



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

6 OCTOBER 2011

Ladies and gentlemen, it is with pleasure that I present this report to the 9th Annual General Meeting of the Overseas Specialist Surgical Association of Australia.

Team Visits:

Ten trips were undertaken in 2010/11: two to East Timor, five to Flores, and three to West Timor. During the year, 1215 consultations and 530 surgical procedures were performed. Since OSSAA's establishment in March 2002, 8831 consultations and 3776 surgical procedures have been carried out.

Of the 10 trips:

- a. Plastic and reconstructive surgical teams were led by Dr Mark Moore (3 trips) and Dr Rob Coren to hospitals in Dili, Baucau and Maliana in East Timor and Cancar and Lela in Flores
- b. General surgical teams were led by Dr Brian Miller and Dr Bob Sillar to Halilulik Hospital in West Timor
- c. Orthopaedic teams were led by Dr Colin Whitewood (2 trips) and Dr Tim Keenan to Cancar [Flores] and Naob in West Timor
- d. An ENT team was led by Dr Suren Krishnan to Cancar [Flores]

Medical Subcommittee:

My thanks to Sue Freeman who chairs the Medical Sub Committee, and the team members namely Dr's Mark Moore, Dave Sainsbury, Dave McLeod, Andy Beinssen, Brian Miller, and Nurses Penny Craig and Cath Coombe who make up the subcommittee. 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. The Medical Sub-committee held 3 meetings during the 2010/11 financial year - November, February and June. The meetings were well attended and Dr Brian Miller participated by phone. The main area of discussion for the committee was the changes to the Registration requirements by the Indonesian Authorities; we are still awaiting (as is RACS) clarification as to the additional documentation required for volunteer surgeons.

OSSAA supports and promotes teams working in both private and public hospitals. However the recent changes may result in only the private hospitals, as for example run by the Catholic nuns, being accessible.

There were no incidents reported during the year. All teams have been pleased with the improved level of skills shown by the local nursing staff being trained. Several new team members were approved during the year and all went on trips with experienced team members who could provide support.

The Medical Sub Committee was asked to approve several items of equipment which included Capnographs, Skin Graft Knives, SpO2 monitor and a smaller lightweight computer for the teams – each was subsequently purchased. All team members wish to continue this year which is great news.

Publicity:

Two editions of the OSSAA Newsletter were published during the year. Thanks are again due to Doug Omond who 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. Net income from donations, fundraising (excluding direct costs), subscriptions and bank interest amounted to over \$112,984. This is higher than the previous year, 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, this time of \$50,000, from Amanda and Laurie Kennedy. Johnson and Johnson also provided strong support with large donations of medical consumables. For the year, \$81,462 in donations was received. Those of \$1,000 and over are listed below:

<i>Large Donors</i>	\$
Amanda and Laurie Kennedy (the FSJS Jubilee Charity Foundation)	50,000
Rotary Club of Unley	4,000
Lions Club of Adamstown	3,000
Lions Club of McLaren Districts	1,000
Rotary Club of Kenthurst	1,000
A.Eastman	1,000
P.B. & H.L. Sampson	1,000

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)
Astra Zeneca
Atlas Healthcare (Jim Kiley)
Calvary Hospital
Chelsea Cinema (Bob Parr)
Dreamin Foundation
Dynek Pty Ltd (Dr Patricia Cook)
Federal Printing House (Mr Trevor Terrell)
Garuda Indonesia
Harvey World Travel
Indonesian Air Transport (Pak Hendrik Tawur)
Johnson & Johnson (David Carney, Jenny Sallis and Stephen Reid)
Knitters Joan Webb and the Kalyra knitting group
Life Health Care
Newcastle Hospital
Princess Alexandria Hospital Brisbane
Royal Adelaide Hospital (Anaesthetic & Sterilisation Departments)
Royal Australian College of Surgeons
Smith and Nephew
The Box Factory (and Adelaide City Council)
Tyco Healthcare - Covidien (Emily Milner)
Women's and Children's Hospital
The Consul and staff of the Consulate of the Republic of Indonesia (Darwin)
Note – Bob Parr OAM received a well deserved award for his charitable works in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours

There were three fundraising events: a luncheon in July 2010 at which Gert Skipper was the guest speaker; a film afternoon in September when Wall Street II was shown; and a luncheon in June 2011 at which HE Governor Kevin Scarce was guest speaker.

