

# ASOHNS Award Recipients

**2025**

**Society Medal for Distinguished Contribution to the Art and Science of Otolaryngology** *(1 x recipient)*

## **Prof Alkis Psaltis**

Professor Psaltis is a globally recognized expert and thought leader in Otolaryngology, whose work in research, clinical innovation, and education has had a transformative impact on the specialty and promoted our society in the process.

Professor Psaltis is an internationally acclaimed researcher, whose pioneering work in chronic rhinosinusitis and sinonasal microbiology has significantly influenced both scientific understanding and clinical practice. With over 240 peer-reviewed publications and 22 book chapters, his research has led to new insights. He was recently included on the Stanford University list of “World’s Top 2%” scientists based on his research and publications.

Professor Psaltis has contributed to the development of advanced surgical techniques. He has played a crucial role in advancing endoscopic skull base surgery, creating safer, minimally invasive techniques for the treatment of complex tumours. His innovations in surgical methods and instrumentation have been adopted by academic centres worldwide, improving patient outcomes and reducing surgical morbidity.

Professor Psaltis is also a highly respected educator and mentor. He currently serves on the OHNS Board of Training and has supervised numerous students, residents, and fellows.

As a mentor, Professor Psaltis is known for his supportive and collaborative approach. He takes a personal interest in the success of his trainees, encouraging them to pursue excellence in both research and clinical practice. He co-heads an active research department at the Basil Hetzel Institute, supervising 26 PhD and 6 master’s students to completion.

Professor Psaltis’s contributions have been recognized with numerous awards and honors, both in Australia and abroad. He is a sought-after speaker at international conferences having delivered over 500 presentations. He sits on the editorial board of 5 major international ENT journals.

Professor Alkis Psaltis is the current President of the Australian and New Zealand Rhinological Society and is the Head of Department at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and a Professor at the University of Adelaide.

I am delighted to present **ASOHNS Society Medal for Distinguished Service to the Art and science of otolaryngology to Professor Alkis Psaltis.**

**2025**

**Society Medal for Distinguished Service to ASOHNS (2 x recipients)**

**Dr Ross Harrington**

We acknowledge Ross Harrington for his services to otolaryngology head and neck surgery in Toowoomba, Queensland. He spent his childhood in the small outback town of Richmond, north west Queensland, and has a strong belief that you can aim high, regardless of where you come from.

Dr Harrington graduated from the University of Queensland in 1972. He received his FRACS in 1978, being the first registrar to train at both the Royal Brisbane Hospitals and PA Hospitals. He travelled for a fellowship in 1979 in Wales.

He returned to Toowoomba in 1980 and has been a vital part of the otolaryngology community over the last 44 years. He started an appointment as a visiting medical officer at Toowoomba Base Hospital in 1982 and only recently resigned that position in 2024.

He was one of the first surgeons to perform endoscopic sinus surgery in Queensland, attending one of David Kennedy's first endoscopic sinus courses in Chicago, and then helped introduce endoscopic sinus surgery to Queensland.

In recent years, since he has retired from surgery, he has maintained a Dizzy and Vestibular Clinic in Toowoomba and Brisbane. He has been an advocate of VHIT and has been instrumental in educating younger doctors, emergency physicians and ENT surgeons on exciting developments in dizziness and in vestibular care. In September 2024, one of his last duties as a specialist, was to present grand rounds at the Toowoomba Base Hospital and to co-edit a paper with Professor Michael Halmagyi.

He has been the past Queensland President of ASOHNS as well as a Director of Training for Toowoomba Hospital. He was instrumental, along with Garrett Fitzgerald, in setting up a regional training position, which has now expanded to two positions.

We sincerely thank Ross for his services to both regional and national otolaryngology.

I am delighted to present **ASOHNS Society Medal for Distinguished Service to ASOHNS to Dr Ross Harrington.**

## Dr Vasuki Anpalahan

This nomination was unique and reflects the dedication shown by Dr Vasuki Anpalahan over the past 17 years towards training and education in Victoria. Council members were greatly appreciative of the nomination which was signed of many current and past trainees.

Dr Anpalahan has worked for the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital since 1998. During this time, she has been vital to the training and development of all ENT trainees with her passion for education through the coordination of weekly tutorials. By coordinating weekly tutorials, she has provided a place for the trainees to not only debrief and support one another through training, but also ensures a strong continuous education program.

Further, Dr Anpalahan has been running and coordinating the Victorian mock fellowship examination for candidates in Victoria since 2007. In conjunction with senior post fellowship exam ENT trainees, a mock examination is set every year under exam conditions to provide trainees with the experience of sitting both the written and clinical examination.

In addition, Dr Anpalahan also volunteers her time to conduct weekly tutorials for 12 months in the lead up to examinations after hours and on weekends.

All Victorian trainees over the past 17 years who have gone on to graduate from the training program owe in part some of their success to the outstanding contribution by Dr Anpalahan.

I am delighted to present **ASOHNS Society Medal for Distinguished Service to ASOHNS to Dr Vasuki Anpalahan.**

**2024**

**Society Medal for Distinguished Contribution to the Art and Science of Otolaryngology (1 x recipient)**

**A/Prof Bernard Lyons**

Associate Professor Bernard Lyons (Bernie) has provided over 30 years of tireless leadership, mentorship, teaching and advocacy for those in our profession.

After returning from his Fellowship in Sacramento, USA in 1991 Bernie helped develop the nascent sub-specialty of Skull base surgery in Australia and was instrumental in the development of this field, whilst promoting inter-speciality collaboration between neurosurgeons, plastic surgeons, radiation oncologists, specialist nurses and allied health professionals.

In 2000, Bernie established the first dedicated ENT Head and Neck unit at Box Hill Hospital and he remained in charge of the unit until 2007. Under his guidance this unit has now flourished into one of the State's largest.

Bernie became Director of St.Vincent's ENT Head and Neck unit in 2004 and used this platform to further develop and refine Head and Neck Surgery, whilst teaching and mentoring over 30 registrars and junior consultants. He arranged examinations, ran tutorials and was always open and approachable to his colleagues. His expertise in all matters related to the field of ENT was legendary. During this time, Bernie wrote several book chapters and collaborated on at least 30 scientific papers.

In 2009, Bernie joined the RACS board of examiners, a position he held for 10 years, culminating as Chief Examiner for Otolaryngology in 2019.

In 2010, Bernie chaired the ASOHNS Victorian Section, a position he held for 2 years.

Throughout his long career at St.Vincent's Hospital, Bernie demonstrated a consistent pursuit of excellence whilst being a collaborative team player and astute organiser. Bernie arranged numerous scientific meetings and helped promote the mission of ASOHNS on a regular basis.

In addition to his contribution to endoscopic skull base and open Head and Neck surgery, Bernie also founded the first dedicated treatment centre in Victoria for endoscopic management of salivary gland stones, a technique that has reduced morbidity in hundreds of patients.

Despite his extremely busy work schedule, Bernie managed to find time to build strong international connections amongst the ENT, Head and Neck field. This has benefited numerous trainees who have successfully applied to competitive international fellowships on the references given by Bernie. This in turn has resulted in an extremely high quality of Head and Neck Surgeons across Victoria who have benefited from these opportunities.

Beyond this, Bernie successfully represented ASOHNS in its bid to convene the 2023 Asia Oceania Meeting in Hyderabad and led, with Prof Ben Panizza, a successful combined ASOHNS/Asia Oceania Meeting in Brisbane in 2023.

As President of Asia Oceania Association OHNS Societies, Bernie has contributed to the high international standing of ENT in Australia and reinforced connections between ASOHNS members and our international ENT colleagues, further benefiting our specialty and our trainees.

Bernie's dedication to his craft, excellence in care and approachable and humble nature make him an extremely worthy recipient of this Medal. Bernie personifies the teamwork, collaboration and pioneering spirit that ASOHNS members should all aspire to.

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**2024**

**Society Medal for Distinguished Service to ASOHNS (1 recipients)**

### **Dr Anne Cass**

Dr Anne Cass is an established otolaryngology head and neck surgeon who has provided a dependable country ENT service to regional Victoria over the past 28 years.

Dr Cass undertook ENT training from 1988 to 1991 followed by a year as Senior Registrar at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital (RVEEH), Melbourne with a special interest in otoneurology as well as exposure to rhinology.

Her career with the RVEEH continued from 1993 as an Otolaryngologist initially for 10 years in otoneurology and rhinology moving into predominantly functional rhinoplasty and head and neck surgery. Dr Cass was appointed head of clinic in 2004 and remains in that position.

Dr Cass's work in rural Victoria continued while maintaining a private practice in Melbourne from 1992 to 2002. In 1994 Dr Cass started visiting Hamilton, expanding to Portland in 1995 and Warrnambool in 1997 with four-day trips every three weeks.

In 2002 she closed her Melbourne private practice and worked predominantly in Hamilton, Warrnambool and Portland, visiting Melbourne to work at the RVEEH 2 days per fortnight.

Dr Cass is a long-standing member of the Australian Society of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery and has a strong passion for teaching. She supported trainees with exam preparation through fortnightly tutorials from 1993 to 2011, until appointed as an examiner on the OHNS RACS Fellowship examination from 2011 to 2021.

She has been a permanent faculty member, not missing a year since 2000, on the Adelaide advanced endoscopic sinus surgery skills course. Anne has been a faculty member for many rhinology courses including the Sisson workshop in the USA from 1998 – 2010. Dr Cass was convener for the Australia and New Zealand Rhinologic Society held in the Mornington Peninsula in 2004 and convened the OHNS annual trainee meeting in 2004. She was the Victorian representative on Australia and New Zealand Rhinologic Society from 2003 - 2013.

Dr Cass continues to teach at the RVEEH and is currently representing Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery on RACS Rural Health Equity Advisory Group while continuing to provide regional surgical services in Hamilton and beyond. She also teaches medical students, interns, surgical residents and General Surgery trainees in Hamilton.

It is with great pleasure that we present Dr Anne Cass with ASOHNS Society Medal for Distinguished Service to ASOHNS.

**2024: Western Australia**

**Dr Shane Ling**

Convener, Western Australia

**Prof Jafri Kuthubutheen**

Scientific Convener, Western Australia

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**2023**

**Society Medal for Distinguished Contribution to the Art and Science of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery** *(1 x recipient)*

## **Dr Glen Croxson**

Associate Professor Glen Croxson is a mentor and educator for many ENT surgeons in this room tonight, both during training and in their early careers.

After obtaining his Fellowship in Otolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery from the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons he was awarded a College travelling Scholarship and spent 12 months in Cambridge, England with Dr David Moffat as a Fellow in otology and base of skull surgery. He obtained a further Fellowship with Dr Mark May in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to further his interest in ear surgery and facial nerve paralysis.

He was the ASOHNS NSW State training supervisor for many years and was appointed as the RACS ENT examiner with a further 2 years as Senior Examiner from 2010 to 2012.

He was instrumental in formalising temporal bone drilling for OHNS training, establishing the “Croxson 12 steps” temporal bone procedure log.

Glen set up a state-of-the-art temporal bone laboratory at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, which is now named after him.

Glen was the Head of Department for the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital for many years. His leadership has elevated the department to a world renowned unit for its skull base service.

He is a pioneer in the management of facial nerve disorder in Australia and is the founding member of the Sydney Facial Nerve Service, a multidisciplinary group providing specialist care for patients with facial nerve disorders.

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**2023**

**Society Medal for Distinguished Service to ASOHNS (2 recipients)**

### **Dr Fiona Panizza**

Dr Fiona Panizza entered ENT training in Queensland in 1987, sought after by both General and Plastic surgery, but fortunately chose ENT. Fiona is known as exceptional for her intelligence, work ethic and keen passion for surgery.

Fiona was the first female to achieve Australian Fellowship of RACS in Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery by examination in 1990. Previous to this the first female ENT surgeon was Dr Jean Littlejohn who trained in Melbourne, passed the Diploma in Laryngology and Otology from the University of Melbourne, and was admitted as a Fellow by assessment by a Board of Censors rather than examination in 1935. That was over 50 years for another female ENT surgeon.

After completing training, she undertook an Otology / Neurotology Fellowship in Manchester UK with Richard Ramsden, accompanied by her husband Ben Panizza who went as a spouse dependant.

On her return to Australia Fiona was appointed a consultant at the Mater Hospitals and performed adult cochlear implants and commenced the paediatric cochlear implant program at the Mater Children's Hospital in the days when there was still resistance from the deaf community.

Fiona, with her subspecialty training in otology, was an enthusiastic supporter of the introduction of universal newborn hearing services in Australia and joined Professor Harvey Coates on the Australian Universal Newborn Hearing Committee to advocate for the introduction of this program in the early 2000's.

Her strong support and advocacy finally led to the introduction of UNHS in Queensland in 2004 and her commitment towards the attainment of a National newborn hearing screening program was finally realised after many years of lobbying in 2009 when Prime Minister Kevin Rudd mandated this for every Australian baby.

In addition to these accomplishments, Fiona is a strong supporter of ASOHNS and ANZSPO.

For the last 10 years Fiona has conducted frequent Aboriginal paediatric ENT clinics in South East Queensland.

A role model for aspiring surgeons, especially in Queensland, I am delighted to present ASOHNS Society Medal for Distinguished Service to ASOHNS.

