



## A Word from the President:

For the second quarter of 2013, two trips were undertaken.

In May Rob Coren led a plastic and reconstructive team to Cancar. In June, Mark Moore AM led a plastic and reconstructive team to Dili.

Over financial year 2012-13 there have been 7 surgical team visits with 628 consultations and 317 operations.

A highly successful luncheon – the best attended to date with 134 participants – was held at the Glenelg Golf Club on 28 July. Michael Angelakis AMJP was our renowned guest speaker.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to Michael Angelakis, and to Lorna Wallis (of Wallis Cinemas) and Tony and Elizabeth Romeo OAMS (of Foodland) for their long term assistance with OSSAA fundraisers.



President Patrick and Michael Angelakis



Mark Moore and Lorna Wallis

Another outstanding donation was provided by Amanda and Laurie Kennedy through the FSSJ Jubilee Charitable Foundation. Generous gifts were also received from Lions and Rotary Clubs, and very kind individuals. BHP has accredited OSSAA for its matching (\$1 for \$1) grants program, and we have received our first donation from a grateful father of a patient of Mark Moore.

Many thanks to the Indonesian Consulate in Darwin which will continue to process our visa applications, despite the system changing to State based issuance.



Mark with Elizabeth and Tony Romeo

OSSAA can now be found on Facebook!

Patrick Markwick-Smith

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Energetic supporter **Connie Granozio** and **The Knights of Malta** have arranged a ball on 11 August to mark special community awards, and the proceeds are to benefit OSSAA.
- **For your diary:** Our next film event will be held at the Wallis Theatre, Mitcham Shopping centre on **Sunday October 13**. The film is a new release called 'About Time'.

## News from Dili in Timor Leste (East Timor)

Under the 'Timor Leste Program of Assistance Specialist Services' (ATLASS) a team visit was undertaken from 15 – 22 June to the Dili hospital (HNGV). The team comprised plastic surgeon Dr Mark Moore, anaesthetist Dr David McLeod, theatre sister/educator Joy Booth and speech pathologist Celine Lai. Surgical registrar and trainee plastic surgeon Dr Joao Ximenes attended and operated. There were a number of surgical and anaesthetic trainees in the counterpart team.



The original cleft palate challenge



...and back in 2013 for follow up

There were 40 patient consultations and 27 operations, comprising 20 cleft lip/palate, 2 burns/contractures and 5 others (excisions etc). Formal and informal training of counterpart team members and observers was again a key feature of the visit. The commitment of enthusiastic theatre nurses was gratifying. It has been suggested that the next round of staff training should be directed at improving sterilisation techniques and post-op clean ups.

Speech therapist Celine spent her time observing operations and working with locals through feeding and communication issues which need to be addressed after cleft/palate surgery. Dili has now a person trained in speech pathology which should assist holistic treatment.

## News from Nusa Tenggara Timur (Flores)

### Cancar

Dr Rob Coren led his plastic and reconstructive team to Cancar on 24 May – 1 June. His team comprised anaesthetist Dr Matt Grill, Dr Kathryn Materne (general practitioner/surgical assistant), theatre and recovery nurse Amanda McFall and interpreter/coordinator Anastasia Stain. Lion Club president Ibu Nunuk, who has provided significant support to our teams and patients, again attended from Jakarta.



Anastasia, Ibu Nunuk and Matt with patient



Long overdue for this operation

There were 88 consultations, resulting in 52 operations....37 of a major nature, including 1 burn contracture and 36 cleft lip and palate repairs. On arrival they were warmly welcomed by Sr Therysia Gudepun, head of St Damian Hospital and Sr Natalia Maria Naki, head of St Rafael Hospital. There was a large waiting list which engaged the team in lengthy theatre work for the first three days. As always, the operating theatre was clean, and the staff well trained and cheerful. Local surgeons received on the job instruction which was well received. There will be greater emphasis on visiting teams working with a local surgeon of the same surgical discipline.



Much better



Just love it!



Another young challenge



Now he should be looking happier with the lump removed successfully -



The team in Cancar

### Future trips

For the second half of 2013 the following trips are programmed:

- Dr Bob Sillar's general surgery team visiting Halilulik in July
- Dr Colin Whitewood's orthopaedic team visiting Cancar in July
- Dr Michael Switajewski's ENT team to visit Cancar in September/October
- Dr Mark Moore's plastic and reconstructive team visiting Cancar in November
- Dr Yugesh Caplash's plastic and reconstructive team visiting Baucau in November

### Contact Us:

Web site: [www.ossaainc.org.au](http://www.ossaainc.org.au)

Postal: PO Box 138, UNLEY SA 5061

### President

Patrick Markwick-Smith

Tel (08) 83642340

[alipat@internode.on.net](mailto:alipat@internode.on.net)

### Secretary

Stephen Baker

Tel (08) 83797105

[sandbbaker@optusnet.com.au](mailto:sandbbaker@optusnet.com.au)

### Fundraising

Doug Omond OAM

Tel (08) 82390203

[dougaljd@optusnet.com.au](mailto:dougaljd@optusnet.com.au)

### Trip coordinator

Lorraine Venables

Tel 0418 851 366

[lorraineossaa@optusnet.com.au](mailto:lorraineossaa@optusnet.com.au)

### Facebook -

Overseas Specialist Surgical Association of Australia