Membership:

At 30 June there were **33** financial corporate members, **132** ordinary members, and **66** team members (of which **6** were also ordinary members).

Committee of Management (COM):

The COM met 10 times in 2010/11 (on the third Thursday of the month). Lorraine Venables joined the Committee in March to assist particularly with trip organisation. The increased lead time for trips to Indonesia to comply with Government requirements, including the latest request for more documentation, is being well managed by Lorraine, Sue Freeman, Dr Hendrikus Harijanto and the team leaders. The COM remains vigilant on compliance with Australian State and Federal Government rules and regulations relating to operation of charities. We thank The Box Factory in the City for providing a venue for our committee meetings. Two members of the Committee will be retiring this year, namely Secretary Ros Sells and Dr Andy Beinsen. I thank you both for your contribution.

Thanks

My 3 year term as President is now complete. It has been a great experience. I marvel at the generosity and dedication of our volunteer medical teams, am thankful for the support of OSSAA members and donors who through their contributions enable the organisation to function effectively, and really appreciate the support and advice provided by the Committee of Management comprising Dr Mark Moore AM, Doug Omond OAM, Alex Jonson, Ros Sells, Sue Freeman, Helen van der Jeugd, Patrick Markwick-Smith, Dr Andy Beinsen, John Russell, Lorraine Venables and Joan Reed. Thank you one and all!

Stephen Baker
President

SUMMARY OF SURGICAL TEAM TRIPS 2010/11

LOCATION	DATES	PERSONNEL	CLINICAL ACTIVITIES
Flores - Cancar	3 – 9 July 2010	Dr Colin Whitewood – Orthopaedic Surgeon and Team Leader Dr Jerome Wisniewski – Anaesthetist Sr Paula Karra – Operating Theatre Nurse Rachelle Quiggin – Physiotherapist Dr Olivia Santoso –Coordinator Interpreter	Consultations: 78 Surgical Procedures: 26
West Timor - Halilulik	1 – 15 August 2010	Dr Brian Miller – General Surgeon and Team Leader Dr Mary Brooker – Anaesthetist Sr Cath Coombe – Operating Theatre Nurse Dr Harijanto – In-country Clinician Dr Fifi Djatmiko – Coordinator Interpreter	Consultations: 215 Surgical Procedures: 134
East Timor - Baucau and Maliana	23 – 30 October 2010	Dr Mark Moore AM - Plastic Surgeon and Team Leader Dr Yugesh Caplash - Plastic Surgeon Drs Pat Moran and Chris Higham - Anaesthetists Srs Elizabeth Mazzei and Margaret Maloney OAM – Operating Theatre Nurses Drs Joao Ximenes and Philip Mwaura – Local surgeons/trainees Dr Eric Vreede - Coordinator	Consultations: Baucau 22 Maliana 13 Surgical Procedures: Baucau 12 Maliana 8

