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Message from the Regent

I hope that this edition of the ADI Newsletter finds you and your loved ones happy and healthy, and that the summer break was all that you hoped it would be. The Christmas and New Year period for me has always been about family, friends, hot weather, a chance to reflect on the year just past, and an opportunity to get ready for the year ahead.

My family and I were lucky enough to spend a week or so aboard a cruise boat to Vanuatu and New Caledonia, from Auckland, and we enjoyed the opportunity to do what we pleased for a few days, without the demands of school, work or any other obligations. One of the stops we made was to Port Vila, capital of Vanuatu, and while

there we jumped on board a mini-van, to be shown the sights. Our driver was George, a local, and for part of the day George took us to a village of about 4,000 people. It was New Year's Day, and there were any number of happy people still enjoying the celebrations from the night before. Some things are the same the world over; the defining features for me in this village were the number of 'free-range' chooks which were joining in the fun, and the number of people of all ages with missing teeth (hey, I'm a dentist, that's almost the first thing I notice!).

Many research projects indicate that it is a combination of many factors

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reasons why I'm so proud to be part of the ADI: we have so many Fellows who are prepared to give of their time and expertise to bring dental care to isolated parts of the world and, hopefully, to raise expectations along the way.

This was part of my own reflecting on the year past, and as part of that it has also been my privilege to get to know Dr Roger Dennett over the last few years. Roger has stepped down from his Secretary's role this year. While his contribution to ADI has been largely unsung it has nonetheless been significant to the growth and success of our Australasian Section. I have been very lucky to step in as Regent with Roger running the show, and I am grateful for the quietly efficient manner in which he has managed this Section.

Characteristically, Roger has planned for the future, and I am pleased to

welcome Dr John Pearman to take on this important role. Roger has agreed to stay on as Treasurer until our next Convocation, which is planned for Perth. This will take the form of a Dinner meeting to coincide with the ADA Congress, and will be held on 11th March 2009. More details will be at hand in the near future. And even closer in the future, I encourage Fellows to consider travelling to Stockholm, Sweden, for this year's FDI Congress, during which a European ADI Convocation will be held. This takes place on Wednesday 24 September, and again we will let you know the details as they are finalised.

Finally, enjoy the year ahead. May all of your plans for the year come to fruition.

Mark Goodhew

which result in a complete population with far less than optimal oral health, but I think isolation and low expectations would have to feature highly in places like the one we visited. This is one of the

Australia Day Award



The ADI congratulates Prof Frank Monsour AM . RFD who received recognition in the Australia Day honours list and was admitted as Member of the Order of Australia (A.M).

Francis Neville Monsour received this honour for services to dentistry in the field of Oral and Maxillo Facial Surgery and Education.

Frank was instrumental in the evolution and development of the specialty leading to its recognition as a full surgical specialty with other surgical disciplines and full accreditation by the Australian Medical Council.

Frank is currently head of the Royal Brisbane and Royal Children's Hospitals Maxillo Facial Departments and administers similar departments at the Princess Alexandra and Mater Hospitals.

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From our NZ Correspondent



Our Regent, Mark Goodhew attended the University of Otago Health Sciences graduation in December in his position of President of the New Zealand Dental Association. This graduation included dental, dental technology, dental therapy and dental hygiene graduates as well as eleven who graduated with the new degree of Doctor of Clinical Dentistry. Also in December, the New Zealand Dental Association opened its new headquarters, known as NZDA House. This building also houses the Auckland Branch offices and was opened by the Director General of Health, Stephen McKeran.

Murray Holland from Napier has recently been made an Associate Member of the NZDA and Dexter Bambery is continuing in his position as the Professional Advisor to the Dental Council of New Zealand.

Finally from New Zealand we hope that your year continues to be a successful and enjoyable one.

Karl Lyons

Glorious April weather...





Obituary

They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. *Isaiah 40:31*

Alfred Gordon Rowell AO CBE MID 1913-2007

The Academy records with regret the passing of Gordon Rowell AO CBE MID. Alfred Gordon Rowell was born in Sydney in 1913 and died on the 27th September 2007. He will be remembered with great affection as a doyen of Australian dentistry over many years. He was President of the ADA (NSW Branch) 1954-1955 and Federal President 1960-1962. A Life member of the ADA (NSW Branch) and Federal Branch; he enjoyed a long and distinguished career in the Royal Australian Army Dental Corps (RAADC) and saw active service in the Middle East and in the South Pacific.

He reached the rank of Brigadier and was Director of Dental Services from 1964-1970.

Gordon was appointed as Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (CBE) in 1970 and an Officer of the Order of Australia in 1978. He was a senior part time lecturer in prosthodontics in the Faculty of Dentistry within the University of Sydney over a period of nearly forty years. In 1998 he was admitted to the honorary degree of Doctor of Dental Science.

