



SECTION 8 (AUSTRALASIA)

MEMBERSHIP AND GROWTH

October 2018

The Australasian Section (Section 8) of the International College currently has 732 Fellows comprised of:

- 636 Active Fellows
- 83 Life Fellows
- 8 Honorary Life Fellows (including two Masters)
- 5 Honorary Fellows

635 of the Section 8 Fellows reside in Australia. 86 reside in Zealand and 12 Fellows live in other parts of the world (Cambodia, Eritrea, Fiji, PNG, Qatar, Timor Leste, UK and USA). 144 Fellows (20%) are female; 588 Fellows are male.

Statistics kept since 2007 show an annual average increase in membership of 3%. The total Section 8 membership in 2007 was 560 Fellows.

HISTORY

Initially the International College of Dentists operated as one body, the "College at Large". When Sections were formed within the College (substantially in effect from 1948), **"Section 29"** was designated to include Australia, New Zealand, the Samoa Islands, the Fiji Islands, Borneo, Sumatra, Java, Papua, the Solomon Islands, New Caledonia, the Society Islands and the Celebes.

INAUGURATION OF SECTION 8, AUSTRALIA

Autonomy was authorized for "Section VIII, Australia" at the ICD Executive Council meeting held on 12 October 1963. Section 8 was officially inaugurated on 30 May 1964 by the College representative, Dr R Gordon Agnew, in Perth at the time of the ADA Congress.

A charter was presented to the Section 29 Regents Gilbert Henderson and Alan Grainger. An Organizing Committee was elected to attend to the affairs of the new Section until a Board of Regents was elected at the next convocation in 1971. The Organizing Committee comprised Alan Grainger (Chair), Derek Freeman (Secretary), George Christensen, John Lavis and Gordon Rowell.

FIRST SECTION 8 INDUCTION

The first Fellows inducted into Section 8 in 1964 were Ken Adamson, Neville Cox, Derek Freeman, Bernard Lilienthal and Ross Taylor. Bernard Lilienthal is the last surviving Fellow from the inaugural induction and is currently the longest continuous Fellow of Section 8. The only other surviving Fellow from the 1964 induction was Derek Freeman AM who sadly passed away in February 2018 at 93 years of age.



Derek Freeman awarded Honorary Life Membership by International President, Don Johnson, 2007

INAUGURAL BOARD OF REGENTS

In 1971 a draft constitution was approved and the inaugural Board of Regents was elected:

Alan Grainger, President	John F Lavis, Treasurer
A Gordon Rowell, Vice-President	Derek D Freeman, Regent
Richard Setright, Registrar	Kenneth J Sutherland, Regent

SECTION 8, "AUSTRALASIA"

In 1973 the listing for Section 8 was amended to include Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Fiji. The Section title was changed to "Australasian Section".

1975 LANDMARK INDUCTEES

In 1975 there were a number of notable new Fellows inducted into the Section:

- Elizabeth Fanning and Doreen Musgrave were the first female Fellows inducted into Section 8.
- Sir Asher Joel KBE, FRSA, MLC was the first Honorary Fellow inducted into Section 8.

Honorary Fellowship is conferred by the Board for an individual, other than a member of the College, not necessarily a dentist, who has rendered conspicuous service to the cause of dental science, has contributed to the promotion of the dental profession or has otherwise significantly advanced the dental profession. Martin Halas was named as the second Honorary Fellow of Section 8 in 1990. John Harrington became the third Honorary Fellow in 1994. Section 8 currently has five Honorary Fellows: Peter Lazar AM (2003), Eric Reynolds AO (2007), Laynesh Gebrehiwot (Eritrea, 2014), Wendy Toulmin AM (2018) and Keith Mentiplay (2018).

REPRESENTING SECTION 8 ON THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

Fellows from the Section 8 region have contributed to the College at the highest level from the beginning. The inaugural ICD Board of Regents formed in 1928, comprised of 15 members, included Regent William G. McKern of Sydney, Australia. McKern was foundation Vice-President of the Australian Dental Association (ADA) New South Wales (NSW), Associate Editor of *The Dental Journal of Australia* and served on the Dental Board of New South Wales.

