A familiar sight in the township of Kinglake one of the towns worst-affected by the 2009 bushfires in Victoria, Australia.

Message from the Regent

A visit to Australia is something generally looked forward to by us New Zealanders – it’s a relatively benign way to get in an overseas trip, and most Aussies are welcoming hosts, away from the sometimes gladiatorial sporting arenas. The holiday experience is frequently confined to the eastern seaboard, particularly Sydney and the Gold Coast, but I’ve had three good reasons to make the long journey to Perth a number of times – two siblings and a father have made their homes in Western Australia for nearly twenty years. It has a great climate and a distinct natural beauty.

It was therefore with real pleasure that I headed back to Perth this year for the ADI Convocation, preceding the ADA Congress, and what a great success both events were. Those of you who have been involved in organising any similar events will know what a commitment it is for people who lead already busy lives, to take central roles in what are effectively showcases for the profession. Congratulations to ADI Fellow Dr John Owen, Chair of the Congress organizing committee, for a highly successful and very well-attended occasion.

It was good to be able to meet with representatives from Henry Schein Halas and Medfin while attending the Congress trade display, and I was delighted to learn that Medfin has agreed to co-support this Newsletter.

I also want to record my gratitude to Dr Simon Shanahan, our ADI

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Board member from Perth, who put together a Convocation and Dinner that will be recalled for many years. There are detailed reports of the functions in this newsletter, but my personal impressions were, first, the stunning venues, second, the relaxed but dignified atmosphere, and most importantly, the real sense of fellowship for all of those that attended. One of the most enjoyable benefits I get from an involvement in organised dentistry is the social company of colleagues. I think functions such as this go a long way to reinforcing an awareness of personal value in a professional environment that is becoming increasingly competitive.

You will be able to read of the accomplishments of the new Fellows elsewhere; it is a humbling experience to learn of the talents and experiences of our colleagues.

The Australasian Section Board met while in Perth. While we keep in regular contact via email, and the concerns of the Section are progressing well, it is still essential to have these face-to-face meetings. There was some discussion around improving the decision-making process for approval of grants and donations, and of a possible Convocation in New Zealand next year, as a number of new Fellows were unable to be present in Perth. There will of course be a Convocation in Brisbane in 2011, in conjunction with the planned 34th ADA Congress.

The devastating Victorian bushfires of this summer horrified the world, and were felt deeply on both sides of the Tasman. We grieved together, and the difficult job of rebuilding lives and communities is now starting. It is at times like this that we learn again the importance of simply helping each other out. As well as its function as an Honour society, ADI is “devoted to the advancement of dentistry throughout the world and to the elevation of dental standards by continuing education. Along with the sponsorship of dental education and service projects, this Academy directly aids in the improvement of the dental and oral health and well-being of people worldwide.”

Our Section donated a large sum of money to the Boxing Day Tsunami appeal, via ADI, but for various reasons it was not needed. It has been held in trust by ADI since then, and has been given back to our Section, at the request of the current ADI President Dr Reg Hession, with the intention of assisting with the rebuilding efforts in Victoria. The Australasian Section has added further funds, to ‘round up’ the original figure to A$15,000, and has donated that sum towards the Bushfire Appeal. While our donation is not targeted at directly advancing oral health, I feel certain that Fellows will support this decision, as it will surely help with the well-being of those affected so severely by these bushfires.

If you missed out on Perth, I hope this issue will give you a taste of the events, and I encourage you to consider attending one of the future ADI Convocations.

Mark Goodhew

Thanks to an extraordinary outpouring of generosity from Australian people, businesses and governments, as well as strong support from overseas, the Victorian Bushfire Appeal 2009 has received in excess of $250 million, with millions more to flow in as pledges are honoured and events held around the country.
In the Lives of the Fellows

The ADI is proud to announce the Fellows who are the recipients of the following awards.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Member of the Order of Australia

Patrick Joseph Henry AM
For services to dentistry. Pat has given generously of his time to dentistry in its many arenas and over many years; clinical, research and education. His particular contribution has been developing new techniques in the field of implant dentistry.

ADA (INC) AWARDS

Honorary Life Membership ADA (Inc.)

John E. Matthews
For outstanding service to dentistry both at a National and International level.

