



Skin and Cancer Foundation Inc.
Annual and Financial Report 2009 - 2010

Our Vision:
'A Centre of
Excellence
AND a Home for
Dermatology'

The Skin & Cancer Foundation is a not-for-profit, non government funded organisation which provides specialist treatment for a wide variety of skin diseases.

Since its formation in 1987, The Skin and Cancer Foundation has been at the forefront of developing new and better ways to diagnose and manage the wide range of diseases of the skin. Founded by a group of 38 leading dermatologists, the Foundation has depended heavily on the voluntary input of this professional group, many of whom continue to work in the various Foundation treatment clinics for up to a day a week without charging for their services.

As one of Australia's leading centres for skin disease research and treatment, we conduct regular trials, collect clinical data and support projects in other dermatology centres. Our ongoing trials enable us to make significant advancements in skin disease treatments and patient care. Our education arm reaches diverse groups of people including trainee dermatologists, ongoing updates for consultants and other specialists.

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OUR VISION

A Centre of Excellence AND a Home for Dermatology

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to:

- lead the treatment, education and research of skin cancer and skin conditions in Victoria through partnering, funding and capacity building.
- build awareness of the Foundation's activities in the community,
- extend our existing, and build strong new partnerships with Foundation supporters to expand the Foundations work.

OUR FOCUS

Skin and Cancer Foundation

Clinical

Specialist clinics
Advanced treatment for metropolitan and rural patients
Innovative new techniques

Education

Registrar and international specialist dermatology training
Clinical updates for consultants
Nurse education
Community Education
Support for Dermatology condition support groups

Research

Clinical trials
Research into occupational dermatology
Clinical evaluation
Presentation of papers and seminars



Message from the President

“A future full of promise”

(A/Prof and Chairman Peter Foley, January 2010)

What a tumultuous and eventful 12 months. Dramatic changes have been made and the future looks extremely bright.

During the course of 2009, the Committee of Management of the Skin and Cancer Foundation undertook a strategic review of the organisation. Facilitated by Stephen Emmett of Matrix on Board, the Committee, along with invited senior dermatologists and members of the management team, reflected upon and discussed the mission, vision and values of the Foundation, before setting in place a framework to achieve a set of high level strategic objectives over the next five years. This planning process culminated in a restructure of the Skin and Cancer Foundation governance model and reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the Committee of Management.

VALUES

Key words to describe the values of the Foundation include ownership, enjoyment, integrity, reliable, ethical, capable, state-of-the-art, and professionalism.

It was determined that more needed to be done within the organisation at all levels to ensure these values were in practice.

A number of important strategic priorities were identified. The three priority areas were:

1. Review the governance model and structure of the organisation.
2. Review the membership of the Committee to provide critical skills that address the organisational needs (legal, financial, strategic, and technical).
3. Develop and implement policies that address organisational risk and detail operational aspects of the organisation.

A restructure of senior management has seen the appointment of an Executive

Director, Mr Chris Arnold, a Medical Director, A/Prof Chris Baker and a Research Director, A/Prof Peter Foley - also responsible for education.

Following on from the strategic review, an extraordinary meeting was held on April 21 2010. Six resolutions were passed unanimously, resulting in a revision of our Statement of Purposes and Rules. The Foundation now includes in its constitution a power to trade pursuant to Section 51 of the Associations Incorporations Act. The Department of Consumer Affairs has approved of this change.

The Committee of Management is now referred to as the Board of Management. As a consequence committees that report directly to the Board have been established with a commonly used corporate structure being developed. The number of directors on the Board has been increased to a maximum of 12. Dermatologists are still required to fill the majority of positions and at any meeting

a majority of dermatologists are required for a quorum.

We have been privileged to welcome to the Board, Mr Patrick Burroughs and Ms Jacqueline Phillips. Patrick has a long term involvement in the finance industry being a former senior audit partner at KPMG and a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants. Board memberships include being currently a non-executive director of the Royal Children's Hospital board with duties as chair of the board audit and investment committees. Jac Phillips has many years of marketing, people management and business development experience. Currently a senior marketing manager at ANZ Private Banking, Jac has been extremely active already on our business development and marketing side. Other 'new' members on this year's Board, following last year's AGM, are A/Prof Rosemary Nixon and Dr Edward Upjohn. Both make a return, Rosemary after a hiatus of several years and Edward after his time in the United States. Dr Marguerite Byrne replaced Hugh Roberts as the registrar representative. Late 2009 saw the retirements of Doctors Alvin Chong and Mignon Moyle from the Board/Committee of Management. We hope that both will return as their workloads lighten. Both Alvin and Mignon remain active at the Foundation on the clinical side at their respective clinics, organ transplant dermatology and radiotherapy. Mignon has also been involved with the

Governance Subcommittee. I would this time like to thank Mignon, Alvin and Hugh for their valuable contribution to the Board.

It is now two years since the Foundation moved to its state-of-the-art facilities at 80 Drummond Street. We have seen considerable change during this time as we expand into our current facilities.

Some of the changes seen include the development and implementation of a number of committees answering

It was determined that more needed to be done within the organisation at all levels

to the Board including a Governance Committee, Finance Subcommittee, Finance Committee, Quality & Credentialing Committee and Development Committee.

The end of 2009 saw the departure of Joe Mercuri, Foundation/Business Manager, after close to five years of dedicated service. Brought on at a time of financially troubled waters and initially employed on a three-month contract, Joe righted the ship and helped us steer onto our current

course. He spearheaded the transition from our previous long-term home at 95 Rathdowne Street to our new state-of-the-art facilities at 80 Drummond Street. I would like to personally and publically thank Joe for the time and effort employed into sorting our finances and his contribution over his term of office.

With the organisational restructure we were fortunate to snap up our Executive Director, Chris Arnold, to take on the senior executive management role. Chris's background includes terms of office as Chief Executive Officer of a financial services group, two mid-tier law firms, and a group of private hospitals. Prior to this, Chris was deputy, and then acting, CEO of the Royal Children's Hospital. He also has years of experience on the Board of Philanthropy Australia and the Council of Leadership Victoria. The changes

we have seen since he commenced have been enormous. The Executive Director meets regularly with the Medical and Research Directors to ensure a smooth running of the Foundation and a more informed approach to major decisions.

