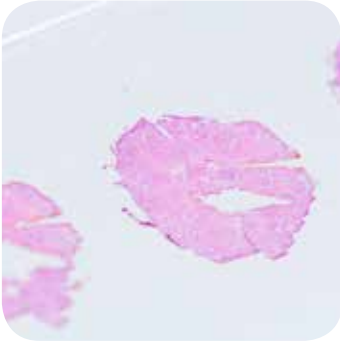
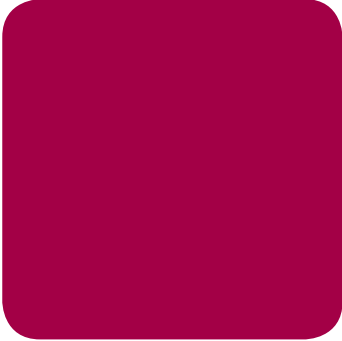
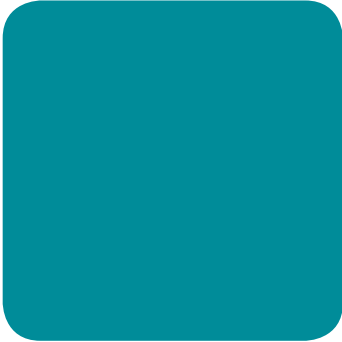
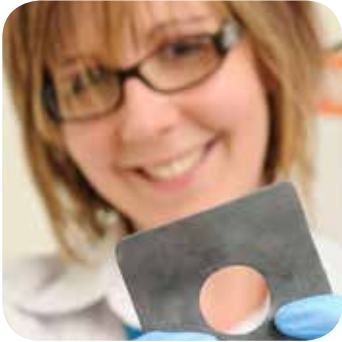


# annual and financial report 2013-2014



# our vision

Australia's centre of excellence in dermatology and skin health

# our mission

**clinics:** to provide patient-focused, world class dermatological care

**education:** to lead the promotion of skin health in the community through education in dermatology, including dermatologists, trainees and healthcare professionals

**research:** to achieve global outcomes by contributing to dermatology research

**invigorate & sustain:** to invigorate and sustain the Foundation for the future

# our focus

“Healthy Skin by Dermatologists” is the tag line in the Foundation’s logo. It encapsulates our commitment to the community to foster healthy skin through the service and advice provided by dermatologists - the skin experts

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## president's report

As a centre of excellence for dermatology, the Skin & Cancer Foundation Inc has continued to work on behalf of patients and the general community, in the treatment and prevention of skin disease, and the promotion of skin health. It has been a busy and productive year, completing a planned three year program that has seen major activities in quality and governance, service delivery, research and expansion of education activities. The Foundation enjoys broad and unparalleled support from the dermatological community. I wish to acknowledge the invaluable contribution of all supporters, which ensures the Foundation's continued success and role as a peak dermatological body.

### Quality

Over the last year, the Foundation was proud to complete several quality initiatives. In 2013, we achieved ISO 9001 status. Completion of Quality Management Systems and National Health Standards accreditation has enabled us to register as a Day Surgical Centre. Achievement of these standards and an upgrading of existing policies and procedures, has been a major activity for the Foundation. To achieve our vision as "Australia's centre of excellence in dermatology and skin health" we have raised the bar as an organisation, to ensure the highest operational quality and efficiency.

### Governance and Operation

I am grateful for the work of the Foundation's diverse and highly committed Board. With a majority of dermatologists, focus is always on the central purpose of the Foundation - to promote excellence in dermatology. The addition of skilled and experienced members with legal, financial, marketing, surgery and business advisory skills strengthens governance and business in support of this goal.

I am delighted to advise that Kathryn Watt has returned to the Board as our legal advisor. Kathryn has maintained her involvement with the Foundation the past three years as chair of the Governance Committee. We sincerely thank Andrew Farr, lead partner at Lander & Rogers Lawyers, for his term on the Board, and for his ongoing legal advice which has included most valuable pro bono assistance in completing our enterprise bargaining agreement. Andrew remains on the Governance Committee.

The 2014 Board Planning Workshop, guided by Executive Director Chris Arnold, looked at the past year's achievements and set the scene for the third year Action Plan of the current 2012-2015 Strategic Plan. Several new initiatives will be rolled out in 2014/2015, including additional encouragement for research, a joint project with Rotary for dermatological treatment of refugees, and extending our online education program to all dermatologists and registrars across Australia.

### Clinical Services

The Foundation continues to provide a broad range of specialty clinics. At present there are 26 clinics run per month with 25,344 services provided over the last year.

Led by Vic Faculty President, Dr Adrian Mar, and with support from Drs Rodrigues, Gan and Gupta, the Foundation has introduced a multidisciplinary Vitiligo (pigment disorder) Clinic. Thanks to a grant from the Australian Chinese Medical Association Foundation, funds have been provided to purchase equipment to enable a pigment cell grafting program, soon to be commenced.

