

# ANNUAL REPORT

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#### PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2010

The Year in Review. - Dr Alison Butt

It has been an enormous privilege and pleasure to serve the ASMR as President this year. Upon reflection, it has also been a very interesting and exciting year to be at the helm of the Society, with almost unprecedented political activities, and a very welcomed and timely focus on reform in Australia's healthcare system.

Australia, like many other countries around the world, is grappling with the health challenges presented by our ageing population and seemingly unstoppable escalations in the incidence of chronic diseases. These issues were highlighted this year by the release of two key documents - the first was the 'Intergenerational Report 2010' released by the Federal Treasurer, Wayne Swan in February. This report is a projected assessment of the nation's demographic, economic and social makeup forward to 2050. The second was the announcement by the Rudd Government of its National Health Reform Plan - 'A National Health and Hospitals Network for Australia's Future'. But while both reports fully acknowledge the current and future healthcare challenges facing our nation, what is less clear is how we can effectively address them.

One very important facet of the health reform debate that the ASMR has been strongly advocating for over the past year, is how we can accelerate the translation of our worldclass health and medical research (HMR) into world-class healthcare delivery. Indeed, one of the real obstacles we face in improving our nation's health system, is that the enormous advances in our understanding and treatment of disease are not always being effectively and rapidly translated into better health outcomes. With this in mind, the ASMR has been emphasising to both sides of government that HMR - of both a basic and translational nature, should be a pivotal and integral component of a robust, self-improving, 21st century healthcare system. At the nexus of this clinical/research interface is the clinical researcher who provides a vital, two-way conduit between basic research of clinical relevance and its translation into clinical practice. Surprisingly, there is very little information on the number of clinicians actively engaged in research in Australia - how much of their time is devoted to research or the sources of their research funding.

The ASMR has extended its recently commissioned workforce survey – 'Planning the Health and Medical Research Workforce 2010-2019', to gather such data, and this information will be vital to underpin our arguments to

Government for the future sustainable development of the HMR workforce.

In addition to this domestic focus, the Society has also been outward looking this year – identifying potential opportunities and synergies for HMR funding initiatives in the Asia Pacific region. Based on our prior research into global models



of sustainable research funding – in particular, the European Framework 7 program, the ASMR has been exploring the possibilities for similar schemes with our close neighbours in the Asia Pacific.

This research effort has culminated in a special forum to be held at the opening of the 5th Australian Health & Medical Research Congress (AHMRC) – 'Framework for the future - An Asia Pacific HMR Funding Union'. Facilitated by Dr Norman Swan, awarding winning health reporter and broadcaster, and following an introduction by Sir Gus Nossal, our distinguished panel (Richard Woolcott, AC -Former Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade, former Australian Ambassador to Indonesia & the Phillipines, former High Commissioner to Malaysia, Ghana & Singapore; Prof. Robyn Norton - Principal Director of The George Institute for Global Health; Prof. Ed Liu -Executive Director, Genome Institute of Singapore; Prof. Kim Mulholland - Centre for International Child Health; Prof. Andrew Cochrane - Chairman, The Hospital of Hope, Timor-Leste; Dr. Rado Faletic - Executive Director, Forum for European-Australian Science & Technology Cooperation) will debate the challenges, opportunities and possibilities of a regional funding initiative for HMR. It promises to be a very lively and stimulating event!

A real highlight for me this year was ASMR Medical Research Week®, in particular the ASMR Medallist Tour with Baroness Susan Greenfield.

Not only was Susan a complete delight to travel with, but her infectious enthusiasm for research, as well as her thought-provoking communication of the potential for HMR to alleviate the burden of disease, was truly inspiring. Susan spoke to over 1500 researchers, politicians and dignitaries in all state capitals and the ACT, and also strongly advocated on behalf of the HMR sector in an exhausting round of media interviews, reaching nearly 9 million people with the ASMR MRW® message!

#### President's Report continued

An initiative of the ASMR, the 5th AHMRC promises to be another exciting, multidisciplinary event with 23 different societies and organisations coming together in the brand new Melbourne Convention Centre. Many are holding their annual scientific meetings as part of the AHMRC, including the ASMR whose theme this year is 'Infection and Disease' convened by Gilda Tachedjian. We are delighted to have such distinguished scientists giving the ASMR orations this year – Prof. David Sinclair (Firkin Orator) and Prof. Alan Cowman (Edwards Orator). Congratulations go to the AHMRC convenor, Rosemary Keogh, program convenor, Michael Hickey and their committee for putting together another great event.