## **Dr Robert Niell Boustred**

Dr Niell Boustred has contributed richly to ASOHNS, particularly in the areas of registrar selection, training, accreditation of hospitals and the Training Board.

He has brought careful and considered research and science to registrar selection, assessments and governance of the training program whilst matching this with deep respect, care and empowerment of registrars in training.

Niell initially worked as the supervisor of training at Concord Hospital, then the State Chair and more recently as the Federal Chair. Niell has strived for fairer and more transparent systems related to registrar training. Under his oversight, the Board has redeveloped the curriculum, assessment guidelines, regulations and handbooks, and more recently the Board has launched an app to track assessments. Alongside these improvements in registrar training, he has counselled and walked alongside so many registrars over the years, supporting when needed, guiding often and treating them always with respect and care.

In addition, Niell has served on the ASOHNS Council in a number of roles. During this time he has contributed greatly to governance, strategic planning, feedback, course accreditation and research subcommittees.

On top of all these major contributions and initiatives Niell has maintained a busy practice in Sydney working at both public and private hospitals for over 25 years. He is a person of great integrity, a wonderful teacher and mentor, and somehow on top of all that, a diligent, excellent otolaryngologist who is a fitness fanatic.

I am delighted to present the ASOHNS Medal for Distinguished Service to ASOHNS.

### **2023: Queensland**

#### **Prof Bernard Lyons**

Convener, Queensland

#### **Prof Ben Panizza**

Scientific Convener, Queensland

**2022**

**Society Medal for Distinguished Contribution to the Art and Science of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery (1 x recipient)**

**Dr David Close**

David graduated MB BS in Adelaide in 1970 and after RMO years travelled to the UK where he embarked on ENT training as SHO at three hospitals then as registrar at University College Hospital, London.

He returned to a place on the Adelaide training rotation and having passed his FRACS in 1978, worked as Senior Registrar for a year at Flinders Medical Centre. He then commenced private practice and a VMO appointment at TQEH under Neville Minnis; whom he subsequently followed as Head of Unit for some years before handing over to PJ Wormald. He was the hospital's supervisor of the registrar training program for the then maximum period of 10 years.

Ear surgery was David's principal interest until the incredibly exciting experience of witnessing Professor Heinz Stammberger's demonstration of Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery in Melbourne in 1988. Realising the revolution that this would bring, David persuaded TQEH to buy all the necessary equipment, including a beam-splitting device to allow a registrar or supervising consultant to observe. As his fellow consultants were of the same mind and ability, trainees recognized that TQEH was where they would best learn FESS.

Using the cadaver heads available after Dean Southwood's annual facial plastics courses, David ran endoscopic sinus surgery dissection mini-courses for local consultants and registrars, ably assisted in the first course by his registrar at the time, Suren Krishnan. These were the first regular FESS courses conducted in Australia, and the last was attended not only by interstate registrants but by PJ Wormald soon after his arrival in Australia. Hence they were the forerunners of PJ's own courses which commenced the following year and on which David was a dissection supervisor for 10 years and a lecturer on the early courses. David had played a significant part in the attraction of PJ and his family to Adelaide and his foundation professorial appointment to the conjoint chair of ORL-HNS of both Adelaide Universities, located at TQEH.

David has always been intensely interested in teaching, returning for several years after his initial retirement to TQEH and subsequently the RAH to supervise and teach registrar surgery. He continues to be a supervisor on the Dean Southwood Memorial annual Adelaide temporal bone dissection courses, and for nearly seven years since retirement from clinical practice, as an honorary senior lecturer, he has given many hours of instruction to medical students at Flinders University medical students, including those rural and remote students based at Victor Harbor and the Barossa Valley.

David has had a long involvement with the military, being commissioned as an infantry officer in the Adelaide University Regiment, then transferring to the Army Medical Corps and subsequently the RAAF Specialist Reserve, eventually reaching the rank of group captain and senior ENT advisor to the Australian Defence Force and being awarded the Reserve Forces Decoration. For many years he conducted clinics at RAAF base Edinburgh. He is currently working on the history of ENT surgery in South Australia. For his contribution to enriching the specialty as teacher, trainer and leader and for his contribution to the evolution of endoscopic sinus surgery David Close is awarded the Society Medal for the Art and Science of Otolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery.

**2022**

**Society Medal for Distinguished Service to ASOHNS (3 recipients)**

**Dr Josephine Motbey**

Dr Josephine Motbey, known to all as Jo, was NSW's first female ENT surgeon in over 50 years. Jo qualified as an ENT surgeon in January 1993, training through the NSW ENT training system, becoming a member of ASOHNS, and going on to serve rural and urban patients for nearly 30 years in her practices in Bega and Beecroft.

Jo followed up her otolaryngology training in NSW, with a paediatric fellowship at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, UK, returning to Australia to commence at The Children's Hospital in 1994, subsequently named "the New Hospital" and now "The Children's Hospital at Westmead" (CHW), Sydney. Jo stopped working at CHW in 2012, when the combination of a rural practice and family commitments meant that she could not juggle the heavy on-call requirements. During this time she served as Secretary of the CHW ENT Department and also inaugural Secretary to the newly formed Australian and New Zealand Paediatric ENT craftgroup, renamed ANZSPO. Jo continued to have a paediatric-dominated practice throughout her career, caring for patients with compassion, respect and skill. Patients unanimously speak highly of Jo for these reasons.

As soon as she was qualified in 1993, Jo set up an ENT service in the Bega. She initially also worked as an associate with John Curotta in Blacktown then opened her own rooms in Beecroft in 1994. She travelled between Sydney and Bega regularly and so reduced the divide between city and rural health care. Many newly qualified ENT Fellows would help her in the work in Bega, travelling down for a few days a month, gaining valuable country experience and supporting the rural practice. She is a strong advocate for good rural health and provided much needed ENT service for nearly 30 years. Bega patients must now travel at least 200km to either Canberra or Sydney to seek any ENT care.

Jo became a mother in the mid 1990s, to her beautiful daughter, Alex. Jo was one of the first female ENT surgeons to balance children and a surgical career. She was much supported particularly by her loving parents. Although common today, in those days there was no offer of maternity leave, nor was there open discussion of fitting in work around the responsibilities of children. In her matter of fact way, Jo juggled the two responsibilities, being a champion for both parts of her life, and so changed the way we practice today. Her experience, sage advice and understanding was a role model to women in ENT, particularly in NSW where she is well known.

Jo is a person with many causes, rural health and paediatrics being just some of them. Jo is a keen gardener, an animal lover and an environmental advocate. Her century old family home in Bega was tragically lost in the bushfires of 2019. She is a person of determination and quiet resilience, rebuilding a fireproof dwelling on her family's farm.

In 2021 she announced her retirement, after almost 30 years of serving the community as an ENT surgeon. She will continue to contribute to her local community, the environment and remains a great friend and colleague to many in the ASOHNS society.

Dr Jo Motbey is a worthy recipient of the ASOHNS medal for services to otolaryngology.

## Dr Daniel Hains

Daniel Hains graduated MB BS in Adelaide in 1966 and after RMO years at the Royal Adelaide Hospital travelled to the UK in 1968, initially to Edinburgh. He went on to work as an SHO in High Wycombe General Hospital with Dr. Esme Hadfield, who famously described the association of adenocarcinoma of the sinuses and woodworkers. Dr. Hadfield recognized his talents and arranged his appointment as registrar at the Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford under the supervision of Ronald McBeth. Dan undertook further training at Addenbrooke's in Cambridge and qualified as FRCS in Otolaryngology in 1972. He returned to Adelaide later that year and having gained his FRACS, commenced consultant practice at the Adelaide Children's Hospital. He joined the late Maurice Brown and the late John Rice in a successful private practice.

His great interest, however, was in head and neck surgery. He soon relinquished his appointment at the Children's hospital and took on a substantive VMO appointment at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. Here, together with the late Jeff Rozenbids, he set out to establish a comprehensive head and neck service for patients with head and neck cancer. In 1976 he travelled with Jeff Rozenbids to major European centres to acquire the skills, knowledge and training to improve the standards of head and neck surgical practice in South Australia. In the face of mounting challenges from competing surgical specialties, Dan Hains and Jeff Rozenbids provided a service from the Department of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery at the RAH, that became recognised by the government of South Australia as a "Centre of Excellence".

As head of department, he introduced many changes including setting up a Voice Clinic with stroboscopes in conjunction with Speech pathologists. During this period the Adelaide head and neck fellowship and regular research meetings were introduced.

His contribution to training in head and neck surgery is legend. He inspired and promoted trainees to pursue the specialty and was an early instigator of research when resources and support for this were minimal. His was the vision that has resulted in a comprehensive service at the Royal Adelaide Hospital that now provides resection including complex skull base procedures in conjunction with neurosurgery and microvascular reconstruction by otolaryngologist, head & neck surgeons.

Together with Dr. Andy Whyte, a radiologist he began a multidisciplinary head and neck society. This society embraces all surgical specialties with an interest in head and neck surgery as well as radiologists, radiation and medical oncologists, special needs dentists, speech pathologists, dietitians, and nursing staff. The dinner forum allows all to participate as an equal and has built and strengthened professional relationships and enhanced the care offered and delivered to patients with head and neck cancer. Dan was also the patron of the laryngectomees rehabilitation society and was chair of the Australian Society of Head and Neck Surgery.

He was early to recognise the needs of rural patients and was one of the early surgeons to develop a visiting service to Mount Gambier and Port Pirie, which he provided for 25 years. For his contribution to enriching the specialty as teacher, trainer and leader and for his contribution to making better the lives of many head & neck cancer patients, Dan Hains is awarded the Society Medal for Distinguished Service to ASOHNS.

## Dr Neville Minnis

Neville graduated MB BS in Adelaide in 1963 and following two years as a Resident Medical Officer was an anatomy prosector in Hobart in 1966.

In 1966 he commenced ENT training at the Royal National Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital, Grays Inn Road, London, and the London Hospital, gaining his FRCS in 1969 and a post as Senior Registrar at the Bristol Hospital and lecturer in ENT at the University of Bristol. Neville and Lyn returned to Adelaide in 1971 to appointments as VMO at both the Adelaide Children's Hospital and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, obtaining his Australian Fellowship in 1972. When Brian Rolland retired Neville proceeded to lead a very happy unit at TQEH for many years, training registrars and then recruiting some of them to his department, all of whom he regarded as his proteges.

When Neville entered into practice, the age of super specialization had not yet arrived. Ever enthusiastic to learn new methods, he became an excellent all-round and innovative ENT and head and neck surgeon who kept himself up-to-date and in the forefront of knowledge in all surgical fields. A great believer in the team approach, his co-operative nature stimulated excellent working relationships with other departments. He organized a head and neck consultative group at TQEH and carried out major head and neck and skull base procedures. In conjunction with the neurosurgeons he performed trans-nasal hypophysectomies and posterior fossa acoustic neuroma surgery. His expertise included functional and cosmetic rhinoplasty and at its foundation he was on the executive of the Australian Academy of Facial Plastic Surgery. He was an enthusiastic teacher, ever ready with advice and help for trainees and consultants, always in his gentle manner of making suggestions. Younger colleagues called on him for help in doing difficult and complex procedures both in public and in private. His personal collection of surgical instruments was unrivalled.

Neville was perhaps best known as an early national leader in the field of laryngology and phonosurgery. With the advent of viewing on a monitor using camera and flexible endoscope, he established the first public hospital voice clinic in SA and encouraged and stimulated interaction with the Speech Pathology Department, obtaining funding for the first stroboscope, then purchasing similar equipment for his private practice. Neville commenced the first Australian botox clinic for spasmodic dysphonia, injecting the vocal cords using local anaesthetic and endoscopic control, with a neurologist performing EMG studies. Some patients even came from interstate. He had a CO<sub>2</sub> laser installed at TQEH, being one of only 2 in public hospitals at that time. Neville had papers published on laryngology topics and spoke on videostroboscopy at an Annual Scientific Meeting. He was an early adopter of the Blom-Singer prosthesis after total laryngectomy.

In 1980 Neville played a major part in the establishment of the Otoneurologic Diagnostic Clinic, which ever since has provided premium audiological, vestibular function and facial nerve assessment services to all ENT practices in SA, as well as the fitting of hearing aids. He was a member of various committees of St Andrew's Hospital for many years, and a Board member for the last 10 years of his practice.

For his contribution, inspiring generations of surgeons in South Australia to embrace the breadth of the specialty and foster binding relationships with allied specialties, Neville Minnis is awarded the ASOHNS medal for distinguished service to the Society.

### 2022: Adelaide

#### Dr Guy Rees

Convener, Adelaide

#### Prof Eng Ooi

Scientific Convener, Adelaide

**2021**

**Society Medal for Distinguished Contribution to the Art and Science of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery (1 x recipient)**

**Dr Hannah Burns**

Dr Hannah Burns is an otolaryngologist in Brisbane, Queensland, appointed to the Queensland Children's Hospital. She is a major contributor both to best-practice standards as an educator, and also to the safe ENT care of children, outside her routine practice as a paediatric otolaryngologist, in at least 6 areas.

