

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE OVERSEAS SPECIALIST SURGICAL
ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC. ELEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING**

17 OCTOBER 2013

Ladies and gentlemen, it is with pleasure that I present this report to the 11th Annual General Meeting of the Overseas Specialist Surgical Association of Australia.

Team Visits:

Seven trips were undertaken in 2012/13: three to East Timor, two to Flores, and two to West Timor. During the year, 628 consultations and 317 surgical procedures were performed. Since OSSAA's establishment in March 2002, 10,616 consultations and 4602 surgical procedures have been carried out.

Of the 7 trips:

- a. Plastic and reconstructive surgical teams were led by: Dr Mark Moore AM (3 trips) to Dili [East Timor] and Cancar [Flores]; Dr Yugesh Caplash to Baucau [East Timor]; Dr Rob Coren to Cancar
- b. General surgical teams were led by Dr Brian Miller AM and Dr Bob Sillar to Halilulik Hospital [West Timor]

Medical Subcommittee:

My thanks to Sue Freeman who chairs the Medical Sub Committee, and the team members namely Dr's Mark Moore, David McLeod, Andy Beinssen, Brian Miller, and Bob Sillar; nursing Sisters Cath Coombe and Margaret Maloney; interpreters/coordinators Anastasia Stain and Dr Dion Suyapto; and administration officer Lorraine Venables. Their expertise ensures that all medical and support staff approved to participate in the team visits meet the standards and skills required to work in the relevant remote locations. They monitor the activities of the teams and make recommendations on equipment and support needed.

With a thorough implementation of the documentation required for teams to visit NTT by Lorraine our Admin Officer now complete the Medical Subcommittee used 2013 to look at succession planning. Several team leaders have recruited new surgeons to OSSAA and over the next year will be taking them in the teams to orientate with the hospitals and the patient demographics. This will provide ongoing support to the regions and continue our teaching focus that is valued by the Health Departments at each location. In addition to encouraging new surgeons and anaesthetists, we have been fortunate over the last few years to strengthen our complement of nursing volunteers and interpreters. There were no incident reports during 2013.

Publicity:

Three editions of the OSSAA Newsletter were published during the year. Thanks are again due to the office of Vickie Chapman MP for printing the newsletter.

Fundraising:

OSSAA's finances continue to be ably managed by our Treasurer, Alex Jonson. Net income from donations, fundraising (excluding direct costs), subscriptions and bank

interest amounted to \$103,982, a meritorious result. Your Committee has set itself the goal of generating and retaining sufficient funds (buffer) to finance three years' of surgical trips. Membership subscriptions cover most of the administration costs which means donations and fund raising are directed to humanitarian effort. We again received a very generous donation of \$40,000 from Amanda and Laurie Kennedy. Johnson and Johnson also provided strong support with large donations of medical consumables totalling well over \$13,000 to our teams. For the year, \$77,760 in donations was received. Those of \$1,000 and over are listed below:

Large Donors

AJ & LG Kennedy (The FSJS Jubilee Charitable Foundation)	\$40,000.00
Histotechnology Group Queensland	\$10,000.00
Otorhinolaryngology Head & Neck Nurses Group	\$5,000.00
West Australian Institute Orthopaedic Technologies	\$2,217.00
A. Kelty	\$2,000.00
Dr. R. Sillar	\$2,000.00
Lions Club of Noarlunga –Morphett Vale Inc.	\$1,000.00
P.B. Sampson	\$1,000.00
Lions Club of McLaren Districts Inc.	\$1,000.00
Rotary Club of Unley Inc.	\$1,000.00
J. Warren	\$1,000.00

Others who have provided assistance to OSSAA and its surgical teams, often including provision of services, consumables and equipment during the last year, include:

Anaequip Medical (Sue Freeman)	Princess Alexandria Hospital Brisbane
Astra Zeneca	Rentlo
Atlas Healthcare (Jim Kiley)	Romeo's Foodland
ATLASS staff	Royal Adelaide Hospital (Anaesthetic & Sterilisation Departments)
Bethesda Hospital	RAH Bio Medical Department (Scott Bond)
Calvary Hospital	Royal Australian College of Surgeons
Dynek Pty Ltd (Dr Patricia Cook)	St John of God Hospitals in Perth
Federal Printing House (Mr Trevor Terrell)	Sky Airlines
Garuda Indonesia	Smith and Nephew
Gawler Health Service	Stenning Company
Harvey World Travel	Stryker (Paul Mitchell)
Indonesian Air Transport (Pak Hendrik Tawur)	Terumo (Duncan Armstrong)
John Hunter Hospital Newcastle (and particularly Dr Stephen Braye and Pathology staff)	The Box Factory (and Adelaide City Council)
Johnson & Johnson	Tyco Healthcare - Covidien (Emily Milner)
Joondalup Health Campus	Vilis
Kalyra knitting group	Virgin Airlines
Lions Club of Barossa Valley knitting group	Wallis Theatre (Bob Parr OAM)
Memorial Hospital	The Consul and staff of the Consulate of the Republic of Indonesia (Darwin)
Office of Vickie Chapman MP	
OHNS Nurses Society	

Membership:

At 30 June there were **29** financial corporate members, **121** ordinary members, and **64** team members (of which **14** were also ordinary members).