Meritorious Service Award

Mark Bartold AM
For outstanding service to dentistry both at a National and International level.

Service Medallion Awards

Paul Abbott
Kerry Eupene
Alistair Goss

Ask about the new 30% Government tax deduction before 30th June 2009.

world understanding through education
Perth was a fantastic venue for the 12th Convocation of the Academy held in conjunction with the 33rd Australian Dental Congress.

The Convocation was held in the magnificent Grand Ballroom of Government House on Wednesday 11th March 2009. A Military Brass Band complemented a memorable event.

Following the processional entry of the official party, led by flag bearers carrying the Australian, New Zealand, USA, and ADI flags, the Invocation was read. The Regent, Mark Goodhew greeted those present.

A highlight was the presentation by the International President, Reg Hession, to our own bulletin editor Eddie Street as an extremely worthy recipient of the John Booth Award for 2009 ADI Australasian Dentist of the Year (see accompanying citation which speaks for itself).

Twenty-three new Fellows presented for induction into the Academy and as can be seen from the accompanying CV’s, the calibre of the new Fellows is certainly being maintained. The inductions were carried out by Reg Hession, Bob Ramus (Executive Director ADI) and Mark Goodhew. John Owen responded on behalf of the new Fellows and expressed their pleasure at being admitted to the Academy as Fellows. Prior to the Benediction and completion of what was a very successful Convocation, Reg Hession announced the ADI donation to the Victorian Bushfire Appeal.

After the Convocation, Fellows and partners enjoyed a superb dinner at the Weld Club situated nearby, graciously hosted by local ADI Fellow Bruce Barblett. Good company and fine food and wine ensured that the post Convocation dinner will be a feature of future ADI meetings.

I would like to endorse Mark’s comments regarding the superb organisational efforts of our ‘man on the ground’ Simon Shanahan. The success of the event is in large part due to his efforts. My personal thanks must go to our retiring Registrar, Secretary and Treasurer Roger Dennett whose selfless efforts on behalf of the Academy should be acknowledged. Congratulations to the new Fellows and all the best for 2009.

John Pearman
Secretary/Registrar/Treasurer

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The John Booth Award
Australasian Dentist of the Year 2009
– Dr Eddie Street

The recipient of the John Booth Award for the 2009 ADI Australasian Section, Dentist of the Year is Dr Edward Richard Street.

Eddie as he is generally known, has a remarkable curriculum vitae, which on reading, displays a breadth and depth which almost belies comprehension. His achievements as a schoolboy marked him for great things and it is heartening to recognise that his early promise allowed him to proceed on to achieve so many goals in life. Of all things, he may be best described as an ‘all rounder’. However, rather than one who has been merely competent in most things attempted, he has achieved prominence through the display of an abundance of energy, combined with initiative and intelligence.

Eddie has served in many capacities in life which transcend his skills in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, which provide the formal part of his daily programme. However the surgical skills gained by training in this discipline under the tutelage of the famous Norman Rowe and Derek Henderson in London during the 1970s, was to determine his path for the future. Notwithstanding his busy programme at this time, ever the sporting man, he maintained his interest in ocean yacht racing by being a crew member in three of the famous Fastnet ocean races, whilst attaining second place in the Cowes to Cork ocean race of 1975.

The recounting of these events provides a mere soupçon of his sporting endeavours. From his childhood to the present, his CV is replete with mentions of achievements in gymnastics (culminating in being a member of the Victorian Training Squad for the Rome Olympics), to ocean yacht racing in Australia (as crew member of Apollo – which took out line honours and was overall winner of the Brisbane to Gladstone race in 1984), to surf skiing.

In dentistry, Eddie Street has used his extraordinary ability to always focus upon what is best for the patient rather than what may be either convenient or fashionable as a treatment mode of the time. This has stamped him as a person who upholds the best of principles within the health professions. Such a level of pragmatism combined with a strong sense of ethics, has also caused him to achieve high office within many areas of endeavour which are outside that of the delivery of care to patients. He has been most active within the Australian Dental Association (Queensland Branch), having served on many committees and finally as President of the Branch in 1989. In addition, he was the President of the Australian Dental Congress held in Brisbane in 2001, one of the most successful Congresses in the history of the Australian Dental Association.

