



## Message from the Regent



**A**s I scribe my first report as Regent of this Section, may I say how honoured I am to be thus chosen and may I thank the Academy and its Board of Regents for

entrusting me in this high office. It is most appropriate that I congratulate my predecessor Mark Goodhew for the outstanding leadership he has shown and dedication to furthering the work of this Academy. Whilst Regent of this Section, Mark was also the President of the New Zealand Dental Association; no mean accomplishment. He has served in both capacities with distinction and has taken the Academy forward to a new dimension. Needless to say our thanks also go to Reg Hession, Immediate Past President (first Resident Australian to hold this office) for his tireless efforts spanning many years.

I congratulate and thank John Davies in his role as editor of the newsletter. This newsletter plays a vital role in

the life of the Academy, keeping us all informed of current affairs in Dentistry, projects in the field and achievements and activities of our Fellows in various fields of endeavour. I urge you all to keep in contact with John and give him your news.



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## ◀◀ Message from the Regent *continued*

The recent Convocation and Dinner was held on the 29th March 2011 at the Queensland Club, in conjunction with the hugely successful 34th Australian Dental Congress. The Congress was ably led by Derek Lewis (Chairman of the Local Organising Committee), a Fellow of this Academy. Well done! Details of the Convocation and Dinner are recorded in this newsletter.

A few words of welcome to our newly inducted Fellows. The Academy continues to maintain and accept a high standard of new Fellows who demonstrate a high level of achievement and commitment to the profession and therefore for the common good. Congratulations to our new inductees and may you continue to serve and reach your full potential as a Fellow of this Academy.

In conclusion, thanks again to our outgoing Regent, Mark Goodhew, for his great contribution. Hopefully I can maintain the standard which he has set and as a bonus, bring the Bledisloe Cup back to our Australian shores.

*Eddie Street*

## Across the Tasman



At 12.51 pm on 22nd February 2011, a 6.3 magnitude earthquake struck Christchurch with devastating effects on the CBD and eastern suburbs. In the following 24 hours, there were 120 aftershocks, many over 5 in strength. Approximately 31 dentists were affected in the CBD. Only one practice in the area initially cordoned has reopened. Some practices will not be able to reopen because they are to be demolished, and of these practices, many dentists have been unable to retrieve items from their practice, except to access records for Disaster Victim Identification (DVI) purposes. Many that have lost their practice are currently sharing surgeries with colleagues in the Christchurch area. The Oral Health Centre at Christchurch Hospital, which was an 18 surgery clinic is condemned and currently operates from 2 surgeries at another hospital.

In the aftermath of the earthquake, a number of dentists from around the country were involved with the DVI process.

### The following Fellows assisted with the Christchurch earthquake DVI:

- Andrew Gray – Wellington
- Stephen Simmons – Christchurch
- Hugh Trengrove – Auckland

The thoughts and best wishes of New Zealand Fellows are extended to our Christchurch colleagues at this time, as well as thanks to all those that have provided support and assistance.

*Karl Lyons*



## A Convocation Special Feature Issue



Convocation Venue: The Queensland Club, Brisbane

# Academy of Dentistry International Convocation and Dinner

29th March 2011

Queensland Club, Brisbane

Being seated next to the drum section of the Queensland Police Pipes and Drums as they completed an "Irish" set was guaranteed to get my (six generations distant) Celtic genes jumping, and me humming along to the well known tunes. It was one highlight of an extremely enjoyable occasion that continues the tradition of the Academy in providing an outstanding experience at our Convocations.

Prior to the elegant and frankly delicious dinner at the Club, a meaningful ceremony welcomed new inductees from all over Australia. New Zealand's tragic earthquake meant the inductees from there were unable to attend due to pressing duties at home. Dr Ernest Chan responded on behalf of the new inductees with a sincere wish to live up to the honour bestowed upon the new Fellows of the Academy.