The ASMR has maintained its strong commitment to career development this year, with a continuation of its mentoring program where researchers can go online to be matched with a mentor (http://www.asmr.org.au/Mentor.html). I would encourage the ASMR membership to take full advantage of this valuable and unique scheme. We are also running another of our highly successful Professional Development days as part of the 5th AHMRC. Aimed at mid-career researchers, this year's theme is 'Steps to Success - The Key Ingredients to Running a Successful Research Group' and my thanks go to Dr Sarah Meachem (facilitator), and all our speakers for giving their valuable time to this important event.

In closing, there are many people to thank for their hard work and enthusiasm on behalf of the ASMR this year. All the ASMR state convenors and their hard working committees; ASN events – in particular Maree Overall and her team; ASMR past presidents for invaluable support and sage advice; the ASMR Directors and Executive for their continued commitment to the Society and its ideals. A very special thank you also goes to Cath West and Priscilla Diment in the ASMR Executive Office for all their tireless efforts and enormous dedication to the ASMR. We enter the 50th year of the ASMR as a strong and vibrant society with a proven track record of effective advocacy on behalf of the sector. I wish incoming President, Emma Parkinson-Lawrence every best wish for another successful year!

Dr Alison Butt President, the Australian Society for Medical Research, 2010

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# ASMR Research Awards Winners

2000	Miss Raelene Lim
2001	Dr Patricia Mote
2002	Ms Vanessa Murphy
2003	Ms Mary Kavurma
2004	Dr Richard Allen
2005	Dr Gabrielle Todd
2006	Ms E Sutcliffe (D)
	Dr Elke Hacker (I)
2007	Ms A Lehane (D)
	Dr Di Yu (I)
2008	A Mohamedali (D)
	Dr Louise Dunn (I)
2009	Dr D Johnstone (D)
	Dr Siobhan Shabrun (I)
2010	Dr Ivan Ka Ho Poon(I)
	DrJustin Lees (D)

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# Agenda - Annual General Meeting Melbourne Convention Centre - Tuesday 16th November 2010 - commencing 12:15pm

Item 1	Welcome and Apologies - Dr A lison Butt		
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Item 7	Other Business - Dr Alison Butt		
Item 8	Directors and Office Bearers 2011 - Dr Emma Parkinson Lawrence		
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# Board Meetings Attendance by Directors

# November 14, 2009

Dr Sarah Meachem

Dr Alison Butt

Dr Paul Dawson

Dr Emma Parkinson-Lawrence

Dr Kathy Andrews

Dr Rosemary Keogh

A/Prof Naomi Rogers

Dr Kristen Nowak

A/Prof Andrew Brown

Dr Daniel Wallace

Dr Roger Yazbek

Dr Juliet Taylor

Dr Rachel Burt

Dr Andrew Laslett

A/Prof Martin Delatycki

Apologies: Prof Fabienne Mackay

## March 24, 2010

Dr Alison Butt

Dr Emma Parkinson-Lawrence

Dr Kristen Nowak

Dr Rosemary Keogh

Dr Kathy Andrews

Dr Juliet Taylor

Dr Rachel Burt

Dr Daniel Wallace

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Dr Roger Yazbek

Apologies: Dr Paul Dawson; A/Prof Naomi Rogers

# **July 13, 2010 - Executive**

Dr Alison Butt

Dr Emma Parkinson-Lawrence

Dr Paul Dawson

Dr Kristen Nowak

# September 8, 2010

Dr Alison Butt

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Dr Kathy Andrews

Dr Rosemary Keogh

Dr Roger Yazbek

Dr Daniel Wallace

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# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH, HELD AT THE HOTEL GRAND CHANCELLOR, HOBART TASMANIA ON NOVEMBER 16, 2009

# Item 1 Welcome and Apologies, Dr Sarah Meachem

In the presence of the required quorum, Dr Meachem opened the Meeting, welcoming all present. Apologies were received from Professor Jock Findlay, Dr Morag Young, Dr John McDougal, Dr Kieran Scott, Dr Elizabeth Williams, Mrs Ruth Lilian, Professor Maree Gleeson, Dr Caroline Salom, Dr Amanda Reid, Dr Kathy Andrews, Dr Naomi Rogers, Professor Fabienne Mackay.

