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President's Report

Dear Dentistry & Oral Health Students,
Another year has started and it's heads down already! Firstly, I would like to say congratulations to the current 4th Year Dentistry students who completed the Bachelor of Health Science in Dentistry program last year. Good luck commencing the Masters of Dentistry program this year guys! Congratulations to the 3rd Year Oral Health students who graduated from their Bachelor of Oral Health Science degree mid-year (2010). I extend a warm welcome (on behalf of the entire student cohort & BOHDS) to the new students commencing first year Dentistry and Oral Health. You will no doubt learn very soon how fortunate you are to be studying in such a positive and supportive learning environment/institution.

Some of the highlights to date for BOHDS include:

- The development of the Student Credentialing Folder (positively accepted and promoted by academic staff).
- Market day stall (O'Week). Thank you to second year Dentistry and Oral Health students who really made this day complete and achievable. Thank you to George Abdelmalek, David Goubrial and Mike Mladenovic for all the after-hours commitment and organizing you dedicated to this event's success.
- O' Week Sausage Sizzle. Thank you to second year Dentistry and Oral Health

students who organized and executed the fine art of cooking sausages to provide to the members (especially Quor Ten Teh). Thank you again to George Abdelmalek, David Goubrial and Mike Mladenovic for all the after-hours commitment and organizing you dedicated to this event's success. I would like to thank our Gold Sponsor: Bongiorno Group for traveling from Melbourne to be present and support our event.

- The BOHDS year Reps have been out advertising BOHDS membership and have been reminding all students of the closing date for membership (18th March 2011).
- Member events have in some cases, had dates finalized (e.g. BOHDS Ball, Free member night at The Zone), with other dates remaining

under discussion. These dates will be advertised in due course.

I would like to thank and warmly welcome the new and existing sponsors of Bendigo Oral Health & Dentistry Society and look forward to a positive relationship working with them to optimize their sponsorship in 2011.

We look forward to continuing to support and organize events for our members with enthusiasm for the duration of the year to come.

Andrew Sproll (President)



Upcoming events

- "Get in the Zone" at The Zone. FREE for members. 24th March
- Inter-University Soccer Match . 27th March
- BOHDS Ball TBA
- BOHDS Hoodies TBA

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Important News

- New merchandise and second hand book section on the BOHDS website
- Lockers in the Simulation Labs A, B and C are NOT insured
- Rural Tertiary Hardship Fund Scholarship available from the Australian Government. 1600 grants of \$3000. For further information contact Mary Ann Liu (Secretary)
- BOHDS ball is approaching, so if you are an enthusiastic individual who wants to be a part of the BOHDS ball committee, contact any member of the BOHDS committee for further details.

Update from Bendigo Health

1st semester has started with a hibe of activity at the Anne Caudle centre. Level 5 development has completed with additional 10 chairs to support the student clinical activity. We have 4th Dentistry and 3rd BOH continuing with their clinical sessions. Dentistry 3rd year & BOH 2nd have completed their Gateway to clinical and ready to start on patients. We welcome the new Clinic Co-ordinator Dr Jacki Goode and all the clinical demonstrator's back on board.

Marg McNamara (Clinic Co-ordinator, Community Dental Clinic)

Updates from the Rural and Regional clinics

BENDIGO:

"In addition to further developing clinical skills, students in Bendigo have had an exciting rotation so far, with the focus on Fixed Prosthodontics and a series of art classes. We have not only built on our knowledge of crowns and bridges via a series of lectures, tutorials and laboratory simulation exercises, we have also come to the appreciation of tooth shade and aesthetic dentistry."

Sarah Yen (4th Year Dentistry Student)

MILDURA:

Palm trees, shopping centres, paddle steamers, orange world and endless days of sunshine! -

Sounds like a perfect place for a 3 month rotation for the fourth year dentistry students!

The Mildura placement was definitely one not to be missed. Even the end of January floods was not going to stop the nine students trekking 400km North West of Bendigo through flooded roads to get here.

The brand new Sunraysia Community Health Service clinic was finished April last year. There are four teaching clinic rooms and the facilities are second to none. Our clinical placement has adopted a holistic approach to dentistry



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beyond the scope of just operating. In addition to daily clinical patients, we have assisted in CSD (sterilising), health promotion including preparations for the community Mardi Gras and Centro walks with the aged, orthodontics observation, dentistry observation as well as teaching oral hygiene principles to the people at Life Skills.

Guest appearances from Special Needs dentist, Dr Shnider as well as Orthodontic tutorials from Dr Coveney have enriched our perspectives of the varying dentistry specialities.

A highlight of the placement was our first extractions day where Dr Kai Lee, maxillofacial surgeon, visited the clinic to assist the students with surgical extractions including raising a flap and suturing on appropriate patients.

Completing a full upper and lower denture was another very satisfying component of this placement. Working and visiting the labs with the help of prosthetist's expertise, John Weaving, made fabricating a denture most rewarding for the patient and ourselves.

In the words sung by the owner at Orange World 'Mildura is Magic', and I hope you all come and enjoy a stay at the township that is the top of Victoria.

Alison Sahhar
Fourth Year dentistry student

Fourth Year BOHDS representative

MELTON:

The new student public dental clinic in Melton has allowed for a continuation of the 4th year students professional development. Under the tutelage and supervision of a core group of experienced dentists, we have been able gain first hand experience in a wide range of areas in dentistry. These include removable prosthodontics, endodontics, oral surgery, restorative dentistry and periodontics. The brand new clinic and friendly staff have created a challenging yet enjoyable working environment, greatly contributing to our practical learning.

David Trinh

WODONGA:

Just a quick update from the 4th years in Wodonga! Firstly a big welcome to the new first years of 2011, hopefully you are all enjoying the La Trobe experience and BOHDS of course!

For those who don't know what or where Wodonga is, Wodonga is essentially a town on the Victorian side of the border with New South Wales. Wodonga is around 300 kilometres north-east of Melbourne.

The La Trobe Dental Clinic, allied with Albury-Wodonga health, is pretty much still brand spanking new, as it was only opened mid-year last year.

We've really enjoyed working with the staff and supervisors- whom are friendly, cheeky and rather interesting!

The lovely practice manager, Kerryn, was kind enough to lend me the service profile report of what we've been doing for up until now. So, what better way is there to share our experiences than statistics! Everyone loves statistics! So... As

of the 3/3/11, the nine 4th years in Group 4 has seen a total of 230 patients over 429 appointments. We've extracted 34 teeth or part(s) thereof, completed 340 restorations, provided 23

endodontic procedures and 449 preventive procedures including S&Cs. All in all, I think I can say on behalf of my group that our placement in Wodonga thus far has been entirely delightful and beneficial to us physically, mentally, socially, and educationally.

Hopefully, you've enjoyed reading this short update. Over and out~

Henry Cheng (inaugural VP of
BOHDS) xD
4th Year Dentistry Student