### Research

As part of our commitment to dermatology research, last year the Foundation approved a one day per week fellowship position, involving a half-day Foundation clinic and paid half-day research session. Following the Board's Planning Workshop, a new \$40,000 annual fellowship has also been added to encourage young researchers.

Thanks to Associate Professor Peter Foley for his ongoing leadership of the clinical trials area. The team now consists of six nurses and had seventeen trials over the past year. Clinical trials are a major research activity and the availability of new and emerging treatments for our patients is an important role of the Foundation.

Through the leadership of Associate Professor Rosemary Nixon, ongoing projects and clinical work by the Occupational Dermatology Research and Education Centre (ODREC) has continued to add considerably to skin health in Australia. ODREC was the source of substantial media interest with their reporting of epidemic rates of allergy to the preservative methylisothiazolinone (MI), which is commonly used in baby wipes.

ODREC's Patch Testing Education Workshop, held in conjunction with the ACD's annual conference, was oversubscribed. The ODREC team maintain the Contact Allergen Bank (CABA) and provision of corporate skin checks. Their work on occupational contact dermatitis and contact urticaria has been published by Safe Work Australia. Their list of published research in this field is formidable, as is evidenced later in this Annual Report.

The Australasian Psoriasis Registry continues to grow and is now a substantial data base of patients with moderate to severe psoriasis in Australia. Our thanks to all centres and contributors to this important research activity. A review of governance of the Registry has seen expansion of the Advisory Committee with the addition of Dr Geoff Cains from Liverpool Hospital, Dr Con Dolianitis from Royal Melbourne Hospital, and Foundation Board member Kathryn Watt, to the existing members Executive Director, Chris Arnold, Associate Professor Peter Foley and myself.

Major activity this year has seen the introduction of a pooled fund administered by the Foundation to support data entry, establishment of referencing guidelines and the identification of eight separate research projects.

## Education and Training

Dr Alvin Chong has continued a series of GP education sessions. This year they included a very successful session run in conjunction with Monash University.

The Australasian Society of Cosmetic Dermatology (ASCD) was established as a subcommittee of the Foundation to provide a forum for education nationally and clinical work at the Foundation. Already education sessions are being provided monthly, and a valuable session was held in conjunction with the 2014 ACD conference. These education sessions are now being webcast and are proving to be very popular with consultants and registrars.

Congratulations to our three final year registrars, Ann Boyapati, Chris Jalilian and Matthew Palmer, who successfully completed their Fellowship exams this year and become consultants at the end of the year. The success rate of our registrars – the highest in Australia – reflects our close working relationship with the Victorian Faculty and the extensive contribution of Foundation dermatologists to the education program.

This program of consultant and trainee education continues to be developed and includes Skin Schools, Pathology tutorials, surgical skills training and the Registrar to Consultant Transition Program.

## Patient Groups

It is pleasing to advise that the Foundation continues to provide a range of support and assistance to a variety of patient support groups, which have been expanded this year. We are now providing office space and support for Psoriasis Australia, and are happy to host them for the foreseeable future. The Australia Alopecia Areata Foundation Inc. (AAAF) has long been associated with the Foundation. We regret that the group has now formally wound up, however the group has allocated funding to the Foundation to continue to support patient initiatives and seminars for sufferers. The practitioners in the newly established Vitiligo Clinic are providing excellent support to the Vitiligo Association of Australia (VAA).

There are a range of groups that provide patient support services for those affected by various dermatology conditions. The Foundation is committed to assisting patient representative groups and makes available information for patients and their carers about these groups and also promotes them on our website.

## Events

This year the March Against Melanoma was attended by over 2,000 people and once again attracted media attention. We thank and acknowledge the wonderful support of our ambassadors, Sam Stynes, media personality Denis Walter, our MC, Todd McKenney and entertainment provided by Lucy Durack and Gretel Scarlett, Alex and the Shy Lashlies, and Eran James. Next year's March moves to the famous "Tan" track at Melbourne's Botanical Gardens, facilitating even greater participation.



The Black and White Night Ball was once again a major success with over 300 guests at the Hyatt, Melbourne. This important event raises awareness of the Foundation in the corporate sector and provides an opportunity for our members and friends to meet and to raise funds. Next year's Ball promises more surprises and is a "not to be missed" event.

## Operational

Substantial activity, restructure and revenue raising has seen last year's operating deficit turn into a surplus this year (refer to financial reports). An increase in clinical revenue, trials income and support for educational activity has combined with increased cost savings to secure this pleasing result. Our solid financial performance will allow an increased rate of repayment of the Foundation's property loan and to accelerate new projects. Our thanks to members for their continued and critical support to the Foundation and also to the senior management team for their contribution.

We welcome the engagement of senior Corporate Affairs Director, Peter Monaghan, which signals the Foundation's wish to grow community, government and corporate relationships, and to raise the awareness of the Foundation and its essential work.

## Acknowledgments

I would like to acknowledge the invaluable contribution of all members and supporters of the Foundation, which ensures the continued success of this important organisation. I am grateful to our Board members and senior management team, and the exceptional contribution of our Executive Director, Chris Arnold, for their dedication and support.