In June, the Foundation held its inaugural recognition of special service to the Foundation awards evening at the National Gallery of Victoria. At this event, Dr Nicholas Downes, a founding member of the Foundation and Oral Mucosa Clinic

stalwart, and Ms Barbara Ashton, long-term member of our nursing team, were honoured. The Foundation also held our annual Friends of the Foundation breakfast with Mr Ross Oakley, CEO of the Australian Football League giving the keynote address. Mr Oakley spoke about his role leading the AFL Commission for 10 years during a period of great change and the development of our great game over the last 100 years. Over 200 people attended this event which was deemed a success and was enjoyed by all.

This year has also seen a number of retirements. Ms Jan Campbell, Manager of the Dermatology Education Research Management team announced her retirement midyear. Jan was instrumental in the development and establishment of the Australian Psoriasis Registry and moved across to the Foundation after a number of years as Manager in the Department of Dermatology at St. Vincent's. Fiona Gillen, our Communications Manager resigned and moved to Far North Queensland to regain her health. Heather Edmonds, our Human Resources Manager found increased work closer to home and has left on good terms. All are entitled to our gratitude for their support and service to the Foundation.

CLINICAL SERVICES

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all dermatologists who give their time to attend clinics at the Foundation. Over the last 12 months also, we have seen Kathryn Armour join me in the Phototherapy Clinic on a Wednesday, Anna Braue join Chris Baker and I in the Phototherapy and Biologics Clinic on a Friday afternoon, Alex Chamberlain join Anne Howard and Con Dolianitis in the Nail Clinic, Carol Burford and Cara McDonald join Jonathan Tversky and Eric Poon in the Oral Mucosa Clinic, following the retirement of Nick Downes, Claire Grills join Robin Marks in the Skin Cancer Management Clinic, Michelle Goh join Alvin Chong in the Transplant Dermatology Clinic, Jenny Cahill join Rosemary Nixon in the Occupational Dermatology Clinics and Lee Mei Yap help out Cate Scarff in the Hyperhidrosis Clinic. I apologise to any dermatologists that I have left out.

An exciting forthcoming development at the Foundation is a new Aesthetics Clinic which will include laser therapy as well as injectables. Discussions have been undertaken with a number of laser companies and an exciting announcement will soon be made regarding which lasers will be seen on this site.

We are also in the throes of establishing the Foundation as a Day Centre; initially as an Infusion Centre and potentially later as a Day Procedures Centre.

RESEARCH

A number of initiatives have progressed this year.

The Australian Psoriasis Registry with generous support from pharma industry sponsors - Abbott, Janssen-Cilag, MSD, and Wyeth/Pfizer, continues to evolve. We have recently undertaken a significant upgrade and a switch in software provider. Having obtained ethics approval from the St. Vincent's Hospital Melbourne Human Research Ethics Committee and the Bellberry Ethics Committee, we continue the national rollout. We are currently awaiting ethic approval in New South Wales, led by Royal North Shore and Liverpool Hospitals.

Trials activity continues to expand. We have completed trials in acne and several oral agents for psoriasis. An ongoing study in the use of biologics in psoriasis continues. We are also looking at trials involving biological therapy in atopic dermatitis, biological therapy in cutaneous lupus, biological therapy in chronic idiopathic urticaria, new small molecules for psoriasis, and further biological agents for psoriasis. An injectable agent for lessening of the submental fat pad will also be considered.

EDUCATION

Library: Plans are currently underway to reclaim the upstairs tea room and convert this back to a place of reflection and learning. The tea room will move downstairs.

ODREC

This part of the Foundation goes from strength to strength. Details in the report from Rosemary Nixon are given later in this annual report. Congratulations are extended to Rosemary Nixon who has been recognised for her quality contribution to the field of occupational and contact dermatitis and has been promoted to Associate Professor.

A reworking has been done of the Common Skin Conditions booklet distributed to the family of each newborn child in Victoria.

A number of initiatives in the field of psoriasis have been undertaken including several

booklets co-authored with Psoriasis Australia.

Skin School coordinated by Dr Adriene Lee continues to contribute to the very strong performance of Victorian registrars.

Clinical updates coordinated by Rosemary Nixon continues to be extremely well attended and well received.

The Melbourne Skin Pathology joint venture continues to provide pathologists for training of our registrars in dermatopathology.

Overseas registrars Eugene Tan (New Zealand) and Theja Deerasinghe (Sri Lanka) have joined the team at the Foundation to benefit from experience at this specialty referral centre.

MONASH UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING

Negotiations are currently underway to establish medical student teaching at the Foundation.

DOWNSTAIRS

Café. We have recently completed negotiations with the owner of a chain of successful coffee shops and have received Melbourne City Council approval. We are now waiting commencement of construction and look forward to quality coffee onsite.

Molemap. Established in Australia in 2005, this Melanoma surveillance program combines total body photography, digital dermoscopy and digital serial imaging, along with review by an international panel of dermatologists, to result in early detection of melanoma.

As you can see the last 12 months have been extremely busy. A lot of ventures are currently underway and the future is indeed full of promise.



Message from the Executive Director



When approached to join the Board of the Foundation in November 2009, I had no thought of ending up as Executive Director. Yet, the same reasons I was keen to join the Board led me to accept the role. They are a belief in what the Foundation does and stands for, and an overwhelming sense of its future potential.

My thanks to the Board for its confidence in appointing me and to my predecessor, Joe Mercuri, for organising such an excellent state-of-art facility at 80 Drummond Street, Carlton.

HIGHLIGHTS

- A strong commitment and action by the Foundation Board to enhance governance and strategic planning.
- Introduction of an Executive to ensure all relevant perspectives are considered in relation to Foundation planning and activity.
- A focus on member consultation and engagement. A strengthening of links between the Foundation and the Sydney and Brisbane Skin and Cancer Foundations.
- A strong financial operating result of \$204,000 surplus; a turnaround from the loss of \$467,000 in 2008/9. Note the revaluation which has occurred of our land and buildings in financial statements, which, while having no operational impact, requires a write down in value.
- Advances in the Foundation's education offerings, including enhanced programs for dermatology nurses.

I am enjoying this role and working with an excellent partnership team, comprising the Board, consultants and members, staff and the wonderful group of sponsors and supporters.

