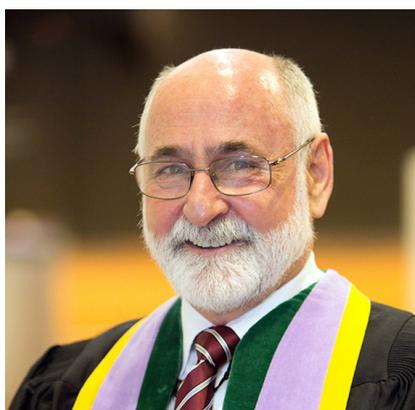




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



President John Owen AM

Our incoming International President, Dr Clive Ross CNZM, delivered a keynote address in Kuala Lumpur in October during the inaugural convocation of the newest autonomous Section of ICD, Section XV. He nominated the topic "Leadership and Humanitarianism - ICD Core Values". It was an inspiring as well as an all-encompassing presentation. All Fellows of the College are leaders in their fields of endeavour whether this be academic, clinical, research, teaching or in the community at large. Especially over the past decade or so, Fellows and colleagues have gone the next step to lead, engage and manage very significant and beneficial humanitarian ventures both in Australia and overseas.

Your Board has assisted Fellows who have gone to this next stage. In 2010, our Section invested only 8% of our budget in the area of humanitarian endeavor. Now we support 12 programs which represents almost 40% of our budgeted Income. The Board does not directly involve itself in each program, but is always available for advice and to facilitate contacts, if requested. ICD support in name alone is a great facilitator when developing funding partnerships, as

it shows highly regarded peers are overseeing and nurturing a particular humanitarian activity.

It is such a pleasure to see programs not only being developed by many Fellows and supported by so many other Fellows who readily volunteer to assist. To see these programs thrive through the quantity and most importantly the reliability of engagement with the targeted community is the icing. In my case, with our Kimberley Dental Team, an elder speaking in a remote community glanced over my shoulder and then quickly back to me. I asked "what was that" and he said, "Just a white Toyota. They come to count us, but never help us". On another occasion, again very remote, a young aboriginal teacher's aid at a school we were revisiting said with surprise, "You are back. No one ever comes back". Reliability, strength of our word and commitment are truly great ICD values.

Programs need to evolve over time. The energy used to negotiate and battle bureaucracy in Australia and overseas is enormous as is the effort to continually seek funding. Most founder driven programs have a limited life, but the legacy they leave in goodwill and caring for others lives forever. We should all be very proud of the part the International College of Dentists plays in supporting such programs throughout the world and of our Fellows who bring the same values to everything they do in our daily lives to assist those less fortunate than ourselves.

Congratulations to all Fellows, volunteers and award recipients for your incredible achievements throughout 2017. We look forward to seeing everyone at the induction ceremony in Sydney on March 24. Have a safe and joyous Christmas and New Year.

Dr John R. Owen AM, President

Registrar's Report



Registrar Tom Tseng

Membership

The Australasian Section of the International College of Dentists now has a total membership of 708. Over the past 10 years, membership of our Section has grown from 560 in 2007 to 708 in 2017.

Local Organising Committees

In March 2016, the Board approved the formation of local committees to organize ICD state based/New Zealand functions on a regular basis. It is intended that local ICD functions will be held in Australia in years where no ADA Congress is being held. In New Zealand, a local ICD function will be held at the time of the NZDA Conference alternating with the current schedule of ICD induction luncheons in New Zealand.

The objectives of hosting more local functions are to:

- Foster collegiate collaboration and enhance professional networks
- Enhance our Fellows' perceived value of ICD Fellowship

- Foster relationships with state branches of the ADA and the NZDA and other strategic partners
- Engage Fellows who wish to play a more active role within ICD
- Support the professional development of young leaders and ensure they aspire to ICD Fellowship
- Enhance the reputation of ICD within the dental profession

Honours For ICD Section VIII Fellows

I am pleased to report that in the most recent Australian Queen's Birthday Honours, four of our Fellows received awards:

Stuart Brendan Gairns AM (WA): for significant service to dentistry as a specialist periodontist and to professional dental societies at state and national levels.

Anthony William Lake AM (SA): for significant service to legal dentistry, particularly to forensic odontology, to disaster victim identification and to professional dental standards.