Gilbert Henderson (*see profile*) and Alan Grainger (*see profile*) were long serving Regents for Section 29 prior to Australia becoming an autonomous Section. Since Henderson and Grainger, Section 8 has been represented on the International Council by Gordon Rowell (1971-1988), Robert Norton (1988-1995), Syd Dobbin (1995-2001), Geoff Hall (2001-2007), Clive Ross (since 2007) and Jackie Robinson (since 2014).

PROFILE: Gilbert D Henderson OBE (1890-1977)

Gilbert D Henderson was one of the first Australian dentists admitted into the International College of Dentists (8 July 1930) and one of the first Regents for Section 29 (1932). He played an instrumental role in proposing Australia to become an autonomous Section of ICD and organising the official inauguration of Section 8 on 30 May 1964 at the ADA Congress in Perth.

Gilbert was a founding member of the Western Australian (WA) branch of the Australian Dental Association (ADA) in 1922. He was the first chairman of the Perth Dental Hospital in 1926 and of the board of management of the WA College of Dental Science (later the University of WA Faculty of Dental Science) in 1936.

He joined the Australian Army Medical Corps (Dental) in 1942 serving for three years as a specialist, designing mechanical aids for repairing fractured facial bones and prosthetic shields to restore facial soft tissue loss. He was best known for building a prosthetic hand activated by rods inserted in the arm muscles.

PROFILE: William Alan Grainger CBE (1906 - 1974)

Prior to Section 8 being authorised as an autonomous Section of ICD, William Alan Grainger served with Gilbert Henderson as one of the first Regents for Section 29 of the International College. When Section 8 was officially inaugurated as an autonomous Section on 30 May 1964 at the ADA Congress in Perth, Grainger became Chair of the Organizing Committee appointed to manage the affairs of the Section until a Board was elected. Alan was the inaugural President of the Section 8 Board of Regents elected in 1971.

Grainger graduated from the University of Sydney Faculty of Dentistry in 1928. Clinically, Grainger distinguished himself as a pioneer in ceramics (the "jacket crown king") in an era well before the technology and materials used today were available to make long lasting aesthetic crowns. For more than thirty years from 1935, he lectured on ceramics to dental students. In 1970 he was awarded the University of Sydney Fairfax Reading Memorial Prize and certificate of merit for special service to the Faculty of Dentistry.

He served as President of the ADA NSW in 1956, Federal President of the Australian Dental Association (ADA) 1964 - 1968, President of the Dental Board of NSW 1963 - 1974 and President of the Royal Australian College of Dental Surgeons (RACDS) 1970 - 1972.

Alan was appointed the "Censor-in-Chief" on the ADA Committee formed in 1962 to establish an Australian College of Dental Surgeons. Subsequent representations by Grainger resulted in Queen Elizabeth II granting use of the prefix "Royal" for the College in 1972.

Grainger was awarded a CBE in 1969. He was President-Elect of FDI in 1974 when he passed away.



Gilbert D Henderson OBE



William Alan Grainger



Alfred Gordon Rowell CBE

PROFILE: Alfred Gordon Rowell CBE, MICD (1913 - 2007)

With the outbreak of WWII, New South Wales dentist A Gordon Rowell enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) in 1939. He remained in the military rising to the rank of Brigadier and becoming Colonel Commandant of the Royal Australian Army Dental Corps (RAADC). He was highly decorated for his military service.

Following the war, Rowell worked in private dental practice, taught in the University of Sydney Faculty of Dentistry and was active in both the ADA NSW and the federal ADA. As Vice-President of the ADA in 1956 Gordon Rowell led the way in formation of the Australian College of Dental Surgeons and served as Foundation President of the College.

Gordon Rowell played an extraordinary role in the early history of Section 8. He was a member of the original Organizing Committee appointed in 1964 and was elected to the inaugural Board of Regents for Section 8 in 1971. Gordon served on the Section 8 Board until 1988, representing the Section on the International Council for 17 years initially as the Section President and later as the Section "Executive Councilman/International Councillor".