**A/Prof Chris Baker**

**President**





# executive director's report

## Performance

With strong support from the Board, the management team has been systematically reviewing all areas of Foundation activity.

Commencing with clinics, there have been operational and resource changes, including the appointment of Catherine Bennett as Deputy Clinical Operations Manager and Griselda Santos as combined sterilisation technician, stores controller and coordinator of building services. Catherine has focused on surgical and Day Procedure Centre operations, supporting our Clinical Operations Manager, Jane English, who has led the successful attainment of accreditation and, importantly, continues to ensure we maintain this asset.

Griselda has improved cost effective procurement and assumed sterilisation processes, providing the nursing staff with more time for our valuable direct clinical services.

Di Jones has joined the Customer Services team to coordinate private health fund patient admissions, coding and billing.

Flor Maldonado has taken on the role of Assistant Trials Manager bringing valuable support to the team.

With external accountancy support from Nexia (replacing an internal accountant), the Foundation has improved financial reporting and continues to streamline processes associated with the new Day Procedure Centre. Having this external input also increases independent oversight of financial activity, as Nexia prepares the final monthly accounts. Improvements in budgeting and cash flow management have also been achieved.

Our Clinical Trials Manager, Christine Veljanoski, has been actively developing additional standard operating protocols for trials. Data Manager, Simon Cumming, has worked with Christine to produce a system for more accurate capture of trials progress, billing and collections.

To drive increase awareness of the Foundation's work and support for its activity, the marketing team has been developed into a Corporate Affairs group, headed by experienced Director, Peter Monaghan. Peter's background includes senior executive roles with major corporates in communications, media and marketing.

The recent success in obtaining funds from the Macquarie Foundation, referred to below, has seen a restructure of Corporate Affairs increasing resources at a reduced cost. The team's focus has been to raise the level of awareness of the Foundation within government, industry and the broader community, and to attract more support for our activities.

The team effectively managed the media interest in ODREC's published report on the use of MI in baby wipes. This story was widely reported in all major TV and radio news items and newspapers right across Australia and in New Zealand. There was substantial media coverage of the Foundation generated before and at the March Against Melanoma. The Foundation was also recognised in the State Parliament, and by the media, for its contribution on the legislation to ban solariums.

We arranged for the Minister for Health to make a statement to the Parliament on World Psoriasis Day, which acknowledged the world-leading research being conducted by the Foundation. Some months later, the Minister also visited the Foundation to unveil a plaque to formally declare the opening of our Day Procedure Centre.

The Foundation's website was reviewed and rebuilt with the aim of engaging wider audiences, managing events, attracting and improving the efficiency of online donations with our own e-commerce platform. During the first six months, we have quadrupled the number of visitors to our website and processed over 1,500 transactions worth over \$130,000. We have also managed to create a small army of volunteers, who have been great helpers at our major events.

## Collaboration

Dermatology is a small field. Since joining the Foundation, I have sought to build relationships with the Brisbane (Queensland Institute of Dermatology) and Sydney (Skin & Cancer Foundation Australia) skin and cancer foundations.

Reaching out to these foundations to share information, and to explore opportunities to work together to benefit dermatology in Australia, has been valuable. I have run strategic planning workshops in Brisbane and undertaken a Board review in Sydney. Sydney has been most helpful in our path to registration as a Day Procedure Centre, as its Westmead Centre has had accreditation for some time. Their new Darlinghurst facility is now also accredited.

Quarterly meetings are now held between myself and SCFA CEO, Dr Alice Killen.

Our Foundation has been working in partnership with the Macquarie Group to conduct skin checks for staff in Melbourne, fundraise for the Foundation, and work to arrange dermatologists in other states to provide skin checks for its staff. For its part, Macquarie was awarded one of the National Healthy Skin Awards bestowed by our Foundation.

Education in dermatology is a key complement of each of the three skin and cancer foundation's mission. I am pleased to advise that a joint proposal to the Macquarie Foundation has resulted in a three year grant of \$100,000 per annum to expand and develop online education material for dermatologists, trainees, dermatology nurses, as well as selected GP information, to be delivered Australia wide.

### **Australasian College of Dermatologists**

Several meetings have now been held between the ACD's new CEO, Tim Wills, Alice Killen from the SCFA, and myself. There are a variety of areas where we can work together and support initiatives directly advantaging dermatology. A workshop on communications and public affairs strategies has been useful and further meetings are planned.

### **Faculty**

The Foundation has an excellent ongoing relationship with the Victorian Faculty of the ACD. Under current President, Dr Adrian Mar, the Faculty and Foundation are actively examining ways to continue to expand member engagement with the Foundation.

### **Sponsors, Ambassadors and Supporters**

The Foundation is most grateful to its valued sponsors, ambassadors and supporters.

In many cases we are moving to develop annual programs with sponsors to provide greater certainty of funding and delivery of outcomes.