Sandra Meihubers AM (NSW): for significant service to dentistry, to remote Indigenous communities and to international humanitarian oral health care programs.

John Lindsay Brabant OAM (NSW): for service to people who are homeless and to dentistry.

I am also pleased to report that **Margie Steffens**, the Director of the ICD supported Community Outreach Program in Adelaide, was awarded an OAM.

Tom Tseng, Registrar

Calendar of Section VIII Events

Future Induction Ceremonies

24th March 2018	Sydney (during the ADIA Exhibition)
17th August 2018	Auckland (during the NZDA Conference)
3 May 2019	Adelaide (during the ADA Congress)

Future Local Functions

7th March 2018	Brisbane, QLD dinner with ADAQ
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Invitations with full details will be sent to all Fellows in due course. Enquiries may be directed to the Administrative Officer, Dr Ron Robinson, at admin@icdsectionviii.org.

International President Clive B Ross CNZM, MICD



Induction of ICD 2018 Executive Officers by Past-President, Phillip Dowell (UK) (L-R): Jack Hinterman, Secretary-General; Richard Smith (USA), Treasurer; Dov Sydney (Israel), Editor; Bettie McKaig (USA), President Elect; Clive Ross (New Zealand), President; Akira Senda (Japan), Vice-President; Immediate Past President, Rajesh Chandna (India)

At the 2017 International Council meeting in Taipei, Dr Clive B Ross CNZM was inducted as International President of ICD. Clive will serve as International President until the 2018 Council meeting in New York next November. Only two Fellows of Section VIII have previously served as International Presidents: Gordon Rowell (NSW) in 1978 and Sydenham Dobbin (NSW) in 2000. Clive is the first Fellow from New Zealand to serve as International President.

Dr Clive Ross has been a Fellow of the Australasian Section of the International College of Dentists since 1976. He was elected to the Board of Regents of Section VIII in 2001 and has served continuously on the Board since. Clive has served as an International Councilor for Section VIII since 2008.

In 2010 Clive Ross became the first Section VIII Fellow elected to the position of International Treasurer and the first Fellow from New Zealand to hold an Executive position on the International Council of ICD. Clive served as the International Treasurer until October 2014 when his term of office concluded and he became the International Vice-President. In 2016 Clive became International President Elect.



Incoming President Clive Ross is congratulated by outgoing President Rajesh Chanda of India

Congratulations, Clive, on your Presidency – a well deserved honour for your long and outstanding service to the International College of Dentists.

2017 New Zealand ICD Luncheon

During the annual NZDA Conference in Auckland in August, nearly half of the ICD Fellows in New Zealand attended an ICD luncheon. Over the past few years our Section has inducted an increased number of new Fellows from New Zealand. The luncheon was held to bring together both established and new Fellows from throughout New Zealand for a relaxed social occasion to connect with each other and to hear a speaker of interest. The gathering began with pre-lunch drinks (yes, well over budget on the wine) at the SkyCity Convention Centre with the venue gratefully supplied without charge by the New Zealand Dental Association.

The guest speaker, Dr Fiona Muir, completed her PhD in peer-led interventions to improve mental health and is co-author of the CALM website (check it out). Dr Muir assisted in a recent NZDA wellness survey of its members which showed that 98% of New Zealand's practising dentists belong to the Association. The number of responses (over 700) to the survey has produced the largest dataset of its kind in the world. Fiona kindly donated her time to speak at the ICD luncheon on the wellness issues that significantly affect dentists - what are the issues and what should we do about these issues? Dr Muir will complete a traveling lectureship throughout New Zealand over the coming year.

David Crum, Immediate Past President

2017 International Council Meeting

The governing body of the International College of Dentists, the International Council, held its 2017 meeting in Taipei on November 11 and 12. Representing all 15 Sections of ICD and over 100 countries, the International Councilors and Officers reviewed the past year's worldwide activities, discussed reports from committees, deliberated on new initiatives, exchanged experiences with projects and formulated action items and directives that will guide the global organization for the coming year. Section VIII was represented by our International Councilors, Clive Ross CNZM and Jackie Robinson (NSW). David Thomson (QLD) again acted as Speaker for the Council meeting. Significantly for our Section, Clive Ross

CNZM of New Zealand was inducted as the International President (see article in this newsletter).