He is a member of a number of august bodies in the health professions and has served on many of their committees. He has been honoured by the Australian Resuscitation Council with the Award of Merit (1997), the Australian Dental Association (Queensland Branch) with the Distinguished Service Award (2002), the Bangladesh Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Appreciation Award (2003) and the Australian Dental Association (Queensland Branch) as an Honorary Life Member (2007).

However it is as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Australasian Section of the Academy of Dentistry International that he has shone. Upon his appointment as the Honorary Editor of the Section Newsletter, he has brought the publication in full colour to the fore as a means of communication within the Academy. It is of great credit to him that when Executive and Board Meetings of the Academy are held overseas, spare copies of the Newsletter which are carried to those Meetings, are rushed by the members present. In keeping with the oft-touted statement that “imitation is the most sincere form of flattery”, there are now two Sections which have followed successfully Eddie’s lead in presenting their Newsletters in a similar format (USA and South America).

R.H.
Dr Stephen Blackler graduated from Sydney University in 1978 and a Master of Dental Surgery in 1983. Stephen is a Fellow of the Royal Australian College of Dental Surgeons, a Fellow of the International College of Dentists and a Fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. Stephen commenced Private Endodontic specialist practice in 1985 and is also a Special Clinical Associate at the University of Sydney. Stephen has lectured nationally and internationally and has been involved as a lecturer and clinical tutor in the Undergraduate Programme at the University of Sydney since 1985.

Dr Anthony Burges completed his BDS degree in 1988 at the University of Sydney. Anthony maintains a general dental practice in Sydney and combines his practice with a strong commitment to the ADA (NSW Branch). Anthony is currently president of the ADA NSW Branch. He is a senior Clinical Associate in the Faculty of Dentistry at Sydney University and obtained a Fellowship of the RACDS in 2000. Dr Burges is a fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

Dr Philip Crocker graduated in 1971 and is in General Practice in Tumut NSW. Philip achieved a FRACDS in 1977 and was awarded a Meritorious Service Award RACDS in 1995. Philip is a former Clinical Tutor at the Faculty of Dentistry Sydney University and has served on the NSWR Regional Committee RACDS for 8 years. Philip is a Fellow of the International College of Dentists and is a Paul Harris Fellow. (Rotary International).

Dr Sabrina Manickham graduated in 1993 and currently is in General Dental Practice in Bathurst. In 2001 Sabrina was awarded the Alumni Jubilee Medal from the University of Sydney for Outstanding Contributions to the Profession and Clinical Dentistry. Dr Manickham has served on numerous committees within the ADA (NSW Branch) and with the Dental Board of NSW. Sabrina has served on the Dental Case Assessment Committee from 2003-2007. Dr Manickham was Vice-President of University of Sydney Oral Health Foundation and has held numerous positions with NSW Health. Sabrina has made significant contribution to VISION Australia.

Dr Andrew Howe graduated in 1980 and after his PhD in 1988 was awarded a post doctoral research Fellow at Sydney University in 1999. Dr Howe is currently a Research Honorary Associate of the Institute of Biomedical Research facility of Medicine Sydney University. Dr Howe is an examiner for the Royal Australian College of Surgeons and has been a tutor at the University since 1985.

Dr Leone Hutchinson graduated in 1980 and was made a Fellow of the Royal Australian College of Dental Surgeons in 1989. Dr Hutchinson has held numerous senior positions with the RACDS and was made Director RACDS Foundation from 2007. Dr Hutchinson has served as Councillor NSW Branch Australian Dental
Association 1992-1998 and 2002-2006 serving on many committees as well as serving on the Federal Body. Dr Hutchinson is currently a member of the Dental Care Assessment Committee of the Dental Board NSW.

Dr Gilbert Labour graduated in 1977 and is in General Practice in the ACT. Gilbert is an active member and President of several Study Groups. Dr Labour developed and implemented a preventative regime to Minimise Dental damage in the Wine Industry. This regime has been published and implemented in Australia, NZ and Europe. Gilbert has the enviable position of Dental Advisor to Orlando – Wyndham, Yalumba and many other wineries.