My sincere thanks to a dedicated management team comprising Jane English, Nursing Coordinator, Sue Edwards, Clinical Services Manager, Fiona Gillen, Communications Manager, Jane Foreman, Finance Manager, Karin Morris, Finance Officer, Heather Edmonds, Human Resources and our DERM Manager Jan Campbell.

It is a real pleasure to work with the others members of the Executive, Associate Professors Peter Foley and Chris Baker, whose valuable advice, commitment and many long hours of work for the Foundation must be acknowledged.

Short reports from Executive Directors are good reports. I therefore invite you to read on to experience the fruits of the Foundation's labours this past year.

Chris Arnold
Executive Director



‘This clinic is a life saver’

Patient Feedback, September 2010

2009 – 2010 Overview and Performance



YOUR FOUNDATION'S 2009/10 PROGRAM

1. Re-engagement with you the members, other Foundations (Sydney and Brisbane), supporters and staff.
2. Development of a three year strategic and annual operating plans to systematically drive expansion and quality service in the three core areas of clinical, education and research.
3. A new Constitution, and additional new members on the Board with advanced finance and business development skill sets.
4. Heightened governance structures at Board level with the introduction of subcommittees for governance, finance, audit and risk management, development, credentialing and quality.
5. Introduction of a collaborative executive team to manage the Foundation effectively - A/Prof Peter Foley (Research Director), A/Prof Chris Baker (Medical Director) and Chris Arnold (Executive Director).
6. A focus on the Foundation's future - our registrars with greater engagement and communication, and the planned rollout of an innovative transition program to assist registrars in moving to consultant status.

Backdrop

- Two years in a state of the art facility which is 25% underutilised.
- Tough economic times and increased costs.
- Rising interest rates.
- Minimal government funding.

5%

There was 5% increase in patients over the last year

\$204k

Year end operating surplus compared with a 2008/09 budget deficit of \$467k

27,453

In 2009-2010 the Skin and Cancer Foundation treated 27,453 patients

Groundbreaking

Foundation signs agreement with Probit Medical Research for clinical trials.

OUTCOMES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Turnaround of the 2008/9 operating deficit of \$467,000 to a 2009/10 operating surplus of \$204,000 (prior to revaluation of the premises).
- Reorganisation of the Foundation's finances and the repayment of \$700,000 of the Foundation's premises loan.
- Agreement to become Australia's inaugural partner for conduct of substantial international trials with Probit Medical Research



'2010/11 - Bring it on!'

THE FUTURE IS "FULL OF PROMISE"

To achieve this promise, we need your support - **MEMBERS**

We need our members to work in the Foundation and to train our registrars in current and new techniques.

In addition, to participate in the Foundation for which many current members had the foresight to establish. It needs current and future generations of members to continue.

SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS

The Foundation recognises the wonderful support which it has received from our past and present sponsors. But we need more - to engage further with our current sponsors and to develop additional partnerships to sure up the Foundation's future.

GOVERNMENT

The Foundation receives minimal government funding only in the area of a limited number of registrar training positions. We need more funding for training of registrars and for the broader education of both dermatologists and general practitioners in dermatology. The Foundation continues to play a leadership role in this area. Its work needs to be supported.

AND FINALLY, AND IMPORTANTLY - OUR COMMUNITY

Our patients in the broader community for whom we provide a centre of excellence to promote healthy skin and the treatment of skin disorders and skin cancer.

The Skin and Cancer Foundation is a not for profit charitable foundation with designated gift recipient (DGR) status. All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

A/Prof Peter Foley
Chairman and Research Director

A/Prof Chris Baker
Medical Director

Chris Arnold
Executive Director



The Skin and Cancer Foundation gratefully acknowledges the patronage of Professor David de Kretser AC, Governor of Victoria.

Governor de Kretser maintains regular updates on the important work of the Foundation and its significance to the Victorian community. In turn this inspires greater confidence in members and staff to continue working towards the Foundation's vision.



BOARD OF MANAGEMENT



A/Prof Peter Foley
(President)



Dr Mei Mui Tam
(Vice President)



Dr Michael Rich
(Treasurer)



A/Prof Christopher Baker
(Immediate Past President)



Dr Chris McCormack
(Board Member)



Dr Edward Upjohn
(Board Member)



Dr Gregory Goodman
(ExOfficio Member)



Dr Hugh Roberts
(Registrar Representative)



Ms Jacqueline Phillips
(Board Member)



Dr Jim Butler
(ExOfficio Member)



Dr Rosemary Nixon
(Board Member)



Ms Marguerite Byrne
(Board Member)



Dr Alvin Chong
(Board Member)



Mr Patrick Burroughs
(Board Member)



Dr Michelle Goh
(Board Member)



Dr Mignon Moyle
(Board Member)



Ms Kathryn Watt
(Board Member)

SUB-COMMITTEES

Governance

Ms Kathryn Watt
Dr Mignon Moyle
A/Prof Peter Foley
A/Prof Christopher Baker
Mr Chris Arnold

Finance, Audit & Risk Management

Dr Michael Rich
Dr Mei Mui Tam
Mr Patrick Burroughs
Mr Chris Arnold

Development

Ms Jacqueline Phillips
Prof Robin Marks
Mr David Gibbs
Dr Peter Cowen
Mr Chris Arnold

Melbourne Skin Pathology

A/Prof Christopher Baker
A/Prof Peter Foley
Mr David Pinkus
Mr Chris Arnold

Infection Control

Dr Greg Goodman
Dr Phillip Bekhor
Ms Jane English

The Credentialling & Quality Committee members are

A/Prof. Chris Baker (Chairman)
Dr. Tim Rutherford
Dr. Phil Lane
Dr. Angela Webb
Ms Jane English
Mr Simon Cumming

VISITING CONSULTANTS

Advanced Surgery

Dr Adam Sheridan
Contact Dermatitis Clinic
Dr Mei Mui Tam
Dr Bruce Tate

Dentist

Dr Jonathan Tverskey
Grenz
Dr Michael Webster
Dr Mignon Moyle

Hair Clinic

Dr Annette Callan
Dr Jack Green
Dr Jill Cargnello

Hyperhidrosis Clinic

Dr Catherine Scarff
Dr Vanessa Morgan

Laser Clinic

Dr Michael Rich
Liaison Clinic
Dr Josephine Yeatman
Dr Melissa Thomas

Melanoma Clinic

Dr Diana Tran
Dr Michael Rich

Men's Health

Dr Anthony Hall

Moh's Surgery

A/Prof Gregory Goodman
Dr Edward Upjohn
Dr Tim Rutherford
Dr Phillip Bekhor
Dr Vanessa Morgan