A full report on the 2017 Council meeting will be included in the next newsletter. However, at this time, we want to bring to the attention of all Section VIII Fellows some preliminary plans by the Council for the 100th anniversary of ICD in 2020.

All Fellows worldwide will be invited to a gala function, including an international induction ceremony, which will be held on 14 or 15 November, 2020 in Nagoya, Japan. New Fellows who have not yet been inducted may elect to be inducted at this special international induction ceremony.

Closer to home, there will also be centennial events scheduled in Australia and New Zealand in 2020, including induction ceremonies for our Section. Further details about the international events and about our Section events will be advised as arrangements are finalised.



2017 ICD Grant and Project Reports

ICD NZDRF Grant 2017

After selecting from 17 applications, the ICD research grant was awarded to Dr Poppy Horne, A/Prof Lyndie Foster-Page, A/Prof Jonathan Leicester and Prof Murray Thompson for their project titled, *Psychosocial aspects of periodontal disease diagnosis and treatment*. The aim of the project is to gain

insight into the patient experience of periodontal disease with the intent of improving the ability of dentists to provide well-rounded, patient-centred care.

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PNG Dental School & Dental Association

Len Crocombe continues the work done over many decades by John McIntyre in improving dental education and the oral health of the people of Papua New Guinea. Without the hard work of John McIntyre, there would be no dental school in PNG.



Prof John McIntyre at the PNG Dental School in Port Moresby

In August this year Len Crocombe, Geoff Knight and Libby Grounds travelled to Port Moresby. Len presented to teaching staff at the PNG Dental School on “Primary Oral Health Care and Research suitable for PNG”. Geoff Knight gave a presentation on “Atraumatic Restorative Dentistry”. Libby Grounds from the Australian Dental Association Queensland Branch consulted with local dental professionals, the University of PNG and the Open College of PNG to establish a jointly-badged PNG Dental Association and Australian Dental Association Queensland Branch Certificate of Dental Assisting. Until now, there has been no dental assisting training in PNG. DA training is vital to improve productivity and infection control in the dental clinics.

During the visit, there were also discussions on establishing a Prof John McIntyre Foundation as a private/public partnership to guide young dentists in private practices under the tutorship and guidance of experienced dentists.

Len returned to Port Moresby in October to assist with examining final year undergraduate and post graduate dental students.

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Kimberley Dental Team (KDT), WA

The Kimberley Dental Team Ltd. (KDT) is a nonprofit, non-government, volunteer organisation established in 2009 to address the significant disparities in oral health faced by Indigenous communities in remote Western Australia. KDT’s mission is “to improve the general wellbeing and dental health of Indigenous children and their families in primarily the Kimberley region of Western Australia thereby reducing the long term cost and suffering dental disease inflicts”.

KDT’s emphasis is strongly focused on preventive strategies (70% of all services provided), whilst increasing restorative care (5-8%) over surgical care (3%) and now, increasing the provision of removable prosthetic dentures (8 partial dentures in May/ June).



John Owen AM working in the KDT mobile dental clinic

For the past five years KDT has supplied children at the 43 schools across the Kimberley with a toothbrush at the beginning of every term and at the beginning of the end of year holiday.

Kimberley children often require extensive dental specialist care in the areas of specialist paediatric dental care, specialist orthodontic care and/or specialist oral surgical care. The state government has no waiting lists unless children become very ill and

are then fast tracked as a medical emergency often requiring emergency evacuation to Perth or Darwin children's hospitals. The only wait list for specialist orthodontic care is through the UWA at the Oral Health Centre of WA. Wait lists are usually 2-3 years. KDT is exploring setting up a list of specialists who have close links with KDT to enable some children to access private care.

KDT Southern continues to provide clinics at Oxford Foyer for Youth in Transition, Uniting Care West for the homeless and Uniting Care Family Foundations for families, Stuart House in Fremantle, the mental hostels of Devenish House and Francians in Victoria Park and Mercy Care, aged care in Wembley.

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Community Outreach Dental Program (CODP)

Now in its 7th year, the Community Outreach Dental Program run by the University of Adelaide provides care for Adelaide's homeless and vulnerable communities.

