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President's Report

ANZGOSA is now 10 years old! The first official meeting of the interim executive was in Sydney on May 18, 2006. It's fascinating to look back and recall how much has happened in those 10 years – in particular the development of the Post Fellowship Training programme and the ANZGOSA audit plus many successful scientific meetings. Membership has grown steadily over that time and there are now 197. We have also established international links including an annual placement for our trainees at Newcastle (UK) and ANZGOSA is an Associated Society of ISDE. Wendy Brown will take over as President of ANZGOSA at our Annual General Meeting on 9 September this year and I am certain that under her capable leadership, with the support of dedicated board members and our executive officer Leanne Rogers, ANZGOSA will thrive in the years to come.

It is not long now until our combined meeting with the Sydney Upper GI Surgical Society (SUGSS) on 9 and 10 September at the Intercontinental Hotel, Double Bay, Sydney. We now have three eminent international visitors confirmed – Professor Han-Kwang Yang, Chief, Division of GI Surgery, Seoul National University, Prof Guy-Bernard Cadiere, Chief of GI Surgery, Saint Pierre University Hospital, Brussels and Professor Jürgen Weitz, who is presently Chairman of the Department of Visceral, Thoracic and Vascular Surgery, University Hospital Carl Gustav Carus, TU, Dresden.

There will also be an outstanding faculty of Australian and New Zealand speakers with an exciting academic and social program to look forward to. On Thursday 8th September there will be two interactive, hands on, skill labs supervised by Michael Talbot together with Payal Saxena. The morning session will be focussed on laparoscopic hiatus hernia dissection and repair, sleeve gastrectomy and gastric bypass while the afternoon session will focus on therapeutic endoscopy. Places are very limited so please register early for these workshops. Please see page 7 of this newsletter for further details of the conference.

Six new trainees were selected in May and will join the program in 2017. There is intense competition for these positions and only approximately a quarter of applicants could be accepted this year. I would like to say a particular thank you to Tim Bright for his role as Chair of Training and to all members of the training committee who assist by selecting trainees, attending the trainees weekend and by inspecting training centres. Thank you also to those hospitals which accept our trainees and ensure they gain the necessary experience. A new development is that from July 2017 all accredited training centres will need to contribute to the ANZGOSA audit as a further measure to ensure quality of training.

ANZGOSA has recently engaged with the RACS to enable automatic notification of electronic journal tables of contents (eTOCs) – details of this are available at the College library site – please use the following link <http://www.surgeons.org/my-page/racs-knowledge/library/etocs> This now replaces the hard copy of the Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery which was sent to members in the past as that journal is available online with monthly notification of eTOCs together with four other major journal titles.

I would like to thank all the present and past ANZGOSA board members that I have so enjoyed working with over the last 10 years – it has been a real privilege. Thank you also to Leanne Rogers, our CEO, who has been such a big part of ANZGOSA's success. Finally, to all members – I hope you will continue to participate in all that ANZGOSA offers and I look forward to seeing in Sydney in September.

Ross Roberts, ANZGOSA President

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Future Dates

2016

9 and 10 September
ANZGOSA / SUGSS meeting
Intercontinental, Double Bay Sydney

2017

24 - 25 February
IsDEAS
Stamford Grand Hotel, Glenelg Adelaide
Registration will open in October

September
Annual meeting – 2 days
Dates and venue to be advised



Secretariat

Please feel free to contact our Executive Officer, Leanne Rogers, should you have any queries.

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Postal address:

P.O. Box 374, Belair S.A. 5052

Facebook

Please “like” and check out ANZGOSA on facebook.

Regularly updated with pictures, latest news and announcements.

Together with our website www.anzgosa.org we are keeping you up to date with the latest regarding our Association.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Anzgosa/304387776331914>.



ANZGOSA Members

We welcome all our new members

Financial Report

A full financial report and Treasurers' report will be provided, and emailed, to all members after the AGM on 9th September, for the year ended 30th June 2016.

ANZGOSA continues to be in a good position. We thank our industry partners for their ongoing support of the Association.

We have deductible gift recipient "DGR" status through the Australian Taxation Office. ***The Association can now accept donations.***



Find a surgeon

"Find a Surgeon" section on the website. The aim of this is to have most of our ANZGOSA members listed.