Nail Clinic

Dr Alex Chamberlain
Dr Anne Howard
Dr Con Doliantis

Occupational Dermatology

Dr Jenny Cahill
Dr Helen Saunders
Dr Rosemary Nixon

Oral Mucous Membrane Clinic

Dr Jonathan Tverskey
Dr Carol Burford
Dr Eric Poon

Phototherapy & PDT

A/Prof Chris Baker
Dr Ana Catona
Dr Phillip Lana

Plastics Clinic

Ms Angela Webb
Mr Miklos Pohl
Mr Dean White
Mr Anthony Penington
Mr Nigel Mann

Psychology

Dr Sebastiana Biondo

Radiotherapy

Dr Jim Butler
Dr Michael Webster
Dr Mignon Moyle

Registrar

Dr Anna Braue
Dr Cara McDonald
Dr Claire Grills

Skin Cancer Assessment

Prof Robin Marks

Surgery

Dr Peter Sinclair

Transplant

Dr Alvin Chong
Dr Michelle Goh

FOUNDATION STAFF

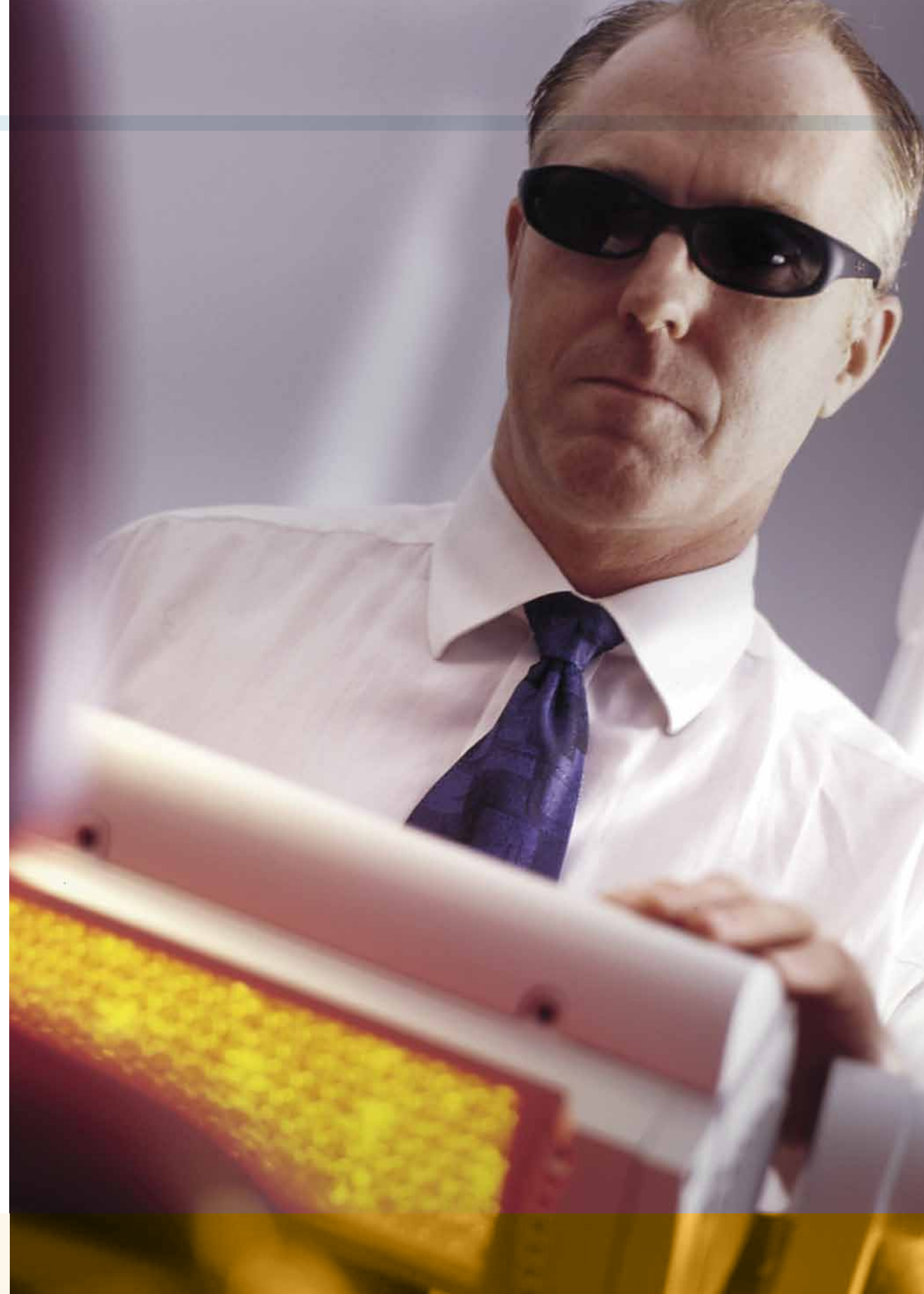
Management

Mr Chris Arnold
(Executive Director)

Ms Jane English
(Nurse Manager)

Ms Sue Edwards
(Admin Manager)

Ms Jane Foreman
(Finance Manager)



**‘I wish all people and
staff in hospitals were like
yours’**

Patient Feedback, July 2010



Clinical

HIGHLIGHTS

- Appointment of A/Prof Chris Baker as Medical Director as recommended by Prof Marks' review of 2009.
- Establishment of a Credentialing and Quality Committee with broad representation.
- The establishment of new clinics and service Dr Cate Scarff – iontophoresis
- Skin check programs by ODREC, commencing with a manufacturing firm with a booking made for Mallesons, a national law firm for 2010/11.
- Additional dermatologist consultants providing service at clinics of the Foundation in 2009/10. Thanks to:
 - Dr's Helen Saunders and Jenny Cahill – OCCDERM
 - Dr Katherine Armour and Dr Anna Braue – UV/Biologics clinic, Dr Claire Grills – Skin Cancer Management Clinic
 - Dr Cara MacDonald – Oral Mucosal
- Expansion of our specialist medical photography service

Recognising the past – Retirements

- Dr Nick Downes, a founding member of the foundation and long term contributor,
- Ms: Margaret Pardon, senior nursing staff (1991– 2010)
- Ms Barbara Ashton, senior nurse (1995 -2010)

New staff

- New dermatology Nurses: Catherine Bennett, Carolyn Fry & Sherie McKay
- Lab Scientist: Bruce Abaloz
- Radiotherapist: Susannah Kallady
- Specialist Biologics Nurses Barb Radulski, who has an international profile and Susan Anderson have joined Sue Byers
- Executive Director; Chris Arnold
- Private sessions were also extended. Approval for a number of private sessions in both dermatology and plastic surgery at the Foundation during the year. Any consultants interested in pursuing sessions should consult the Executive Director.