There are over 7,500 homeless people in South Australia and many don't seek dental care until it becomes an emergency. In 2016 the program provided over 900 treatments including treatments for 108 new patients. This care was provided by groups of 130 students under supervision of volunteer dentists and university staff from the following cohorts: 85 Bachelor Dental Surgery 5th Year students, 29 Bachelor Oral Health 3rd Year students and 16 Advanced Diploma Dental Hygiene students.

Services included a mix of restorative, preventive education and cleaning. Students also assisted with extractions and removable prosthetics generously provided privately. We recently received feedback from patients like Karen Hawke who attended our dinner auction this year, which is a major fund raiser for our clinic.

Karen was juggling the prospect of homelessness, raising her young son and a full-time study load when she accessed the services of the clinic to treat the onset of severe jaw pain from clenching due to her high levels of stress and anxiety. Today Karen has a PhD in Public Health and is a proud ambassador for Common Ground and the Community Outreach

Dental Program. "They have helped my son and so many others. I witnessed people smiling for the first time in years," said Karen.

Karen's story is one of many people who have benefited from the generosity of our volunteers, students and donors. We look forward to supporting more people through this program in the years to come.

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Mobile Dental Unit for Project Yeti, Nepal

Accompanied for the second time by Dr John Denton and oral therapist, Jude Allsopp, I flew from Kathmandu to Phaplu in October 2017. Our destination was a remote Tibetan settlement, Chialsa, which is a 3 hour walk from Phaplu. It is 2700 metres above sea level with panoramic views to Everest. Our equipment which included a portable unit, chair and compressor was sent by road. Thankfully all the equipment arrived intact and in working order after the long road trip.



The trek to Chialsa

In the five working days at Chialsa, we examined 84 patients, completed 71 restorations, 115 sealants, 27 scaling and cures, and 19 extractions. Jude also gave an excellent class lesson on oral hygiene. It was especially pleasing to see the improvement in oral hygiene of the children we had treated on our previous visit in 2016. The equipment was left in Chialsa as part of the strategy to establish a clinic and facilitate future visits.

The poverty of the region left us in awe of the need to help the village people in whatever way we were

able. It struck me that showing them that we cared enough to make the arduous trip was just as important as the treatment we were able to provide. Unfortunately, there is no welfare system in Nepal and the country people in particular are completely ignored by their government. Anyone interested in contributing to the project can contact John or Jude.

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Long Tan Dental Project, Vietnam

In 2017 five dental teams have provided treatment to the children of the Long Tan area of Vietnam. In January, I accompanied a team of eight young people, two of whom were dentists, one a therapist and three dental students from Griffith University. They spent a week at the Long Tan Primary School and treated 217 patients completing 444 fissure sealants, 160 restorations and 11 extractions.



In March a young dentist treated 68 adults at the Long Tan Clinic, which is situated adjacent to the Long Tan battle field and village, with a combination of extractions and restorations.

In April a four person team lead by a dentist treated 123 children at the Long Tan preschool. This facility caters for children aged 3 to 6 who spend the whole day there from before breakfast while their parents are working, usually in the paddy fields. They provided 326 ART fillings and 8 fissure sealants and applied Duraphat. It was not possible to obtain parental consent for extractions and many draining abscesses were left with the expectation they would remain symptom free.

In June a Vietnamese speaking dentist accompanied a hygienist and an orthodontist and for the first time treated children at an orphanage in Ba Ria which had initially been built and organised by our parent NGO, AVVRG (Australia Vietnam Volunteers Resource Group). This was possible because it was summer school holidays and the orphans were in residence and not at school. This should now become an annual visit. A new Catholic day care centre was also offered treatment but most of the children were too young. Finally, some adults were treated at the static Long Tan Clinic.



Mobile bus clinic for the Vietnam Long Tan dental project

In September Fellow Helen McLean made her annual trip to Vietnam to treat children at the Long Hai and Vung Tau Centres for the Social Protection of Children.

I already have volunteer dentists for all of 2018 but have places for nurses, hygienists and therapists. If any of your staff members would like to enquire, please encourage them to contact me.

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National Oral Health Survey, Vanuatu

This Pacific island dental project could perhaps be described under the “boring but Important” category! Boring because the major aim is not to build infrastructure or to relieve pain and suffering but rather to initiate major changes in oral health delivery for this nation in the long term. For this to happen there first needs to be a National Oral Health Survey of the Pacific Island nation of Vanuatu. Without independent data, governments do not act. Only then can a national plan be formulated for the improvement of oral health in Vanuatu. This will focus on prevention as well as treatment. Hence a National Survey is vital.