We have been delighted to welcome senior business executive and chair of SVI Global, Ms Laura Anderson, as a new ambassador. Her wide network and valued advice have been very much appreciated.

The Foundation really appreciates the support of its Ambassadors, who have all contributed in a number of different ways. Brodie Young, Emma Cam and Dr Joanna McMillan promoted and attended our Black and White Night Ball. Bert Salomon could not attend as he was overseas, but generously donated his prize wine, the Fleurieu Peninsula Syrah-V 2011, for all to enjoy. Deb Hutton also promoted the event. We valued all their contributions, and thank them sincerely for their continued support.

### **Telehealth**

Last year I mentioned the detailed submission to the Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) prepared by Prof Peter Soyer from the University of Queensland, Dr Rob Miller and myself that was lodged on behalf of the ACD.

Our submission solicited telehealth store and forward only benefits from Medicare. This process is seen as a more efficient service delivery than telehealth, involving online direct videoconferencing for most telehealth cases. It is hoped that this will lead to greater take-up by referring GPs and aged care facilities in regional areas and dermatologists.

At the time of writing, the submission has successfully passed through most stages of the MSAC process. We are now awaiting their final decision.

### **Skin Gallery, Members Gallery and Arts Access Victoria**

The rolling bi-monthly art exhibition of work by disabled artists adorning the walls of clinical reception, has been highly successful.

As I reported last year, this was established in conjunction with Arts Access Victoria who keenly curate the exhibitions.

The December 2013 exhibition was launched by Victorian Minister for the Arts, the Hon Heidi Victoria MP, before a 50-strong audience of artists and their supporters.

Not to be outdone, following approaches by a number of our artistic dermatologists, we have now added a Members Art Gallery in the corridor outside the conference room.

Many thanks to those who have regularly contributed works including: Prof Robin Marks, Dr Alvin Chong, Dr Carol Burford, Dr Jonathan Tversky, Dr Tim O'Brien, and Dr Frances Watkins who contributed the bronze sculpture.

### **Finally...**

It is a pleasure to work within such an interesting environment afforded by the Foundation, and with such a committed and diverse Board.

I am very grateful to Associate Professor Chris Baker for his excellent leadership and support as President. It is a pleasure to work with him.

My thanks also to Dr Mei Tam, Medical Director, Associate Professor Peter Foley, Research Director, and Associate Professor Rosemary Nixon, Vice-President and Director of ODREC, for their hard work and support in these essential roles. I also really value the contribution of our other Board members, Jac Phillips, Kathryn Watt, and Jennifer Gale, who bring us their commercial marketing, legal and financial expertise; and Mr Miki Pohl OAM for his considerable skills and experiences as a plastic surgeon. And, we cannot do without the continued support of consultant dermatologists Associate Professor Greg Goodman, Drs Michael Rich, Edward Upjohn, Hugh Roberts, as well as Dr Amit Verma as a Registrar.

Finally, it is a source of genuine pleasure to come to the Foundation every day to work with such an enthusiastic and dedicated management team. They work extremely hard, are fun to be with, inspire with ideas, and are a constant source of support. Thank you to Jane English, Peter Monaghan, Sue Edwards, Christine Veljanoski, Catherine Bennett, Simon Cumming and Karin Morris.

Thank you also to all the consultants and other staff team members for making the Foundation the place it is.

Next year brings more challenges and opportunities, and I look forward to them.

**Chris Arnold**

**Executive Director**



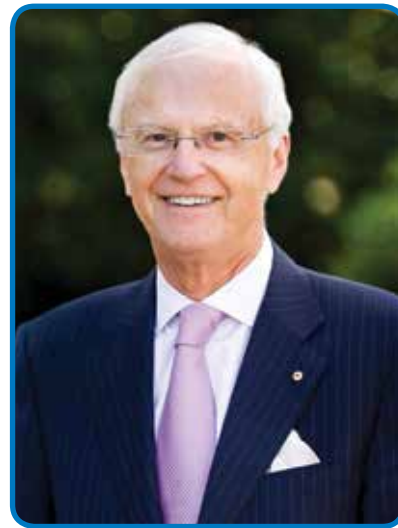
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# representatives

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## Our Patron

**His Excellency the Honourable Alex Chernov AC QC  
Governor of Victoria**



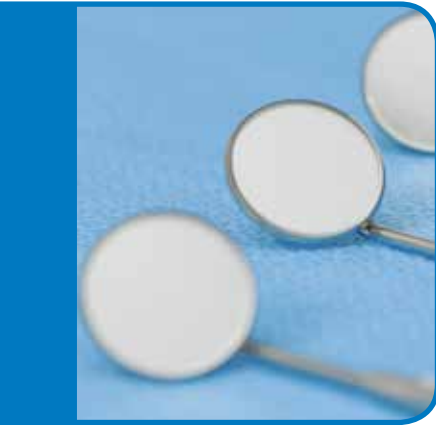
## Our Board Members



(From L. to R.) A/Prof Greg Goodman, Mr Miki Pohl, Mr Chris Arnold (Executive Director), A/Prof Chris Baker (President), Dr Mei Tam (seated), Ms Jennifer Gale, A/Prof Rosemary Nixon (Vice-President, seated), A/Prof Peter Foley and Dr Amit Verma.

