



Welcome to your new 2016 – 2018 ANZAP council.

Your new office bearers are:

Dr Rachel Garraway – President
Dr Kaye Kendall - Secretary / Treasurer and Qld Councillor

Councillors:

Dr David Drew (SA)
Prof Ivan Darby (VIC)
Dr Tino Mercado (NSW)
Dr Nicholas Cole (NZ)
Dr Wendy Gill (WA)

Please get acquainted with your local councillor and let us know if there are any issues concerning you. ANZAP Council meets regularly by teleconference. Organising this can be difficult due to the four hour time difference between Perth and New Zealand – it can be quite a late night for Dr Nick Cole in NZ!

I would like to thank Dr Greg Whyte as immediate past president for his contribution to ANZAP; during his time as ANZAP President and also for his years as councillor and chair of the STP committee prior to his presidency. I would also like to thank Dr Tony Murphy for all of his hard work in the role of secretary / treasurer over the last two years. He leaves the academy books in very good shape.

A special thank you to Prof Lisa Heitz-Mayfield for her efforts organising the recent scientific meeting in Sydney. Lisa has been on the council for eight years and although she has recently resigned from council we are very fortunate to have her on board as Chair of the Organising committee for the next [ANZAP Scientific Meeting in Perth, 8-11 March 2017](#). Please put his date in your diaries now.

For those of you on social media, Dr Tino Mercado has created an [ANZAP Facebook page](#) so please 'like' us and we have a look at some of the great photos from the recent scientific meeting in Sydney.

Item Number Update

A very productive meeting was held in Sydney on 18 May 2016, with the ADA Federal executive and representatives of both ANZAP and ASP. In response to the joint ASP/ANZAP submission, the ADA Federal Executive has approved several variations to the periodontology item numbers in the 11th Edition of the Australian Schedule of Dental Services and Glossary.

The following new item numbers are to be adopted:

1. 250 Active Non-Surgical Periodontal Therapy per quadrant

Non-surgical management of uncontrolled periodontal disease in a quadrant with at least three teeth with clinical attachment loss of at least 3 mm or pocketing of at least 4mm. This includes procedures described in items 111, 114, 115 and 222 for the quadrant. Items such as 113, 131 and 142 may be itemised separately.

2. 251 Supportive Periodontal Therapy – per appointment

Maintenance of periodontal health subsequent to active non-surgical or surgical periodontal therapy. This includes procedures described in items 111, 114, 115 and 222. Items such as 113, 131 and 142 may be itemised separately.



The following amendments are to be made:

1. **111 Removal of plaque and/or stain**

Removal of dental plaque and/or stain from the surfaces of all teeth and/or implants. This item is included in procedures described by items 114, 115, 250 and 251.

2. **222 Periodontal Debridement – per tooth**

The mechanical removal of biofilm and calculus from a periodontally diseased tooth to a level consistent with periodontal health. Where calculus removal is undertaken for other teeth at the same or a subsequent visit that do not require debridement it is appropriate to itemise 114/115 for these teeth in conjunction with but separate from the teeth that have undergone periodontal debridement.

3. **231 Gingivectomy – per tooth**

The surgical removal of the soft tissue wall of the periodontal pocket or the removal of swollen, excess gingival tissue. The procedure includes the removal of calculus and periodontal debridement of the tooth.

4. **232 Periodontal flap surgery – per tooth**

Incision and raising of a flap of gingival tissue to enable removal of inflammatory or granulation tissue. The procedure includes the removal of calculus and periodontal debridement of the tooth

5. **242 Osseous surgery – per tooth or implant**

Reshaping and modifying defects and deformities in the bone supporting and surrounding the tooth or implant. This includes procedures described in item 232. The procedure includes the removal of calculus and periodontal debridement of the tooth or implant.

The following Guidelines are to be adopted:

Guidelines for Periodontics

Integral to all periodontal treatment is the necessity for a periodontal assessment (Item 221- Clinical periodontal analysis and recording) prior to treatment and the establishment of an interval for ongoing periodontal treatment based on the patient's risk assessment. This may lead either to surgical therapy or ongoing Supportive Periodontal Therapy (Item 251) or a return to Active Periodontal Therapy (Item 250) as needed.

Item 250 Active Non-Surgical Periodontal Therapy per quadrant

This treatment is aimed at decreasing gingival inflammation, reducing pocket depth and gaining clinical attachment.