The NOHS is led by Dr Barry Stewart with the support of the Vanuatu Ministry of Health, the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu (PCV), Medical Sailing Ministries (MSM) and other volunteers from Australia, Vanuatu and New Zealand. Richard Tatwin is coordinating four missions of volunteers on the yacht Chimere to access and survey villagers on 30 representative outer islands covering the whole archipelago. The survey will take five months to complete. Whilst our team is working in the rural villages of Efate, MSM volunteers are conducting missions by yacht to cover a representative 30 islands (of 64) in all provinces of Vanuatu, with local and volunteer support. This will take until November to complete. All dental staff in Vanuatu are involved as well as some volunteer opticians, medics and nurses on the four sailing missions. Treatment is offered where possible.

The University of Melbourne will data process and analyze the figures in relation to the findings of the questionnaires and oral examinations. With the statistics obtained and in conjunction with the local Ni-Van dental professionals, we will have the information needed to formulate a National Oral Health

Plan (NOHP) which the government can then work to implement and take to overseas aid agencies to seek support.



The NOHS survey was trialed on the remote Anityum Island in April 2017 with information from the trial fed back to the organising team prior to implementation of the next stage of the survey. In May this year, the northern rural region of Vanuatu was hit by category 4 cyclone Donna. The area was under siege for days as Donna destroyed homes, schools and crops on all of the northern islands. The destruction caused a delay to our plans.

ICD volunteers are very welcome to help in Vanuatu. There are two well equipped surgery clinics, a mobile dental van to take into villages and a fully equipped removable dental prosthetics lab. Any professional help would be appreciated and we are able to arrange the necessary registrations, patients, nursing and language support. There are over 1000 dental patients on the waiting list, all needing urgent care.

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Village School Oral Health Program, Nepal

This dental program has expanded beyond the village of Bhattedanda to remote schools in the Sindhupalchok district which was one of the 8 districts worst affected in the 2015 earthquakes. The dental program continues to be linked to school based sanitation programs.

The local dental team led by Mr Bishnu Shrestha and Dr Biplob Adhikari, along with Dr Sandra

Meihubers from Australia, conducted outreach dental clinics in January and April. A school based tooth brushing program was implemented in the school at Thangpal Dhap. Teachers and senior students were trained in program activities and supervision requirements and the dental teams distributed toothbrushes, toothpaste and toothbrush storage boxes built locally by Triratna, our carpenter in Banepa.

Dental camps were also delivered at the Ksetra paleswori School in Tipeni village, where negotiations are still under way regarding implementation of the school sanitation program. A total of 135 children were treated at the camps and the services provided were 499 fillings/fissure sealants, 28 extractions and 20 scalings.

The ICD sponsorship support for this program has enabled poor and marginalised communities to receive access to regular oral health care and advice.

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Healthy Kids Cambodia (HKC)

The objective of Healthy Kids Cambodia (HKC) is to provide a sustainable and integrated approach to primary health care for underserved children in schools and communities of Cambodia. Children in the program receive a graduated, prevention orientated approach to the delivery of dental services alongside health screening and hand washing. This strategy involves partnerships between schools, NGO's, dental schools and governmental departments.



Healthy Kids screening

The ICD has helped support a young Cambodian coordinator for the project. This program has 3 different levels of intervention:

Level 1:

For all children - daily tooth brushing with fluoridated toothpaste and hand washing. Biannual basic health screening, de-worming, Vitamin A and silver diamine fluoride to arrest decaying primary teeth.

Level 2:

40% of children - glass ionomer fissure sealants and atraumatic restorations with no drilling.

Level 3:

20% of children - conventional dentistry in clinical situation.

During 2017 approximately 10,000 children participated in the HKC Project from Phnom Penh and three provinces. Level 1 and 2 services were provided to almost all and some accessed Level 3 services.

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M'Lop Tapang, Cambodia

This year the dental clinic at M'Lop Tapang had regular volunteer visits allowing expansion of the preventative programs. The volunteers stay for a week in Sihanoukville treating children and their families.