SKIN PATHOLOGY SERVICES

The importance of the joint initiative between Skin and Cancer Foundation and Melbourne Pathology (which is Skin and Cancer Pathology Pty Ltd) has never been more important. Surpluses from this partnership represent 25% of the Foundation's overall revenue. The Foundation relies on this revenue and support from members is much appreciated and needs to continue.

GOALS FOR 2010 -2011

Introduce Vitalago, aesthetics and iontophoresis.... new clinics to expand training and services

Seek registration as a Day Centre

Implement international teledermatology service for developing countries, commencing with Samoa.

Expansion of skin check program (ODREC) and associated awareness

Review and promulgate new Credentialing guidelines



Education

The Foundation expresses its congratulations to those registrars who have passed their final year exams.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Registrar program - the Foundation's future

Training of Foundation's future consultants through three evening session transition programs covering career choices, working in various settings and personal financial management. This program will be rolled out in September, October, and November following August exams. It is to complement the College's program which will also be conducted in October. Many thanks to the consultants and supporters who have committed time to talk to the registrars about their practical experience in various facets of dermatology life.

INTERNATIONAL TRAINEES

The Foundation is a leading trainer for international dermatology trainees and currently has one IMG position (Dr Kamaldeep Sandhu). The Foundation also trains a number of other international visitors each year.

We are also pleased to announce that additional IMG funded trainee position will be provided to the Foundation in 2011.

Ongoing Clinical Updates for Dermatologists

Clinical updates continued with 8 sessions for 2011.

Dealing with complex cases program

Prof Marks has introduced a monthly morning program open to dermatologists and plastic surgeons introducing complex cases. He is assisted by third year registrar Dr Anita Lasocki.

NURSE EDUCATION

Jane English, our Nurse Unit Manager, has spearheaded the development of a comprehensive nurse education program, involving monthly sessions in addition to the continued ongoing education program for nurses. Sessions included;

Histopathology

Biologics

Contact Dermatitis:
Amanda Palmer

Photodynamic therapy (PDT)
Update: Donna Bernatte

Humira Update:
Melissa Abbott

Management of the paediatric Eczema patient:
RCH Independent
Practitioners: Liz Leins and Emma King

Management of Biologic patients: Sue Byers & Sue Anderson

Australian Dermatology Nurses Association annual meeting: Darwin

Paediatric Eczema management

Administrative Staff Training

A number of administrative staff have commenced government funded courses.

- 4 employees have undertaken Certificate IV courses in Business Administration, Customer Contact and Health Administration.
- 2 new staff have been employed on traineeships in Business Administration and Financial Services.

OH&S representatives have participated in Victorian Worksafe approved courses.

GOALS FOR 2010/11

Secure funding for additional registrar/ international training positions.

Roll out Registrar to Consultant Transition program to support graduating Fellows in dermatology.

Develop a dedicated space for education, particularly for registrars and for microscope use.

Develop and implement a dermatology clinical training offering for final year Monash University medical students.

Expand dermatology nurses education and develop relationship with Royal College of Nursing to extend

our program and to obtain College accredited .

Develop and implement a masterclass series for the use of Biologic drugs.

Produce additional booklets/ material on skin conditions.

Expand funding and sponsorship for our community and outreach education programs.



SKIN & CANCER FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL TRAINEES



Research

HIGHLIGHTS

- A continued program of research and presentations - see list.
- Conducting of a major number of significant trials, including for Novartis.
- Signing of an historic agreement with Probiy Medical Research. The Foundation is Australia's first organisation to be recognised and contracted by PMR for major international trials in Australia. The Foundation is assisting PMR to identify other suitable sites.
- International award for Dr now Associate Professor Rosemary Nixon for international award for imminent scientist of the year in dermatology and occupational health.
- Expansion of Australian Psoriasis Registry to include New Zealand data and, through our international affiliates, for the Australian Psoriasis Registry to be a member of Psonet psoriasis registry consortium.
- Plans have also been drawn up for the segment of the ground floor to become a purpose-built research centre. Plans are also being developed to return the staff who are currently on the first floor to a purpose-built education area, including the microscopes. Both plans are well underway. This will give a real boost to both education and research within the Foundation.
- Jan Campbell and Simon Cumming travelled interstate to provide information and assistance to participants of the Australasian Psoriasis Registry. In July 2009 they flew to Sydney to meet and train members of the Dermatology Department at Liverpool Hospital, South West of Sydney and in April 2010 they presented an update of the Australasian Psoriasis Registry to dermatologists and dermatology nurses at a Clinical Update meeting in Canberra. Travel and accommodation for these trips were kindly provided by Abbott Australasia, one of the pharmaceutical partners of the Australasian Psoriasis Registry.
- In 2009-10, five Australasian Psoriasis Registry training sessions were conducted at the Skin and Cancer Foundation to provide specialist training on the application to dermatology nurses from Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia and Western Australia.
- Starting in late 2009, the Australian Psoriasis Registry underwent a major review and audit of data to identify aspects of the application that required upgrading and improvements to facilitate ease of data collection, entry and analysis. This review

was intended to provide information to allow the Registry to be upgraded and redesigned to present users with an optimal tool to help to record relevant clinical information from patients experiencing moderate to severe psoriasis, particularly those patients that are being treated with 'biologic' drugs. Following a needs analysis, the Registry approached a software designer to assist in the redesign process. The new Australasian Psoriasis Registry was launched and went live on July 1st 2010.