If you would like to be included could you please email me the following information -

SURNAME
FIRST NAME (and title)
LOCATION
PHONE
WEBSITE.

Membership

Membership numbers are steadily growing with a membership now around 197.

Full membership is available for Medical practitioners with an interest in Upper Gastrointestinal, Gastric and/or Oesophageal surgery practice who hold FRACS or equivalent. Full members are entitled to full voting rights, and may stand for office. Associate membership is available to trainees or retired Upper Gastrointestinal surgeons, and other health professionals working in the area of Upper Gastrointestinal, Gastric and/or Oesophageal practice. Associate members do not have voting rights, and are unable to stand for office. A discount on membership fees is available to members who are also members of ANZHPBA. Please contact the Secretariat for an application for membership.



Website

www.anzgos.org

We are happy to hear of any suggested improvements to the website or any errors you may see. We do endeavour to keep it as up to date as possible.

If you encounter any areas of the website not working please report these immediately so our website managers can be advised.



NEWS

Membership Renewals

ANZGOSA membership renewals for the period 1st July 2016 – 30th June 2017 were emailed in May. Please ensure prompt payment. Many thanks to the many members that have already paid.

ANZGOSA Hospital Unit Accreditation

We continue to invite any hospital unit to apply for ANZGOSA board recognition as a training centre.

Applications for 2017 Fellows have now closed. Ultimately accepting a Fellow will be at the discretion of the training unit. Hospital Unit site inspections will occur once you receive a Fellow. Fellow offers occur from late June each year.

Please note that if a training unit requires accreditation for both HPB and Upper GI then separate applications will need to be made to both ANZHPBA and ANZGOSA.

Could each unit applying please submit a letter addressing each Hospital Unit criteria below and nominate a future programme director (with contact details). All future communications will be to that director.

Applications should be either emailed anzgosa@gmail.com or posted to:

Leanne Rogers
Executive Officer ANZGOSA
P.O. Box 374
Belair SA 5052

Guidelines for a unit

Surgical and Related Staff

An Upper GI Surgery Unit would be defined as a clinical team of at least 2 predominantly Upper GI surgeons and related staff. This may include other Upper GI surgeons.

Surgeons

The Unit should consist of a Unit Head and at least one other surgeon with the following specifications:

- a. FRACS
- b. Postgraduate experience in Upper GI surgery, either within Australia, New Zealand or overseas
- c. Experience in one or more of the following:
 1. Interventional endoscopy (eg oesophageal stent placement, Barrett's oesophagus ablation etc)
 2. Oesophageal and Gastric Endoscopic Ultrasound
 3. Oesophageal Cancer Surgery
 4. Gastric Cancer Surgery
 5. Anti reflux Surgery and advanced laparoscopic surgery
 6. Bariatric surgery
 7. Postgraduate Research Degree/Diploma
- d. Member of ANZGOSA.
- e. At least 50% of practice related to Upper GI surgery

Other Medical Staff

*The Unit shall have allocated to it:
An Advanced Trainee in General Surgery or its equivalent and/or a Upper GI Fellow
An HMO (RMO) as either an Intern or second year level dedicated to the Unit.*

Nurse Unit Manager and Staff

The Upper GI Unit should have access to one ward, or part thereof, to serve the majority of the patients admitted to that Unit. Some of the nursing staff on this ward should have a specific interest in Upper GI surgery. Ideally, the ward should be shared with the Gastroenterology Unit and/or other Gastrointestinal Surgery Units of the hospital.

Ancillary Staff

The Unit should have available, other allied health professionals to provide a spectrum of care (for example dietician, physiotherapy, occupational therapy and medical social worker, pastoral care and liaison psychiatry).

