



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

15 OCTOBER, 2009

Ladies and gentlemen, it is with pleasure that I present this report to the 7th Annual General Meeting of the Overseas Specialist Surgical Association of Australia.

Team Visits:

Nine trips were undertaken in 2008/09; three each to East Timor, Flores, and West Timor. During the year, 909 consultations and 463 surgical procedures were performed. Since OSSAA's establishment in March 2002, over 6720 consultations and 2843 surgical procedures have been carried out.

The main focus has continued to be on plastic and reconstructive surgery. In addition, general, orthopaedic and ENT surgery were provided on a number of the trips. Skills transfer and "on the job" training continued to be an important component of OSSAA's surgical team visits.

Hospitals at Dili, Baucau and Maliana (East Timor); Cancar (Flores); Halilulik and Naob (West Timor) were visited. OSSAA Team Leaders were Drs. Mark Moore AM, Tony Fernandes, Suren Krishnan OAM, and Tim Keenan AO. Details of the visits are attached.

Medical Subcommittee:

The Medical Subcommittee met three times during the year. Dr Brian Miller travelled from Queensland to participate. The committee reviewed proposed new surgical team members (eg Anaesthetist Dr Andy Beinssen with Indonesian experience), incident reports, equipment adequacy, new equipment requirements, locales visited and new locales proposed for the next financial year (including Lela and Larantuka). Recommendations were made to the Committee of Management.

Publicity:

Three editions of the OSSAA Newsletter were published and distributed during the year, thanks again to the work of Ruth Boveington and Lea Frick. Doug Omond distributed the newsletter and continued to ensure that the website was up to date and informative.

Fundraising:

OSSAA's finances continue to be ably managed by our Treasurer, Alex Jonson. Another strong performance was recorded in that the net income from donations, fundraising, (excluding direct costs), subscriptions and bank interest amounted to \$139,000. While this was less than that achieved for 2007/8 (but similar to 2006/7), it was more than adequate to cover the team visits. It is pleasing to note that membership subscriptions cover most of the administration costs which means donations and fund raising can be directed to the humanitarian effort.

We again received a very generous and substantial donation, this time of \$40,000, from Amanda and Laurie Kennedy. The Lions Club of Richmond provided \$11,482 for equipment

purchases and Xanadu Homewares donations totalling \$7,800. For the year, \$91,689 in donations was received. Those of \$1,000 and over are listed below:

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Amanda and Laurie Kennedy (the FSJS Jubilee Charity Foundation)	40,000
Lions Club of Richmond	11,482
Xanadu Homewares	7,800
Lions Club of Edwardstown	6,310
Dr M Moore	6,000
Rotary Club of Adelaide	3,000
Rotary Club of Unley	2,900
Dr J C Hargrave	2,000
Dr. R. Sillar OAM	2,000
Lions Club of McLaren Districts	1,500
Dr P.J. Barnes	1,200
Dr P Malcolm	1,000
DJ & KM Watson	1,000
Lions Club of Highbury	1,000
Rotary Club of Glen Osmond	1,000

Doug Omond again successfully managed the fundraising efforts of the club. The year's events included film 'Mama Mia' at the Chelsea Cinema on 13 July 2008 (which raised a record \$8,500); our annual luncheon at the Glenelg Golf Club on 14 September; the joint effort with Edwardstown Lions film 'Australia' at the Chelsea Cinema on 30 November and film 'State of Play' again at the Chelsea Cinema on 31 May 2009. He continues to promote OSSAA very effectively within Lions Clubs, both in SA and interstate. Congratulations Doug.

Thanks are also due to Helen Roberts for her magnificent OSSAA 2009 calendars.

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

Adelaide Pathology Partners
 Anaesthetic Local (Ms Astra Zeneca)
 Ansell (Ms Cheryl Handberg)
 BD (Alex Shortland)
 Bakery on O'Connell
 Calvary Hospital
 Chelsea Cinema (Mr Bob Parr)
 Federal Printing House (Mr Trevor Terrell)
 Flinders Medical Centre
 Garuda Indonesia
 Granozio, Connie
 Harris Scarfe
 Helicon (Mr. Greg Smith)
 Indonesia Air Transport (Pak Hendrik Tawir)
 Johnson & Johnson (especially Mr. David Carney)
 Koala Medical Pty Ltd
 Lions Club of Richmond
 Lions Club of Edwardstown
 North Adelaide Foodland
 Professional Surgical Instruments (Ms Amanda McFall)
 Royal Adelaide Hospital (Anaesthetic & Sterilisation Departments)

Royal Australian College of Surgeons
Rymed (Mr Ryan Fernandes)
Smith & Nephew (Mr. Jim Kiely and Mr. Len Ward)
Tyco Health Care (Ms Emily Milner)
Waller, Dorothy and Robyn
Women's and Children's Hospital (Grace Zhou, Penny and Laurie Price)
Mr. Harbangan Napitupulu and staff of the Consulate of the Republic of Indonesia (Darwin)

Membership:

At 30 June there were 34 financial corporate members, 121 ordinary members, and 65 team members (of which 8 were also ordinary members)

Committee of Management (COM):

The COM met nine times in 2008/9 (on the third Thursday of the month). At the first meeting following last year's AGM there was a review of OSSAA's operations including choice of locales; range of surgical services; sustainability; team leadership; finance and fundraising; membership; and new blood for the COM.