For the last 7 years, Hannah has co-convened the Paediatric Airway Course at Queensland Children's Hospital. This course serves to educate practicing otolaryngologists as well as senior registrars in the theory and practice of both open and endoscopic airway surgery. The course participants are selected so as to optimise teaching opportunities. They are drawn from centres throughout Australia and New Zealand, as well as from the Asia-Pacific region. Hannah co-coordinates the faculty of paediatric airway surgeons, paediatric anaesthetists, and paediatric respiratory specialists. This course has been selected by the Australia and New Zealand Society of Paediatric Otorhinolaryngology (ANZSPO) as the course of choice for the ANZSPO Travelling Scholarship, since that Scholarship began 3 years ago. Hannah regularly presents at national and international conferences, and is a much sought-after panelist in tertiary level airway management.

Hannah was a primary paediatric otolaryngologic instigator and follow-up person for the Australian Paediatric Surveillance Unit focus on button battery inhalations and ingestions. Button batteries are a cause of serious morbidity in children. This initiative aims to reduce the incidence of morbidity in children, including active encouragement of specific manufacturing and public health changes. She was lead author of the Australia and New Zealand Society of Paediatric Otorhinolaryngology submission to the ACCC. She co-authored the Button Batteries in Children Current Management Update to members of ASOHS.

Hannah established the WhatsApp COVID19 Worldwide paediatrics group. This has over 200 members world-wide and has proven to be an invaluable resource for sharing ideas about safe and effective management of children (and also what is ineffective) during the COVID-19 pandemic. It has also proven to be a very important way for Australian and New Zealand paediatric otolaryngologists to stay in contact with colleagues and mentors overseas.

Hannah jointly established, and coordinates, the ANZSPO Fellows Study programme. This is a two year programme of monthly Zoom tutorials based around one or two senior ANZSPO consultant/s leading a discussion amongst Paediatric Fellows who will soon be junior consultants. All Paediatric Fellows across Australia and New Zealand participate. The consultant/s will lead, guide, and challenge the Fellows' judgement and decision-making. As well, without national and international meetings, our Paediatric Fellows are missing out on key networking moments, and the tutorials will help mitigate that.

In addition, Hannah is the Hospital representative on the Queensland Board of ORL-HNS.

**2021**

**Society Medal for Distinguished Service to ASOHNS (1 recipient)**

**Stanley Stylis**

Dr Stylis was a member of the ENT Panel that wrote the original WorkCover Guides for Permanent Impairment in 2002 that resulted in workers receiving much improved compensation and treatment for work-related injuries, especially for industrial deafness matters.

Dr Stylis generously opened his practice to help train ENT registrars in a busy ENT clinical practice for many years, providing exposure, training, and mentorship to young trainees thus providing an opportunity to experience the running of a private practice prior to them starting their own.

Dr Stylis was invited by Dr Brian Williams to join himself and Dr Scoppa in establishing the Australasian College of Ear Nose and Throat Physicians (ACENTP) and played an active role in making ACENTP the successful institution it has become, giving much of his time in attending business meetings, lecturing, introducing guest speakers, and entertaining members with his unique sense of humour and storytelling.

Dr Stylis regularly made contact with WIRO on behalf of ASOHNS members to discuss and stand up for members rights regarding remuneration for medico-legal Workcover assessments.

Dr Stylis established a clinic at Bondi and performed thousands of sleep studies and at present the results of this work that revealed new principles of obstructive sleep apnoea management is being considered for publication by the JLO.

Many years ago he submitted three articles on the Theory of Hearing to the JLO that were published. Since retirement he revisited these papers, and refined and expanded on the previous three papers to come up with a new Theory of Hearing that he submitted to the JLO. The editor felt that this was of such ground-breaking quality that he decided it was worthy of a JLO Supplement publication that will be published for international distribution within the next few months.

**2021**

**Society Certificate of Appreciation for Services to ASOHNS**

Awarded to:

**Dr Deborah Amott**

Convener, ASOHNS 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting (Victoria)

**Dr Zenia Chow**

Scientific Convener, ASOHNS 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting

**2020**

**Society Medal for Distinguished Service to ASOHNS** *(1 recipient)*

**Dr Michael Wilson**

Michael has been a fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and a member of ASOHNS for over 40 years. He has worked continuously since that time at the Austin Hospital and Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital in Victoria. Michael was the youngest person to be made head of the unit and, in this role as head of unit, surgical educator, and mentor, he has supervised the training of over 40 registrars all of whom have gone on to be Fellows of the College.

He continues to be a mentor for young ENT Surgeons. He has served three terms as Chair of the Victorian division of ASOHNS, and in the past has assisted with three scientific meetings.

He is still actively involved in his profession. He continues to operate and consult at Kilmore Hospital, where he has worked for the last 25 years. In recognition of his valuable service, he has been awarded the Life Governorship of the Kilmore Hospital.

Michael's dedication to improving ENT health in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities started over 25 years ago. He practiced extensively in the Kimberley, Geraldton and Alice Springs to ensure children and adults received early intervention, treatment and surgery.

He continues to visit the Pilbara and Kimberley area, in Western Australia. The remote locations include Wiluna, Meekatharra, Mount Magnet, Fitzroy Crossing, Derby, Bayulu, Nookanbah and Muludja. He is a regular visitor to Alice Springs Hospital for both outpatients, surgery, and remote visits.

In 2016, he established Indigenous health clinics closer to home in the Gippsland region of Victoria, through the Rural Workforce Agency Victoria.

He has been recognised by the College being granted;

- The Inaugural Certificate of Community Service in 2013.
- Certificate for Outstanding Service to the College as an Educator of Merit in 2018.
- The Indigenous Health Medal in 2019 in recognition for his outstanding service to indigenous health.

He has received a certificate of appreciation by GRAMS (Geraldton Regionals Aboriginal Medical Services), for his contribution to Indigenous health in remote areas.

**2020**

**Society Certificate of Appreciation for Services to ASOHNS**

Awarded to:

**Professor Richard Harvey**

Convener, ASOHNS 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting (Sydney)

**Associate Professor Yuresh Naidoo**

Scientific Convener, ASOHNS 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting (Sydney)

**2019**

**Society Medal for Distinguished Contribution to the Art and Science of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery (2 x recipients)**

**Dr Gerard Fogarty**

“Patients come First Morning Noon or Night whether he is on call or not!!”

That is Dr Gerard Fogarty.

Graduating from Melbourne Medicine in 1979 he trained as an Intern at St Vincent’s and Austin Hospitals Melbourne. Making a decision to become an ENT surgeon he started ENT training in Perth in 1983 to 1987. He spent his final 2 years of training in South Australia at Royal Adelaide and was Senior registrar at Modbury Hospital. During this time he made visits to aboriginal communities to consult and operate, this stimulated an interest in this sort of work that was continued later in his career.

Gerard had met Kevin Holwell as an ENT registrar when he was the Intern at St Vincent’s in Melbourne and Kevin was based in Albury. Gerard moved to Albury in 1989 and shortly after Neil Vallance moved back to Melbourne. Since then Gerard has provided a continuous first-rate ENT service for residents of the district.

Gerard has had a special interest in head and neck and otology after his time with Dean Southwood in South Australia. He made trips to the west and east Kimberly regions including Broome Kununurra and Halls creek when he was based in Albury further developing his otology skills.

He has taught medical students at Albury and Wodonga for the last 30 years, mentored residents coming through in 3-month rotations over that time and only recently had the opportunity to mentor non accredited registrars coming over a 12-month period. His influence, encouragement and motivation of junior doctors coming through the Albury Wodonga region to then continue their path to ENT has been significant. Many regional ENT surgeons today have passed through Gerard’s mentoring. (Craig Semple, Michael Borschmann, Eliza Tweddle and Nick Potter).

Every year the Victorian ENT country Surgeons have a regional meeting. Gerard has participated in this for many years and hosted on more than one occasion. He is renowned for his ENT Quiz’s at these events and is always guaranteed to provoke some discussion and entertainment.

His on-call obligation during this time have involved effectively one in three for approximately 30% one in two for 70% and one in one for a period of 3 years.

In summary Gerard is an exemplary ENT surgeon who puts patient care first and has contributed to his community for the last 30 years at numerous levels.

## **Dr Bal Krishan**

Dr Bal Krishan is a distinguished senior country ENT surgeon.

He was born in India (Punjab) and came to Australia in 1963 and he obtained DLO in ENT 1966. He underwent further training and obtained his FRACS in 1967. He was trained in Victoria and had postings in Royal Melbourne, Royal Victorian Eye and Ear, St Vincent's, Royal Adelaide, Whyalla, Port Augusta and Port Lincoln.

He has a keen interest and is very much associated with our society and has attended all annual meeting except one in 1984 when there some airport dispute and in 2002 due to family sickness.

He has been working in country practice for 50 years (Whyalla 8 years and over 40 years in Wagga Wagga). He covered a large area as a solo ENT including visits through the Royal Flying Doctors. He tried to retire twice but had to return as there was no service in the country.

Recently he visited East Timor with local Rotary club and delivered ENT lectures to medical teams.

His work life balance is supported through extracurricular achievements including tennis, bridge and golf.

His personality and warm interaction with all age groups and all categories of society is well respected. He is fluent in 4 languages and loves Indian poetry.

Bal supports John Flynn country placement of medical students and funds the Bal Krishan scholarship for Aboriginal students at CSU Charles Sturt University.

**2019**

### **Society Certificate of Appreciation for Services to ASOHNS**

Awarded to:

**Dr Scott Coman**

Co-Convener, ASOHNS 2019 Annual Scientific Meeting (Brisbane)

**Dr Benjamin Wallwork**

Co-Convener, ASOHNS 2019 Annual Scientific Meeting (Brisbane)

**2018**

**Society Medal for Distinguished Service to ASOHNS (2 x recipients)**

**Dr Julienne Agnew**

Dr Julienne Agnew was raised in Rockhampton. She completed her Bachelor of Medicine at the University of Queensland in 1983 and undertook her residency at the Royal Brisbane Hospital. She was accepted onto the South Australian Otolaryngology training program in 1988, unwilling to wait for her turn in Queensland. This was South Australia's gain.

She returned to Queensland in 1992 to undertake her fellowship in Head and Neck Surgery at Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital. This was followed by further fellowships at Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow and Charing Cross, London.

She returned to Brisbane in 1994 as a consultant at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital and the Royal Children's Hospital. She continues to have consultant positions at both tertiary paediatric, and head and neck centres.

She has trained registrars and fellows in paediatric, and head and neck surgery for over 20 years, and continues to do so.

Her sub-speciality interests include paediatric head and neck surgery, airway surgery and adult head and neck surgery.

She has been an active member of the Royal Brisbane Hospital Head and Neck multidisciplinary meeting since 1994. With her understanding of complex thyroid malignancy in both children and adults, she has provided teaching and counsel to many surgeons both nationally and internationally.

Julie was instrumental in coordinating and overseeing the Queensland Otolaryngology journal club between 2004 and 2012.

She has been on the organising committees of the Australian annual Paediatric Airway course since its inception in 2013. She has also been on the organising committees for multiple National Registrar Conferences in 1996, 2002 and 2006, and the ASOHNS Annual Scientific Meetings in both 1997 and 2003.

Julie has been the supervisor for registrar training and the Royal Brisbane Hospital for 6 years, and at the Royal Children's Hospital for a further 2 years.

With her interest in registrar training, she became an examiner at the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in 2007. With this appointment she became the first female Otolaryngology examiner in Australasia.

In 2014 she became Senior Examiner in 2014, in recognition of her aptitude and compassion, becoming the first female Otolaryngology Senior Examiner in Australasia. Throughout this time, she has overseen many changes in the examination process, seeking to make it fairer and more accountable.

Julie continues to be an inspiration in how to be compassionate, knowledgeable, graceful and a skillful surgeon and mentor.

## Dr Neil Vallance

Neil Vallance has been a great contributor to the Specialty of Otolaryngology and the work of ASOHNS over many years.

After completing his RACS Fellowship training in Melbourne he moved to Albury in 1984 and developed a very busy practice but decided to return to Melbourne in the early 1990s.

On moving back he took on the role of Head of Unit at Monash Medical Centre and has developed a very large Surgical Unit spread over multiple campuses with what is probably the largest staff of trainees, fellows and surgeons in the country.

He has trained and mentored a long list of aspiring trainees and sub-specialists in ENT who now work either in Australia or in numerous posts around the world.

He has a particular interest in Voice and Dysphagia and has run national meetings related to these areas of practice.

He has served our Society and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in Otolaryngology (RACS) as:

- Co-Convenor of Robert Guerin Memorial Trainees Meeting 2004
- Victorian RTS Chair 2000 - 2005
- Chair of the Board of Otolaryngology 2005 - 2010
- Examiner 1997 - 2007
- Senior Examiner in Otolaryngology 2004 - 2007
- Specialty Elected Member of College Council 2012 - 2017
- Vice President of the Society 2012 - 2014
- President of the Society 2014 - 2016
- Immediate Past President 2016 - 2018

He has served the College in other roles including curriculum development, trainee selection and assessment and International Medical Graduate training.

**2018**

**Society Medal for Distinguished Contribution to the Art and Science of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery (2x recipients)**

**Associate Professor Catherine Birman**

Associate Professor Catherine Birman was the first female ear, nose and throat surgeon in Australia to be awarded the title of Clinical Associate Professor, relating to her contribution to the field of cochlear implantation and other implantable devices. She has personally performed more than 1,000 cochlear implant procedures on patients 3 months to 94 years.

Her special expertise is inserting implants in babies with congenitally abnormal inner ears.