He became a member of the ICD Executive in 1972 and contributed significantly with a review of College finances and revision of the ICD Constitution and By-Laws. In 1978 he became the first Section 8 Fellow to serve as Council President. For his services to the International College, Rowell was honoured with appointment as a Master of ICD.

SERVICE ON THE COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

There have been three Section 8 Fellows to serve as International Presidents, Gordon Rowell in 1978, Sydenham Dobbin in 2000 and Clive Ross in 2018 (*see profiles*). In 2010 Clive Ross became the first Section 8 Fellow elected to the position of International Treasurer and the first Fellow from New Zealand to hold an Executive position on the Council.

PROFILE: Sydenham Dobbin AM, MICD

Sydenham Dobbin served on the Section 8 Board 1985 - 2001 in positions as Regent, Treasurer, Vice-President, President and International Councillor. In 1998 he was elected as Council Vice-President and subsequently served as Council President-Elect in 1999 and Council President in 2000. He was the second Section 8 Fellow elected as President of the International Council.

Sydenham Dobbin joined the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) at the age of 18 and trained as a pilot. He shipped to England during WWII where he personally experienced bombings in London. Late in the war, Syd flew spitfires.

After the war, Syd studied dentistry graduating in 1950. He joined the newly formed Australian Regular Army and was the first dentist to hold a commission in the Regular Army. When discharged in 1952, he started private practice in Yass, NSW where he continued practicing until 1995.

In 1956 Yass became the first town in New South Wales to be fluoridated due to the leadership of Syd Dobbin and one of the town's medical practitioners, Dr David Graham, who was also on Yass Council. Syd joined and served on the Yass Council for thirty years - seven years as Mayor. Yass became known as the "Good Teeth Town" with a 60% reduction in caries in 5 year old children. Syd is considered to be the "Father of Fluoridation" in New South Wales. In recognition of his determined efforts, he was awarded an Order of Australia in 1986 for services to the community, particularly in the field of dental health.

Syd continues his passionate advocacy for water fluoridation as evidenced by an article in the *The Daily Telegraph* dated 2 September 2013. As quoted in the article, *"He helped Australia become a nation proud to flash its pearly whites and 60 years on Dr Syd Dobbin is still fighting for fluoride. Yesterday the retired dentist joined the chorus of experts calling for Northern Rivers councils to adopt fluoridated water, citing 60 years of healthy teeth in his hometown of Yass."*



Sydenham Dobbin AM, MICD



The Daily Telegraph, 2 September 2013, "Father of fluoride Syd Dobbin calls for Northern Rivers councils to save children's teeth by approving fluoridated water"

PROFILE: Clive Ross CNZM, MICD

Clive Ross CNZM has been a member of the Section Board of Regents since 2001. Since 2008 he has served as the International Councillor representing the Section at Council

meetings. In 2010 he was elected to the position of International Treasurer and in 2018 elected as International President.

In addition to private practice in Auckland, Clive was the long serving Clinical Director of Regional Oral Health Services in Auckland until his retirement in 2014.

His positions within organised dentistry include member of the New Zealand Dental Council for 12 years and Chairman 1989 - 1995; Chair of the joint WHO/World Dental Federation working group on workforce planning and member of the WHO expert committee on oral health for seven years; FDI President 1991 - 1995; member of the inaugural Board for the New Zealand Dental Health Foundation; Board member of the NZDRF; Past President of the New Zealand Society of Prosthodontics and President of the New Zealand Endodontic Society.

Clive was a NZDA Council member for ten years, serving as Council Chairman 1980 - 1984. In 1991 he was made an Honorary Life Member of both the New Zealand and the Australian Dental Associations. In 1996 he was named the Dentist of the Year by the Academy of Dentistry International. In 1997 he was awarded a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to dentistry.