The Academy of Dentistry International was formed in 1974 as an international Honour Society with the intention of recognising people within dentistry who have performed at the highest level. At the same time it was decided that there should be a purpose for existing beyond simply honouring people. It was agreed that the sharing of knowledge through education and continuing education would be the primary aim and therefore people who are particularly interested or skilled in this area would be invited to join and be recognised. The Australasian Section was inaugurated in May 1988 at the ADA Congress in Sydney.

Outgoing Regent Dr Mark Goodhew exercised the pleasant duty in welcoming our International President, Dr Tom Brink and his wife Katherine, Immediate Past International President, our own Dr Reg Hession AM and his wife Pamela, International CEO Dr Bob Ramus and his wife Janet, and incoming Regent Dr Eddie Street and his wife Judy. The K R Allen Award recipient Professor Kim Seow attended with her husband Dr Yee Thong; the quality of her curriculum vitae made her selection obvious to all those present.

The dual positions of Vice-Regent were reinstated at this Convocation after lying in abeyance for a period. The Secretary, Dr John Pearman, and Treasurer, Dr Simon Shanahan were humbly honoured to receive this recognition. Other Board members were acknowledged and confirmed in their roles.

The 2011 positions on The Academy of Dentistry International Board are as follows:

**Regent**, Dr Eddie Street; **Immediate Past Regent**, Dr Mark Goodhew; **Vice-Regent and Secretary**, Dr John Pearman; **Vice-Regent and Treasurer**, Dr Simon Shanahan; **Editor**,



Dr John Davies; **Board Members** Dr Mark Bowman (Vic), Dr Peter Aldritt AM (SA), Dr Kerrie Eupene (NT) and Dr Wayne Ottaway (Tas).

The presence of the guests from the USA, President Dr Tom Brink and Dr Bob Ramus ensured the gravitas of the occasion and all attending this part of the event would report the significance of the honour we hold as Fellows of the Academy. This was enhanced by the addition of the many Fellows of such high quality.

The group swelled to well over 100 for dinner. The guest of honour, Major-General Prof Jeff Rosenfeld, Surgeon General to the Australian Defence Force (Reserves), entered the dining room with the newly installed Regent Dr Eddie Street as the band of the 1st Regiment of the Royal Australian Artillery – yes that is correct a second band! – played throughout the ceremony and on into the evening. Speeches by Maj-Gen Rosenfeld emphasising the importance of teamwork, Dr Reg Hession, Dr Eddie Street and Dr Mark Goodhew interspersed the convivial gathering. It was a memorable evening and definitely the thanks of all go to Dr Eddie Street, both as host member of the Queensland Club and new Regent. Once again his combined flair for the dramatic and close attention to detail resulted in the night being viewed as a great success by all.

*Simon Shanahan*

# FADI 2011



**Dr Ramesh Balasubramaniam** graduated from the University of Western Australia in 2000 and received his MSc degree from the University of Kentucky in 2006. He currently practices as a Specialist at the Perth Oral Medicine and Dental Sleep Centre in Subiaco, WA. Ramesh is a Consultant in Oro-Facial Pain at the Princess Margaret Hospital for Children and various other hospitals and clinics. He is a Clinical Associate Professor at the School of Dentistry, WA. Dr Balasubramaniam has lectured widely in his chosen field and currently is either editor or reviewer of many journals dealing with Oro-Facial pain and Oral Medicine. Ramesh has also published in many peer-reviewed journals.



**Dr Fiona Bell** graduated from the University of Melbourne in 1984 and completed her MDS in 2006 in Sydney. She has lectured to professional and community groups with a special interest in diseases affecting early childhood and adolescence. She has been a volunteer in regional and remote areas of the Northern Territory in the provision of Specialist Dental Care to children through the John James Memorial Foundation.

**Dr William Besley** graduated from the University of Melbourne in 1983 and achieved MDS in 1993 and is in Specialist Practice in Richmond. As well as holding several appointments at hospitals in Victoria, Dr Besley is a visiting OMS at the National Hospital Odonto-Stomatology, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. In 2010, Dr Besley was awarded an ADA (Victoria Branch) Achievement in Dentistry Award. He also achieved a National Hospital Odonto-Stomatology HCMC Award for Service.