The Hospital and Supportive Services

To support an Upper GI Unit, the hospital involved should be equivalent size to, at least, a 300 bed metropolitan teaching hospital with availability of the following services:

1. Laboratory and Anatomical Pathology with a 24 hour frozen section service.
2. Intensive Care Unit and/or High Dependency Unit with the capacity to manage epidural anaesthesia.
3. Operating Theatres with a fully staffed recovery room.
4. Anaesthetic Department with at least one member of the anaesthetic staff with a particular interest in gastrointestinal surgery and pain management and regional anaesthesia.
5. Operating theatre nursing and technical staff with at least one team with a specific interest in Gastrointestinal Surgery.
6. Access to emergency endoscopy services either under the Banner of the UPPER GI unit or the Gastrointestinal Medical service.
7. There should be support for time and venue for a MDT meeting
8. Accident and Emergency Department adequately staffed
9. Radiological sciences and an accredited imaging department with facilities for x-ray screening, CT scan, Visceral Angiography, MRI and Nuclear medicine.
10. Oncology and Radiotherapy access either within the hospital, network or region for ambulatory care or inpatient radiotherapy and chemotherapy. Specifically the availability of an inpatient consultative service in medical oncology and radiotherapy.

Specifications and Function of the Upper GI Surgery Unit

Operating facilities

Each surgeon should have, on average, one half day operating per week.

Pre-admission Process

The Unit should have access to a pre-admission clinic or similar arrangement to assess elective surgical patients to facilitate same day surgical admissions.

Outpatient or Private Office Assessment

The Unit should have a dedicated outpatient clinic.

After Hours Cover

The unit should provide 24 hour cover for the unit's inpatients.

Weekly Ward Rounds and Meetings

The Unit shall meet on a regular basis to conduct meetings to discuss the patients, protocols or any other business combined at some stage with a visit to the patients (ward round).

Quality Assurance and Audit

The Unit should be involved in a regular mortality and morbidity meeting, at least on a monthly basis with a six monthly or annual review. Quality assurance programmes (for example Clinical Indicators or quality projects) should become standard and reviewed at the weekly Unit meetings or audit meetings.

Research

The Unit shall have an interest in research either by encouraging individual research projects within the hospital or collaborating with existing clinical research projects.

Academic Affiliation

The Unit should have an affiliation with one of the University Medical Schools and be involved in Undergraduate Teaching Programmes.

Basic and Advanced Training in General/Upper GI Surgery

Members of the Unit should be involved with the RACS activities to encourage surgical trainees in basic and advanced training in General and Upper GI Surgery. The Unit should also encourage overseas trainees or Upper GI surgeons to visit the Unit.

CME and Recertification

The Unit head should be responsible for ensuring that the Guidelines provided by ANZGOSA are fulfilled and participate in CME activities.

The purpose of hospital accreditation is to ensure the highest quality of training for the Upper GI Fellowship and that the approved posts provide an appropriate supervision and learning environment to the prescribed standard.

1. The process for accreditation for appropriate centres for training in Upper GI surgery will be initiated by the Upper GI unit in conjunction with the hospital administration. The appropriate documentation will be completed and sent to the ANZGOSA training committee (see details).
2. The inspection will consist of at least 2 members of the ANZGOSA committee. Accreditation will be provided on a five year basis. Provisions for limited accreditation for one year and subsequent review should be available.
3. The recommendation of the supervisory team will be communicated to the ANZGOSA training committee and subsequently sent to the CEO (or other appropriate representative) of the hospital for comments. The final draft will be presented to the ANZGOSA executive for final approval
4. The accreditation committee should allow for at least a half day for the process.

Meetings would normally include:

- a) Meeting with Hospital Unit Supervisor and administrative staff of hospital and supervisor of Upper GI training to discuss general issues
- b) Meeting with members of the Upper GI unit to discuss case load and other issues
- c) Individual, confidential meetings with current trainee(s)/fellow.
- d) Inspection of the facilities.
- e) Briefing session to the whole team regarding issues of concern.

Post Fellowship Trainees Weekend

The 2016 Post Fellowship Trainees' Weekend is being hosted by ANZHPBA and being held at Mercure Clear Mountain Lodge in Brisbane, 22 – 23 October. 2016 ANZHPBA and ANZGOSA Fellows will attend. As part of the two year Fellowship they are required to attend the Post Fellowship Trainees Weekend. The weekend will have significant local faculty and each Fellow will have one presentation topic focused on their specialty, HPB or GI. Visiting International speaker is Professor James Garden.