She is a Clinical Associate Professor at Sydney University and is an Adjunct Professor at Macquarie University.

Catherine is Senior Staff Specialist Surgeon at The Children's Hospital at Westmead and is on the Visiting staff of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney, Hornsby Hospital, the Sydney Adventist Hospital and at the Macquarie University Hospital.

A/Prof Birman is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, Head of Department at Hornsby Hospital, Medical Director of the Sydney Cochlear Implant Centre, and a member of the Board of the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children.

She has been the past Chair and Vice-Chair of the NSW State Section of the Australian Society of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery, and past Secretary for the Australian New Zealand Paediatric Otolaryngology Society.

She is a very active researcher and author in surgical techniques and in the clinical outcomes of cochlear implantation particularly in children with concurrent medical conditions, such as CHARGE Syndrome. Catherine has also completed her PhD thesis on paediatric cochlear implants: studies that inform consent.

She is an inspirational teacher and an articulate and passionate advocate for members of our community with severe to profound hearing loss.

No wonder she is sought after to lecture and run surgical courses throughout the world.

Her little patients and their parents adore her.

In 2017 Catherine received the New South Wales Premier's Award for Woman of the Year.

Catherine has made a significant and distinguished contribution to our specialty as a dedicated surgeon and committed teacher

## **Professor Richard Harvey**

Professor Richard Harvey specialised in ENT on the NSW training scheme and then performed a clinical research fellowship with Prof Valerie Lund in London. He subsequently went on and spent a year with Prof Stamm in Brazil and then a subsequent year with Prof Schlosser in Charleston USA.

He returned to Australia as the most academically trained rhinologist and embarked on a program to stimulate rhinological research. He has also developed a large international reputation and has been an invited member for the European position paper on rhinosinusitis and the American International Consensus statement on Rhinosinusitis, both of which have already been published.

He has convened multiple courses and conferences and is the currently Chair of the New South Wales branch of the ASOHNS, and is also a current elected member of the NSW Regional Committee on the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.

Richard currently is the Program Head for Rhinology & Skull Base at the Applied Medical Research Centre at the University of New South Wales and has Professorial appointments both at UNSW and Macquarie University. He has held an Adjunct Professorship at the National University of Malaysia.

He is the current editor of the Australian Journal of Otolaryngology and sits on the editorial board of all three internationally recognised rhinological journals.

He has edited his own textbook and has been editor of multiple editions of Clinics of North America. He has more than 150 papers published in peer-reviewed journals and has a Doctorate of Philosophy from UNSW. He has also had visiting professorships at multiple universities throughout North America.

Richard has also stimulated postgraduate research and has supervised Masters and PhD students and mentored more than 20 medical students through the Independent Learning Project and has ensured that each and every one of them has achieved publication.

He travels every year to a developing country to teach and perform surgeries. This part of his work is what he takes most pride in.

He currently runs the Sydney Rhinology Fellowship which is now one of the most highly ranked fellowships on the US match program and he has been very active in education of colleagues running the Advancements in Rhinology Dinners in NSW every year for the past 9 years. He has been the invited speaker at more than 200 different conferences worldwide and has voluntarily run the St Vincent's Endoscopic course as well as the Neurosinology, Orbital and Rhinoplasty courses for the better part of the past decade.

Richard has given an exceptional amount of his time and energy towards furthering education of both Australian and international ENT surgeons and colleagues.

**2017** (nominated in 2017, and presented at the ASM 2018)

## **Society Medal for Distinguished Contribution to the Art and Science of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery**

### **Professor John Funder**

John Funder AC holds (honorary) professorial appointments at Melbourne, Monash and Queensland Universities, and honorary doctorates from Monash, Melbourne and Sydney. He has published over 600 papers, and given over 200 invited overseas presentations. He has been recognized internationally by awards from the American Heart Association, The Endocrine Society (USA), the International Society of Hypertension and the Ipsen Foundation. His principal interest is perhaps obviously cardiovascular endocrinology; he has also published dozens of papers in cancer, reproduction and neuroscience, less extensively in obesity, genetics, nutrition, ethics and governance - but none in otorhinolaryngology.

His contributions to the Garnett Passe and Rodney Williams Memorial Foundation reflect this scientific breadth and his broad involvement in medical research over 50 years.

John has chaired a series of NHMRC committees, both principal and regional grants; chaired institute scientific advisory boards in Melbourne, Sydney, Perth and Auckland, and chaired institute/departmental reviews in Sydney, Adelaide, Brisbane and Perth. He was chair of the Australian Society for Medical Research in 1979, of the International Society for Endocrinology 1996-2000, and the inaugural Research Committee of the Cancer Council NSW. In 2002 was the first non-north American to be elected to the Council of The Endocrine Society.

These are extensive networks, and in his "retirement" John has played a major role in reviewing grant applications for the Medical Research Council and the Wellcome Foundation in the UK, for the Research Councils in France, Italy, Canada, Switzerland, Austria and New Zealand - and locally for Melbourne Health, Monash Health, Eastern Health and BUPA, as well as for the Garnett Passe and Rodney Williams Memorial Foundation.

He has been with the Foundation for over 25 years; the first three advising on scope (but not governance), and since then as a member of the Board. In terms of his scientific breadth, his wide range of scientific and political contacts, and his role in corporate memory John has been a major contributor to Foundation and thus to the present stature and continuing success of Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery in Australasia.

**2018**

## **Society Certificate of Appreciation for Services to ASOHNS**

Awarded to:

### **Professor Francis Lannigan**

Convener, ASOHNS 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting (Perth)

### **Dr Stephen Rodrigues**

Scientific Convener, ASOHNS 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting (Perth)

**2017**

**Society Medal for Distinguished Service to ASOHNS (2 x recipients)**

**Dr Michael Jay**

Michael Jay has been an outstanding OHNS Surgeon and has made an extensive contribution to all fields of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery in a career that has spanned some 40 years.

He trained in the London schools of OHNS and returned to Adelaide in 1982.

He was appointed consultant surgeon in the Department of OHNS at both the Women's and Childrens and Royal Adelaide Hospitals. His distinction and leadership led to his appointment as Chair of the RAH department in 1997, a position he held for 10 years.

Michael was an enthusiastic teacher and his Monday morning tutorials at the Royal Adelaide Hospital for medical students, interns, resident medical officers, trainees and visiting fellows are legendary.

He was a regular contributor to the University of Adelaide undergraduate medical student programs in surgery and OHNS surgery. He is widely acknowledged by nursing and allied health staff as an approachable clinician and colleague, actively promoting opportunities for their education and training.

Michael's contributions as Examiner to the RACS Court of Examiners for 10 years and his five-year term as Chair of the Board of OHNS were significant.

He helped formalise training and develop curricula. He undertook onerous challenges, including the elevation of standards of accredited training centres and did not shy away from the arduous task of dealing with rogue practitioners and trainees.

He was a member of the RACS Post Fellowship Education and Training committee from 2008 to 2016.

In 2005 Michael was awarded the RACS Medal in recognition of "singularly valuable and dedicated contributions to the College by Fellows and others." being one of only four otolaryngologists to receive this award since its inception in 1976.

His service to ASOHNS began as SA state Secretary in 1983-84 when the society was the Oto-Laryngological Society of Australia (OLSA).

He was Chair and State Representative to the ASOHNS Federal Council from 1993-94.

Michael also served as OLSA Representative to the South Australian Postgraduate Medical Education Association, was actively involved in basic surgical and advanced registrar training and supervisor of training at the Royal Adelaide Hospital.

He was Academic Convenor of the Annual Scientific Meeting held in Adelaide in 1993. As part of his typically thorough preparation he visited all three invited speakers in their home countries to ensure their suitable contribution to the meeting.

He continued to contribute to ASOHNS ASMs held in Adelaide and was of great assistance to Darcy Economos who convened the last ASM in Adelaide in 2012.

Michael's leadership qualities were recognised by his appointment to ASOHNS Federal Vice President from 2008 to 2010 and then as President from 2010 to 2012.

His term as president will be remembered as a period of financial and functional stability and growth of the Society.

He was a consultant to the Australian Cranio Facial Unit for 35 years and served on the Medical Executive at Calvary Wakefield Hospital for 20 years being chairman of their perioperative committee from 1998 till 2011.

He was a member of the Professional Services Review Board as the ORL H&N representative from 2010 to 2016.

In addition to his commitments to ASOHNS and our specialty, Michael found time for his family and his community. He served as President or Vice President on the Board of Trustees of the Walford School Foundation for 10 years and, as an exceptional golfer with a handicap in the lower single figures, was captain of the Royal Adelaide Golf Club.

He is a fourth generation South Australian otolaryngologist, following in the footsteps of his father Peter, grandfather Hubert and great grandfather Melville Jay.

He is married to Penny, a physician. They have a son who has recently been awarded fellowship to the RACS in urology and three daughters. One is in medical practice as a trainee dermatologist, another with a PhD involved in sleep research and the third, a dietitian at the Royal Adelaide Hospital.

Michael Jay has been an outstanding surgeon, teacher, mentor and a significant contributor to our Society.

## Dr Dean Southwood AM

Dean Southwood has made a significant and distinguished contribution to our specialty as a dedicated surgeon and committed teacher.

Dean graduated in Medicine in Adelaide in 1963 and returned from postgraduate training with a great interest and considerable skill in otology.

He subsequently continued training while in private practice and developed wide experience and expertise in the area of rhinoplasty and facial plastic surgery, newly developing fields in our specialty at that time.

Dean's networking skills led to the developing of strong friendships with esteemed members of the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (AAFPRS), which formed the seed for developing the Australasian equivalent, culminating in Dean becoming the Founding President of the Australasian Academy of Facial Plastic Surgery in 1990.

The ongoing close affiliations for education and training which he established with the American and other international facial plastic societies have stood the test of time.

Dean's role in the international branching of facial plastics was alluded to by Robert L Simons, one of the true greats of American facial plastics, in his summary of the origins of the AAFPRS presented in Seattle in 2009.

In 1985, as Founding Head, Dean established the Otolaryngology Unit at Modbury, a public hospital in the north-eastern Adelaide suburbs, a position which he held until retirement in 2015.

He has maintained endless enthusiasm for pre- and post-graduate training, achieving an accredited registrar training position for Modbury in the mid 1990s.

He personally funded a fully equipped temporal bone laboratory there, which has been the sole laboratory available for use by all Adelaide registrars. This included a comprehensive ENT library with audio-visual and fixed dissections.

For some years Dean has run and taught at the biennial national temporal bone dissection courses he commenced at Modbury, which still remain popular.

Dean's dedication to registrar training is legendary, having been a long-time member of the state registrar training committee, and its Chairman for many years. He served as SA ASOHNS Section Chair from 1987 to 1988.

Over a long period Dean continued the didactic teaching of facial plastic surgery, organising many high level conference and cadaver/live dissection courses, with top speakers attracted by his colourful personality and diplomatic mindset.

He was a mentor to a younger generation of otolaryngologists captivated by his enthusiasm for this sub-specialty; he fathered especially a love of rhinoplasty, helping to break down perceived barriers and encourage collegiality between ENT and plastic surgical colleagues.

Dean's mantra of attention to even the finest details of the surgical process in his tutelage have formed the basis for many surgical careers.

Dean is also a life member and former President of the East Torrens District Cricket Club. His firm stance against sponsorship of that club by tobacco companies and the search for alternative funding involved, among other fund-raising activities, a personal approach by Dean to medical colleagues of all specialties throughout the state. His actions and the resultant furore and media attention played an important part in achieving national anti- tobacco legislative changes.

Dean was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 2009 for services to medicine as an ear, nose and throat surgeon. He has been an outstanding contributor to our specialty and to the initiatives he has made to improve OHNS training over a period spanning decades.

**2017**

**Society Medal for Distinguished Contribution to the Art and Science of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery (2 x recipients)**

**Professor Suren Krishnan OAM**

Suren Krishnan is a passionate Otolaryngologist, Head and Neck surgeon who has devoted his career to teaching and lecturing, pushing innovation in surgery for the betterment of his patients, providing service to others by being actively involved in charitable organisations and by working voluntarily overseas in under-resourced countries.

Suren was born in Singapore and migrated to Adelaide with his parents in 1973. A graduate of the University of Adelaide Medical School, he underwent his otolaryngology training in Adelaide and obtained his FRACS in 1992.

After undertaking a fellowship at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford in 1994, Suren was appointed Consultant ENT Surgeon at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and in 2007 he became Head of the Department.

He developed his major interest in head and neck surgery early on, in particular, the evolving areas of partial laryngeal surgery and trans-oral laser microsurgery.

He became one of the earliest global adopters of trans-oral robotic surgery, which he began in Australia in 2008. He has since pioneered robotic surgical techniques in the head and neck, for which he has endearingly been called “the Father of TORS in Australia”.

Suren is an active participant in academic activities, being Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery at the University of Adelaide, Honorary Professor at the Center for Intelligent Systems Research at Deakin University and has been Visiting Professor of Head & Neck Surgery at Sun Yat Sen University, Guangzhou, China. He has contributed to the scientific literature in otolaryngology, head and neck surgery including published book chapters

He is heavily involved in teaching at all levels and is a role model to all. His highly internationally regarded Head and Neck Fellowship at the Royal Adelaide Hospital has trained numerous Fellows from Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and India.

