distributing it to everyone on board which gave him the advantage of being first ashore and last on board. After joining his new ship, the Ipswich was involved in exercises with allied shipping off the West Australian coast and then sailed to Colombo, Sri Lanka, where it was stationed and involved in exercises along the east coast of India, in the Bay of Bengal and up to Burma. The Ipswich returned to Adelaide in January of 1945; new armaments were fitted and then sailed into the Pacific region where it was attached to the British Pacific Fleet as a part of the 27th Logistics supply Group. The fleet operated in the Pacific Ocean out of Manus Island with the Ipswich backing up the fleet with supplies and acting as escort for supply ships and tankers. It was said that without the Australian corvettes the fleet could not have operated. At the time of the atomic explosion in Japan, the Ipswich was only five to six hundred miles from Japan and was invited into Tokyo Bay, being the first Australian ship to berth two days before the surrender. Although Japanese ground troops had been pushed back by the occupational forces, there was considerable concern on board that the Yaka Suka naval base, the main naval base outside of Tokyo, may have been

boobytrapped. At the time of the surrender there were almost 300 different ships of different nations anchored in Tokyo Bay, in preparation for the signing of the surrender documents on the 2nd of September 1945. These documents were signed on the US Battleship Missouri. In 1995 the Missouri came to Australia and those present at the surrender, including Bill Chalmers were invited on board to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the surrender. Bill Chalmers received the War Service medal 1939 - 1945, the Burma medal and on the 21st of February 2000 received the Philippine Liberation medal awarded to those who served and helped in the area of the Philippines with the United States 7th Fleet. He was demobbed in February 1945 and returned to Melbourne University to complete his dental studies under the commonwealth Retraining Scheme. He graduated in 1949 Bachelor of Dental Science and before his death celebrated 50 years of graduation. He established a general practice in Darling road, East Malvern, married Anna Scanlan in 1951 and lived out his life in Malvern. After a few years in general practice he commenced orthodontic speciality training with Sir Kenneth Adamson (Melbourne) limiting his practice to orthodontics in 1952 and became renowned for his expertise and quality orthodontic results. He was a fine orthodontist recognised by his colleagues and patients and enjoying a long and outstanding orthodontic career. He was an active member of the national body and state branch of the Australian Society of Orthodontists attending Congress and Foundation meetings and a welcome member on many Congress organising committees.

Further he was an active member of a number of committees of the Australian Dental Association Victorian Branch, in particular the Post Graduate Committee. He joined this educational committee in 1959 as Honorary Secretary from 1960 - 1966 and Chairman from 1967 - 1971. During this period the committee was a major force in post graduate education programs in Victoria. He had a reputation for attention to detail possessing very considerable organising skills and a dedicated approach. He became Chairman of the Scientific Committee of the 22nd Australian Dental Association Congress held in Melbourne in 1978. Protocols established by that committee under his chairmanship became the gold standard for congresses to follow.

He became a founding member of the Dental Alumni Research Foundation and as a committee member was a part of a team that raised funds to finance and establish the Dental Alumni Research Centre at Melbourne University realising that research is basic to the vigorous life of a profession and that such a centre is an essential feature of a teaching institution. He was a fellow of the International College of Dentists and became a Regent of the Australian section in 1988 and Treasurer 1991 - 2001. He was also a Fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

Bill Chalmers was a long standing member of the Victorian Fraternity having joined in 1958 serving as Scribe and Grandmaster of that body and in 1997 was awarded its meritorious award by the supreme body in Washington DC.

Dr Chalmer's major service to his colleagues was through the development and expansion of the Professional Provident Fund, a superannuation fund established by the Australian Dental Association Vic Branch in 1958. He joined as Trustee in 1967, became Deputy Chairman in 1976, Chairman from 1980 - 1989 and until his death was consultant to the policy advisory committee. His avid interest, skill and supervision of the fund has resulted in benefits to members matched by few other superannuation funds. Both past and present members of the PPF owe a great deal to the commitment and expertise of Bill Chalmers.

In 1989 he was honoured and presented with the award for distinguished service by the Australian Dental Association Vic Branch in recognition of his outstanding service to dentistry. It was said at the presentation "there are but few that can have served their profession and the colleagues so efficiently and so honourably: Dr William Chalmers is one such person and it is fitting that he receives this award for distinguished service". In all of these organisations Bill was a most popular, well-recognised and respected member just as he was as postman in his naval days.

Bill Chalmers was an honest, dedicated and highly principled person who loved life in all respects and above all had a wonderfully infectious hearty laugh. Outside of dentistry he loved his garden, cooking and family. He leaves his wife Anna, their four children and 18 grand children.