Dr Rodney Mitchell is now retired after a long and distinguished Dental career. Dr Mitchell initiated the Dental Health Foundation with Dr Terry Royce-Smith and has provided Honorary Dental Services to the Royal Rehabilitation Centre at Ryde for 42 years. Dr Mitchell has been appointed a Consultant Emeritus to their Organisation. Dr Mitchell was chairman of the Apex National Dental Health Year. Dr Mitchell was awarded membership of the International College of Dentists in 2001 and the Academy Recognizes his significant contribution to his profession.

Dr Roger Antoniazzi achieved a BDS (Adelaide) and an MBA (1991). Dr Antoniazzi has served in numerous positions with the ADA SA branch and was that Branch’s president in 2002. Roger is currently a Deputy Presiding Member of the Dental Board of South Australia. Dr Antoniazzi has been a Clinical Tutor in the University of Adelaide since 1986 and was a Clinical Examiner for the Australian Dental Council in 2007. Roger was made a Fellow of the International College of Dentists in 2005.

Dr Richard Sawers graduated in 1972 at the University of Adelaide and works in General Practice in SA. Richard has served on many committees for the South Australian ADA and received a DISTINGUISHED Service Award (ADA SA Branch) in 2001. Richard is a Fellow and Trustee of the Pierre Fauchard Academy and a Fellow of the International College of Dentists. Dr Sawers is a Founding Chairman of the SA Foundation for Dental Education and Research and received a Distinguished Service Award (SAFDER) in 2008.

Dr Bernard Koong is an Oral and Maxillofacial Radiologist in Private Practice in Perth. He is also Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Western Australia. Bernard received the Harron Award and Scholarship (2001-2003) from University of Toronto. Dr Koong lectures at undergraduate and post graduate level and has published and presented widely in his chosen speciality. Bernard is Vice Chair of ADA Congress 2009 and in 2007 was awarded Fellowship in the International College of Dentists.

Dr David Booth has a long and distinguished career in Academia and teaching in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Perth Dental Hospital including being appointed Emeritus Surgeon in 2001. Dr Booth has published widely and his contributions have appeared in many Dental Research Journals. Dr Booth received international recognition for Teaching Excellence when he was chosen on several occasions to chair Scientific Sessions at IADR Meetings.

Dr Dennis Gregory is a Specialist Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon based in Perth. Dr Gregory has been actively involved in teaching through the Faculty of Dental Science at the University Faculty of WA and since 1990 Dr Gregory has been a supervisor of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Registrar Training Program at Fremantle Hospital. Dr Gregory was President of Australia and New Zealand Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery from 1995-1998 and has been active in Numerous Professional Societies. Dr Gregory is State Director and National Board Member of The Dental Foundation.

Dr John Owen is a specialist Orthodontist practicing in Western Australia. Dr Owen has extensive teaching and lecturing experience and his contribution to his profession was recognized with honorary life membership of the ADA (WA Branch) in 1998. Dr Owen is President of the Dental Board of Western Australia and Patron and Trustee of the ASO Foundation for Research and Education. Dr Owen is Chairman of Local Organising Committee, 33rd Australian Dental Congress 2009.

Dr Michael Foley graduated in 1982 and is in Public Sector Dentistry in QLD. Michael has been prominent in ADA (QLD) State Council and was President 2005. Michael is Oral Health Advisor to the Chief Health Officer and an Honorary Lecturer at University of Queensland. Dr Foley is a Fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy and the International College Dentists. Michael is a member of Queensland Art Gallery Foundation.

Dr Derek Lewis has served the Australian Dental Association with distinction at Local, State and Federal levels over many years. Derek was ADA State President in 1999 and has been a Federal councillor since 2004. Dr Lewis’ contribution to his profession has been significant and the Academy acknowledges his efforts. Derek was awarded Fellowship of the International College of Dentists in 2001.