Suren has conducted regular head and neck meetings in Adelaide for many years. He convenes an annual head and neck surgery course and is often invited to lecture at national and international meetings.

He has been Chairman of the Head and Neck Subcommittee of ASOHNS and was elected President of the Australian and New Zealand Head and Neck Cancer Society in 2007. His pre-eminence in the field was further recognised by being invited to give the Garnett Passe Rodney Williams Memorial Lecture at the Royal Society of Medicine in London in May 2016.

Suren has also made a significant contribution to the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS). He became a member of the SA Regional Committee of the College in 1998 and its Chair from 2002 to 2004.

His expertise extends to all aspects of otorhinolaryngology and he has served a term as examiner for the College Fellowship.

Suren has provided frequent voluntary outreach services to patients and providers by visiting under-developed countries over many years.

He has regularly provided this service in conjunction with the AUSAID funded Pacific Islands Project managed by the RACS, as well as services to Indonesia under the auspices of the Overseas Surgical Society of Australia.

Suren is an active Rotarian and sits on a committee of the Rotarians Against Malaria Program and assists with ROMAC (Rotary's Reaching Overseas Medical Aid for Children), a program to treat underprivileged children.

He is on the Board of an Adelaide charitable organisation, the DREAMIN Foundation, which provides funding for medical treatment locally and in countries in the Pacific, Asia and Africa.

He is on the National Executive of Specialists Without Borders with whom he has travelled and worked in Rwanda and other African countries.

Suren was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in 2006 and was a South Australian finalist in the 2007 Australia Day's Australian of the Year awards.

He is also the recipient of a Paul Harris Fellowship from Rotary International and a **James D Richardson Honour Award from Lions Club International. He was awarded the Australian Medical Association (SA) award for outstanding contribution to medicine in 2012 and in June last year, Suren was presented with a RACS award for Outstanding Service to the Community.**

## Professor Peter-John Wormald

Peter-John Wormald (or PJ, as he's known) is considered one of the pioneers of modern-day functional endoscopic sinus surgery, having developed numerous surgical approaches and techniques that have been adopted worldwide.

In conjunction with Mike McDonagh he developed a safer technique for performing endoscopic uncinectomies as well as the "bath-plug" technique for the repair of CSF leaks. PJ has also been credited with refining the endoscopic DCR, endoscopic modified Lothrop procedure and a structured approach to functional endoscopic sinus surgery.

PJ's philosophy has always centred around evidence based medicine, using high quality research to evaluate and support his teachings.

He has run his own advanced course in endoscopic sinus surgery for the past 20 years at the University of Adelaide Medical School and has been an invited lecturer and faculty member of more than 180 International Sinus and Skull Base courses worldwide.

In addition to this PJ developed the first management of major vascular injuries course in Adelaide, now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year, with international courses also held in Ireland, North and South America and Canada.

Further exemplifying his role as a teacher and mentor, PJ has supervised 17 Rhinology and Skull base clinical fellows as part of his fellowship program, as well as more than 160 international observers.

PJ graduated from the University of Stellenbosch medical school in 1983. He completed his Otorhinolaryngology training in 1992 at the University of Cape Town, before undertaking an Otolaryngology Fellowship at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary, UK, in 1993 under George Browning and Oxford under the supervision of Grant Bates and Andrew Freeland.

His passion for teaching arose during his latter years of ENT training and he published his first book titled "Revision notes on Surgical Care" in 1991.

In 1995, he co-authored his second book: an Otoscopy atlas titled "Otoscopy – a structured approach", with his fellowship supervisor and pre-eminent otologist George Browning.

Since then PJ has authored several books, including his highly awarded Thieme book "**Endoscopic Sinus Surgery. Anatomy, three-dimensional reconstruction and surgical technique**". This book has since had three editions, with additional international versions in Portuguese and Chinese. In 2005 it was awarded first place in the 2005 British Medical Association Book Competition.

In addition to these books, PJ is one of the most highly published ENT surgeons of our generation having authored 35 book chapters and more than 380 peer reviewed articles.

In 1996, PJ left his home country of South Africa, to assume an associate professorship at the Prince of Wales Hospital in Hong Kong where he served on faculty for one year before moving to Australia.

It was here, under the mentorship of Professor Andrew van Hasselt, his interest in the emerging field of functional endoscopic sinus surgery began.

In 1998, PJ was recruited to Adelaide to assume the position of Professor and Chair of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery of the University of Adelaide and Flinders University, where he has served for the past 19 years.

He is currently Professor and Chair of OHNS of both the Royal Adelaide and Queen Elizabeth Hospitals, through the University of Adelaide.

PJ has personally supervised 42 higher degree students to completion including 20 PhD candidates. His department has attracted more than 7 million dollars of funding for research into the causes and treatments of chronic rhinosinusitis, with three NHMRC category one grants from the Australian Research Council. Research in his department has led to more than 378 publications, with PJ serving as the Senior Author on the vast majority.

He has received several major awards in past years.

PJ has been the scientific convener of both the 2001 and this year's ASOHNS Annual Scientific Meetings in Adelaide.

He was the Convenor of the 4<sup>th</sup> ORL study Group Meeting Sanctuary Cover Queensland 2003 and the International Rhinologic Society Meetings in held in 2006 and 2011.

He served as Vice-President and President of the Australasian Rhinologic Society from 2000-2005 and as the regional chair of South Australian ENT training.

He is an associate editor of the *International Forum of Allergy and Rhinology* and is on the editorial boards of *Rhinology*, the *Laryngoscope*, *Skull Base*, *Australasian Medical Journal*, *Auris Nasus Larynx* and the *Chinese Journal of Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery*.

**2017**

## **Society Certificate of Appreciation for Services to ASOHNS**

Awarded to:

**Dr Michael Schultz**

Convener, ASOHNS 2017 Annual Scientific Meeting (Adelaide)

**Professor Peter-John Wormald**

Scientific Convener, ASOHNS 2017 Annual Scientific Meeting (Adelaide)

**2016**

**Society Medal for Distinguished Service to ASOHNS (2 x recipients)**

### **Associate Professor Vincent Cousins**

Vincent Cousins has made an outstanding contribution to our Society throughout his career. He did his medical degree at Monash University and trained in Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery in the regional training program in Victoria.

He did post graduate fellowship training at The Royal National Throat Nose and Ear Hospital Grays Inn Road, London, with Professor Sir Donald Harrison and then with Professor Plester in Tübingen, Germany.

He returned to Australia and was appointed to the Otoneurology Unit (ENT 2) at The Alfred Hospital.

Currently, he is Head of Unit ENT 2 (Otoneurology) at The Alfred.

He is a skilled Otologist with particular expertise in the management of Acoustic neuromas. He continues to work as a key member of the team managing Acoustic neuromas and other skull base tumours.

He was the Convenor of the ASOHNS ASM in 2000 and has served on several organising committees for the other ASOHNS ASMs.

He has made a substantial contribution to education as Surgical Supervisor at The Alfred, then as Chair of the Victorian Training program.

Vincent has made many trips to China through Project China through the RACS and continues to visit China regularly to teach.

He has worked in New Guinea with both outreach to that country and as an examiner. He has served on the council of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.

Vince served on the Court of Examiners of the College of Surgeons, first as an Examiner, then Senior Examiner in Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery.

Vince is also a past President of ASOHNS. He has served the Society with distinction.

Vince combines his natural ability with a high level of integrity. He is an ongoing source of wisdom and guidance for the Society.

His contribution to OHNS is exceptional and worth of recognition.

## **Mr Michael Dobson**

Michael Dobson has been described as a “quiet achiever” who always puts his patients and colleagues first and has contributed significantly to ASOHNS and the OHNS specialty.

Michael was a Melbourne graduate of 1972, having joined the Royal Australian Navy in 1968 on conscription. He returned to St Vincent’s and RVEEH as a resident where he first developed his passion for ENT.

He completed his training in 1981 and then proceeded to work as the sole ENT surgeon in Shepparton for the next 20 years. Being a single practitioner in a country town is not an easy task.

He returned to Melbourne in 2002 with his wife, Trish, and children and set up a practice in Box Hill.

Keen to be an active part of the ENT community, Michael joined the RACS Victorian State Committee, as ENT representative and later became a generally elected member. He was State Chair for two years from 2008.

He was ASOHNS Victorian Section Chair, and therefore State Rep to the ASOHNS Council, in 2002 and 2003.

He was ASOHNS’ Federal Secretary from 2005 until 2012. In this role he was instrumental in coordinating the design and development of ASOHNS’ second website.

In 2014 Michael took on his current role of Chair of the CPD Sub-Committee.

He has undertaken substantial outreach work over many years. In addition to visiting Central Australia, Michael has made numerous trips to Vietnam and Cambodia teaching and operating and through the ATLASS (Australia Timor-Leste Program of Assistance for Secondary Services) program provided primary and secondary surgical services at Dili and Baucau in Timor Leste.

Michael is highly regarded and respected by his peers and is much appreciated by Trainees for his otology skills and surgical teaching.

**2016**

**Society Medal for Distinguished Contribution to the Art and Science of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery** *(3 x recipients)*

**Mr Robin Hooper**

Robin Hooper graduated in medicine from the University of Melbourne in 1961.

He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh and the Royal College of Surgeons London, as well as a RACS Fellow and Fellow of the American Academy of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery.

After his resident years in Melbourne he went on to train in Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery in the UK.

He was Clinical Professor in Otolaryngology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, USA from 1974 until 1978.

Upon returning to Australia he was appointed to Western General and the Alfred Hospitals. In 1986 he was appointed Head of Unit of the Otoneurology Unit (ENT 2) at The Alfred, a post he held for the next 20 years.

For almost 30 years Robin provided a visiting service in Otolaryngology to the town of Warragul in West Gippsland.

His particular expertise has been in Otology and Otoneurology.

In conjunction with Mr Kevin Su, Neurosurgeon, he established a multidisciplinary team at The Alfred for the management of Skull Base tumours. He recognised that for such complex surgery best results were obtained by working in a team.

He built the audiology department at The Alfred into a state-of-the-art department for audio vestibular electrophysiological testing.

He is well published in a range of areas in the specialty, with particular emphasis on Otology and Audio-vestibular testing. He published a number of seminar papers on Rotational Chair testing of vestibular function.

Robin has been a mentor to a generation of younger Otolaryngologists who have passed through his unit at The Alfred.

He has a well-justified reputation as a shrewd diagnostician. He remains an ongoing source of wisdom.

## Mr Kevin Kane

Kevin Kane has been a leading member of the newly evolving sub-specialty of Rhinology and endoscope sinus surgery for many years.

He graduated from Melbourne University in 1966 and, after Residency in Melbourne, he then spent seven years in the United Kingdom, where he undertook all of his post-graduate training.

His Otolaryngology training was at the Royal National Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital in Grays Inn Road, London, and the University of Manchester where he gained his Fellowship in the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh in 1973 and the Royal College of Surgeons of England in 1974.

He returned to Australia in 1975 where he was awarded the Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and became a Consultant at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital, Melbourne, where he eventually became Senior Surgeon of the Hospital.

In 1987, under the influence of Wolfgang Draf of Fulda, Germany, and Heinz Stammberger in Graz, Austria, he then established the Nose and Sinus Clinic at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital, the first dedicated nasal and sinus clinic in Australia of which he was Head until his retirement in 2012.

During these years he personally performed 4,000 Endoscopic sinus surgeries with minimal complications. This experience was presented at Australian and international meetings confirming the safety and effectiveness of this new surgical method in the hands of appropriately trained surgeons.

He became a member of an international sinus team which included Draf and Stammberger mentioned as above as well as David Kennedy, Valerie Lund and Jim Zinreich who were dedicated to spreading, with almost evangelical fervour, this new method of diagnosis and surgery to all corners of the world.

He lectured, conducted sinus courses and demonstrated surgical technique in Australia as well as internationally in the United Kingdom, USA, Germany, Austria, India, Malaysia, Egypt, Turkey, Korea, Singapore, China, France, Spain, Italy and Saudi Arabia.

Highlights of this period were as Convenor of the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Advanced Sinus Conference in Queensland in 1995 and Congress President and Convenor of the 10<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Rhinological Society (IRS) meeting in Sydney in 2005.

At the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital he held numerous posts, including Chairman of the Senior Medical Staff. He established a Rhinological Fellowship Program within the Nose and Sinus Clinic of the hospital and many international Rhinologists were trained under his supervision.

He was elected President of the International Rhinologic Society (IRS) from 2004-2006 and served on the IRS Board from 1995-2010.

He was a member of the International Sinus Terminology Committee from 1997-2008 and the Inaugural President of the Australasian Rhinologic Society from 2003-2008.

He has contributed extensively to Australian and International literature with papers on surgical technique and potential complications and their avoidance. This was essential advice for new entrants into this new surgical field.

As with any new surgery, there was rightly considerable opposition to this new surgical method, which he bore with humour and good grace. It confirmed to him long held surgical advice, to never be the first nor the last with a surgical technique.

## Mr Henry (Harry) Rundle

Henry (Harry) Rundle has made outstanding contributions to the Society as a dedicated Senior Surgeon and Head of Unit at The Alfred Hospital, Melbourne.

Harry graduated MBBS from Melbourne University in 1962 and completed his FRCS in Otolaryngology at Cambridge and Edinburgh in 1970.