- DERM group assisted Dr. Michael Webster to conduct a study and analysis of the outcome and long term follow up of his Grenz Ray therapy patients. A survey designed to obtain the relevant information was used during telephone contact with 154 patients to record their results following Grenz Ray therapy. During the telephone call, this information was entered into a specifically designed database to allow information to be collected and collated. The data has subsequently been analysed and the information is soon to be published.
- The final mail out of the Common Skin Conditions in the Family information booklet was completed in 2010. This booklet, produced in 2007 in conjunction with the Department of Dermatology, St. Vincent's Hospital Melbourne, has been provided to all new mothers in Victoria when they first attend their local Maternal and Child Health Service. DERM have been co-ordinating the distribution of the booklets to the 80 municipalities across Victoria. While the booklet is not solely devoted to pre and post natal and paediatric skin conditions, the initial distribution was targeted to new mothers as they were identified as a group that would have an immediate need for the information contained in the booklet.
- A follow up survey of the Maternal and Child Health Coordinators receiving the Common Skin Conditions in the Family booklet to assess the level of interest and satisfaction with the booklet has been conducted to obtain feedback on the program and to assess the usefulness of the booklet. The booklet has been very well received and coordinators and recipients of the book are enthusiastic to continue the program. It is hoped that funding will be raised to allow for printing of an updated booklet so that new mothers can continue to receive this valuable resource on skin conditions in the family. With the positive feedback to the booklet, it is also hoped that a wider distribution might also be possible, to allow for it to be distributed more widely throughout the population.

GOALS 2010/11

Enhance our system of clinical indicators and outcome evaluation

Commence major trials through contract with Probit Medical Research

Expand investigator driven trials

Obtain financial support for a research fellow

Develop & distribute additional publications on prominent skin disorders

ODREC

(Occupational Dermatology Research & Education Centre)

It has been another busy year with the small, but dedicated ODREC team.

In October 2009, we welcomed Dr Jenny Cahill on Mondays, helping with our research. Jenny has been working on a number of papers, has been updating our patient information sheets, has assisted with two book chapters for the new edition of the "Handbook of Occupational Dermatology" and has presented talks at both the College Annual Scientific meeting in Darwin, and more recently at the European Society of Contact Dermatitis in Strasbourg, in September 2010. She has also been assisting Rosemary Nixon in the Occupational Dermatology Clinic on a monthly basis, which has allowed us to increase the number of patients seen in our clinic, and reduce the wait time.

Mandy Palmer returned from maternity leave after the birth of her second child, Archie in February 2010. Since her return she has been busy working on several key projects. One of these projects is the upgrade of our database program CAMS®, the Contact Allergy Management System which Kath Frowen and programmer Lesley McMillan had developed in 1999-2000. The introduction of the CAMS database has been



instrumental in our excellent ability to capture clinic data: we have (de-identified) Occupational Dermatology patient records from 1993, and the Contact Dermatitis Clinics from 2000, comprising over 6000 patients in total. We have recently participated in the first Australian contact dermatitis study to combine patch test data from two states, which was in the area

of preservative allergy. This involved Dr Elizabeth Chow and used data from the Skin and Cancer Foundation in NSW, who also use the CAMS database.

Upgrading CAMS will enable the program to be accessible via the internet, and it will no longer be based on specific versions of Microsoft Access. This complex project is nearing completion and will be fully operational from January 2011. The upgraded program is known as PatchCams, and benefits include being able to be access the program remotely, no disruption when versions of Access are upgraded, and being able to enter patient data directly into the system rather than on paper. In particular, interrogating the database for research purposes will become much easier. Over twenty publications to date have relied on data from the database.

The Contact Allergen Bank Australia (CABA) has also progressed this year. It is based on an idea which originated in Denmark, which involves the preparation of individualised patch tests which are posted to dermatologists, in order to facilitate patch testing. It is especially useful for supplying dermatologists with unusual or rare allergens. We are experiencing a steady increase in demand for this service. PatchCams will also facilitate the operation of the Contact Allergen Bank, and from January 2011, CABA

will be available online, via our PatchCams website. For more information about this project email admin@occderm.asn.au

The upgrading of our website, www.occderm.asn.au, by HPR Resources, has been another big undertaking by ODREC. This now allows us to update our content internally, which is a tremendous benefit. We now have patient information about the patch testing process, contact dermatitis, latex allergy, hand eczema and skin care. We also provide a comprehensive list of publications, and services and resources available. Statistics regarding website hits have been quite surprising and after a high of 1700 hits are now averaging 900 hits per month, from all over the world. We have been approached to develop websites for both the International Contact Dermatitis Research Group and the Asia-Pacific Environmental and Occupational Dermatology Group.

We have recently used our evidence-based data from the clinic to propose, for the first time, an Australian baseline patch test series. This series includes allergens important in the Australian population, including tea tree oil, chloroacetamide and basic red 46. This has been the result of much detailed analysis using our data base by Dr Yi Shi Wang, which will be published soon.

Dr Helen Saunders has also been assisting Rosemary in the Occupational Dermatology clinic for the last two years. She ceased clinics, hopefully temporarily, in July, and we are thrilled to congratulate Helen and husband fellow dermatologist Alex Chamberlain on the safe arrival of their first baby, Henry in September.

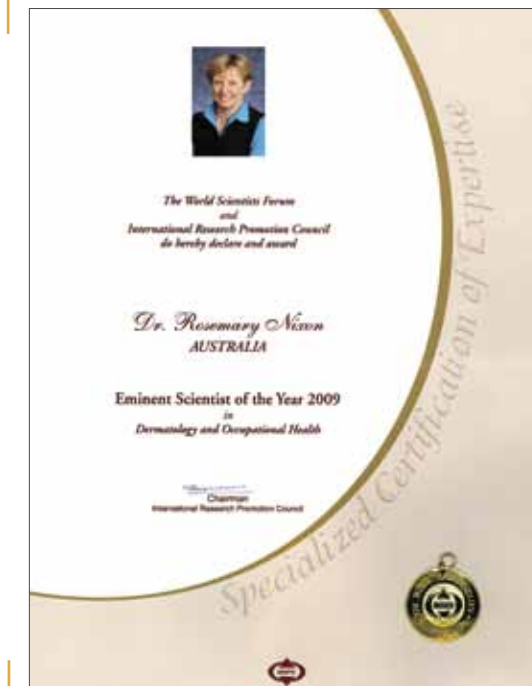
Rosemary has been busy with her contributions to the dermatology community. Last year, she was awarded

a member of the Board of Censors for College.