# Item 2 Confirmation of Minutes, 19th November 2008, Dr Sarah Meachem

A/Prof Martin Delatycki moved that the Minutes of the AGM of November 19 2008 be accepted as a true and accurate reflection of that meeting; seconded by Dr Emma Parkinson-Lawrence.

# Item 3 President's Report, Dr Sarah Meachem

Dr Meachem opened her report by referring to the core business of the Society, since 1980, being to run important events to raise the awareness of the benefits of HMR via ASMR MRW® and fostering the careers of HM Researchers by professional training workshops. As a part of this, ASMR has worked hard and played a major role in influencing policy at the Federal over the past 15 years. Dr Meachem advised the meeting that ASMR is entering a whole new realm in designing, developing, writing and implementing policy. Since 2007 we have been working on a new policy to create a sustainable investment mechanism, a mechanism to create an attractive, dynamic research culture in this country, a culture which promotes agility and flexibility. This initiative is still in the design and development phase, as ASMR continues to collect the data which is a valuable tool, not just for our sector to leverage government, but also to provide important information to be used by government. This phase is critical in supporting and justifying such a policy. ASMR continues, to take high level advice to remain politically and economically relevant. The next phase is to write policy. We plan to submit the white paper in 2013/14 and the green paper in 2018/19. There there will be consultation with members and stakeholder groups.

Returning to the present day, Dr Meachem spoke of the issues the sector must deal with now. As a consequence of Australia's rapidly changing political and economic landscape, it seems that the HMR community, is faced on a yearly basis with the unsettling and inevitable question; Will NHMRC funding be maintained or cut this budget? ASMR has consulted widely with the powers that be. The message coming through loud and clear is that there is a real danger NHMRC funding may be cut in this coming budget. However, even if there is no further increase in NHMRC investment in this budget. funding will be static, which means in real terms NHMRC funding will decline. The apparent immediate impacts will undoubtedly be decreases in NHMRC grant success rates which will impact job security and career opportunities while more long term, detrimental impacts will be on our nations' world placement, loss of investment in the gains we have made not only in health but also in our valuable workforce as well as the loss of the momentum of discovery. This budget is an election budget and provides a valuable opportunity to engage politicians and articulate the benefits of health and medical research. ASMR has embarked on a campaign that calls researchers and the public into action. Dr Meachem urged members to influence policy by writing letters. Letter writing campaigns have worked in the past and they will work again. The request specifically for this election budget is for the Federal Government to maintain NHMRC budget with a modest increase. ASMR believe this is a responsible and achievable request given the

current fiscal constraints of the nation.

ASMR urges members to take 3 actions

- \* write a letter,
- \* meet with your local Member of Parliament and
- \* invite them to your organisation to showcase some home grown discoveries

ASMR has all the resource material to assist in this campaign - its all on the website or alternatively come contact one of the Directors of the Society.

The other facet of engagement is to educate and inform our policy makers of the importance of health and medical research to the health and wealth of the nation and also that our HMR workforce is a valuable investment in human capital. Using our valuable people better and smarter will not only help underpin the needs of the nation, it sets the nation on a course for achieving a sustainable, affordable health system all Australian's can enjoy.

Another important step forward this year was to define our workforce now, and plan it for the next decade. The Rudd Government are committed to having a highly educated, skilled and well trained workforce and thus workforce planning is essential to achieve this end. ASMR identified the need to obtain quantitative data. What is known about the HMR workforce?

- 1. It has been an outstanding contributor to the health and wellbeing of Australians and as a sector highly productive, with Access Economics reporting HMR provides 117% return on investment, exceeded only by the mining and wholesale sectors.
- 2. The international standing and significance of Australia's HMR is unquestioned as shown by the consistently high output of fundamental research and translational outcomes in a cost-efficient manner.

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- 3. Australian HMR contributes 3.05% of the total world HMR R&D from only 1.1 % of the expenditure and delivers twice the OECD average on a per capita basis with a strikingly high international standing by citation and
- 4. Our translational outcomes are impressive in global terms.
- 5. With Dr Elizabeth Blackburn, the first Australian female laureate, being the most recent recipient of a Nobel Prize in medicine and physiology, taking Australia's tally to six. Surprisingly this is largely the only quantitative data available on the HMR workforce.

In line with ASMR's responsible approach, it is crucial that requests for increased investment are clearly articulated with amounts justified and aligned with strategic initiatives, health issues and outcomes. Unsubstantiated funding requests risk diluting efforts to ensure a sustainable and robust HMR into the future. To this end, ASMR commissioned Deborah Schofield. Associate Professor and Director of Research Northern Rivers University Department of Rural Health (NRUDRH), School of Public Health, Faculty of Medicine, University of Sydney to conduct a workforce study. The report, "People make science happen", was launched to at Parliament House to an audience of policy makers in October 2009.