		Local interpreters	
Location	Dates	Personnel	Clinical Activities
West Timor	6 – 12 November 2010	Dr Tim Keenan – Orthopaedic Surgeon and Team Leader Dr Pat Moran – Anaesthetist Dr Harijanto – In-country Clinician Sr Josie Luke – Operating Theatre Nurse Chriswinda Luisanto – Coordinator Interpreter	Consultations: 35 Surgical Procedures: 12
Flores – Cancar and Lela	20 – 27 November 2010	Dr. Mark Moore AM Plastic Surgeon and Team Leader Dr Philip Blum – Anaesthetist Penny Craig – Operating Theatre Nurse Dr Harijanto – Coordinator Interpreter Drs Joao Ximenes and Made Adnyana - Local surgeons	Consultations: Cancar 183 Lela 14 Surgical Procedures: Cancar 119 Lela 12
Flores – Cancar	27 November – 3 December 2010	Sr Suren Krishnan OAM – ENT Surgeon and Team Leader Dr Michael Switajewski – ENT Surgeon Dr Desmond Wee – ENT Surgeon and Interpreter Dr Simon Macklin – Anaesthetist Sr Zara Wilkinson - Operating Theatre Nurse Audiometrist – Megan Winter	Consultations: 240 Surgical Procedures: 43
West Timor – Halilulik	27 January – 5 February 2011	Dr Bob Sillar - General Surgeon and Team Leader Dr Ralph Gourlay – General Surgeon Dr Tom Walker – Anaesthetist Dr Harijanto – Local clinician Srs Kerrie Nicholls and Lyn Thorpe – Operating Theatre and Recovery Nurses Dr Leny Raiyon - Coordinator Interpreter	Consultations: 136 Surgical Procedures: 51
Flores - Cancar	5 – 11 March 2011	Dr. Rob Coren - Plastic Surgeon and Team Leader Dr Roger Woods – Plastic Surgeon Drs Matthew Grill and Todd Maddock – Anaesthetists Srs Margaret Maloney OAM and Amanda McFall – Operating Theatre and Recovery Nurses Anastasia Stain – Coordinator Interpreter	Consultations: 87 Surgical Procedures: 53
East Timor- Dili	2 – 9 April 2011	Dr. Mark Moore AM - Plastic Surgeon and Team Leader. Dr Andy Beinssen -Anaesthetist Sr Vanessa Dittmar - Operating Theatre Nurse Drs Joao Ximenes, Joao Pedra and Raj Singh – Local surgeons Local interpreters	Consultations: 126 Surgical Procedures: 42
Flores - Cancar	28 May – 4 June 2011	Dr Colin Whitewood – Orthopaedic Surgeon and Team Leader Dr Rashmi Patel – Anaesthetist Sr Melanie Richards – Operating Theatre Nurse Rachelle Quiggin – Physiotherapist	Consultations: 66 Surgical Procedures: 18

The following local counterparts assisted the OSSAA Surgical Teams:

West Timor - Halilulik:

Sr Helma Nahak SSpS
 Dr Filomeneo
 Dr Natalia
 Dr Tama Sari
 Dr Joyce
 Dr Raymond
 Dentist Dr Maria Raiyon
 Br Rufinus Rame
 Sr Cecilia
 Sr Grace Manek
 Nun Edith
 Nun Martina
 Nun Nora Matius
 Nun Maria Nahak
 Mr Melius Maulok
 Mr Ronaldo

Flores – Lela *St Elizabeth Hospital*

Dr J Aliandoe
 Sr Alex Perera
 Nurse Erna Meda
 Nurse Anjelina Rombao
 Nurse Elizabeth Eleanora
 Nurse Trifonia Lideo

Flores – Cancar *St Damian Hospital*

Dr Mario Suwandi
 Dr Ferdius Liman
 Sr Virgula SSpS
 Sr Elsa SSpS
 Sr Reginaldis SSpS
 Sr Robert Hilde SSpS
 Sr Maria Djawa SSpS
 Pak Ferdi Jalang
 Pak Ferdi Jalalu
 Pak Erlis
 Ibu Meri Moe
 Ibu Tanti
 Ibu Seli
 Ibu Hermina
 Ibu Carmelia
 Pak Nasrin
 Pak Pontianus Kon Tamat
 Mas Dedi Tarung

Flores – Cancar *St Rafael Hospital:*

Dr Harry
 Dr Sr Natalia SSpS
 Sr Reginardus SSpS
 Sr Virgula
 Sr Theresea
 Sr Maristello
 Ibu Ernavati
 Ibu Sophie
 Ibu Meri Moe
 Ibu Tanti
 Pak Nasrin
 Pak Norbit
 Pak Ferdi Jalalu
 Pak Ferdi Jalang
 Pak Mus
 Pak Ponti Kontamat
 Enu Fransiska

East Timor – Baucau and Maliana

Dr Joao Ximenes
 Dr Philip Mwaura
 Mr Rogerio
 Mr Alcino
 Mr Anselmo Alves
 Mr Mateus
 Mr Batista
 Mrs Regina
 Dr Bernado Lopes (Los Palos)

Dr Dan Murphy Y (Dili)
 Dr Eric Vreede (HNGV)
 Mr Sarmento Correia