Gordon Rowell founded the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons in 1965 and became its first President. He had a keen interest in the history of dentistry and was a major contributor to the much acclaimed book *The History of Dentistry in NSW 1945-1998* by George Franki (ADI Hon Fellow).

Gordon leaves behind his wife Jeanne, and his children John, Clive, and Helen. John also followed a dental military career and served in Vietnam.

His contribution to dentistry was enormous. He will be missed by all those who were fortunate to be influenced by him.

GF and ERS

In the Field

Good works performed by Overseas Fellows



Professor Colin Wong (Chinese American) and past Regent of the ADI visits China from time to time as a team member of a group called "Alliance for Smiles", and works primarily with facial clefts. He is part of a team comprising Anaesthetists, Plastic Surgeons, Psychologists, Nurses and members of the Dental Team. He was involved in an interesting surgical case where a seven year old girl (untreated bilateral

cleft) was treated by the team. The results were graphic, in both the facial repair and in the demeanour of the child. The greatest significance was that the recessive little **girl** with an utterly deformed mouth was transformed into a healthy young **boy!** There was no sex-change operation. It was simply a matter of the parents not wishing to allow the world (i.e. their relatives and neighbours) to see that they had produced a deformed boy in a community which regards girls with little respect. Thus rather than "putting down" a son (as happens often with daughters), they decided to bring up the deformed son as a daughter! Here is a case of a "medical" team in which our professional colleagues played a significant part, assisting a child to assume its correct status in society, as well as giving it the opportunity to face the world with confidence.

Last year alone Colin made four visits to China and helped change the lives of 400 cleft children and their families.



Good works performed closer to our shores

Fellows will recall reading in the August edition last year of John McIntyre's successful training project and the report which followed for visiting Cambodian dentist Dr Tepirou Chher to learn how to use the Fluoride probe effectively. John, an unfailingly tireless colleague has now received further help from our Section of the Academy to support a visit by Assoc.Prof Ivan Darby, Head of Periodontics, University of Melbourne, to provide a course in Periodontic Instruction to Hospital Dentists and BDS students at the Dental School in PNG. This visit would also involve providing special theory and clinical instruction to four MDS trainees at the UPNG to assist them to come up to date in the subject and which will also help them to pass their exam in General Dentistry in November. A prospective PNG Dental graduate will be selected to commence training as a specialist Periodontist in 2009, who will become the first Periodontist ever on the staff in PNG.

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Editor's Notes



Roger Dennett

After five years of serving the ADI (Australasian Section) as Secretary/Registrar/Treasurer extraordinaire, Roger Dennett has decided to retire from these positions but will remain as Treasurer until the next Convocation (12th March 2009). This will take place held in Perth in conjunction the 33rd Australian Dental Congress.

We welcome John Pearman who will take over these roles. Our section welcomes you John and appreciates your willingness to take on these duties.

Roger was handed the job by Graham Mount in September 2003 and was heavily involved in organizing the 2003 ADI Convocation held at the FDI Congress in Sydney. He was also editor of this newsletter from 2003 till 2005 when I was asked to take over as editor. Subsequently he was responsible for organizing ADI Convocations in Adelaide in 2005 and Sydney (again) in 2007. He was also involved in the induction of new Fellows at the Trafalgar Day Dinner held in Brisbane in 2005

To quote him: *"It has been a great honour for me to serve the Academy in a very small way. I have been touched by the tremendous amount of work done within our own Section by the likes of many people, but especially John McIntyre, Paul Kotala and Malcolm Deall. They are all inspirational men who have done much to further education and training in dentistry and indeed the provision of dental services to the Third World. I have been blessed to work with an outstanding Regent, Reg Hession, and it has been an honour to work closely with Reg. The ADI has given*

Forthcoming events

****ADI EUROPEAN ADI CONVOCATION**
FDI Congress
September 24, 2008 - Stockholm, Sweden

****ADI USA SECTION CONVOCATION** (all dates tentative)
October 15, 2008 - San Antonio, Texas
September 30, 2009 - Honolulu, Hawaii
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****ADI (AUSTRALASIAN SECTION) CONVOCATION AND DINNER – Wednesday 11 March, 2009**
33rd Australian Dental Congress
March 12-15, 2009
Perth, Western Australia

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Poets' Corner

**Glorious April Weather,
Southerly blows the breeze;
Blade on the feather,
Shade of the trees;
We'll all swing together,
Our bodies between our knees;
We'll all swing together,
Our bodies between our knees.**

From Eton Boating Song

me the opportunity to develop friendships that would otherwise never have occurred, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank ADI Fellows generally and the Section Board of Directors specifically for their support over the last 5 years."

Roger, on behalf of all fellows of this Academy may I thank you for your great contribution to this Honour Society and all that it stands for.

We are also pleased to announce that Experien are our new co sponsors with Henry Schein Halas. Medfin (at very short notice) is no longer able to support us in our work and I as editor would like to thank Ian Todd for coming to the aid of the party at such short notice, with such enthusiasm and with such eagerness to help.

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