

## **President's Report**

The Society is now entering its third year with a new management group. We have been able to establish a web site with the help of Professor Guy Maddern at the University of Adelaide Department of Surgery at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital. It has the President's Report and a photo gallery which is now in its third edition. Its most recent photographs show a bleeding cup, pharmacy jars, Nash Associator and Duraluminum teeth.

Dr Sally Stephenson has joined us as a consultant and attends our meetings. Her recent view of hospital heritage items is thorough and most valuable. She is also arranging an important meeting to discuss the future aims of the Society.

Our meetings continue. So far this year we have visited the Women's & Children's Hospital (Dr Fotheringham and Graham Truman) and the Florey Clinic (Dr Richard Brock). The history of ACH and the exploits of Florey, Fleming and Chain were the themes. The presentations were informative and enjoyable.

The next two presentations will deal with the history of the Repatriation General Hospital (Dr Peter Last, July 19) and Mr Tom Stevenson (History of Orthopaedics in South Australia, August). We intend to discuss the role of dialysis in South Australia some time in October.

Professor Wayne Sampson has joined our Society and will provide an important contribution from the Faculty of Dentistry. We have also formed a friendly co-operation with Pauline Payne, the President of the Science, Innovation and Technology Group. We distribute our notices and attend meetings of each other.

After three years it is conventional for the President and other members of the management team to give an opportunity for others to take a role in the Society. It is hoped that this will be discussed at this annual general meeting or at the seminar arranged by Sally Stephenson.

The Society continues to gather information about important heritage items and significant events in the medical history of South Australia. We now have records of over 150 such items and their photographs. The need of a temporary storage facility and a site for educational exhibits is an urgent priority.

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