Dr Robert McCray is in General Dental Practice in Brisbane. Robert has been extremely active in committees of the ADA (QLD Branch) and is Immediate Past President of that Branch. Dr McCray is Deputy Chair of the Dental Board of QLD and serves on numerous committees of that body. Dr McCray’s contribution to

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his Profession in Queensland has been significant and is acknowledged by the Academy. Dr McCray is a Fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

Dr Anthony Shields is in Specialist Orthodontic Practice in Brisbane. Dr Shields has given significant service to the Australian Society of Orthodontics and was President of that body 2006-2008. Tony has been on 3 Organizing Committees for the ADA and the A.S.O. Dr Shields is a Foundation Member of the Vardiman Dental Study Association and is a member of and has presented to numerous study groups and societies. Tony was chair of the Australian Orthodontic Board 2004-2006 and is a Fellow of the International College of Dentists.

Associate Professor Robert Jones is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon in the Institute of Surgery at Townsville Hospital. Professor Jones has held numerous senior teaching appointments and has lectured and published widely at both undergraduate and post-graduate level in his areas of interest. Professor Jones contribution to Dental Education has been exemplary. He is a past president of ANZAOMS and a foundation member and examiner of the R.A.C.D.S. Professor Jones commitment to Overseas Aid has been inspirational. He has been involved in Teaching and Clinical Progress in Bangladesh, Tonga, The Philippines and Papua New Guinea. The Academy recognizes and acknowledges Professor Jones ongoing work in the Promotion of improved Oral Health to these Communities.

Dr Gregory Morris graduated in 1978 and is in General Practice in Melbourne. Dr Morris has served on many committees within the Victorian Branch of the ADA and was President of the Victorian Branch from 2006-2007. Dr Morris has been actively involved in his profession and also in his local community through Rotary and other bodies. Dr Morris has been in General Practice for 30 years and is a Fellow of the International College of Dentists.

Dr Mark Bowman graduated in 1981 and is in General Practice in Melbourne. Dr Bowman has served on many Committees within the ADA Victorian Branch and is currently President. Mark has also figured prominently in the Society of Periodontology and is a past president. Mark has been a member of two Volunteer Dental Treatment teams working for disadvantaged communities in Vietnam and India. Among his other talents Mark is a Member of Australian Doctor’s Orchestra.

Dr Mark Evans graduated from the University of Melbourne in 1990 and completed MDSc in 2001. Mark is in Endodontic Practice in Melbourne and is an honorary senior Fellow, University of Melbourne. Dr Evans is an examiner for the Australian Dental Council 2001 – present and has an extensive Lecturing Timetable to local and National Bodies. Mark is a past secretary of ANZAE and is a Fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

Dr Ivan Darby graduated BDS University of Glasgow in 1991 and was awarded a PhD (Clinical Periodontics) in 2000. Dr Darby was made Fellow of the R.A.C.D.S. 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 recognizes his significant contribution to research.

Dr Victor Kiven is a specialist Periodontist practising in Melbourne. Dr Kiven has been involved in Teaching through the University of Melbourne for many years and has served on numerous committees associated with his chosen specialty. Dr Kiven has lectured widely through the ADA and the AOS and his efforts for the Australian Osseo integration Society have been recognized with Honorary Life Membership. Dr Kiven was chair of the Organising Committee AOS 2007 and is actively involved in the Federal Society.

Professor Robert Love is Deputy Dean, Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Otago. His contribution to Education and research has been extensive and Professor Love has published widely in many books and Journals in his chosen specialty of Oral Biology and Endodontics. Professor Love has spoken nationally and internationally at many Congresses and received the IADR Oral Biology Award for excellence in published research in Oral Biology in 1999. Professor Love’s contribution to Dental Research has been outstanding and is acknowledged by the Academy.

Dr Hugh Trengrove is a prosthodontist practising in Wellington NZ. Dr Trengrove is a consultant in Restorative Dentistry for the NZ Defence Force, and is a Member of Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal and Queen’s Honorary Dental Surgeon. Dr Trengrove was awarded a New Zealand Special Service Medal for his efforts following the Asian Tsunami.

Dr Jenny Ball is a Perth Dentist with a keen interest in Forensic Odontology. She lectures to both undergraduate and post-graduate students on Forensic Dentistry and since 2007 has been an Adjunct Lecturer at the centre for Forensic Science. Dr Ball’s skills as a forensic dentist have been utilized after the Bali Bombing in 2002 and in March 2004 after the Tsunami in Phuket. Dr Ball is active in the ADA (WA Branch) and is a volunteer dentist in the Sir David Brand Cerebral palsy Association.

