



## President's Report

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### ANZAP Council

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As my term as President is closing, I want to thank the Academy for the privilege of leading it. I also need to thank the council and operations manager. Running a society is a team effort. A lot of the changes that took place during my term were started by Nick Cole and I and ANZAP are lucky to have his foresight and planning. I feel that I have unfinished business, but I know that Tino will drive the Academy forward.

The council members' reports will provide a window into what it takes to run the Academy. We need a wide range of skill sets to cover everything that we, as an Academy, should be involved in. This ranges from item codes to education. At a previous AGM a member commented on the lack of periodontists involved at national meetings bringing up the role of the Academy. In my term I have tried to develop and expand our role to ensure greater involvement in dentistry in line with our vision. The portfolios have been changed to better reflect who we are as an Academy to ensure we fulfill our vision and at the end of the day ensure better management of patients with periodontitis.

We now have direct representation of both our teachers and students, a missing piece that needs a voice. There has been greater interaction with the ADA among dental organisations and a number of members presented at FDI. I need to also thank those members who gave up their time to talk to the postgrads in our evening seminars.

Perhaps the biggest change is the appointment of Kayla Ashkar as operations manager. ANZAP is over ten times the size it was when it was founded with the exponential workload associated with this. There is only so much the council can do and it was obvious that we needed support. Kayla has been exemplary in this role. It may not look like much has happened but the governance and running of the Academy is so much better and will be reflected by how seamlessly we function in the future.

I think I leave the Academy in a better place and know that we are in very safe hands. When I joined ANZAP in the mid-2000's I was the younger generation and somehow, I've ended up as the older generation. It's been a great journey being part of this family and I look forward to continuing it with you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ivan Darby', is displayed on a light yellow rectangular background.

Ivan Darby  
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