



International College of Dentists Australasian Section

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



My second report as President of Section VIII comes after a quieter period for the College in Australasia following the Convocation and Induction Ceremony in Perth in March this year.

The Australasian section continues its activity in support of regional dental health projects, particularly Sandra Meihubers' oral health education program in Nepal, and Colin Twelftree's program in Vietnam.

We are also committed to a professional development program in Fiji working with the Fiji dental school, and our fellow Bernadette Pushpaangaeli is our contact at the faculty in Fiji.

Our futures activities centre on the Convocation and Induction Ceremony to be held in New Zealand in the period 18th – 20th August during the Bicentennial NZDA Conference to be held in Christchurch.

It is highly likely that the President of the ICD, Dr. Manfred Seideman of Chile will attend or participate in the Convocation program.

More information will follow in future Newsletters but Fellows are asked to note the

date (and the fact that the ski season is in full swing at that time).

I take the opportunity to thank the Board of Regents for their support, particularly Dr Jenny Smyth, for taking on Editorship of the Newsletter with great enthusiasm. I also wish Vice President Gerry Dickinson a speedy recovery from his current health battle.

Finally, I wish all Fellows a happy and peaceful festive season and a prosperous New Year.

Dick Cook
President

Queen's Birthday Honours

Since the last newsletter, two Fellows of our Section received recognition for their outstanding contributions to dentistry in the Queen's Birthday Honours:

Dr Brian Wheeler, AM from South Australia for his contribution to the Royal Flying Doctor Service

Prof Martin Tyas, AM from Victoria for his dedication to dental research and education.

Congratulations are extended to both Brian and Martin on behalf of all Fellows.

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REGISTRAR'S REPORT

2009 - 2011 Board of Regents

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Some facts about the Membership of the Australasian Section (Section VIII)

The Australasian Section of the International College of Dentists currently has 541 Fellows comprised of:

Active Members	440
Retired Members	89
Honorary Life Members	9
Honorary Members	3

470 Fellows live in Australia; 62 in New Zealand and 9 in other parts of the world (Cambodia, Eritrea, Fiji, France, Malaysia, Singapore, USA).

Within Australia, Fellows represent every state and territory:

ACT	11
NSW	146
NT	5
QLD	91
SA	63
TAS	8
VIC	96
WA	50

Ages of members span seven decades from 1913 to 1978:

Fellows born in 1910s	5 (1%)
Fellows born in 1920s	46 (8%)
Fellows born in 1930s	72 (13%)
Fellows born in 1940s	172 (32%)
Fellows born in 1950s	160 (30%)
Fellows born in 1960s	65 (12%)
Fellows born in 1970s	9 (2%)
Birthdates unknown	12 (2%)

Our five revered elders born in the 1910s are:
Dr Alan Parker, VIC (born 1913)
Dr Doreen Musgrave, OAM, NSW (born 1916)
Dr Ken Sutherland, WA (born 1917) –
Honorary Life Member
Dr Edward Campbell, VIC (born 1918)
Dr T Eric Canning, MBE, TAS (born 1918)

2010 & 2011 Inductions of New Fellows

The next induction of new Fellows into the Australasian Section of the International College of Dentists will be held in Christchurch, New Zealand at the time of the New Zealand Dental Association Biennial Conference, 18 – 21 August 2010.

The next induction ceremony to be held in Australia will be in March 2011 in Brisbane as part of the Australian Dental Association Biennial Congress.

Details of the induction ceremonies will be advised through newsletters and mailing to members closer to the time of the events.

Treasurer's report

I am pleased to report that the College is in a sound financial position and the accounts for 2008-2009 are with the auditor. At the time of writing most subscriptions have been paid. These have been accompanied by a further \$7500 in donations. This exceptional generosity by fellows behoves the College to identify appropriate dental aid projects in our geographical region that deserve our financial assistance.

Nominations for Fellowship

The Board of Regents of the Australasian Section meets annually in conjunction with convocations and induction ceremonies. At the annual Board meeting nominations for new Fellows and proposals for project support are considered, in addition to other business being conducted.

All Fellows are encouraged to nominate dental colleagues whom they know to be contributing to dentistry and to oral health above and beyond their normal roles. A nomination form is supplied in this newsletter or can be requested from the Registrar. Nominations for 2010 must be received by mid July.