Missing: Dr Edward Upjohn, Dr Michael Rich, Dr Hugh Roberts, Ms Jac Phillips and Ms Kathryn Watt.





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# representatives

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## Sub-Committees

### Governance

Ms Kathryn Watt  
A/Prof Peter Foley  
Mr Andrew Farr  
A/Prof Chris Baker  
Mr Chris Arnold

### Finance, Audit and Risk Management

Dr Mei Mui Tam  
Ms Jennifer Gale  
Dr Michael Rich  
Mr Chris Arnold

### Melbourne Skin Pathology

A/Prof Chris Baker  
A/Prof Peter Foley  
Dr Michael Rich  
Dr Sant Khan  
Mr David Pinkus  
Mr Chris Arnold

### Quality and Credentialing Committee

Dr Mei Mui Tam  
Mr Chris Arnold  
Ms Angela Webb  
Ms Jane English  
Dr Tim Rutherford  
Dr Shobha Joseph  
Mr Simon Cumming

## Management

Mr Chris Arnold, Executive Director  
Mr Peter Monaghan, Director, Corporate Affairs  
Ms Jane English, Clinical Operations Manger  
Ms Sue Edwards, Patient & Customer Service Manager  
Ms Christine Veljanoski, Clinical Trials Manager  
Mr Simon Cumming, Data Manager  
Ms Karin Morris, Accounts Manager

## Ambassadors

Our great team of ambassadors continually promote public awareness of the Skin & Cancer Foundation Inc and our programs to promote skin health, prevention and early detection.

We are indebted to their active support, and thank them again for their work with us.

Laura Anderson, Business and Corporate Ambassador  
Vaughan Bonny, Healthy Skin Ambassador  
John Calvert-Jones, Business and Corporate Ambassador  
Emma Cam, Healthy Skin Ambassador  
Dr Catherine Gale, Professional Services Skin Ambassador  
Deborah Hutton, Healthy Skin Ambassador  
Michael Klim, Healthy Skin Ambassador  
Dr Johanna McMillan, Healthy Skin Ambassador  
Luke Mitchell, Healthy Skin Ambassador  
Dr Bertold Salomon, International Skin Ambassador  
Brodie Young, Healthy Skin Ambassador

*“All staff are very professional and a credit to the Foundation”*



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# representatives

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## Consultants

### Advanced Surgery Clinic

Dr Adam Sheridan  
Dr Peter Sinclair  
Dr Rebecca Dunn  
Mr Miki Pohl  
Ms Angela Webb  
Mr Nigel Mann  
Mr John Beer  
Mr Ajay Chauhan

### Aesthetics & Cosmetics Clinics

Associate Professor Greg Goodman  
Dr Philip Bekhor  
Dr Belinda Welsh

### Biologics & Phototherapy Clinics

Associate Professor Peter Foley  
Associate Professor Chris Baker  
Dr Phillip Lane  
Dr Shobha Joseph  
Dr Katherine Amour  
Dr Matheen Mohamed  
Dr Alice Rudd

### Contact & Occupational Dermatitis Clinics

Associate Professor Rosemary Nixon  
Dr Bruce Tate  
Dr Mei Tam  
Dr Jenny Cahill

### Grenz & Radiotherapy Clinics

Dr Michael Webster  
Dr Cate Scarff

### Hair & DCP Clinics

Dr Jill Cargnello  
Dr Jack Green  
Dr Alana Tuxan

### Hyperhidrosis Clinic

Dr Vanessa Morgan  
Dr Kamaldeep Sandhu

### Laser Clinic

Dr Michael Rich

### Liaison & Psychology Clinics

Dr Josie Yeatman  
Dr Melissa Thomas  
Seba Biondi

### Melanoma Clinic

Dr Michael Rich  
Dr Diana Tran

### Men's Health Clinic

Dr Tony Hall

### Mohs Surgery

Associate Professor Greg Goodman  
Dr Philip Bekhor  
Dr Vanessa Morgan  
Dr Edward Upjohn  
Dr Tim Rutherford  
Dr Eugene Tan

### Nail Clinic

Dr Anne Howard  
Dr Marguerite Seith  
Dr Hope Dinh

### Oral Mucosal Clinic

Dr Jonathan Tversky  
Dr Carol Burford  
Dr Eric Poon

### Photodynamic Therapy Clinic

Dr Kamaldeep Sandhu

### Specialist Skin Assessment & Skin Cancer Management Clinics

Dr Hugh Roberts  
Dr Rebecca Dunn  
Dr Michelle Goh  
Dr Lloyd Hale  
Dr Claire Grills

### Teledermatology Clinic

Dr Alvin Chong

### Transplant Clinic

Dr Alvin Chong  
Dr Carol Burford  
Dr Michelle Goh  
Dr Sarah Brennand

### Vitiligo Clinic

Dr Adrian Mar  
Dr Michelle Rodrigues  
Dr Shally Gupta  
Dr Des Gan

## march against melanoma

This year's March Against Melanoma was another successful event for the Foundation.