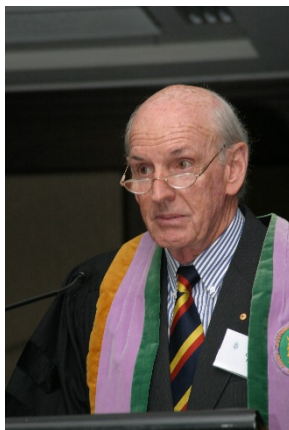
MASTERS OF SECTION 8

The highest level of membership classification within the College is that of "Master". Masters are Fellows in good standing who at the time of their nomination have rendered extraordinarily conspicuous and outstanding service to the College and are duly approved by the Section and by the College.

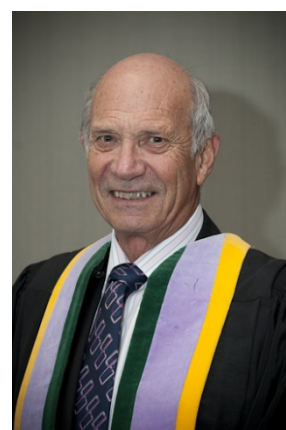
The awarding of the status of Master is considered a rare distinction. There have been five Masters appointed in Section 8 during its fifty-four year history: Gordon Rowell CBE, Richard Setright, Sydenham Dobbin AM, Geoffrey Hall AM and Clive Ross CNZM. Currently, Section 8 has two Masters: Sydenham Dobbin AM and Clive Ross CNZM.



Richard Setright 1982



Geoffrey Hall AM 2007



Clive Ross CNZM 2015

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS OF SECTION 8

The award of "Honorary Life Member" was introduced by the Section 8 Board in 2006. Honorary Life Members are Active or Retired Fellows in good standing who have made an outstanding contribution to Section 8 and to the profession as determined by the Section 8 Board of Regents.

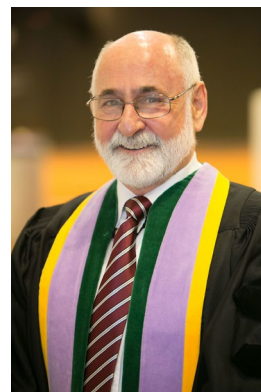


At a special ceremony in Sydney in 2007, International President Don Johnson and Section VIII President Braham Pearlman awarded Honorary Life Memberships to Syd Dobbin AM (NSW), Derek Freeman AM (NSW), Neil Henry AM, L Peter Ryan OAM (QLD), Tom Speed (New Zealand) and Geoff Hall AM (SA) (pictured above). Section 8 currently has eight Honorary Life Members: Robert Butler (VIC), Dick Cook AM (WA), Sydenham Dobbin AM (NSW), Don Heffron CBE (NSW), Peter Noblet AM (SA), Jackie Robinson (NSW), Clive Ross CNZM (New Zealand), and Tom Speed (New Zealand).

GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION OF SECTION VIII

The changeover of Board Officers for Section VIII occurs at the induction ceremony in Australia which is held in conjunction with the Australian Dental Association Congresses. The timing of ADA Congresses has varied over the years resulting in Section 8 Officers serving two or three year terms. There have been 19 Presidents of Section 8 during its 54 year history:

1. Alan Grainger CBE (inaugural)
2. Gordon Rowell CBE
3. Derek Freeman AM
4. Ken Sutherland AM
5. Rupert Dingle
6. Robert Norton OBE
7. Sydenham Dobbin AM
8. Spyros Halikis AM
9. Don Heffron AM
10. Geoff Hall AM
11. Neil Henry AM
12. Robert Butler
13. Clive Ross CNZM
14. Braham Pearlman
15. Richard Cook
16. David Thomson
17. Jackie Robinson
18. David Crum
19. John R Owen AM



Current Section VIII President,
John R Owen AM

Due to the increasing membership of the Section, the position of Administrative Officer was introduced in 2012 to support the Board. Fellow Ron Robinson was appointed to the position and continues to serve in that capacity.

Following a 2015 survey of Section VIII Fellows, local committees were introduced to assist Board members in each state of Australia and in New Zealand with nominations of new Fellows and with organising local functions.

In 2017 the Board reviewed its structure and succession planning to ensure effective governance of the Section continues.