In addition, Rosemary has also been busy contributing to the new edition of a major multi-authored text book in dermatology "The Handbook of Occupational Dermatology" with Jenny Cahill. Rosemary was recently appointed as an Adjunct Clinical Associate Professor at Monash University, for her ongoing contribution to occupational and contact dermatology in both research and teaching.

Once again the ODREC team have collaborated on a number of projects. We worked with Janine Tickle, a Bachelor of Science (Occupational Health and Safety) student from RMIT. Her research was based on data collected as part of our Skin Watch follow up project. Her project was titled 'Occupational Contact Dermatitis: Does the worker's understanding of their condition alter their clinical outcome?'

We have continued to work with epidemiologists Dr Melanie Matheson and Associate Professor Shyamali Dharmage from Melbourne University, who play a pivotal role in providing statistical analysis and epidemiological advice for many of our research projects and publications. International medical student Melissa Lau assisted in investigating quality of life in our Skin Watch cohort. She has also helped with analysis of Skin Watch patients with persistent dermatitis. Recently we have



"Eminent Scientist of the Year in Dermatology and Occupational Health" from the International Research Promotion Council and became a member of the prestigious International Contact Dermatitis Research Group (ICDRG). She was also re-elected to the Skin and Cancer Foundation Board of Management in November, after an initial stint from 1989-2001. She has organised the monthly Skin and Cancer Foundation Updates since 1989 and is in her last year as

identified that the two most significant risk factors for the development of persistent post-occupational dermatitis are the initial severity of dermatitis and smoking. This is very exciting, and has not been reported elsewhere. This observation was enabled through our development of a validated severity scale for occupational dermatitis in 2008, the ODDI (Occupational Contact Dermatitis Disease Severity Index).

We are also currently working on an international study of two new oxidised fragrance allergens, co-ordinated by Dr Johanna Brared-Christensen from Sweden. Other international collaborators include Professors Tove Agner (Copenhagen), Pavikki Sustival (Helsinki) and Linn Holness (Toronto) as well as Dr Danny Slodownik (Israel).

In September, Rosemary Nixon, Jenny Cahill and Adriene Lee attended the 10th Congress of European Society of Contact Dermatitis in Strasbourg, France and met up with former ODREC researchers Drs Jason Williams (UK), Danny Slodownik (Israel) and Yi Shi Wang (Singapore). All have fond memories of their time at the Foundation.

ODREC continues to offer training in contact dermatitis to registrars, dermatologists and research fellows, both locally and internationally. In the New Year, we will be welcoming a dermatologist Dr Suwimon Pootongkam (Jan) from Thailand, who will be working with us for 2 years. Other doctors who have attended our clinics as observers include Dr Yin Yun, dermatologist, from Brisbane, Dr Nishan Amerasinghe, dermatologist from Sri Lanka, and registrars Drs Kyoko Shirato and Michael Black from South Australia, with more South Australian registrars to follow.

We are grateful to Epiderm for funding many of our projects, including Jenny Cahill's initial traineeship. Other sources of funding for ODREC include medico-legal reports, factory visits and donations, including from country rotations. Rosemary has commenced a corporate skin check service, which will also help to assist with our major expense, salaries. We are thrilled that this will enable Jenny Cahill to continue her research work with us.

Now onto 2011.....We have recently received funding to undertake a project titled 'Improving Public Health-Raising Awareness of Contact Dermatitis.' This project aims to create greater public health awareness about contact dermatitis, leading to improved prevention of this condition. Areas to be included are:

- Promoting the concept that workers with more severe dermatitis need early assessment, diagnosis and treatment.
- Reduction in the use of powdered disposable latex gloves

- Warning beauty therapists, hairdressers and their trainees and apprentices of the dangers of having temporary tattoos, which may contain permanent hair dye in a concentrated form, which may lead to the development of a severe allergic reaction

- Advising against the unnecessary use of essential oils on the skin.

We have recently commenced a dialogue with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission about some of these issues.

A number of lectures at international scientific meetings are scheduled for 2010, in New Orleans, Toronto and Chandigarh.

Once again we would like to thank all at the Skin and Cancer Foundation, who work so tirelessly and cheerfully. In particular, we would like to acknowledge both the enormous contribution of our relatively new CEO, Mr Chris Arnold, who has really made a huge difference to the Foundation, and the ongoing and amazingly dedicated efforts of our President, Associate Professor Peter Foley.

Associate Professor Rosemary Nixon



**‘Could not have asked
for better treatment’**

Patient Feedback, August 2010



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SUE ANDERSON RN DERMATOLOGY BIOLOGICS THERAPY NURSE

Activities 2009-2010

- August 09 – attended Inner Circle Meeting for Nurses in Sydney
- February 10 – attended the Progress & Promise Meeting in Madrid, and the Psoriasis Preceptorship Program in Berlin.
- March 10 – Presentation with Sue Byers Psoriasis – the bigger picture Nurses education meeting Skin & Cancer Foundation Carlton Victoria
- May 10 – attended the ADNA Conference and the ACD Symposium, Darwin NT

PETER FOLEY

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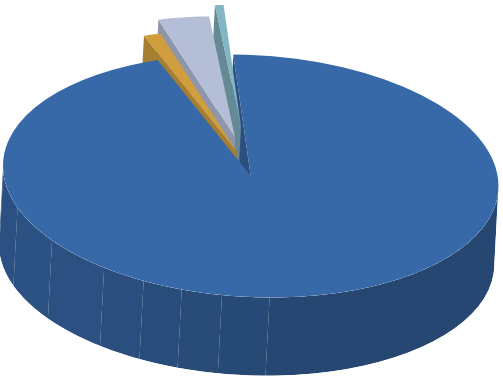
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Abridged Financial Statements

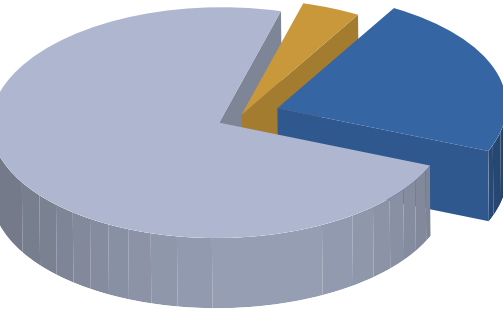
Full audited accounts are available on request or can be downloaded from our website. The auditor for the skin & Cancer Foundation is Bentleys Melbourne Partnership