**Associate Professor Sameer Bhole** is Area Clinical Director, Oral Health Services and Clinical Associate Professor at the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Sydney. Professor Bhole has made a significant contribution to Public Oral Health Service reforms in NSW through improved Oral Health delivery to disadvantaged populations in South Western Sydney. Professor Bhole has also contributed significantly to Overseas Aid programs in East Timor and Kosovo and co-ordinated Oral Health programs in Operation Safe Haven, providing Services for East Timorese and Kosovo refugees.



**Dr Ernest Chan** graduated from Sydney University in 1982 and completed his MDS in 1988. He is in Specialist Orthodontic Practice in Chatswood. Dr Chan has served on many committees within the ADA (NSW Branch) and has been a Senior Tutor and Specialist Clinical Associate at the University of Sydney for 12 years. Dr Chan has been a member for the NSW Dental Board Dental Care Assessment Committee.

**Dr Ivan Darby** graduated BDS from the University of Glasgow in 1991 and was awarded a PhD (Clinical Periodontics) in 2000. Dr Darby was made Fellow of the RACDS in 2006 and currently is Senior Lecturer and Head of Periodontics, School of Dental Sciences at the University of Melbourne. Dr Darby was honoured with the IADR Oral Biology Award in 2005. Ivan has presented and published widely and the Academy recognises his significant contribution to research.

**Dr Peter Dillon** graduated from the University of Western Australia in 1971 and is at present in Specialist Orthodontic Practice in Perth. Dr Dillon has been a lecturer at several Dental Congresses and has been a visiting lecturer and clinical tutor in Orthodontics at UWA Dental School. Peter is Past President of the ASO (WA) and has been the recipient of Certificates of Appreciation from the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry.

**Dr David Goldsmith** is in General Practice in Ballarat, Victoria and has been a partner in Ballarat Dental Group for 35 years. David has served on various committees of Round Table, Apex, Rotary and his local ADA (Vic Branch). David has been a Team Leader on 16 Dental Health Volunteer Projects to the Pacific Islands between 1996 and 2010. Dr Goldsmith is a Paul Harris Fellow (Rotary) with 2 Sapphires and was a recipient of the ADAVB Dentistry Achievement Award in 2010.

**Dr Anne Jillian Harrison** graduated in 2000 from the University of Melbourne and is a Specialist Endodontist, practicing in Victoria. Dr Harrison is immediate Past President of the Victorian Branch of the ADA and has been active on many Committees and Boards associated with the Dental Association. In 2002, Dr Harrison was a volunteer at the Baird Pite Clinic in East Timor. Anne is multilingual and has lectured at conferences in Japan and Vietnam as well as through the ASE in Australia.

**Dr John Kidd** graduated in 1962 and was in General Dental Practice for 41 years. He is now retired. Dr Kidd served with distinction on many ADA committees within the Queensland Branch and was President of that body in 1978. Dr Kidd has been active at both State and Federal levels of the ADA for many years. Dr Kidd is a Fellow of the International College of Dentistry and a Fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. The Academy is delighted to welcome Dr Kidd who has made a significant contribution to the Dental Profession.



**Dr Bruce Kidd** graduated from the University of Qld in 1971 and was in private practice in Cairns for 33 years and currently is at the University of Queensland. Dr Kidd is a past President of the ADA (Qld Branch) and has served tirelessly on many committees for that body. Bruce is an active Rotarian and is a past District Governor and a Paul Harris Fellow.

**Dr Peter Hyde** graduated from Sydney University in 1963 and achieved an MDS in 1985 from that institution. Currently, Peter is in full-time private practice in General Dentistry with special interest in Prosthodontics and Oro-facial Pain. Dr Hyde has been visiting Specialist in Oro-facial pain at Westmead Hospital for 27 years and has a long and distinguished history of service for the Royal Australian College of Dental Surgeons as Examiner and Mentor. Dr Hyde has held many teaching positions within the University of Sydney Faculty of Dentistry for nearly 30 years and was awarded a Certificate of Merit from the Department of Prosthodontics. Peter gave selflessly of his time and abilities at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games and was awarded an Olympic Games Service Award.

