



# ASOHNS

The Australian Society of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery

## **Dr Robert Niell Boustred**

### **Society Medal for Distinguished Service to ASOHNS**

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.