Requests for Project Support

Section V111 is committed to supporting the development of Oral Health services and education in underserved areas within its region. Requests from members for project support should be directed to the Registrar:

Dr Jackie Robinson
10 Bendtree Way
Castle Hill, NSW 2154
0434 308 422
jackie_robinson@inet.net.au

Long Tan Vietnam Preventive Dental Program

At the last Board meeting, funding was approved for a project to provide support for treatment of preschool children and development of a preventive and oral health education program in Long Tan, Vietnam. Dr Colin Twelftree has provided the following progress report:

“Since my report in the last newsletter regarding this program, another visit has been made to the Dental Clinic at Long Tan and the preventive program commenced. The College has provided material assistance to enable us to purchase a new dental chair and light for the second surgery, purchase local anaesthetic, silver fluoride and potassium iodide and assist with the transport of a dental hygienist to work within the team.

In October this year my wife and I, together with two dental hygienists, spent a week in the clinic. I examined 140 of the 3-5 year olds in the adjacent preschool and the therapists restored their teeth with glass ionomer cement using the atraumatic restorative technique (ART). In my spare time I examined 39 adults and extracted approximately 60 teeth to relieve their pain.

I am pleased to report that the clinic staff welcomed us to such a degree that they cooked, at their own expense, lunch for us on each day we were there. The teachers at the preschool were also extremely thankful for the services we provided and they invited us for dinner on the last evening at the school where they cooked a traditional Vietnamese meal. The building of excellent relationships will be very important for our next visit in December and January when a fluent Vietnamese speaking dentist from Adelaide will be spending three weeks at the clinic. This will be the start of the real preventive program.

I discovered that the 180 children in the preschool are delivered by their parents at 6.30 in the morning

and collected at 5.00pm. This means that three meals are provided for the children each day and from the condition of their dentitions it is apparent that the diet provided is not the most healthy. As we have established our credentials with the teachers I am hoping that the visiting Vietnamese speaking Australian dentist will be able to educate the teachers at the school to improve the diet of the children which is almost certainly the main reason for their having rampant caries at the age of three years.

At this next visit the remaining children will be examined and treated and we will then move on to the primary school which is approximately two kilometers from the clinic. Relationships were established with this school at my last visit and the Vietnamese authorities have been so helpful that I see no problem with transport for the children being provided.

A full account of the logistic arrangements necessary for such a visit is available on the Australian Vietnam Volunteers Resource Group website (formerly Australian Veterans Reconstruction Group “ www.avvrg.org.au ”) and my report can be found on their newsletters.

If any fellows are considering a trip to Vietnam to work at the clinic, even if you have no experience of travelling alone through Asia, I am sure you will find the information provided would give you sufficient confidence to spend a very rewarding week with extremely grateful patients while combining the visit with a holiday to other parts of Vietnam.

The South Australian Branch of AVVRG acknowledges the cooperation and assistance of the Dental Hygienist’s Association of Australia who are partners with us in delivering this program and also gratefully acknowledge the material assistance provided by the International College of Dentists. As this project has the potential to transform the lives of so many children in an area of great significance to Australian history, AVVRG welcomes any further assistance that may be provided by the College, both monetary and from individual efforts of the Fellows.”

Season’s Greetings

The Board of Regents of the Australasian Section extends season’s greetings and best wishes for 2010 (and for the entire next decade!) to all Fellows. May you stay healthy and prosper and continue to provide valued leadership within our profession and dedicated oral health services to our communities throughout the coming years.

NOMINATION TO AUSTRALASIAN DIVISION INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS

All nominations are considered at the annual Board of Regents meeting, which is generally held in March/April. Completed nomination forms may be given to any member of the Board or may be sent to the Registrar:

Dr Jackie Robinson
10 Bendtree Way
Castle Hill, NSW 2154
AUSTRALIA
Email: jackie_robinson@iinet.net.au

To make a nomination, please complete the details below. It is recognised that some of the information may be irrelevant to an individual and some sections below may have insufficient space. If appropriate, provide further information as an attachment. As the form indicates, nominations need to be proposed and seconded by Fellows of the College.

Nominations must be received at least one month prior to the Board meeting to allow sufficient time for preparation for consideration at the meeting.

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TITLE: _____ NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

PRIVATE ADDRESS: _____

PRACTICE ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ PRACTICE PHONE: _____

FAX: _____ EMAIL: _____

TERTIARY EDUCATION AND DEGREES: _____

CURRENT POSITION: _____

APPOINTMENTS: _____

PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS - POSITIONS HELD/SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS: _____

PUBLICATIONS: _____

PRESENTATIONS/LECTURES TO PROFESSIONAL GROUPS: _____

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: _____

PROPOSER:(Print name) _____ SECONDER:(Print name) _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Email address: _____

Email address: _____

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