The dental volunteers tend to be either well experienced or newly graduated seeking to further their skills. We have encouraged final year dental students to become involved with ICD sponsoring some students. For the first time two University of Queensland students had their volunteering week included in their clinical assessment and have shared their insights.

'Growing up I was always the shortest in my class so my mum used to say to me, "Small hands can help big" whenever I needed a little motivational nudge. Recently during my volunteer trip to Cambodia in September, I began to understand the true meaning behind those words. Like the Tapang tree which is a huge umbrella tree that can protect against the elements, M'Lop Tapang provides shelter for vulnerable

and disadvantaged children in Sihanoukville. Despite their dismal living conditions, the children we treated were jubilant and cheerful little soldiers who usually signed up for dental treatment of their own accord. It was truly heartwarming to be able to offer dental treatment to kids who had been denied most other things in their life. The dental procedures we completed ranged from extractions to endodontics to general restorative care, with a focus on saving permanent first molars and anterior teeth in mixed dentition cases. I realised that my small hands can indeed help big. I will return to M’Lop Tapang to continue helping with my small hands and to reunite with the bubbly, small hands of Sihanoukville.’ (Hye Moon)

asymptomatic – teeth, by the end of the week, we were able to identify and prioritise the treatment that would be of greatest benefit to these patients. We gave oral hygiene instructions and it was heartwarming to know that we were empowering the children to look after their teeth. Seeing their faces light up when we got them out of pain was definitely one of the highlights. My volunteer experience with M’Lop Tapang gave me the opportunity to develop my clinical and decision-making skills, but it also opened my eyes to a culture worlds apart from my everyday life back home. This recent experience has reaffirmed the importance of giving back to the community, whether local or international. ‘ (Shannon Sia)



UQ student working in Cambodia



It is a symbiotic experience to mentor future dentists over a volunteering week. Many of the volunteer students have returned as graduate dentists to volunteer. Please consider volunteering at this Cambodian dental clinic.

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‘These children approach life with such vigour and gratitude, it’s difficult to imagine the situations in which they live and the adversities that they’ve endured. Most of the patients that we saw were young, scared and didn’t know how to speak English. Despite this, the kids were motivated and came to the clinic of their own accord. Working with power outages was a challenge. Another palpable difference was the treatment planning. Due to limited time and resources, often the only teeth treated were symptomatic. If a child requested a deciduous extraction we would often carry out their wishes, giving them control, if only temporarily, over their life and body. This basic human right, which we take for granted, is tragically and commonly denied to these kids. Initially difficult to overlook the grossly carious – albeit

Smiles for the Pacific Dental Project (SFTP), Fiji

We have been busy in the second part of 2017 with a focus on education. Members of our team conducted seminars for two regional dental conferences within Fiji (FDA and FOHWA) at no cost to the organisers. These were well received by those who attended.

Several visits to our clinic in Lautoka hospital were undertaken and treatment programs completed.

These visits are combined with small group tutorials with interested dentists looking at the advances in fields such as CAD/CAM and rotary endodontics both of which have benefited from donated product to Fiji.

We have also continued with donation of useful sustainable second-hand goods and equipment. Following on from a container load of goods arriving in June came the donation of 3 ADEC chairs from Queensland, Australia via our representative there, Dr Surend Chandra.



Dental donations gratefully received

The Global Visionary Fund (GVF) of ICD funded the purchase of much needed oral and maxillofacial instruments for dealing in particular with bone fractures. These will be well utilized by Dr Inosi Salababa who will be the resident OMF surgeon at Lautoka hospital.

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ICD ADRF Grant 2017

ICD grants to the ADRF aim to support population oral health research to improve oral health in communities. The 2017 ICD grant was awarded to Dr Gloria Mejia and Dr Wendy Cheung for their research

project entitled “Maternal and perinatal factors associated with early childhood caries”.

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Disaster Relief Grant for Fiji

An ICD grant was also awarded to the Fijian Ministry of Health in 2017 to support the rebuilding of dental infrastructure destroyed by cyclone Winston in February 2015. 2017 was the third and final year of this special ICD grant. David Crum and Jonathan Cole (New Zealand) are thanked for their assistance with the purchase and transport of dental supplies to Fiji under this grant.