Dr Mario Alberghini graduated in Dentistry in 1984 and medicine in 1992 and now specialised in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Dr Alberghini has wide ranging interests in his chosen speciality and has presented and lectured extensively to his colleagues through the teaching hospitals, study groups and Conferences. In 1998 Mario achieved the Reubin Shamia Award from Royal Perth Hospital. Since 2000 Dr Alberghini has been a supervisor at the R.A.C.D.S. Oral and Maxillofacial surgery Registrar training Programme.

Professor Murray Thomson is a professor of Dental Epidemiology and Public health in the Department
of Oral Sciences Dunedin. He is editor of the NZ Dental Journal and among many awards achieved the Biennial Award for research from the NZ Dental Association in 1994. Professor Thomson has published widely in books and journals. He has had published over 130 articles of Dental Research in National and International Journals. The Academy recognizes Professor Thomson’s significant contribution to teaching Dental Research.

**Dr Fritz Heitz** is in Specialist periodontal Practice in Perth. He obtained his Dr Med Dent from Switzerland in 2005 and a Certificate of Peri odontology, Fixed prosthodontics Occlusion and Implant Dentistry from Berne in 2003. Dr Heitz has held many Lectuary appointments in Australian and Overseas universities and was a Clinical Assessment Professor in Periodontics at the University of Berne in 2003. Dr Heitz is a presenter for ITI continuing education in Implantology.

**Dr Lisa Heitz-Mayfield** is a Doctor of Odontology in Perth. She completed her Masters of Dental Science (Peri odontology) in 1996 at the Lund University Sweden. Dr Heitz-Mayfield has published widely and her contributions have appeared in many Dental Journals. Dr Heitz-Mayfield has done many research Presentations all over the world including Oral Presentation, treatment of Perimplantitis in Berlin in 2003. Lisa is Co-ordinator of the ITI AS Education Program – and has presented over 40 Courses throughout Australia and New Zealand.

**Dr Wendy Gill** is in Specialist Dental Practice in Perth. She has served on Numerous ADA State Council Positions and has achieved Fellowship in the Royal Australian College of Dental Surgeons. Dr Gill has been heavily involved in Fund Raising for the PRINCESS MARY HOSPITAL BALL.

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Editor’s Notes

This year started with arguably the worst natural disaster this country has ever experienced; the Victorian bushfires of February 2009, culminating in massive loss of life, property, livestock and precious fauna and flora on an immeasurable scale. Already North Queensland was experiencing a flood of epic proportion with a similar outcome. With the advent of Easter and the message that it delivers; that of hope and new life, may those affected by these devastations start to piece their lives together again and may there be rapid regeneration. It is incumbent upon all of us to assist in every way we can. It is right and proper for our Academy to help where it can and when it can in times of national need. This sentiment was palpable at the recent successful Convocation and dinner which brought us all together as a family unit.

In the same way as the Academy sets out to help the poor and the needy, so too does the Academy need support. It is to be noted that this newsletter, this avenue of communication, is receiving ongoing supportive help from Henry Schein Halas through its Queensland manager Bill Cronk. In addition Medfin has returned to co-sponsor this newsletter with the help of its Queensland State Manager Jeremy Brookes. I hold the view that we should support those who support us, so consider them when you next buy. For your information, you may be eligible for the new 30 percent Government tax rebate for purchases until 30th June this year.

The Academy also thanks Elizabeth McCray who has been our desktop publisher for the past three years and wife of Robert (a new inductee into the Academy).

Roger Dennett has now stepped down as Treasurer having served the Academy as Secretary, Registrar and Treasurer very well for six years. Thank you, Roger.

Please continue to support the work of the Academy in any way you can and with all that you have at your disposal.

Fleet Street – Editor

Poets’ Corner

Though April showers
May come your way,
They bring the flowers
That bloom in May.
So if it’s raining
Have no regrets.

Because it isn’t raining you know
It’s raining violets.

And when you see clouds
Upon the hill,
You soon will see crowds
Of daffodils.

So keep on looking for a bluebird
And listening for his song
Whenever April showers come along.

From April Showers – Al Jolson

Victorian bushfire photos kindly provided by Australian Red Cross. Photographer Rodney Dekker.