The key figures of the report are;

- \*there are 39,000 staff (this excludes students), 15,000(40%) have a PhD or equivalent qualification,
- \* to get a PhD student over the line (assuming a 4 year PhD) it cost in the order \$140,000 plus or minus \$57.000.
- \* and additional 5700 PhD or equivalently qualified personnel will need to graduate and be willing to work in our sector to account for retirements and increasing population.

- \* if the 5700 qualified personnel were all home grown, this was estimated to cost in order of \$800M. To put that in perspective, that amount is more than the entire years budget of the NHMRC this year.
- \* a recruitment of human capital is needed to maintain our world class health and medical research workforce over the next decade.
- \* If Australia is to have the most highly educated, best skilled and highly trained HMR sector in the world, the number of qualified researchers (PhD or equivalent) would need to expand 1.5-2.5 fold to be on par with knowledge based workforces such as the European workforce. Australia would require an additional 23,000-38,000 being estimated to cost in excess of \$3B.

The recommendations of the study are that, to sustain and expand the HMR workforce would require the development, design and implementation of

- 1) a long ranging commitment to long term, sustainable investment guided by informed, innovative and visionary policy reform,
- 2) a viable 'long lasting' career structure which will attract and retain our best, brightest, most productive human capital, and
- 3) expansion of international partnerships and enhanced capacity through development of a regional union. For example, Asia-Pacific.

This study is timely and will undoubtedly be an important tool for the sector, the government and in our quest to develop new and better policy.

Concluding on a personal note, Dr Meachem said, "It has been what I would describe as an extremely productive year, with much time and energy given to all ASMR's important programmes to forge them forward. It has also been a very reproductive year, with three of the executive directors having babies. Which just goes to show that one can have their cake and eat it too! Research, Advocacy and Family!! It has been my pleasure serving you as the President, an appointment I have wholeheartedly loved! Thank you"

## Item 4 Treasurer's Report, Dr Alison Butt

Dr Butt referred to the audited Financial Statements advising the meeting that the Society is solvent but profit is down on previous years which is a direct impact of the global financial downturn. Dr Emma Parkinson-Lawrence moved that the Financial Statements be accepted; seconded by Dr Andrew Laslett.

# Item 5 ASMR Research Fund, Dr Alison Butt

Dr Butt advised that the Research Fund ran at a loss of \$738.00 for the financial year ended June 30, 2009. She reported that there are two annual awards, one of \$5,000 (International) and one of \$2,000 (Domestic). These awards fund research by young scientists in either an overseas laboratory or a laboratory outside the recipient's home city in Australia.

# i) Announcement of Award Winners 2009

**Dr Siobhan Schabrun** from the University of Queensland is the winner of the International Award. Dr Schabrun will travel to the laboratory of Professor Joseph Classen at the University of Leipzig in Germany to research: "Are temporal riles different for inducing plasticity in excitatory & Inhibitory synapses?"

**Dr Daniel Johnston** from the University of Newcastle is the winner of the Domestic Award and will visit the laboratory of Professor Debbie Trinder at the University of Western Australia with his study being: "Gene, protein and microRNA expression changes in the retinal of Mouse models of iron overload".

# ii) Award Winner (D) 2008, A Mohamedali

Mr Mohamedali from the Childrens Medical Research Institute, addressed the meeting, speaking of his time in the laboratories of Professor David Thorburn at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute and Dr Mike Ryan at La Trobe University. His research looked at "Functional studies to investigate mitochrondrial dysfunction in Rett". Mr Mohamedali advised the he has gained invaluable

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experience as a result of the Award and expressed his thanks to the Society for the opportunity provided. *iii) Award Winner (I) 2008, Dr Louise Dunn* 

Dr Louise Dunn from the Heart Research Institute in Sydney, being unable to attend, provided a presentation outlining her work at the Stanford Cardiovascular Institute with Professor John Cooke at Stanford University in the US. The Award supported a short period of study to learn new animal models to examine vascular function and projenitor cell mobilization, in particular to couple vascular models such as parbiosis with the hindlimb ischaemia model of neovascularisation. Dr Dunn concluded by thanking ASMR for supporting this project and enabling her to gain valuable experience.