**Colonel Andrew Gray** graduated from the Queen's University of Belfast in 1991 and moved to accept a teaching position at the University of Otago, NZ in 1992. Colonel Gray worked in general Dental Practice until he was commissioned into the New Zealand Army in 2003 at the rank of Major. Colonel Gray was appointed as Chief Dental Officer in 2003 and has taken part in Exercise Tropic Twilight 2005 as part of an aid package to NIUE through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Colonel Gray was appointed Director Defence Dental Services in 2009 and has held the position of Facilitator, Graduate Professional Development Program for the New Zealand Dental Association and presently sits on the NZDA Board.

**Group Captain Gregory Mahoney** graduated from the University of Queensland in 1978. He gained an MSc (Dent) from Sydney University and achieved a PhD from the University of Queensland in 2010. Dr Mahoney is in Private General Practice in Manly, Qld. Dr Mahoney is President of the Australian Society of Dental Anaesthesiology and President of the Australian Military Medicine Association. He is also Director Air Force Health Reserves Qld and Consultant to the Director Defence Force Dental Services. Dr Mahoney has made significant contribution to Oral Health Research through Dental Epidemiology at the Centre of Military and Veterans' Health.

**Dr Brian Koch** is currently President of ADA (WA Branch) and is in General Practice in Perth. Dr Koch is Vice Chair of the Federal Dental Workforce and Education Committee and is current Chair of Dental Workplace Committee (WA). Brian is a part Chair of the Third Party Liaison Committee and is an Honorary Tutor OHCWA. Dr Koch is present Vice Chair of the Baptist Care Board of WA.

**Professor John McGeachie OAM** graduated from the University of Western Australia in 1963 and continued his education in WA where he achieved a PhD, and in London where he gained Fellowship at the Royal College of Surgeons. Professor McGeachie has made significant contributions to Research through the Department of Anatomy and Human Biology at the University of Western Australia. In 1990 John was appointed Head of the Department of Anatomy and Human Biology and in 2000 was appointed as Head of the School of Dentistry and in 2002 Director of the Oral Health Centre of Western Australia. In the teaching arena, Professor McGeachie has been teaching undergraduates and post-graduates for 45 years and has been an invited Lecturer and Examiner for the Universities of Singapore, Hong Kong and Papua New Guinea. He has published over 100 papers in his chosen field of Cell Biology and Regeneration Research. At present, Professor McGeachie is continuing his research and is concentrating on developing a new course for Dental Students. In 2006 he was awarded an Order of Australia for contributions to teaching.

**Dr Ralph Neller** graduated from the University of Queensland in 1974 and is in General Dental Practice in Brisbane. Dr Neller is the current President of the Australian Dental Council and is also current Chair of the Queensland Board of the Dental Board of Australia. Most recently, Dr Neller has been a Dental Adviser in overseas Aid Programs (AUS AID) in Indonesia. This project included building and equipping the new Dental Clinic at RSUZA Hospital in Banda Aceh, following the devastation of the tsunami in December 2004.

**Dr Sarah Orme** graduated from Melbourne University in 1999 with a Masters in Dental Science and is in Specialist Periodontal Practice in Brighton, Victoria. Dr Orme has written Clinical updates for the Victorian ADA for 11 years. Sarah has served as a reservist with the Royal Australian Navy for over 10 years and has achieved the rank of Surgeon Lieutenant Commander. Dr Orme was the worthy recipient of the award for Dental Achievement in Victoria from the ADAVB in 2010.

**Dr Gary Smith** graduated from the University of Queensland in 1979 and attained his MDSc in Prosthodontics in 1987. Dr Smith is a senior lecturer in Prosthodontics at the University of Queensland and is currently a Councillor and on the Executive of the ADA Queensland. Dr Smith is currently Federal Secretary of APS and State Secretary of the Australian Prosthodontic Society (Qld Branch). Dr Smith is a Fellow of the International College of Dentists.