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets	2010	2009
Cash and cash equivalents	121,293	608,199
Trade and Other receivables	344,467	320,334
Other current Assets	56,000	25,293
Property Plant & Equipment	9,404,638	11,386,832
Total Assets	9,926,398	12,340,658
Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	1,201,663	1,236,753
Borrowings	3,818,035	4,534,710
Employee Benefits	205,701	174,509
Total Liabilities	5,225,399	5,945,972
Net Assets	4,700,999	6,394,686



- ASSETS**
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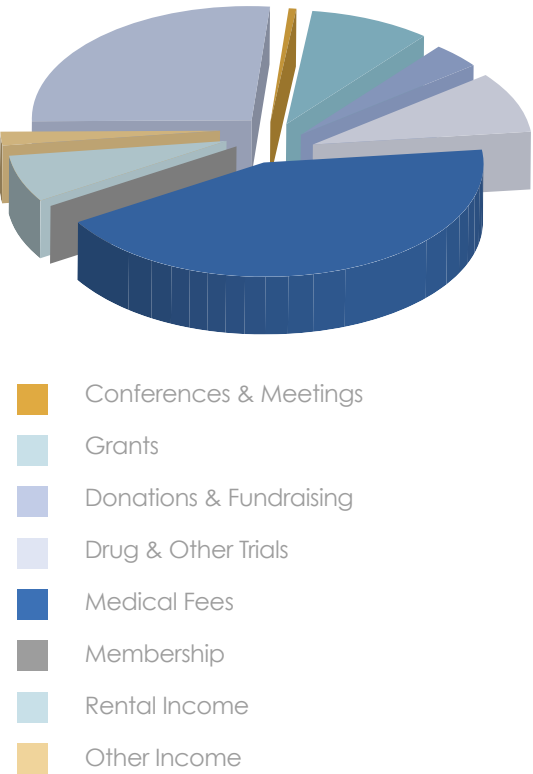


- LIABILITIES**
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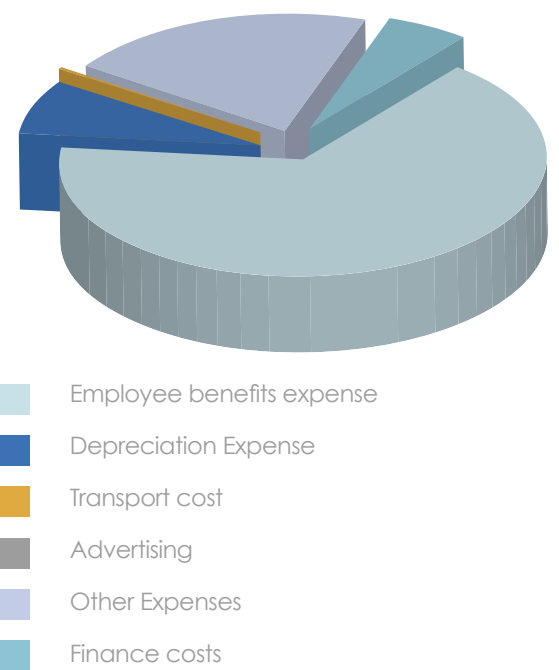
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Revenue	2010	2009
Conferences & Meetings	37,293	23,693
Grants	406,504	127,266
Donations & fundraising	171,098	142,973
Drugs & Other Trials	408,246	197,956
Medical Fees	2,022,629	1,667,770
Membership	314	727
Rental Income	315,074	316,313
Other Income	92,905	234,379
Interest	2,201	64,045
Joint Venture profit	1,241,829	986,797
Total Revenue	4,700,103	3,761,919
Expenditure		
Employee benefits expense	2,980,007	2,338,104
Depreciation Expense	336,545	297,526
Transport costs	6,375	7,973
Advertising	-	4,911
Other Expenses	929,234	1,284,047
Finance costs	243,661	315,492
Total Expenses	4,495,822	4,248,053
Surplus/Defecit Operations	204,281	(486,134)
Other Income / Expenditure		
Impairment loss on building revaluation	(5,087,968)	-
Loss for year	(4,883,687)	-
Other Comprehensive Income		
Net gain on revaluation of land	3,190,000	-
Total Comprehensive Defecit for 2010	(1,693,687)	(486,134)

REVENUE



EXPENDITURE



COMMENTARY TO
2010 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The 2010 financial year was a year of growth for the Skin & Cancer Foundation. Our first full year operating out of our new Drummond Street premises has seen total revenues increased by just short of \$1,000,000 on 2009 results or growth of approximately 25%. Income from medical fees has increased by over \$350,000 for the year (21%). This along with considerable increases in revenue streams from grants & drug trials have helped bolster our total revenues for 2010.

Total expenses for the year were up by only 6% on 2009 figures, a negligible increase when the activity growth is considered.

2010 closed with a surplus from operations of \$204,281, a significant improvement of the deficit incurred in 2009.

With cashflows strengthened through the increased activity we were able to pay down \$700,000 of debt from our facility during 2010. This strengthened financial position has also allowed us to renegotiate our financing arrangements with the bank. This will see us move from the revolving 90 day bill facility we currently hold to a 3 year commercial loan facility in the early part of financial year 2011.

A valuation on the Drummond Street property was obtained as part of the refinancing process. This valuation has been used to revalue our land and building in the accounts for year end. The net book effect of the valuation is a gain on the land component of \$3,190,000 and a loss on the buildings of \$5,087,968. This gives a net downward movement on land & buildings of \$1,897,968, which is shown as part of the comprehensive deficit for the year. This change in valuation has no impact on our operations or our sound financial position. On the positive side the property was valued for vacant possession at \$9,832,500; however as there are currently long term tenancies attached to the building the present day value of this valuation is reduced to \$8,325,000. We will commission regular property valuations and continue to revalue the property in line with commercial property market movements.

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the staff are ‘happy’... it
becomes infectious’**

Patient Feedback, May 2010



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In particular we thank our member dermatologists, many of whom give their time, talents and resources regularly and generously.

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