#### Item 6 Subcommittee Reports -

- a) Research Careers
- i) Mentor Program, Dr Emma Parkinson-Lawrence

Dr Parkinson-Lawrence spoke of the online mentor program for mid-career researchers. The program is free for ASMR members and there is a stellar line up of mentors to select from. Dr Parkinson-Lawrence urged members to participate.

i) Continuing Professional Development, Dr Emma Parkinson-Lawrence

The Professional Development workshop took place in Melbourne this year with Dr Moira Clay facilitating. The program themes were political interactions and grantsmanship with topics providing valuable insights for both professional and personal life. The program in 2010 will be held in conjunction with the AHMRC in November with themes and topics currently being investigated. Dr Parkinson-Lawrence requested members input for suggested themes and highlighted the 'continuing' aspect of Professional Development as being very important. She thanked Andrew Laslett, Moira Clay, Maree Overall and Sarah Meachem for their assistance in making the day a great success. Referring briefly to long-term goals, Dr Parkinson-Lawrence advised that ASMR is researching different countries and programs to evaluate relevant ideas for adapting to Australian needs. In conclusion she thanked Andrew Laslett, Sarah Meachem, board colleagues and from the Executive Office, Priscilla Diment and Cath West whom she referred to as "The Guru".

- b) Membership, Dr Paul Dawson Dr Paul Dawson advised that membership continues to strengthen from year to year, approaching 1600 direct members.
- c) Newsletter, A/Prof AJ Brown

A/Prof Brown advised that there are three newsletters per annum. He thanked contributors for observing deadlines and Stephen O'Connor from Artifishal Studios for his work in preparing the publication for printing. A/Prof Brown advised that the Newsletter is not an arduous task and that he has come to think of himself as 'comma man'. He spoke of the ASMR history as being, for him, a highlight - from Sir Gus Nossal's entertaining article about the early history of the Society through to Cath West's piece in the latest newsletter about her long and pivotal association with the Society. A/Prof Brown wished his successor

d) ASMR MRW Week®, Dr K Andrews

In the absence of Dr Kathy Andrews, Dr Andrew Laslett addressed the meeting. ASMR MRW® occurs in the first full week in June each year. There are an amazing array of events including the dinners, scientific meetings, cinema events, schools activities and the Medalist. This year the inspirational Josef Penninger held audiences spellbound. Our major sponsors this year were the Department of Health and Aging and NHMRC. All of these events do not happen without a lot of work and it is the people in the state committees who make it happen. Dr Laslett thanked the state committees, the Executive Office, Dr Maree Overall and her support staff at ASN Pty Ltd.

e) Media, Dr Kristen Nowak

Dr Nowak advised that it is the hope of the media portfolio to raise the profile of HMR. ASMR MRW® is the flagship public outreach event of the Society and this year we saw an 8 page lift out in The Australian Newspaper which covered the ASMR program, pieces on leading medical researchers and the Medalist, Professor Josef Penninger. Media monitoring tells us that our messages reached 3.9M people in ASMR MRW® 2009. At the current time we are pursuing coverage for the NSC. Dr Nowak thanked Cath West, Priscilla Diment, Mark Hulett and Maree Overall.

f) State Reports, Dr Sarah Meachem

Dr Meachem thanked State Committees echoing the comments of Dr Andrew Laslett.

g) NSC 2009, A/Prof Martin Delatycki

A/Prof Delatycki expressed the hope that members and delegates were enjoying the meeting and the many interesting speakers. He advised that ASMR will make a modest profit on the National Scientific Conference and thanked sponsors, and his committee.

h) AHMRC 2010, Dr Rosemary Keogh

Dr Keogh advised that the 5th AHMRC is to be held in Melbourne at the new Convention Centre, November 14-19 2010. Initiated by ASMR in 2002, the event is moving from strength to strength. At the present time, 23 organisations are participating with eight of these conducting their full meeting within the Congress. Dr Michael Hickey is the Program Convenor and four outstanding Plenary speakers are already locked in. The ASMR National Scientific Conference will be a component of the AHMRC. Dr Gilda Tachedjian is convening and the program is well underway. Dr Keogh thanked Cath West and Maree Overall for their assistance.

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## Item 7 Other Business, Dr Sarah Meachem

Dr Meachem thanked her Executive and Board of Directors as well as Priscilla Diment and Catherine West. She expressed again her great pleasure in carrying out the role of the President in the service of the Society and wished the 2010 Board of Directors the very best of luck. There being no other business, Dr Meachem handed the meeting to the incoming ASMR President, Dr Alison Butt.