The event aims to promote awareness, early detection and raise funds for research and education into skin cancer and melanoma. It also provides the opportunity for everyone to reflect on the lives lost through melanoma each year.

The 2014 March Against Melanoma saw some 1,500 people register and walk along the St Kilda foreshore on the very pleasant morning of Sunday, 2 March. The event raised a little over \$70,000.

Celebrity marchers included Sam Stynes, widow of football great, Jim Stynes, and 3AW radio host, Denis Walter. The event was also supported by Dancing with the Stars judge, singer and actor, Todd McKenney, and two of Australia's leading stars of the stage, Lucy Durack and Gretel Scarlett.

There were large numbers of teams supporting the March, typically in memory of a family member or work colleague. There were also teams from a couple of Melbourne dermatology clinics, as well as several other dermatologists marching, some with family members.

The March attracted widespread media attention, and was reported on all TV channels that evening. This, combined with all the media that the March Against Melanoma, and the Foundation, attracted in the lead up to the event, helped make the event a success.

The Foundation is very grateful for all the support it received from sponsors and supporters, volunteers and staff. Without those people, and all those who registered and supported those who did march, the event would not have enjoyed the same level of success.

Next year's March Against Melanoma will be held on Sunday, 1 March 2015.





# clinics

In the past twelve months, we have continued to build on our clinical services with the introduction of both new clinics and additional Consultants joining the team. We have had a number of significant achievements during the year which include:

- Registration and operation as a Day Surgery facility
- Completion of negotiations with private health insurance groups
- Expansion of clinical services
- Improved orientation program for new Registrars
- Introduction of immunohistochemistry staining for patient undergoing Mohs surgery for melanoma.

## Accreditation

Accreditation and Day Surgery registration has seen a great deal of change from patient management to documentation requirements. We have successfully made this transition through the great support of all staff and our patient feedback has been testimony to an excellent experience in the provision of our services.

Ongoing strong support by Plastic Surgeons has ensured expansion of surgical services and speciality training for registrars. Additionally, Ms Angela Webb has provided strong contribution as a member of our Quality and Credentialing Committee and Mr Miki Pohl as a Board member.

A number of Consultants have joined the team over the past twelve months: Dr Eugene Tan (Mohs), Dr Alice Rudd (Biologics/Phototherapy), and Dr Cate Scarff (Radiotherapy).

***“I would like to thank all the medical team for their professionalism and attention to my wellbeing”***

## Vitiligo Clinic

The Foundation commenced a multi-disciplinary Vitiligo clinic which included Dermatologists, make-up artists, a psychologist and medical photographers.

Treatment modalities include topicals, Excimer laser and narrow band UVB, with grafting soon to be introduced. Our thanks to the team for their support of this service and the ongoing development of the clinic.

## Registrars

Development of an extended Registrar orientation program was introduced to include a surgical workshop this year. I would like to thank the Victorian Faculty, particularly Dr Alvin Chong and Dr Adriene Lee who coordinated and contributed to the program.

## Staff

Nurses Noelene Gresswell and Sue Byers left the team after providing over twenty years of combined service and we thank them for their notable contribution.

Thank you to all the staff for their support and ongoing dedication in the provision of world class service.



## australasian psoriasis registry

The Australasian Psoriasis Registry (APR) has been developed and is maintained by the Skin & Cancer Foundation Inc with the support of the Australasian College of Dermatologists and sponsors from the pharmaceutical industry.

The development of the APR was in response to the need for a long term observational study on the use of systemic and biologic drugs in routine clinical practice. Its inception coincided with the listing of biologic treatments on the Australian Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) for Australians with moderate to severe psoriasis, including psoriatic arthritis.

The overall aim of the APR is to:

- Make available and maintain a comprehensive national web-based database that provides valid and reliable longitudinal clinical data on psoriasis sufferers treated with biologic and other systemic therapies in Australia and New Zealand
- Provide an overall picture of people with moderate to severe psoriasis in Australia and New Zealand (the cohort provides a biologic treated group and a non-biologic group)

The APR currently contains data from 1,120 patients from 25 sites across Australia and New Zealand. An additional 19 sites have also registered their interest in contributing to the Australasian Psoriasis Registry.

The Skin & Cancer Foundation Inc conducts the largest psoriasis clinic in Australia and New Zealand, We also present biologics Masterclasses across Australia which are clinical sessions for experienced dermatologists and biologics specialists aimed at improving health outcomes.

There are now sufficient numbers in the Registry to conduct comprehensive research projects. This program has already commenced.

The Skin & Cancer Foundation Inc has expanded the APR Advisory Committee to include Dr Geoff Cains from Liverpool Hospital in NSW, Dr Con Dolianitis from Royal Melbourne Hospital, and Foundation Board member Kathryn Watt, to the existing members, Executive Director, Chris Arnold, Associate Professor Peter Foley and Associate Professor Chris Baker.