Item 251 Supportive Periodontal Therapy – per appointment

This treatment is aimed at maintaining a low level of gingival inflammation, with reduced pocket depths and gains in clinical attachment in comparison to the pre-treatment assessment. It is to be undertaken in a single visit.

Thank you to Dr Rod Marshall for his fantastic efforts in preparing the submission. This was a mammoth task, taken on at short notice, at a challenging time. We are very grateful for his time and expertise. The final submission was endorsed by both ANZAP and ASP (thank you to Prof Saso Ivanovski and Dr Fritz Heitz) and signed by nearly 500 individuals.

We would also like to thank the ADA Federal executive for facilitating a prompt review of the item numbers, in particular the Federal President Dr Rick Olive and the new Chair of the Schedule committee, Dr Carmelo Bonanno. It will take some time before these new item numbers are actioned (and health funds have made the appropriate changes) but we will keep you informed of developments.

I hope to keep you all up to date with what goes on behind the scenes in the running and organisation of your Academy. We are a small but strong organisation, please stay involved and help us to help you.

Kind regards,

Rachel Garraway
ANZAP President 2016-2018

Scientific Meeting Update – 19th & 20th May 2016

The recent ANZAP scientific meeting in Sydney “Changing Paradigms – Saving Teeth” was a great success with more than 100 members attending.

Professor Niklaus Lang set the tone for a super day reminding us of what we were trained to do as periodontists. This was followed by terrific presentations from new graduates and more senior ANZAP members. Thanks to all for their contribution.

The inaugural ANZAP Postgraduate Education Day was held on May 19th at the University of Sydney. Periodontal postgraduate students from Australia and New Zealand came to together to meet one another for the first time and spend the entire day together with Professor Niklaus Lang - a truly unique experience.

Enjoy the photos and join us in 2017 in Perth, March 8 – 11th for our next ANZAP Scientific Meeting: Periodontal Regeneration and Tissue Engineering.

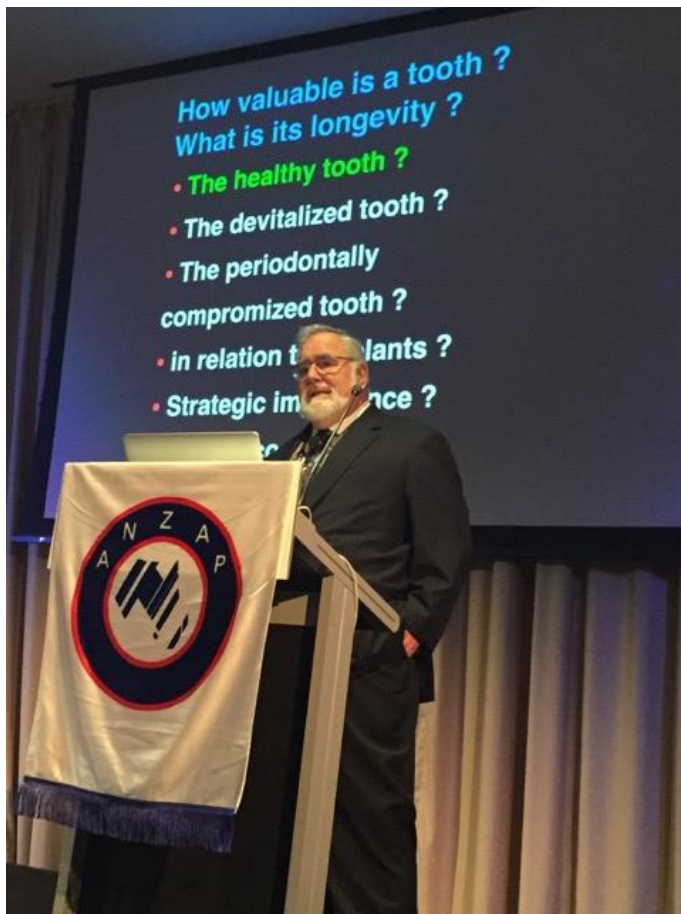
Attendance Certificates will be emailed to attendees over the coming week.

Lisa Heitz-Mayfield
Scientific Meetings Committee

ANZAP Postgraduate Meeting: 19th May 2016



ANZAP Scientific Meeting: 20th May 2016



Prof Niklaus Lang



Dr Ellie Knight



Dr Alex du Bois



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