50th ANNIVERSARY OF SECTION 8

The Australasian Section of the International College of Dentists (ICD) was officially inaugurated at the ADA Congress in Perth in May 1964. The Section celebrated its 50th anniversary in Sydney in October.

The 50th anniversary celebrations culminated with an induction ceremony and gala dinner held in the grand ballroom of the Shangri-La Hotel on Saturday evening, October 25. There were more than 300 ICD Fellows and guests in attendance. Fellows from New Zealand, from every state and territory in Australia and from Singapore travelled to Sydney for the occasion. The Section was also honoured to have many International Councillors of ICD, representing more than 120 countries, attend the dinner.



Following pre-dinner drinks, the Section President, Dr Jackie Robinson, welcomed everyone and noted the broad spectrum represented by those in attendance, from The Honorable Dr Derek Freeman who was inducted in 1964 at the first Section induction ceremony in Perth to invited young dentists from throughout Australia and New Zealand. Present also were two Fellows who have been ICD Fellows for more than 40 years (since the early 70s) - Bernard Lilienthal and Peter Barnard. Honorary Life Members Tom Speed from New Zealand and Peter Ryan AM from Queensland were special guests at the dinner.



Section 8 President, Jackie Robinson



International President, Joseph Kenneally

A number of Presidents were in attendance at the ICD 50th anniversary dinner. The ICD International President, Joseph Kenneally of the USA, was present. Two of the Section Past Presidents, Rob Butler from Victoria and Dick Cook from Western Australia; John Boyens, President of the NZDA; Karin Alexander, President of the ADA and Deb Cockrell, President of ADA NSW. The CEOs of both the ADA and NZDA attended the dinner - Robert Boyd-Boland and David Crum.

Henry Schein-Halas is a Diamond Sponsor of ICD. General Manager of Henry Schein-Halas Australia, Gordon Anderson, was welcomed to the dinner.

The International President of ICD, Dr Joseph Kenneally, addressed the audience. He congratulated the Australasian Section on its 50th anniversary and commended the Section on its leadership and commitment to humanitarian projects.

The Australasian Section Registrar, Dr Tom Tseng, conducted the induction ceremony. 59 new Fellows chose to be inducted at the time of the 50th anniversary celebrations, which made this the largest induction ceremony in the history of the Australasian Section of ICD.

International Councillor, Dr Clive Ross CNZM, concluded the induction ceremony by awarding Honorary Life Membership to Robert Butler of Victoria and Dick Cook AM of Western Australia. Dr Peter Noblet AM of South Australia was also awarded Honorary Life Membership.

The Three Waiters delighted the audience with dinner entertainment. The Sassy Sisters kept everyone on the dance floor until midnight.

SECTION 8 PROJECT SUPPORT

The early minutes of Section 8 Board meetings indicate the desire and intent to identify and support projects aimed at improving oral health in underserved communities. Regent Derek Freeman was an early driving force within the Section in this regard. There was particular emphasis on sharing dental knowledge and a particular focus on the South Pacific islands.

This intent to support projects to improve oral health in underserved communities has been a continuous theme throughout the history of Section 8 and remains core to our organisational values. In the early 2000's the Board sought to place increased emphasis on projects by

formalising and promoting the application process for grants amongst Fellows and by raising awareness of projects supported by the Section through the Section newsletters. In addition, in 2008 the Section annual membership renewal form was modified to encourage Fellows to add an optional donation for project support. Over the ensuing ten years, Fellows have donated almost \$100,000 with their renewals.



Cambodia 1-2-1 Mobile visit to provincial school



Nepal School Brushing Program

Many Section 8 Fellows are involved with volunteer dental projects. They give generously of their skills and knowledge, their time and their personal finances. Section 8 is proud to be able to provide some financial assistance for selected projects and to encourage Fellows to get involved.

Section 8 is currently supporting projects in Australia, Cambodia, Fiji, New Zealand, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste, Vanuatu and Vietnam. The Section is launching a “Young Dentists Volunteerism Grant” in 2019 to encourage young dentists in our region to participate in dentally related humanitarian projects.