Two significant changes relating to Indonesia during this last year were the requirement that:

- a. all foreign NGOs working in Indonesia be registered with its Department of Foreign Affairs; and
- b. all foreign visiting medical teams need official invitations and approval from local authorities; documentation is to include photos and accreditation certificates and assurances that training of local staff is included in the visit.

OSSAA has complied with these new conditions and is pleased that its emphasis on training of local doctors and nurses continues to stand it in good stead.

One major task set but yet to be completed is the finalisation of the operating manual – work is progressing on the locale documentation. The COM is vigilant on compliance with State and Federal Government rules and regulations relating to the operations of charities.

Resignations

The resignation of Secretary Lea Frick to take effect from the 2008/9 AGM was received with regret. Lea carried out her duties with efficiency and aplomb for which we thank her.

At the time this report was being compiled a notice of resignation was also received from Ruth Boveington. Ruth played a key role as coordinator and interpreter for team visits to the region, initially with ASEA Rehab and then with OSSAA. She provided exceptional service and support over the last 13 years and participated in 50 visits. Her talents will be sorely missed.

We wish Lea and Ruth all the best for the future.

Thanks

The continuing success of OSSAA can be attributed to the generosity of spirit of the many team volunteers from around Australia. The key role played by Dr Mark Moore cannot be overstated. I thank them and the Committee for their support and hard work during the year. Thanks are also due to all OSSAA members and donors who through their contributions enable the organisation to function effectively.

Stephen Baker
President

LOCATION	DATES	PERSONNEL	CLINICAL ACTIVITIES
Flores – Cancar	6th to 13th June 2009	Mr Suren Krishnan ENT Surgeon & Team Leader Mr Michael Switajewski ENT Surgeon Dr Richard Sorby-Adams Anaesthetist Sr Helen Van Der Jeugd Recovery Nurse Dr Michal General Medical Practitioner-Cancar	Consultations: 240 Surgical Procedures: 67
West Timor- Naob	20th to 26th June 2009	Dr Tim Keenan Orthopaedic Surgeon & Team Leader Dr Harianto Hendrikus Leprosy Specialist & Counterpart Surgeon Dr. Andy Beinssen Anaesthetist Sr Josie Luke OR Nurse	Consultations: 19 Surgical Procedures: 11
West Timor- Halilulik	20th to 28th June 2009	Dr. Mark Moore AM Plastic & General Surgeon & Team Leader Dr Joao Ximenes Surgeon Dr David McLeod Anaesthetist Sr Penny Craig Theatre Nurse Ms Ruth Boveington Coordinator/Interpreter	Consultations: 62 Surgical Procedures: 49

The following local counterparts assisted the OSSAA Surgical Teams:

<p>West Timor - Halilulik: Sr Helma SSpS Sr Theodorine SSpS Br Rufinus Nn Grace Nn Adel</p> <p>West Timor – Naob: The Staff of Naob Hospital</p> <p>Flores – Cancar – St Damian Hospital Sr Virgula SSpS Sr Franseline SSpS Sr Maria SSpS Sr Elsa SSpS Pak Ferdi Jalang Pak Ferdi Jalalu Ibu Meri Moe Ibu Tanti Pak Nasrin Pak Pontianus Kon Tamat Mas Dedi Tarung</p> <p>Flores – Cancar – St Rafael Hospital: Dr Michael Dr Tommy Dr Irwin Sr Reginardus SSpS</p>	<p>Sr Danielle SSpS Ibu Viktoria Pak Kanis Ibu Ernavati Ibu Sabina Ibu Sofi Mr Mus</p> <p>East Timor – Baucau , Dr Philip Mwaura Mr Antonio Correia Mr Alicino Mr Anselmo Alves Mr Valerio Mr Fransisko Mr Mateus Mr John Mr Batista Mrs Regine Mrs Tina Mr Bernado Amaral Lopes (Los Palos) Mr Amadouru Samepalo (Los Palos) Mr Faustino dos Santos Los Palos) Dr Dan Murphy (Dili)</p>
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