Events

The annual mid-year luncheon was held in July 2012 at the Glenelg Golf Club with Dr Mark Moore AM as Guest Speaker, and a screening of 'Hope Springs' at Wallis Cinema in August – both were successful fundraisers. We again participated with a stall at INDOfest in April 2013 which gave OSSAA the opportunity to publicise its work and attract new members. Mark Moore always ensures there are some eye-catching photos and decorations to adorn our stand.

Committee of Management (COM)

The COM met 9 times (on the third Thursday of the month) in 2012/13. The COM remains vigilant on compliance with Australian State and Federal Government rules and regulations relating to operation of charities. With the formation of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) more effective scrutiny is being applied to charities. I am pleased that Lorraine Venables has overcome her ill health. We again thank The Box Factory in the City for providing a venue for our committee meetings.

Thanks

We thank our outstanding volunteer team members for their dedication and generosity, and the many people and organisations who have assisted. OSSAA has again been well served by the Committee of Management comprising Vice Presidents Dr Mark Moore AM and Doug Omond OAM, Secretary Stephen Baker, Treasurer Alex Jonson, Sue Freeman (Chair Medical S/C), Barbara Flaum, Helen van der Jeugd, Dr Todd Maddock, Dr Dion Suyapto, John Russell, and Lorraine Venables. Thank you one and all.

Patrick Markwick-Smith
President

SUMMARY OF SURGICAL TEAM TRIPS 2012/13

LOCATION	DATES	PERSONNEL	CLINICAL ACTIVITIES
West Timor - Halilulik	1 – 10 August 2012	Dr Bob Sillar – General Surgeon and Team Leader Dr Christine O’Neil – General Surgeon Dr Mary Brooker – Anaesthetist Sr Cath Coombe – Operating Theatre Nurse Dr Fifi Djatmiko – Coordinator/Interpreter	Consultations: 110 Surgical Procedures: 38
East Timor - Baucau	16 – 24 November 2012	Dr Yugesh Caplash - Plastic Surgeon and Team Leader Dr Pat Moran - Anaesthetist Sr Elizabeth Mazzei – Operating Theatre Nurse Trainee plastic surgeon Dr Joao Ximenes	Consultations: 50 Surgical Procedures: 31
Flores – Cancar	17 – 24 November 2012	Dr. Mark Moore AM Plastic Surgeon and Team Leader Dr Vani Prasad – Plastic Surgeon Dr Phil Blum – Anaesthetist Sr Margaret Maloney – Operating Theatre Nurse Anastasia Stain – Coordinator/Interpreter	Consultations: 129 Surgical Procedures: 68
West Timor - Halilulik	25 February – 7 March 2013	Dr Brian Miller AM – General Surgeon and Team Leader Dr Andy Beinssen – Anaesthetist Sr Cath Coombe – Operating Theatre Nurse Dr Fifi Djatmiko – Coordinator/ Interpreter	Consultations: 120 Surgical Procedures: 64
East Timor - Dili	9 – 16 March 2013	Dr Mark Moore AM - Plastic Surgeon and Team Leader Dr Brian Spain – Anaesthetist Sr Vanessa Dittmar – Operating Theatre Nurse Drs Joao Ximenes (local surgeon trainee) and Dr Joao Pedro (general surgeon) Local interpreters	Consultations: 91 Surgical Procedures: 37
Flores - Cancar	24 May – 1 June 2013	Dr. Rob Coren - Plastic Surgeon and Team Leader Dr Matt Grill – Anaesthetist Sr Amanda McFall – Operating Theatre and Recovery Nurse Anastasia Stain – Coordinator/Interpreter	Consultations: 88 Surgical Procedures: 52
East Timor - Dili	15 – 22 June 2013	Dr. Mark Moore AM - Plastic Surgeon and Team Leader. Dr David McLeod - Anaesthetist Sr Joy Booth - Operating Theatre Nurse & Educator Celina Lai – Speech Pathologist Dr Joao Ximenes – Local surgeon trainee Local interpreters	Consultations: 40 Surgical Procedures: 27

The following local counterparts assisted the OSSAA Surgical Teams:

<p>West Timor - Halilulik: Sr Helma Nahak SSpS Dr Joyce Drs Intam, Rudy, Ilona, Chandra Sr Angela Sakome Sr Mea Sr Richard Sr Gres Sr Grace Manek Sr Adys</p> <p>Flores – Cancar <i>St Damian & St Raphael Hospitals</i> Dr Sr Natalia Maria Naki SSpS Sr Thereysea Gudepun Dr Nova Primadina Dr Agus <i>Theatre nurses</i> Pak Ferdi Jaleng Pak Ferdi Jelalu Pak Mus Pak Donatus Ibu Ernawati Ibu Sabina Ibu Mariana</p>	<p>East Timor – Dili: Dr Joao Ximenes Dr Philip Mwaura Dr Joao Pedro Dr Maria Adelezisa Mr Rogerio da Conceicao Mr Sarmento Correia <i>Trainees</i> – Drs Rai, Opal, Colom, Mingota, Jose, Eddy</p> <p>East Timor – Baucau Dr Joao Ximenes Ms Julia Souness <i>Nurse anaesthetists</i> – Valero, Francisco, Alcino, Ancelmo, Antonio Boss <i>Instrument nurses</i> – John, Mateus, Regina, Battista, Jesuina</p> <p><i>RACS Coordinator</i> Dr Eric Vreede (HNGV)</p>
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