The Australasian Psoriasis Registry is an impressive source for information and research and the Foundation is keen to see continued expansion of the number of sites and patients.

The Registry team provides assistance and support for the collection of data, and the Foundation also administers a pooled fund to support data entry at sites.







# education

The aims of the Foundation are essentially threefold:

- To provide patient-focused, world class dermatologic care
- To lead the promotion of skin health in the community through dermatology education involving dermatologists, trainees, general practitioners and other healthcare professionals
- To achieve global outcomes, by conducting and contributing to world class dermatology research.

One of the main ways in which patient care has been enhanced is by the development of a pathway and a culture that has fostered the development and acquisition of sub-specialty expertise. This has occurred in many areas, including Mohs surgery, hair, nails, oral mucosal medicine, men's health, radiotherapy and contact dermatitis to name just a few of those areas, and most recently, vitiligo.

The Foundation has supported and nurtured dermatology research in a number of areas, starting with the support of the first Victorian Chair of Dermatology.

And the Foundation has played a large role in education, particularly through providing a home for dermatology and a place for tutorials and meetings to occur. Many years ago, the Victorian Faculty had to hire a lecture theatre for monthly meetings. That eventually changed when A/Prof Rosemary Nixon initiated the Clinical Update meetings at the first incarnation of the Foundation at St Andrew's Hospital in August 1989, and gradually the hiring of the lecture theatre by the Faculty became redundant.

The current regular educational activities can be summarised as follows:

- Weekly dermatopathology tutorials in the library area using the multiheader microscope
- Fortnightly Skin School presentations to registrars. This series covers the dermatology curriculum over two years and is now kindly convened by Dr Olivia McCurdy
- Update meetings, which usually comprise a lecture for approximately 45 minutes followed by questions. This year we have experimented with a format of dinner being provided at 6.30pm, followed by the talk starting at 7pm. There are approximately 8 meetings a year, but occasionally extra meetings are added if there are eminent speakers visiting Melbourne
- Clinical meetings held on Saturday mornings. With the advent of an adequate number of consulting rooms at the Foundation, we are now able to host clinical meetings on behalf of some of the peripheral hospitals or those where there are parking issues

- Tutorials for registrars, including those conducted by Dr Tim O'Brien
- Occasional dermatopathology teaching sessions, held by Dr Rod O'Keefe
- Contact Dermatitis Journal Clubs, usually held bi-monthly and well attended by the contact dermatitis fraternity

Some of the many highlights of the Update program this year have included a presentation on resuscitation by anaesthetist Dr Bridget Langley; Associate Professor Tony Hall's excellent summary of the AAD and Hawaii meetings; vascular surgeon Dr Claire Campbell's presentation on endovascular laser; and Associate Professor John Kelly's Victorian Melanoma Service Update on Melanoma.

We are very grateful to the Foundation for organising support for many of these meetings, which provides facilities and meals to be provided. This is much appreciated by all attendees!

Less frequent educational events include the following:

- Dr Alvin Chong has initiated a very successful series of workshops for general practitioners in partnership with Monash University, occurring several times a year. These have included training in skin cancer assessment and diagnosis, together with practical training in surgical skills, and have been extremely popular.
- The Biologics Masterclasses have also been a wonderful educational initiative, and biologics nurses from all over Australia have attended the classes.
- Finally, in May 2014, the Occupational Dermatology Research and Education Centre (ODREC) initiated our first Patch Test Education Day just prior to the College's Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) which was held in Melbourne. It was a great success and we expect this now to become an annual event, although it is likely to be held in the same city as the ASM, to make it easier for people to attend.

***“Everyone has been tremendous and helpful”***

## education webcasting

Dermatology education plays an essential role in ensuring and further developing high quality patient care.

After piloting the webcasting of our education sessions, the Skin & Cancer Foundation Inc now webcasts these education sessions to consultants and registrars in all parts of Australia. This has proved very popular, particularly with some of the presentations.

A highly secure online library of these webcasts, and a catalogue of these materials, is being provided to our members for later research and study.

We look forward to improving and developing this education program further in collaboration with our sister bodies in Sydney and Brisbane.





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# research

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The Skin & Cancer Foundation Inc continues to increase activity in the world of dermatology research. Dr Alvin Chong has been extremely busy with his work on skin diseases in organ transplant recipients, educational programs - particularly for general practitioners - and the supervision of Dr Victoria Snaird. A/Prof Rosemary Nixon provides a comprehensive report of her activities elsewhere in the Annual Report.

## Clinical Trials

The clinical trial department continues to grow successfully with the support of our international collaborator Probitry Medical Research (PMR).

The last financial year saw 18 trials being conducted in the department and over 150 patients being enrolled into trials investigating potential new therapies for conditions as diverse as actinic keratosis, metastatic and locally advanced basal cell carcinoma, psoriasis, and hidradenitis suppurativa.