He was appointed as an Out-Patient Surgeon at the Royal Melbourne Hospital in 1971 and was elevated to the post of Senior Surgeon and Head of Unit at the Alfred Hospital in 1973.

For four decades he worked tirelessly and selflessly in the public arena. He was a consultant otolaryngologist with the Royal Australian Army.

He was a conscientious and caring surgeon. He was quietly determined to ensure that high standards were maintained.

At the Alfred Hospital, Harry was a prime mover in the promotion of a cooperative, multi-disciplinary approach for head and neck cancer patients.

Regular clinical meetings were initiated with pathologists and radiologists.

Under his tutelage management evolved into a collaborative effort with regular, initially fortnightly meetings with co-specialists, including radiologists, oncologists, plastic surgeons, dental surgeons, palliative care specialists and allied health professionals.

Harry had an overriding concern for patient care. He oversaw great and effective changes in the management of head and neck malignancy.

He worked to ensure otolaryngology had a powerful voice in the hospital and was aware that political involvement was necessary.

He worked behind the scenes to ensure that otolaryngology maintained a strong presence within the hospital and he served as Chair of the Senior Medical Staff.

Harry was an active participant of the Society. He served as Chair of the Victorian section of the OLSA and was the Convenor of a AGM/Scientific meeting in Melbourne.

For 40 years he was committed to teaching and medical students in the hospital were the beneficiaries of a didactic and well prepared teaching program. His teaching concerns extended to nursing staff, resident staff and registrars.

Those of the resident staff with aptitude and enthusiasm were encouraged to consider a future in otolaryngology.

More than 30 Registrars enjoyed Harry's quiet leadership style. Highly principled, empathetic, respectful, he was a mentor to many and was widely respected with the hospital community.

Harry has served the community and our Society with great distinction.

**2016**

**Society Certificate of Appreciation for Services to ASOHNS**

Awarded to:

**Dr Sherryl Wagstaff**

Convenor, ASOHNS 2016 Annual Scientific Meeting (Melbourne)

**Mr Patrick Guiney**

Scientific Convenor, ASOHNS 2016 Annual Scientific Meeting (Melbourne)

**Associate Professor Bernard Lyons**

Scientific Convenor, ASOHNS 2016 Annual Scientific Meeting (Melbourne)

**2015**

**Society Medal for Distinguished Contribution to the Art and Science of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery** *(4 x recipients)*

**Dr David Cronin**

Dr David Cronin is an Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgeon, practising on the Gold Coast.

He graduated from University of Queensland and was a general practitioner for a short time on the Gold Coast before training in the UK and Australia as an Otolaryngologist.

He went into private practice and essentially set up the public hospital department at Gold Coast Hospital and made this the first department in Queensland outside Brisbane to offer training to registrars on the otolaryngology training program.

Through David's enthusiasm teaching younger doctors and encouraging them to move outside Brisbane, there is a busy department of ENT surgeons at the Gold Coast, numbering up to 11 surgeons.

From day one, the Gold Coast registrar position has been highly sought after by our trainees.

David has been a significant contributor to the Pacific Islands outreach project.

From its inception more than 20 years ago, David regularly made trips to Pacific countries – usually at least one or two trips a year but sometimes more.

Since 1981, he has also visited remote Aboriginal communities and was very helpful in setting up the initial outreach programs in Queensland, which began in 1998. These programs ran for three years.

David has also been a great contributor for the Deadly Ears program in Queensland and has been on more trips within this program than any other Queensland-based ENT surgeon.

He makes himself available for these trips at short notice, when junior colleagues, perhaps for family reasons, cannot make them.

Since 2011, he has made 16 trips and had done many more previously for Deadly Ears since 2006.

David has been an outstanding contributor to our specialty – through his work in both the Pacific Island outreach project and to Aboriginal outreach projects in Queensland.

## **Professor Paul Fagan AM**

Professor Paul Fagan has been a leading member of the specialty of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery in Australia for many years.

In his early 40s, he took two years out of his busy practice to travel overseas and study under Professor Ugo Fisch, a world leader in Ear and Skull Base Surgery.

He returned to Australia with extensive experience and undertook practice in Otology, Neuro-otology and Skull Base Surgery.

At that time, Skull Base Surgery was an emerging discipline within the specialty of ENT surgery.

Paul focused his surgical work purely on the ear and hearing, as well as tumours of the skull base.

His experience in surgery for acoustic neuroma tumours is extensive and he has performed more than 1,000 of these procedures.

He is widely regarded for his surgical skills in Ear and Skull Base surgery and was often referred extremely difficult cases that were unable to be taken on by other surgeons.

His work culminated in his being made President of the International Skull Base Surgical Federation in 2004 for four years.

This role involved hosting the World Skull Base Conference in 2004 and speaking at many scientific meetings, courses and conferences.

Throughout his career, Paul has been actively involved in teaching trainee ENT surgeons.

He co-jointly established the St Vincent's Hospital Temporal Bone Dissection Laboratory, which is the largest permanently standing laboratory of its kind in this country. These courses have been attended by both trainees and local, interstate and international ENT surgeons.

He was Chair of the NSW regional training committee in New South Wales from 1991 to 2002.

For the past 20 years, Paul has had a fellowship program where international surgeons attend for further experience and training.

With the aid of a generous donor, he established a scholarship to provide training to surgeons from countries with limited resources, such as Uganda, which would otherwise be unable to access such opportunities.

The scholarship covers a surgeon flying to Australia, with accommodation and training provided.

Further, Paul travelled to Nepal in 1998 to provide surgical services in less fortunate areas.

He has also actively participated in providing Indigenous health services to the Aboriginal Health Clinic in Moree as part of a St Vincent's Hospital, ENT Department initiative since 2001.

Paul has contributed to international literature with more than 168 published papers in medical journals.

He was awarded an MD in 1994 for his work in clinical training and awarded a clinical professorship for his training, teaching and publications by the University of New South Wales in 2001.

He was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 2012.

In late 2013, Paul retired from operative practice but continues to consult and undertake medico-legal work.

## **Professor William (Bill) Gibson AM**

Professor William (Bill) Gibson came to us in 1983 from London, UK, where he was consultant ENT Surgeon at the Royal National Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital, Gray's Inn Road and the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases, Queen's Square.

In Sydney, Australia, he had public hospital appointments at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children (first, Camperdown, then Westmead). He also operated at the Mater Hospital in Crows Nest.

Bill's particular interest was Otology and especially Neuro-otology, including auditory brainstem responses (about which he wrote a book) and electrocochleography.

In 1996 he decided to cease doing acoustic neuroma surgery in order to concentrate on cochlear implants.

However, it was in 1987, at Camperdown, that Bill made his most stunning contribution – the first cochlear implant in a young child. This girl was aged three, had been profoundly deafened by meningitis and was losing her speech.

Bill's operation was very successful and really groundbreaking, as there was very strong and entrenched opposition to cochlear implantation in young children – from both professionals and the deaf community.

Against this opposition, Bill then performed implants on congenitally profoundly deaf children. It took about two years for success of the operations to become apparent. This was partly because the recipients were all two years of age and over – and often a couple of years older – and the implants and habilitation techniques were not quite as good as they are today.

Over time the opposition lessened in Sydney and, some years further, there was acceptance around Australia and internationally.

However, for much of this time there was significant opposition to children receiving implants. It was Bill who did much of what was necessary to overcome it – and this is not fully recognised even today.

He pioneered a short vertical incision for cochlear implants to replace the huge flaps, which had been used until then.

He championed universal neonatal hearing screening and, when that was introduced a little over ten years ago, it opened the way for children to receive implants when aged one year and under, with even better results. He also embraced bilateral implantation with better results.

He later founded the Sydney Children's Cochlear Implant Centre, into which he put an enormous amount of energy and enthusiasm.

Bill's honours include membership of the Collegium Otorhino-laryngologicum Amicitiae Sacrum (1973) and he was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 1995.

Last year, Bill retired as Professor of Otorhinolaryngology at the University of Sydney and from operative practice.

He is continuing to work on Meniere's Disease and cochlear implant research.

## **Associate Professor Raymond Sacks**

Associate Professor Raymond (Ray) Sacks initially graduated from the University of Witwatersrand in South Africa in 1985 and subsequently obtained his Master's degree *magna cum laude* from this institution in 1993.

Australia was the fortunate and final destination for Ray when he completed the difficult task of relocating from the unstable environment of South Africa during those years.

He completed his FRACS in 1996 and since then has established professional practice in Sydney, based around his public hospital appointment at Concord General Hospital.

Not content with simply relocating to a new country, re-training and establishing a professional life in Sydney, Ray continued a passionate contribution, both to our Society and our profession for the past 20 years.

An ASOHNS member for 20 years, Ray has been a surgical supervisor and member of the regional training sub-committee in New South Wales since 1999.

He was Chair of the ASOHNS New South Wales Section from 2003 until 2005. During that time he convened a successful ASOHNS Annual Scientific Meeting in 2004.

He joined the RACS Court of Examiners in Otolaryngology in 2004 and last year marked the final term of his tenure as Chief Examiner during a period that has continued to see quality and standards improve in our Society.

Ray continues to give his time to trainees and Concord Hospital is one of the most popular training destinations in New South Wales.

In addition to his administrative contribution to ASOHNS, his efforts in our specialty are much broader.

Ray was Secretary/Treasurer of the Australasian Rhinologic Society from 2003 until 2006, then past President from 2009 until 2013.

During this time, he helped convene the first Annual Meeting of the ARS held in the Hunter Valley in 2003, the International Rhinologic Society meeting in Sydney and the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the ARS in 2010.

He has represented Australia in the Overseas Committee of the American Rhinologic Society and continues to serve on the Board of the IRS.

Ray's academic output has increased in the past eight years, with more than 50 publications and book chapters.

He has been involved in more than 25 local training courses and a visiting professor to seven North American university departments.

Last year, Ray was the distinguished guest faculty at the prestigious USA University of Pennsylvania Sinus Course run by Professor David Kennedy – a course he had attended as a participant many years earlier.

He remains actively involved in teaching, administrative service, research and promoting our specialty nationally and internationally and is likely to inspire further generations of surgeons.

**2015**

**Society Certificate of Appreciation for Services to ASOHNS**

Awarded to:

**Associate Professor Larry Kalish**

Convenor, ASOHNS 2015 Annual Scientific Meeting (Sydney)

**Associate Professor Nirmal Patel**

Scientific Convenor, ASOHNS 2015 Annual Scientific Meeting (Sydney)

**2014**

**Society Medal for Distinguished Service to ASOHNS (1 x recipient)**

**Associate Professor Christopher Perry OAM**

During the past 26 years of his membership of ASOHNS, Associate Professor Christopher (Chris) Perry has contributed significantly to the Society and our specialty - both within Australia and overseas.

Especially noteworthy is his tireless commitment to Foreign Aid and developing OHNS training in Papua New Guinea.

He started going to PNG in 1991 as ASOHNS' appointed director / assistant to the PNG ENT advanced training program with Dr Avdesh Gupta.

He was Chair of the Foreign Aid Program from 2003 – 2007, during which time he focused on providing training and educational opportunities for trainee Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) surgeons in PNG. This included arranging for them to travel to Australia to attend conferences/hospital placements. There are 11 ENT surgeons in PNG and at least 9 stayed in the Perry household during their training in Brisbane.

Chris also visited PNG to run educational sessions and supply ENT services to a population needing such assistance.

Within Australia, he has regularly visited remote communities since 1982 and still makes two such outreach surgical visits each year.

One of his most significant achievements for the specialty on behalf of ASOHNS was as founder, Medical Director and driving force behind the Deadly Ears program in Queensland. This program is designed to reduce the incidence and severity of chronic ear disease in indigenous communities and received State Government funding to allow it to continue to operate.

Chris was a Queensland Regional Training Committee Chair for two years and a former RACS Examiner.

He was convenor of Australia's first thyroid disease scientific conference and the subsequent five (5) biennial meetings.

Currently, Chris is Consultant ENT Surgeon at Princess Alexandra Hospital and Royal Children's Hospital and Associate Professor at University of Queensland.

He is a member of a Griffith University Eureka Award-winning research team, which has received substantial funds for embryonic stem cell research, Aboriginal ear research, a head and neck cancer study on patient education materials, a viral oncogenesis study and a chemoprevention study from the Queensland Cancer fund.

Chris received a Medal of the Order of Australia in 2009 for service to medicine as an ear, nose and throat specialist and to Indigenous health.

**2014**

**Society Medal for Distinguished Contribution to the Art and Science of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery (4 x recipients)**

**Professor Bruce Black**

Professor Bruce Black has been a lifelong contributor to the scientific advancement of otology.

He obtained his MBBS from the University of Queensland, and undertook his ENT training in Edinburgh and London in 1975. He attained his FRACS in 1978.

Throughout his career, Bruce has pursued advancing the treatment of chronic suppurative ear disease. In this he has been his own harshest critic, always prepared to modify and criticise his own techniques, based on outcomes measured by his prospective data collection.

He has had more than 30 articles published in major specialty journals, many of which he has allowed his registrars to co-author with him.

Bruce was awarded an MD by the University of Queensland in 1998 and now teaches medical students and registrars and supervises PhD candidates. He has been a professor for 20 years.

He has served as a member of the editorial review staff of *Otology and Neurotology* journal and the editorial review board of the Australian Journal of Otolaryngology for seven years.

Bruce has invented grommets, prostheses and surgical techniques. He is a consultant for prosthetic design for Gyrus.

