

# **Branch News – July, 2008.**

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## ***Annual Scientific Meeting News***

**Darwin 2009**  
TSANZ & ANZSRS Annual Scientific Meetings



**Darwin 3-6 April, 2009**

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## ***New South Wales / ACT***

Hi All,

Even though daylight hours have shortened, and the cooler weather has set in, thankfully there still remains a good level of activity within the membership.

Recently a small number of NSW / ACT members attended the ATS meeting in Toronto (& Niagara Falls). I've heard positive feedback around the traps, and I'd advised to try and catch up with one of these people for a brief rundown if possible.

As previously mentioned, the next branch meeting is scheduled for Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> of July at Concord Hospital, and I'm looking forward to seeing many of you there again. I shall be sending an email out very shortly to all, but you could mark the date in the diary now.

On a final note, as within other states, recently lots of movement has occurred within the NSW group with many individuals taking up new employment positions. I would

like to reiterate the words of SA rep, Michelle Rozzee, last month, and encourage established members at the respective institutions to inform and invite the new successful individual to ANZSRS, and/or if contact details are past to me then I shall happily make contact.

Hope you are all managing to stay well, warm and happy,

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## **New Zealand**

Kia Ora,

Winter has well and truly set in on this side of the Tasman with many of our roads being closed due to snow, ice and flooding! The ski fields are well and truly calling the snow bunnies amongst us and I can't wait to show my lack of skill out there.

Everybody clear your diaries for the end of October as planning is currently underway for the NZ branch meeting; I can confirm it is going to be held in Sunny Christchurch. Keep an eye out for further details to be posted on the Calendar of events page as they come to hand (<http://www.anzsrs.org.au/dates2008.pdf>). If any of the NZ members have any research they would like to present at the meeting please flick me an email so I can make sure there is time, this would be a great opportunity to present in a non-threatening environment and I strongly urge everyone to consider this.

A reminder to all members that July 31st is the abstract submission deadline for APSR in Thailand, this meeting is an excellent opportunity to showcase the work done by NZ scientists to everyone within the Asia Pacific region.

Until next month,

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## **Queensland**

The QLD Branch of the ANZSRS had their bimonthly meeting on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at the Brisbane Private Hospital in Wickham Terrace. We relied on local scientific expertise for our speakers, with Mike Brown presenting his research on oscillometry and Ingrid Thompson sharing some sleuth work she had recently undertaken on '*reference values in the elderly*' with us.

We had an excellent turn out from the Brisbane and Gold Coast Scientific Community - in fact, I think the Gold Coast may have almost outnumbered the Brisbane mob. A number of drug and equipment reps (some from out of town) also came along which was great. The food was delicious as always – thanks to GSK for that. It was certainly appreciated by one scientist in particular who has no kitchen at home (long story involving cockroaches, a dead rodent and rotting chip-board).

There was a gathering after the meeting of the local organising committee for the ANZSRS ASM in Brisbane in 2010. The round table discussion involved lots of brainstorming on ideas for speakers and topics and of course, the design of the all-important conference bag!

We're currently collecting information from Queensland Laboratories to establish a database which will include type of equipment used, software versions and contact details– it's hoped it will improve networking between labs.

A big congratulations go out to Sky McLennan who recently tied the knot – still waiting for photos (hint, hint)! Safe travels to Linda Ruedinger who is in Germany keeping her husband company while he returns to his roots (her surname is a bit of a give-away!).

The Gold Coast Hospital (public) finally has a Respiratory Laboratory - well, just the equipment at the moment, but a scientist will be following shortly. There are also Respiratory Laboratories in the works (still a few years off yet) for the Sunshine Coast tertiary referral hospital at Kawana waters and one for Robina Hospital (Gold Coast).

Well, that's all from the Sunshine State. I hope everyone else is weathering the winter temperatures and the increase in patient numbers during this period.

Till next month...

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## ***Victoria / Tasmania***

Hi from Victoria,

We are rapidly approaching our next ANZSRS branch meeting, which is scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup> of July. It is shaping up to be a very interesting and informative evening. Gary Nolan, who has joined us from Western Australia, will be updating us on what has been happening with regards to registration in Australia. This is a session not to be missed by members so we are expecting a larger than normal attendance.

Brigitte Borg will then be giving us a summary of her recent trip to the ATS in Toronto. Brigitte was part of the invited panel at one of the post graduate courses on the interpretation of lung function. She will no doubt have some very interesting information to present which I am sure will encourage a healthy debate on interpretation of lung function.

Regards,

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## **Western Australia**

- Robby's leaving...  
June provided a break from our usual clinical meetings, so we thought we would take the opportunity to say a special thank you and farewell to Robert Tagliaferri, who officially resigns from his respiratory position at the end of June.

After completing his degree in Physiology & Pharmacology with honors in 1989, he joined the Department of Pulmonary Physiology at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital in 1990. After seven years he took on the Senior Respiratory Scientist position and thrived in that role until late 2006, when he decided to seek a change in career.

In 1998 Rob was the first person in WA to join ANZSRS. This heralded the beginning of a new era and it is often described to me as 'WA came in from the cold'; we have Rob to thank for opening the door. In 2001 he became the first WA Representative and then when WA reached its magical 10 members, jointly held this role during 2004. In 2005 he took on the post of Secretary on the Board of ANZSRS, a position that he held for three years until March 2008. So the WA members would like to say a hearty thanks for the enormous contribution that Rob has made to ANZSRS, particularly here in WA.

We wish him well in his Pharmacy studies and have heard that he may yet be spotted 'on the dark side', doing the odd night shift at the Western Australian Sleep Disorders Research Institute.

- We would also like wish Vaska Stavreska well as she begins some well earned maternity leave and look forward to some exciting news later this year.

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On a lighter note... grab your MP3 player and start downloading...

### **Songs to Perform Plethysmography By!**

<b>No Air (How'm I supposed to breathe with no air?)</b>	Jordan Sparks & Chris Brown	"yes that's right, you won't be able to get any air for a few moments; but <i>please</i> stay on the mouthpiece next time"
<b>Breathe</b>	Kylie Minogue	"yes it's over, you can come off the mouthpiece"
<b>Breathe In, Breathe Out</b>	Matt Kearney	for Grey's Anatomy fans
<b>Breathe In, Breathe Out</b>	Delta Goodrem	for... someone?!?
<b>Breathless (Go on, leave me breathless)</b>	The Corrs	Pt: "Go on... leave me alone"
<b>Every Breath That You Take</b>	The Police	"I'm watching every move you make – so please keep your lips tight"

<b>The Air That I Breathe</b>	Julio Iglesias	for the older, female pt
<b>'any love song by...'</b>	Air Supply	for the older resp scientist
<b>Air- Orchestral Suite # 3</b>		for the classical scientist
<b>Breathe</b>	Faith Hill	for the country lovin' scientist

**For the Diary**

<b>July 23rd</b>	Clinical Meeting - CT Scan of COPD	RPH
<b>September 18th</b>	ANZSRS-WA Clinical Meeting	PMH
<b>October 25/26th</b>	TSANZ/ANZSRS (WA) Combined ASM	Mandurah
<b>October 27th</b>	Respiratory Symposium	ICHR
<b>November 12th</b>	ANZSRS-WA Clinical Meeting	tba

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***Governance & Vision Sub-committee Report***

Nothing to report as the committee is awaiting instruction from the Board.

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