**Dr Graham Symes** graduated from Otago in 1985 and achieved his FRACDS in Sydney in 2004. Graham has been a tireless worker for NZDA for many years and has served on many committees for that organisation. Dr Symes is the current Chair of the NZDA Central Region Peer Review Committee and has contributed significantly to the maintenance of high standards in Dental Practice in New Zealand through Code of Practice publications.



## Kevin R Allen Award

Professor W Kim Seow, BDSC, MDSc, PhD, FRACDS, FICD, FADI, a specialist paediatric dentist was recently awarded a personal chair in Paediatric Dentistry at The University of Queensland in recognition of her high international standing and academic leadership in paediatric dentistry. Professor Seow graduated BDS from the University of Adelaide and received her MDSc and PhD from The University of Queensland. She was also awarded a higher doctorate (DDSC) from The University of Queensland for outstanding research in Paediatric Dentistry. She is the inaugural director of the School of Dentistry's Centre for Paediatric Dentistry and co-ordinator of the University of Queensland's clinical speciality training programme in Paediatric Dentistry and Journal of Dentistry for Children, and has held visiting professorships at Harvard University, the Children's Hospital, Boston and The University of Minnesota. Her current research program is focused on the prevention of early childhood caries and developmental dental abnormalities. She has authored over 160 original scientific publications in peer-reviewed journals.



**International President Dr Tom Brink and  
Kevin R Allen Award Recipient Professor Kim Seow**



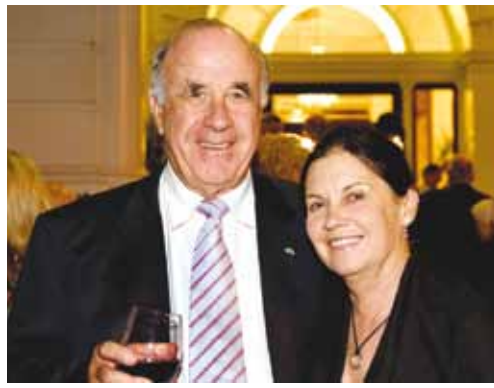
**Guest of Honour  
Major General Professor Jeff Rosenfeld  
Surgeon General to the Defence Force (Reserves)**



**Queensland Police Pipes & Drums**



**Band of the 1st Regiment  
of the Royal Australian Artillery**



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MARCH 2011**



## Editor's Notes

### Thankyou

The ADI Convocation in Brisbane inducted Dentists who stand out in our community of Dentists. All Fellows of ADI continue to give much to communities, both in their own countries and overseas. I would like to take the opportunity to say *thankyou* for all the sacrifices you have made for others. Although it may have been said that to work voluntarily has its own rewards, many ADI Fellows continue to give service to others freely, without seeking personal recognition, kudos or praise. Again I say *thankyou*.

*Thankyou* also needs to be extended to the Executive of our own ADI Australasia; without them our reason for being cannot continue. Our Regent, Dr Eddie Street, spent a considerable amount of time, effort, energy and creativity for the fantastically successful ADI Convocation at the Queensland Club. There were some delightful surprises, which, combined with flawless organisation, led to a brilliantly enjoyable time for all those who attended.

*Thankyou* Dr Eddie Street, and *thankyou* to all on the ground in Brisbane, who assisted you.

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### Please

Too often, we assume that volunteers will keep being volunteers, forever. We must be mindful that circumstances change over time and new volunteers are needed to step into the shoes of current volunteers and their predecessors.

Volunteers are always needed, (same message different editorial !!) and joining as a volunteer may change your life forever. Please look at your life. Are you comfortable; can you perhaps step out of your comfort zone and see yourself helping the lives of our fellow human beings who may struggle daily? Volunteering may enhance the lives of others and invariably enhance your own life, as a result.

For Fellows of ADI, please send your stories about being a volunteer. This is an opportunity to inspire others with your stories. Your short stories as well as your sagas would be gratefully received; any photos would be a bonus. Send to John Davies [adi.news@yahoo.com.au](mailto:adi.news@yahoo.com.au).

**John Davies, Editor**



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Las Vegas, Nevada

Incorporating ADI Convocation

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