His main research interests are:

- Ossicular reconstruction
- Vascular flaps
- Prevention of cholesteatoma
- Keyhole Cochlear implant and bone conduction implant surgery

He is a Founding Board Member of the Hear and Say Centre for Deaf Children, a Founding and Senior Cochlear Implant Surgeon Royal Children's Cochlear Implant Service and and a Founding Partner of Attune (Queensland Hearing).

Bruce's contribution to otology has resulted in invitations to present at numerous international courses and conferences.

## **Professor Robert Black OAM**

Professor Robert Black has contributed significantly to ASOHNS and the specialty of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck surgery via many roles.

Currently, he is the newly appointed Head of Otolaryngology at the new Queensland Children's Hospital and is Head of Department at Mater Adults and Mater Children's Hospital.

His roles for ASOHNS include: co-opted Councillor in 2003, Federal Vice-President (2004 – 2005); Federal President (2006 – 2008) and Immediate Past President (2008-2010).

He has been actively involved in the surgical training, serving as Chair of the Board of OHNS from 1999 until 2000, as a former Senior Examiner in the speciality of OHNS and former Chair of the Court of Examiners at the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.

Rob was Specialty Editor of the Australian and New Zealand Journal of Surgery for 20 years, only relinquishing it last year.

His office bearer roles have also included that of Chairman of the ENT Tribunal of the Workers' Compensation Regulatory Authority (Q-COMP) and Chair, ENT Consultative Group with the Australian Defence Force.

Rob is not only a Fellow of the RACS but also a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh and Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

He undertook post-graduate experience overseas in the UK and USA and has 32 publications and 3 book chapters.

In 2012 Rob received the Medal of the Order of Australia for service to medicine, particularly in the field of otolaryngology.

## Dr Francis Lannigan

Dr Francis Lannigan is a relatively recent member of ASOHNS, joining in 1997 after moving to Australia. But in that time, he has been a major contributor to ASOHNS and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.

He has contributed significantly to research, teaching and clinical services at the Princess Margaret Hospital, the University of Western Australia and Notre Dame University.

Francis has been heavily involved in vetting applications of overseas trained otolaryngologists seeking to move to Australia – ensuring a high quality and ethical background for those successful applicants.

He worked tirelessly as Chair of the of the Board of OHNS from 2011 to mid-2013 and, previously, as the WA Chair of the Regional Training Sub-committee. He has been, and continues to be, a mentor and confidante to many of our OHNS trainees.

He was awarded a Commendation from the College for his contributions, both as Board Chair and to the Commonwealth Government overseas trained specialists evaluation group. He continues to contribute to ASOHNS as current Chair of the WA Section.

Francis has a deep and abiding passion for improving the ear health of Aboriginal children in Western Australia and has, for more than 15 years, conducted a pro bono clinic in the underprivileged area of Kwinana near Perth.

For a longer period he worked as Clinical Lead in the Goldfields Region, providing services to Bega Garnbarringa Health Services and NTP Aboriginal Medical Services, as well as visits to the Lands and other remote parts of the Goldfields.

His research efforts have resulted in major papers in the *Laryngoscope* regarding adenoidectomy and subsequent ventilation tube insertion in 50,000 WA children.

He has undertaken basic research on ossicular disease in the middle ear and was a major contributor to the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ear Health Manual*.

Francis is deemed a valuable colleague with excellent diagnostic and clinical surgical skills – with the advantages of commonsense and a splendid sense of humour.

## **Dr Frank Szallasi** (*posthumous – 13.10.1955 – 8.1.2014*)

Dr Frank Szallasi migrated to Australia from Hungary with his parents and brother when he was 16 years old. He and his family settled in Sydney. Although he spoke little English on arrival in Australia, Frank graduated from the University of New South Wales with first-class honours in Medicine.

His resident years between 1980 and 1982 were spent at St George Hospital in Sydney. Frank was remembered as the junior doctor who could insert chest drains, whilst those around him were learning to place IV cannulas.

Frank undertook Otolaryngology training in Queensland. After attaining his specialty qualifications he was appointed initially as a Visiting Consultant to the Princess Alexandra Hospital and later, with his colleague Graeme Lim, established an Otolaryngology training position at Ipswich General Hospital in 1993. It was in Ipswich that he set up a thriving public as well as private practice.

In 1995 Frank undertook additional training in the UK in order to establish a microvascular reconstructive service in Ipswich. The community of Ipswich and West Moreton could then be treated in their own local hospital, which was a great comfort to them and their families. He was well versed in all aspects of Otolaryngology, but it was Head and Neck Surgery, particularly reconstructive surgery, where he was a leader. He regularly travelled to Papua New Guinea to perform outreach surgery, where he would perform complex resections and perform up to five free flaps in a week.

Frank loved being an ENT surgeon and often, as many of his trainees would attest, pushed the boundaries of his specialty, venturing into the cranial or thoracic cavities without fear or hesitation. His three-dimensional knowledge of surgical anatomy was without peer.

He also loved teaching, and for most of his surgical career held weekly or fortnightly informal teaching sessions for trainees. These sessions were conducted on evenings or weekends, either at his office, Ipswich Hospital or at his home, where trainees were welcomed almost as family members. All recent trainees owe Frank a debt of gratitude for his guidance in passing the Fellowship exam.

Frank was also actively involved in teaching and mentoring in a formal capacity, as a past Chair of the Queensland Regional Training Subcommittee and as an examiner with the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. As an examiner, he was unique. He had the gift of cutting complex topics to the absolute essence, and constructing questions and guidelines of distilled wisdom. He was modest and measured in his approach to examining, but readily exposed those with knowledge that was wanting.

Frank also served the specialty of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery with great distinction in other aspects, including as a previous Chair of the Queensland Section of ASOHNS and Convenor of the 2003 ASOHNS Annual Scientific Meeting in Cairns.

Frank was universally well regarded by his colleagues and patients and revered by those he trained and mentored. He was a devoted husband as well as a loving father to his children, Emma, Amanda and Tim, who survive him.

Despite his magnificent achievements, Frank was a humble and unassuming man who would never have regarded himself a worthy recipient of formal recognition by his peers. Frank Szallasi's untimely passing represents an irreplaceable loss for his family, colleagues, trainees, patients, and the Otolaryngology community at large.

He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by all.

**2014**

**Society Certificate of Appreciation for Services to ASOHNS**

Awarded to:

**Dr Roger Grigg**

Convenor, ASOHNS 2014 Annual Scientific Meeting (Brisbane)

**Professor Anders Cervin**

Scientific Convenor, ASOHNS 2014 Annual Scientific Meeting (Brisbane)

**2013**

**Society Medal for Distinguished Service to ASOHNS** (2 x recipients)

### **Dr Cameron Bracks**

Dr Cameron (or Cam) Bracks' contribution to ASOHNS is considerable and spans many years. He has held federal executive positions for ASOHNS including: Vice-President; President from 1998 until 2000; Immediate Past President and, more recently, Advisor to the Executive Committee from 2007 until 2013.

Cam was Scientific Convenor of the 1985 ASM and his accomplishments in our specialty are significant.

He trained in Perth and the UK; graduating from the University of Western Australia Medical School, obtaining his Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in 1968 and his FRACS in 1982.

In 1974 Cam performed the first removal of a neuroma in WA by an ENT surgeon via the middle fossa with help from a neurosurgeon. This was followed by a small series of middle fossa cases late in the 1970s and he invited Peter Packer to help with these.

In 1980 Cam began practising the translab approach and, in 1982, teamed with Peter Packer and Ian Wallace to perform the first of a series of about 180 cases before leaving Perth in 1992. This team subsequently trained Robert Bond, Stuart Miller and Philip Grey in neuroma surgery. Cam presented a paper on atypical presentations of neuroma at an ASM in the early 1990s.

Together with Peter Packer, he established a cochlear implant program in 1983, making Perth the third city in Australia to have such a service.

Cam taught at an ASEAN meeting in Jakarta in 1992 and formed the first provincial CI unit in the country when he moved to Bunbury, WA.

In 1988 Cam performed the first of a series of infralabyrinthine and later infracochlear, drainages of giant petrous apex cholesterol granulomas. A paper was presented at an ASM soon after.

Cam was in charge of training from the mid-1980s until he left Perth for Bunbury and he ran the second ever training camp in 1991.

## **Dr Stuart Miller**

Stuart's contribution to ASOHNS has been extensive. At a state level, he variously undertook the roles of Chair, Secretary and CME Coordinator.

He was Scientific Convenor of the 1995 ASOHNS Annual Scientific Meeting and convenor of the 2002 Meeting. The 2002 Meeting in Perth was the first to implement the requirement of registration for the ASM as a condition to attending its satellite workshops – a move which helped boost attendance to the Meeting and ensured its financial success.

On a national level, Stuart was Federal Vice-President from 2006 to 2008 and Federal President from 2008 until 2010.

Stuart studied medicine at the University of Adelaide before joining the WA ENT training program in 1980. An early placement was at Royal Perth Hospital (RPH) where he worked with Peter Packer – beginning a friendship and working relationship that lasted until Peter retired in 2004. Sadly, Peter died in 2012 and Stuart wrote his obituary.

From 1984-85 Stuart held a fellowship in Head and Neck and Facial Plastic Surgery with Ron Hamaker and Mark Singer in Indianapolis, USA.

Returning to Perth, Stuart entered private practice with Peter Packer and joined the ENT Department at RPH. He performed complex neuro-otological and skull base surgery, as well as head and neck oncology, including micro-vascular reconstruction. He was the first ENT surgeon to use the radial forearm free flap in Perth.

During his career, Stuart has been Department Head at RPH, Supervisor of Otolaryngological Surgical Training in Western Australia, a member of the National Training Board in OHNS and a member of the Court of Examiners of the College.

He established the WA Temporal Bone Laboratory in 1996 and the same year also established the WA ENT Research Foundation to support registrar research.

In addition, Stuart is passionate about nature photography. He is the founder and patron of the Australia, New Zealand and New Guinea Nature and Landscape Photographer of the year Competition held annually by the South Australian Museum.

**2013**

**Society Medal for Distinguished Contribution to the Art and Science of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery (3 x recipients)**

**Professor Marcus Atlas**

As a surgeon scientist, Winthrop Professor Marcus Atlas specialises in understanding and treating ear and hearing disorders by combining applied clinical and scientific research. He is recognised nationally and internationally as a leader in the field of inner ear and base of skull surgery. His surgical dissection courses have drawn hundreds of international surgeons for more than a decade.

Marcus is Head of the Ear Sciences Centre (ESC) and Founding Director of the Ear Science Institute Australia (ESIA). Over the past 12 years he has directed the creation of 4 major research groups involved in clinical research, computer and information science, molecular and cellular otolaryngology and epidemiology.

Included in the ESIA facility is the recently completed Centre for Ear, Nose and Throat Education and Research (CENTER), a multi-million dollar surgical skills training facility. This is funded by the Commonwealth after Marcus led a successful application in conjunction with St John of God Healthcare and the University of Notre Dame.

The CENTER focuses on delivering world class education and training in assessment, diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the head and neck and, together with ESIA, has further enhanced Australia's reputation as a growing centre of excellence in the field of ear and hearing health.

Following his training in Australia and overseas, Marcus took up the position of Foundation Professor of OHNS at the University of Western Australia.

He received the 2011 AMA (WA) Award for his pioneering work in the field of Otolaryngology and his surgical education book – *A Guide to Temporal Bone Dissection* (2<sup>nd</sup> edition) - is a compulsory part of the national ENT surgical training program and is used worldwide to teach ear and skull base surgery. That same year Marcus also received the Deafness Council of WA's annual Dr Harry Blackmore Award, recognising his significant contribution to enhancing quality of life for the hearing impaired, and advocacy for the deaf and hearing impaired.

He was editor of the *Australian Journal of Otolaryngology* from 2001 until 2008 and is on editorial boards of both Australian and international otolaryngology journals.

Marcus was appointed to the Court of Examiners of RACS in 2007. He has also been, and continues to be, involved in the Surgeon Scientist program of the College, training and mentoring young surgeons through research training and submission of theses for the diploma of Doctor of Philosophy.

## **Professor Harvey Coates AO**

Professor Harvey Coates AO is a Paediatric Otolaryngologist and Clinical Professor at the University of Western Australia, School of Paediatrics and Child Health and University Department of OHNS. He is Senior ENT Surgeon at Princess Margaret Hospital for Children and also works at other hospitals in Perth.

Harvey was largely responsible for establishing the neonatal hearing screening program in WA. He has published widely on treating and managing otitis media.

For more than a decade, up until recently, he was Chairman of the Indigenous Sub-committee of ASOHNS. For many years he has been, and continues to be, very active in both the clinical and policy aspects of indigenous health.

His current research interests are the relationship of bacterial biofilms to otitis media, chronic rhinosinusitis and adenoid disease, obstructive sleep disorder and newborn hearing screening, and Indigenous children's ear disease. He initiated the recent well publicised trial, duplicating Japanese work, that employs human fibroblastic growth factor in treating tympanic membrane perforation.