2016 Fellows

Congratulations to all our 2017 Year 1 and Year 2 ANZGOSA fellows on their placements –

St Vincents Hospital - Kevin Chan
Bankstown/Liverpool Hospital - Daniel Foley
Royal North Shore Hospital - David Mitchell
John Hunter Hospital - Mark Boccola
Newcastle UK - Benjamin Woodham 3rd Year
Edinburgh UK - Peter Hamer
Austin Hospital - Jonathon Foo
St Vincents Hospital - Matthew Read
Box Hill Hospital - Lara Freeman
Western Hospital Footscray - Teong Chuah
Fiona Stanley Hospital - Andrew Hardley
Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital - Adrian Teo
Auckland Hospital - Hamish Shilton



2016 ANZGOSA / Medtronic Travelling scholarships

Congratulations to the five recipients of the ANZGOSA/Medtronic travelling scholarships for 2016

- Niruben Rajasagaram, Victoria – to attend 2016 15th ISDE World Congress, Singapore
- Benjamin Woodham, South Australia – to attend 2016 15th ISDE World Congress, Singapore
- Andrew MacCormick, New Zealand – to attend 2016 15th ISDE World Congress, Singapore
- John Ozmen, NSW – 2016 24th International Congress of the EAES Amsterdam, Netherlands
 - Steven Due, South Australia - to attend 2016 15th ISDE World Congress, Singapore

Board Nominations

The Annual General Meeting for the Australia and New Zealand Gastric and Oesophageal Association (ANZGOSA) is being held on Friday 9th September 2016 at the "ANZGOSA/SUGSS" meeting, Intercontinental Hotel, Double Bay Sydney..

We will have four (4) **Board** positions to elect at this Annual General Meeting. We will be calling for **nominations** for these positions from Friday 1st July. **Nominations** can be faxed or posted to the Executive Officer ANZGOSA, on the emailed **nomination** form, and must be received by 5.00pm on Friday 29th July 2016. The **nomination** must also be accompanied by a brief statement from the candidate outlining their skills and experiences, and how they propose to fulfill their commitments as a Director, and add value to ANZGOSA. To qualify for election, the nominee must be a full financial and voting member of the ANZGOSA.

The success of the Association is dependent on active, involved and interested membership. On behalf of the current Council I encourage members to actively participate in ANZGOSA. The Association has in excess of 190 members, is financially sound and the Council is continuing to plan for the future.

Voting for the **nominated** candidates will commence in August 2016.



ANZGOSA / SUGSS Meeting 2016

REGISTER NOW

<http://www.anzgosa-sugss.com/>

9 and 10 September
Intercontinental Hotel, Double Bay Sydney

On behalf of ANZGOSA and SUGSS, we would like to welcome you to our second combined meeting following the success of our previous combined meeting in 2012. This year we are at the outstanding boutique and famous Intercontinental hotel in charming Double Bay in Sydney. On the harbour, a stones throw from the CBD, home to the last two popular annual SUGSS meetings and with a list of celebrity patrons including the likes of George Bush Snr, Madonna, John Travolta and David Gotley, it is a venue that is hard to match. Throw in a cutting edge program with 3 eminent international visitors, national experts and several out of speciality trail blazers, a hands-on 1 day work shop,

plus a Marquee conference dinner at the foot of the Opera House under the Sydney Harbour Bridge, this is a meeting that will be more than worth your while.

Headlined by International Gastric cancer and laparoscopic cancer expert, Professor Han-Kwang Yang, Chief of Surgery Seoul National University, and technically gifted Upper GI experts in Minimally Invasive Upper GI pioneer Professor Guy-Bernard Cadiere, Chief of Surgery, St Pierre Hospital, Brussels and emerging Robotic and Advanced Upper GI resection expert Professor Juergen Weitz, Chief of Surgery University of Dresden, and including endoscopic envelope pusher Prof Michael Bourke (Westmead) and an expert ANZ faculty, the main 2 day scientific program will cover a range of topics including outcomes and techniques of established and cutting edge open, minimally invasive, and endoscopic Upper GI operations for cancer, benign disease and obesity. This will include video sessions as well discussion of broader issues including the current rationalisation of Upper GI Cancer Surgery and issues of Specialist representation in a rapidly changing medical landscape. For younger fellows, students and registrars this will be a great opportunity to rub shoulders with world experts, senior colleagues and have a chance at earning \$5000 as part of our Medtronic SUGSS Scholarship prize for best free paper presentation. This year the main Scientific meeting will also be preceded by a single day lab based workshop convened by Michael Talbot focusing on complex Upper GI and bariatric surgery, as well as endoscopic procedures, and which will provide a unique hands-on opportunity to learn from the experts in those fields. So please come along, bring your family, and enjoy what will be a rewarding, invigorating and enjoyable event with great colleagues in beautiful surrounds.