ICD Grant Applications

Not surprisingly the Section VIII Board is receiving an increasing number of applications for grants. This led to the Board limiting the approval of any grants beyond 2017 in order to undertake an in depth review of our grant process. This review was led by Fellow Jenny Smyth AM (QLD) and was completed in August in preparation for the Board teleconference held on September 22.

As a result of the review, the application form for ICD grants has been revised and a more systematic evaluation process for grant applications has been introduced. In addition, an annual progress and financial report for successful applicants will be implemented to ensure sustainable outcomes are achieved and to ensure accountability for ICD funds donated to projects. These improved processes will apply from 2018. Although all applications received by the Board are worthy of funding, the funds for grants within our Section are limited and difficult decisions need to be made each year about which projects to fund.

Funds for project grants are drawn from annual renewal fees paid by Fellows, from some surplus funds accumulated in previous years and, importantly, from generous donations made by our Fellows when they renew their memberships. During the six year period 2011 – 2016, an average of \$10,000 was donated by Fellows each year with about 28% of all Fellows of our Section including a donation with their annual renewal payments. Individual donations have ranged from \$5 to \$1000.

Grant applications are considered at the annual Board meeting. The next Board meeting will be held in Sydney on 24 March 2018. Applications for grants need to be submitted by 24 February 2018 at the latest in order to be considered at the March Board meeting. The revised grant guidelines and application form can be downloaded from the Section website (<http://icdsectionviii.org>) or can be requested from the Admin Officer at admin@icdsectionviii.org.

Fellows are also directed to the global ICD website (<http://www.icd.org>) for more information about grants from the Global Visionary Fund (GVF) which is very generously supported by our Diamond Sponsor, Henry Schein.

Section VIII in the Digital Globe 2017

The new, interactive GLOBE has a new interactive video and pictures for our Section. Visit <http://www.icd.org/the-globe-journal-annual/> and scroll down to "The 2017 Globe".

Section VIII Website and Facebook Page

For more photos and regular updates on Section projects and events, visit our Section website <http://www.icdsectionviii.org> and facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/ICDAustralasian>.

The Future And Strength Of Our Section Depend On You

Although the Australasian Section of ICD has exhibited incremental growth of about 3% on average each year over the past ten years, this growth is not to be taken for granted. The future and strength of our Section depend on Fellows within the Section nominating colleagues who deserve the recognition of ICD Fellowship for the significant contributions they make to our profession and to the community.

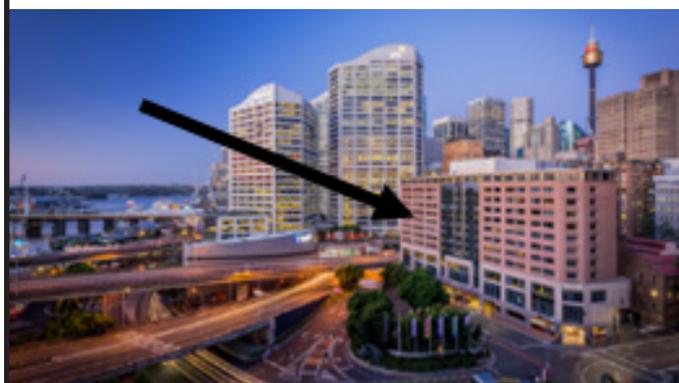
The Section VIII nomination guidelines and form can be downloaded from the Section website (<http://icdsectionviii.org>) or can be requested from the Admin Officer at admin@icdsectionviii.org. The guidelines give the criteria used by the Board to evaluate nominees. In addition, Board members and members of local nominating committees are happy to discuss

the suitability of potential nominees with Fellows in advance of making nominations. For reference, a copy of the Section VIII database can be found on the website (<http://www.icd.org>).

2018 INDUCTION CEREMONY & DINNER IN SYDNEY

The next ICD induction ceremony and dinner in Sydney will be held in March 2018 at the time of the ADIA Exhibition at Darling Harbour.

Parkroyal Darling Harbour
15 Day Street, Sydney
(on the city side of Darling Harbour)



Saturday, 24 March 2018
6:00 pm – 10:30 pm

AUD\$150 per person
Dress: lounge suit

Invitations to all Fellows will be distributed in January 2018.
Enquiries: Ron Robinson, Admin Officer, admin@icdsectionviii.org



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