Harvey was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2005 for his work and research in paediatric otolaryngology and ear disease in Aboriginal children. He has also won several other awards including:

- the Deafness Council WA Inc. Dr Harry Blackmore Award (2004)
- the Australian Lions Foundation William R. Tresise Fellow Award for humanitarian services (2002) and
- the Fiona Stanley Medal (2001)

He studied medicine at the University of Queensland and trained in Australia, as well as in the USA, where he worked at the Mayo clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Harvey has authored numerous book chapters and more than 71 papers. He is a member of 15 learned societies and committees both in medicine and the arts.

Harvey is married with two children and two grandchildren.

## **Dr Alastair Mackendrick**

Alastair was born and educated in Zimbabwe, graduated from the University of Witwatersand in Johannesburg and migrated to Australia in 1975.

He began general surgical training in Queensland until he changed to ENT training in Perth in 1978.

Alastair began private practice and became a consultant at Fremantle Hospital in 1985.

In the vast state of WA, most of the population is located in the South West, with 75 per cent living in Perth. When Alastair began practice, all of WA's 25 ENT surgeons lived in Perth. There was a visiting service to Albany, Kalgoorlie, Geraldton and Karratha but no visiting service to most of the Pilbara and none to the Kimberley.

The North West was severely disadvantaged, in particular the Aboriginal community with a high incidence of ear disease.

Alastair recognised this need and, from 1987, provided a visiting service to outback communities in the Kimberley.

His masterstroke was to convince the teaching hospital department heads to let their registrars travel to the Kimberley with him - providing them valuable experience in otology. Where else could they do 4 or 5 myringoplasties in a day?

Alastair has co-authored several Aboriginal ear health manuals. He published a paper in the Australian Journal of Otolaryngology in January 1999 on the results of myringoplasties in Aboriginal children over a 10-year period. The results proved the benefit of early surgical intervention and highlighted the, as yet unrecognised, high incidence of cholesteoma in these children.

After 24 years, Alastair stopped going to the Kimberley in 2012 and has handed the reins to Professor Harvey Coates.

**2013**

### **Society Certificate of Appreciation for Services to ASOHNS**

Awarded to:

**Mr Philip Grey**

Convenor, ASOHNS 2013 Annual Scientific Meeting (Perth)

**Professor Peter Friedland**

Scientific Convenor, ASOHNS 2013 Annual Scientific Meeting (Perth)

**2012**

**Society Medal for Distinguished Contribution to the Art and Science of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery** *(1 x recipient)*

**Professor Ronald Gristwood**

Prof. Ron Gristwood's distinguished career began in Scotland where both his Under Graduate and Post Graduate training was in Edinburgh before he immigrated to Australia in 1957.

He began publishing in 1958 with his article on "Nerve Deafness Associated with Sarcoidosis" and has continued publishing, with his latest article last year in the Annals on "The Effects of Fenestration Size and Piston Diameter on the Outcomes of Stapes Surgery for Clinical Otosclerosis".

In between he has published another 48 articles, almost exclusively in otology, but also on statistics. It was in this area that he brought a scientific rigour to the results of surgery with his co-author Venables, which had not previously been seen.

He has received other honours, including the Sir George Halliday medal, Affiliate Professor of the University of Adelaide, a Master of Surgery and an AM (Member of the Order of Australia) for Services to Otolaryngology.

He instigated Post Graduate training programs in Adelaide and helped set up the national training program in our specialty. He was Chairman of the Surgical Board from 1980 to 1984 and was an examiner in the specialty for 10 years. He was on numerous editorial boards and has been a many times guest lecturer in Australia, Scandinavia, Europe, United States and the Middle East.

**2012**

**Society Certificate of Appreciation for Services to ASOHNS**

Awarded to:

**Dr Darcy Economos**

Convenor, ASOHNS 2012 Annual Scientific Meeting (Adelaide)

**Professor Simon Carney**

Scientific Convenor, ASOHNS 2012 Annual Scientific Meeting (Adelaide)

**Mr Mark Carmichael**

Inaugural Chief Executive Officer of ASOHNS (2008 – 2012)

**2011**

**Society Medal for Distinguished Contribution to the Art and Science of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery (2 x recipients)**

**Professor Siba Prasad Dubey (PNG)**

There has been great work carried out in Papua New Guinea by a number of ASOHNS members, both in providing specialist OHNS services and, especially, in training local surgeons who are now in practice in many centres around that country.

Prof. Siba Dubey has been the main local organiser and mentor to these younger men. He has had a large part in their training and achievement of a formal OHNS qualification.

He has inspired them and influenced them to work in the various regional centres, remaining there in the service of the general population. He continues to provide higher level surgery with and for them in Port Moresby and organises visits by Australian surgeons who operate on complex cases and provide extra CPD activities for the trainees and local surgeons.

He is now active in training young surgeons from countries outside PNG, including The Solomon Islands.

**Dr John Vorrath**

John Vorrath has been a great supporter of ENT in particular, and ASOHNS in general, over many years.

He has consistently shown a strong commitment to teaching and training, especially at the Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) in Melbourne and at Geelong Hospital.

At the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne, John is currently doing a second term as Head of Unit. He has encouraged and influenced many trainees to develop their paediatric expertise. He was instrumental in protecting the ENT specialty over many years when under threat by other specialities in the paediatric sphere.

He has been in practice in Geelong for most of his professional life, providing services to regional Victoria and at the same time commuting to Melbourne to work at RCH.

Aboriginal ear health research and the paediatric section of ASOHNS have also been major interests.

John's greatest contribution to ENT was developing the Voroscope, which has changed the face of ENT practice. John singlehandedly developed this instrument over many decades to the point where it is now an indispensable part of ENT practice. He has also used his inventive skills in the areas of surgical technique and surgical instrumentation.

**2011**

**Society Medal for Distinguished Service to ASOHNS** (1 x recipient)

### **Dr Laurie Ryan**

Laurie Ryan was educated at St Patrick's College East Melbourne where, in his final year, he was captain of the school and captain of the first eleven and first eighteen. He studied medicine at Melbourne University and St Vincent's Hospital. After graduation he was resident at the Royal Hobart Hospital, at Monash anatomy department and then general surgery at The Alfred. This was at a time when ENT was undergoing a phase of rapid advancement and Laurie was exposed to leaders in the field, John Sherry, Peter Freeman and Hugh Millar. All were not only leaders but were pushing the boundaries of the specialty and were committed to teaching and to the Society. As a result of their influence he decided to follow a career in ENT and left The Alfred to be resident at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital (RVEEH). This was followed by two years in the UK, initially London and then Sheffield.

On return from London Laurie became a consultant at the RVEEH and subsequently was asked by the Repatriation Hospital to set up a head and neck unit, the first true multi-disciplinary head and neck unit in Melbourne. As a result of many overseas trips to Europe, the UK and the USA, Laurie established a network of contacts and was able to use these to organise courses in rhinoplasty and otology at the hospital and later, with Kevin Kane, endoscopic sinus surgery meetings. Ultimately, otology and neurotology became his main interests. He ran regular sessions in temporal bone dissection and established the temporal bone laboratory at the RVEEH.

He was totally committed to teaching and training registrars both in the theory and practice of the specialty and his reputation has regularly attracted fellows from the UK and Ireland. In 1996 he was invited to deliver the Sir William Wilde oration at the meeting of the Irish Society of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery and has been a regular panelist at the Sisson meeting and Mark May's course in the States.

Laurie was, variously, chairman of the Regional Training Board in Otolaryngology, chairman of the Surgical Board of the College and an examiner for 10 years. He was chairman of the senior medical staff of both the RVEEH and Mercy Hospital and a board member at both.

Laurie now lives on a small farm at Hamilton and practises in the area. His main interests are his family, aviation and sport.

Laurie has been one of the great innovators, pioneers and surgeons in ENT Head and Neck Surgery particularly in the fields of Otology and Neurotology and Head and Neck Surgery and has been a dedicated tutor and teacher to generations of ENT surgeons.

**2010**

**Society Medal for Distinguished Service to ASOHNS** *(5 x recipients)*

**Dr Dean Beaumont**

*(Joined O.L.S.A. 1966)*

Dean has had an illustrious career and his award is in recognition of his energy and commitment as the editor of the Australian Journal of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery from 1989 - 2000.

During his period as editor Dean oversaw the preparation and printing of more than 20 editions of the Journal, including the Diamond Jubilee edition in January 2000.

The importance of having an Australian Journal, which provided local surgeons with a vehicle to have their work published, was critical to the members and the life of the Society. Upon completion of his time as editor of the Journal, Dean was elected President of ASOHNS, a position he held from 2000 - 2002.

**Dr Ray Carroll**

*(Joined O.L.S.A. 1971)*

From 1974 - 1979 Ray served on the Executive of the NSW Section of O.L.S.A. as Treasurer, Vice-Chairman and Chairman.

During a 14-year period Ray served on the National Council, filling the roles of Councillor, Vice-President and, in 1989, became the final President of O.L.S.A. before it became ASOHNS.

He represented ASOHNS at the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, serving as a Council member, and contributed to the educational aspect of the specialty as an examiner for many years.

Ray's involvement on behalf of ASOHNS extended internationally where he was the Australian delegate for the Asia Oceania Congress on three occasions, including being a member of the organising committee for the 1979 Sydney meeting.

In 1989 he was the Australian delegate to the World Congress of the O.R.L. Societies and, after being part of the successful Australian bid team at the 1993 meeting, Ray was the organising secretary for the 1997 World Congress held in Sydney. This meeting attracted more than 3,000 delegates worldwide and its success did much to enhance Australian Otolaryngology internationally.

From 2001 to 2009 Ray was the Asia Oceania delegate to IFOS.

In 2003 he was awarded Life Membership of the Society.

**Dr John Curotta**

*(Joined O.L.S.A. 1983)*

John served as ASOHNS Federal Secretary from 2000 – 2005, ensuring that all matters of consequence were handled appropriately. Most notable was the development of the current ASOHNS Constitution in May 2003.

John was instrumental in the creation and development of the original ASOHNS website, the forerunner of today's site, which is a valued and much used member resource. The Society owes much to John's foresight.

## **Dr Patrick Rundle**

*(Joined O.L.S.A. 1982)*

Patrick served as Federal Treasurer of ASOHNS from 1998 – 2005.

During this period he was responsible for overseeing a significant strengthening in the Society's financial position and establishing the necessary management systems to go with it.

Patrick was instrumental in linking ASOHNS with the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons' investment portfolio from which the Society has benefited significantly over the years. ASOHNS owes a great debt to Patrick.

## **Dr Robert Talbot**

*(Joined O.L.S.A. 1967)*

Robert's award is in recognition of his contribution to the Society over an extended period and in a number of roles.

His first involvement was as Honorary Secretary of the NSW Section from April 1970 – February 1972. He then accepted the role as the Federal Treasurer of O.L.S.A. for 10 years from 1972 – 1981.

In order to promote the Society's views at a higher level, Robert then served as the Federal representative to the Australian Association of Surgeons for eight years.

Robert's contribution extended to the Annual Scientific Meetings of the Society where, in 1974, he was responsible for the audiovisual component of the O.L.S.A. Annual Scientific Meeting – a major undertaking.

**2009**

**Society Medal for Distinguished Service to ASOHNS** *(1 x recipient)*

**Dr Jack Kennedy**

Jack has done a great deal to promote ORL in Victoria and Australia.

At a time in the 1970s and 1980s when there was a dearth of Australian papers at the Society's Annual Scientific Meetings Jack regularly presented good quality papers.

He was also very active in teaching and his drive, enthusiasm and compassion for those less fortunate had a significant impact on trainees.

Jack was a leading figure in attracting people into the profession and was responsible for head and neck cancer treatment in Victoria being recognised within the delivery of our services.

**2009**

**Society Medal for Distinguished Contribution to the Art and Science of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery** *(2 x recipients)*

**Dr Malcolm Baxter OAM**

Malcolm has unselfishly devoted his time to the Pacific Islands region, making numerous visits to the islands over 24 years. It is largely through his voluntary visits that the current RACS Pacific Island Project has expanded and been maintained.

Malcolm began his long association with the Pacific Islands in 1985 in response to an advertisement for medical help in the Solomon Islands.

Since then he developed a committed and long relationship with the Seventh Day Adventist Mission in the Solomon Islands.

Through his association with Rotary Clubs in the Latrobe Valley, Malcolm was able to sponsor a trainee Solomon surgeon, Carl Susunagara, to Victoria in 1996.

The Australasian College of Surgeons was lobbied to formalise ENT services in the Pacific Islands. Our New Zealand colleagues already had established visiting services to Polynesia. After the intervention in East Timor, the College sent Malcolm to Dili in 2001. ENT outreach expanded into East Timor guided by his experience.

Always supported by his wife Lorraine, who used her considerable nursing experience helping him in both the ENT clinics and the operating theatres, Malcolm has been generous and committed to his mission.

He is a worthy recipient of this recognition.

## **Dr Kevin Holwell**

Kevin began doing outreach work in 1994 with a visit to Vietnam. Since then he has made at least one visit annually to Vietnam or Cambodia to continue this work – always self funded.

In Vietnam he set up a teaching facility in Danang and was instrumental in arranging finance for an ENT ward in Danang hospital.

In Cambodia Kevin worked with Christian Mission International and Rotary to establish an excellent program of primary health care and has involved surgeons from Australia, Holland and France in this work. Again this work was undertaken at his own expense.

Kevin has encouraged others to do similar work and is an excellent example of selfless motivation.

He is a quiet achiever and a worthy recipient of the ASOHNS Society Medal.