Please view the program <http://www.anzgosa-sugss.com/friday-program>

Mr Ross Roberts (President ANZGOSA) & Dr David Martin (Chair SUGSS)

Conference Dinner

Venue: Sydney Opera House, 'Opera Point Marquee'

Date: Friday 9th September, 7.00pm – 10pm

Cost: \$130 per delegate

Includes: 3 course sit-down dinner

Return coach transfers from the InterContinental Hotel

Located on the picturesque Sydney Harbour foreshore, the Opera Point Marquee offers a magnificent vantage point to enjoy one of the world's most famous views. The venue makes the most of this setting with a private outdoor reception area and clear walls which will ensure you enjoy the vista from every angle.



ANZGOSA
Sydney Upper GI
Surgical Society

SURGEONS and the UPPER GI TRACT
Friday 9 – Saturday 10
September 2016
InterContinental Hotel
Double Bay, Sydney

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ANZGOSA Audit

As a practising **FULL** member of the Association, we encourage you to participate in the ANZGOSA Audit, officially launched on August 31 2010, a bi-national audit of surgical cancer treatment.

Participating in the audit demonstrates both an appreciation of the importance of quality surgical care in this area and a commitment to achieving such quality. Participants will receive an annual participation certificate.

Through the reporting feature of the data entry portal surgeons have access to instant reporting on key areas against aggregated peer results and be able extract their own data for personal analyses. Audit staff will also be able to provide customised analyses if requested. Upgraded report suite now available and institutional downloads.

Collated bi-national data will provide the ANZGOSA opportunities for research into surgical treatment in the two countries. Participants can also make an official data request to gain de-identified information from the database for

their own research.

The audit is being conducted on behalf of the ANZGOSA by the Research, Audit and Academic Surgery Division of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. **College Ethics Committee approval was granted in June 2010** and an application has been made to recognise the audit as an approved activity so that participants can use this to claim points in the College Continuing Professional Development program.

For further information or to become part of this initiative and gain access to the online portal, please contact the College managers of the audit:

Ph: +61 8 8363 7513

Audit helpdesk: anzgosa.audit@surgeons.org

The two data request documents are available on the College ANZGOSA Audit webpage:
www.surgeons.org/anzgosa

ANZGOSA Board and committees

The current Board is:

President	Ross Roberts (New Zealand)
Vice President	Wendy Brown (VIC)
Secretary	
Treasurer	Tim Bright (SA)
Board members	David Martin (NSW)
	Iain Thomson (QLD)
	Wendy Brown (VIC)
	Krishna Epari (WA)
	Andrew MacCormick (NZ)
	Neil Merrett (NSW)
	Leigh Rutherford (QLD)
	Jon Shenfine (SA)

Training Committee

Tim Bright (Chairman)
Ross Roberts (ANZGOSA President)
David Martin
Neil Merrett
Simon Bann
Richard Cade
Leigh Rutherford

Scientific Research and Audit Committee

Wendy Brown (Chair) (VIC)
Ross Roberts (NZ)
Krishna Epari (WA)
Iain Thomson (QLD)
Ahmad Aly (VIC)
Sarah Thompson (SA)
George Kiroff (SA)
Peter Cosman (NSW)
Andrew MacCormick (NZ)
Katherine Economides (RACS)
Michelle Oglivy (RACS)

Membership Liaison Committee

Wendy Brown (chairman)
Ross Roberts (ANZGOSA President)
Rob Bohmer
Jenny Myers
Sebastian Kwon
Michael Devadas

Medtronic

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