# Item 8 Directors and Office Bearers, 2010 - Dr Alison Butt

Dr Butt advised the meeting that Dr Meachem has achieved and extraordinary amount in the past year, not just for ASMR but for the HMR sector. In presenting the Past President and Past Directors badges, Dr Butt expressed her thanks to Dr Meachem and outgoing directors, A/Prof Andrew J Brown, A/ Prof Martin Delatycki, Dr Andrew Laslett and Prof Fabienne Mackay.

Dr Butt announced the 2010 Board membership and portfolio distribution

# Dr Emma Parkinson-Lawrence

President-Elect and Hon Treasurer

#### **Dr Kristen Nowak**

Executive Director/Media

#### **Dr Paul Dawson**

Executive Director/Sponsorship

## **Dr Rosemary Keogh**

Convenor AHMRC

#### **Dr Kathy Andrews**

Newsletter

# Dr Roger Yazbek

Professional Development

## **Dr Juliet Taylor**

**Professional Development** 

## **Dr Rachel Burt**

Assisting Dr Kristen Nowak (Media) and assisting ASMR MRW®

# A/Prof Naomi Rogers

ASMR Medical Research Week®

#### **Dr Daniel Wallace**

Membership

Dr Butt referred to the fifty year history of the Society and how the sector has changed over that time with many positive changes being due to the drive and enthusiasm of ASMR. She referred to the long term strategies and goals outlined by Sarah Meachem which will continue to be pursued by the Board and Executive with the passion and dedication which are the hallmarks of the Society. Dr Butt advised the meeting that she regards the Presidency of the Society as an enormous privilege and honour and is looking forward to meeting the challenges of 2010 on behalf of the membership and the sector as a whole.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10:45am.

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Dr Sarah Meachem PhD President, ASMR

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# Membership List as at 15 October 2010

#### **ACT**

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Tscharke David Wu Fan

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Birnie Kimberly

Black Judith Brannan John D Brewer Megan Hwa Brilot-Turville Fabienne

**Brown Scott Brvan Tracv Butler Jane** Butt Alison

Caldon Catherine

Elizabeth Carland Jane Cartland Sian Cederholm Jennie Celermajer David Chapman Barry L Charlton Francesca Che Wenchi Cheah Benjamin Chen Yang Chen Yuyan Cheng Bill Cheung Belamy Chisholm Donald Chiu Christine Christodoulou John Chung Yuen Ming Chung Henry Clark Georgina Clarke Christine Clarke N

Cloosterman Desiree Coleman Paul

Cooper David Crossley Merlin Cutts Julia Davey Ross

Daviskas Evangelia de Fazio Anna Di Bartolo Belinda Di Girolamo Dr Nick **Dobson-Stone Carol** 

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Fletcher Anne Forbes Rebecca Ford Caroline Fraser lan Gelissen Ingrid Gibson Karen

Ginn Samantha

Glaros Elias Gleeson Maree Gloss Brian aona Jovce **Graham Robert Guest Jade Gunning Peter** Haber Paul Haber Michelle Haghi Mehra

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Hawkins Clare

Heinzelmann-Schwarz

Viola

Henderson Michelle Heng Ruiwen Benjamin Henson Jeremy David

High Laura Hill Amelia Hilton Heidi Hollins Sharon Hook Jeff Howell Viive **Hughes J Margaret Hulf Toby** 

Hung Tzong-Tyng **Hunt Nicholas** Ittner Lars Matthias Jackson Elise Jaiswal Ritu Jessup Wendy Johnstone Daniel Jova Josephine

Jung MoonSun Kan Casina Wing Sze Karsa Mawar Karunakaran Denuia Kaur Manreena Kavallaris Maria Kavurma Marv Keast Janet Kee Anthony Kefalianos elaina Kefford Richard

Kilani Suha Kim Christine Hyun Jin

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Korner Paul Krycer James Kumar Natasha Lam Yan Lane Amanda Leary Jennifer

Lee Jodi Lees Justin Lewis Trevor Liberts Liz Lim Edwin Lin Ruby Lock Richard Locke Warwick Lupton Samantha Lutze-Mann Louise Mackenzie Karen Malabanan Kristine Paz Manetsch Melanie Mangs Helena Mann Graham

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Petti Carlotta Phillips Jacqueline Philp Amanda Pickett Hilda Pierce Kerrie Polly Patsie Prosser Hamish Provan Pamela

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