A/Prof Foley maintains responsibility as Director of the Research Department, which continues to be managed by Christine Veljanoski. Dr Ryan Toholka (who in 2015 will join the dermatology training program as a first year registrar) has performed admirably as Dr Sarah Hannam's replacement as our clinical trials research fellow; Dr Hannam this year being a first year dermatology registrar.

It has been pleasing for the department to become busy enough for additional dermatologists to take on the role of principal investigator for a number of trials, with A/Prof Chris Baker and Dr Alvin Chong taking on this responsibility.

With the continuing expansion of trial activity there has been a strong need to produce more site procedures and protocols to guide and standardise operations for even greater efficiency.

A collective procedures checklist was introduced into the department to help study coordinators better manage essential document collection, and required tasks at every stage of the clinical trial process. Another one of the current initiatives is to standardise the Investigator Site File Index for every trial which will make document management less complicated. We hope that this will also set a precedent for other members of the PMR consortium and encourage effective and timesaving document management practices elsewhere.

The trials team infrastructure has advanced to include an assistant managerial role to which Flor Maldonado was appointed in April 2014. Flor has successfully adopted the position whilst still honouring her trial coordinator duties. Flor will fully transition into her role as assistant manager by the end of 2014. Her contribution to the team in this new capacity has already proven to be invaluable and she has made significant contributions to resource management and staff support.

The role of Education Officer was introduced into the team and Charlotte Harrison agreed to embrace the position. The research department is committed to helping staff members stay connected to topics that are relevant to this rapidly developing and recognised area of specialty. We are delighted to have a member of the nursing team lead the program.

## The Australasian Psoriasis Registry

Psoriasis is one of the most common autoimmune inflammatory disorders in the general community with an estimated prevalence of 2-3% of the population. It affects all ages; unfortunately there is currently no cure. Individuals who develop moderate to severe psoriasis at a young age are likely to require systemic drug treatments for much of their lives.

Several new therapeutic agents, known collectively as biological response modifiers, or biologics, have been introduced into clinical practice for the management of moderate to severe chronic plaque psoriasis and, psoriatic arthritis with the anticipation that they will significantly improve health outcomes and the quality of life for patients with moderate to severe psoriasis.

The Australasian Psoriasis Registry (APR) responded to the need for a long term observational study on the use of systemic and biologic drugs in routine clinical practice. The inception of the Registry coincided with the listing of biologic treatments on the Australian Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) for Australians with moderate to severe psoriasis, including psoriatic arthritis.



Following a successful pilot study, the APR, via an online platform, was made available to all dermatologists and centres in Australia. In 2010, the Registry extended its coverage to New Zealand sites, and was renamed the Australasian Psoriasis Registry.

The Australasian Psoriasis Registry has been developed and is maintained by the Skin & Cancer Foundation Inc with the support of the Australian College of Dermatologists and sponsors from the pharmaceutical industry.

The overall purpose of the Australasian Psoriasis Registry is to:

- Make available and maintain a comprehensive national web-based database that provides valid and reliable longitudinal clinical data on psoriasis sufferers treated with biologic and other systemic therapies in Australia and New Zealand.
- Provide an overall picture of people with moderate to severe psoriasis in Australia and New Zealand (the cohort provides a biologic treated group and a non-biologic group). The APR currently contains data from 1,120 patients from 25 sites across Australia and New Zealand. An additional 19 sites have also registered their interest in contributing to the Australasian Psoriasis Registry.

As at September 2014, the APR includes:

- 1,120 patients
- 14,200 consultation records
- 12,050 treatment records
- 7,750 PASI scores
- 8,000 DLQI scores
- 23,700 pathology test results.

Data from the APR has contributed to the global consortium of psoriasis registries PsoNet, with several publications resulting.

All dermatologists with an interest in clinical research are invited to speak to those currently engaged in activities at the Foundation for more information and/or support.

***“The doctor was very professional... made me feel at ease and confident of the quality of care I was receiving.”***





# occupational dermatology research and education centre

ODREC has had another busy, productive and successful year!

The major epidemic of allergic contact dermatitis to the preservative methylisothiazolinone (MI) has continued unabated, and currently around 15% of attendees to our patch testing clinics are allergic to MI. These rates of allergy are unprecedented and consequently worldwide interest in MI is huge. There has been a considerable increase in the number of global publications regarding MI: from 11 in 2012, to 25 in 2013 and 35 to June 2014. We gained substantial publicity for a letter we wrote to the Medical Journal of Australia in March on this phenomenon, which resulted in numerous radio and TV interviews. MI is particularly found in baby wipes, but other sources have included liquid soaps, moisturising lotions, deodorants and paints. There have been a number of cases of people reacting to MI released from newly painted houses reported in Europe. It is hoped that legislation will eventually reduce concentrations of MI in these products; meanwhile, we try and alert manufacturers to the problems of MI as much as possible.

We have also tried to alert various interest groups about the MI epidemic. Mandy Palmer has been in communication with maternal and child health nurses who also report problems with baby wipes causing dermatitis. ODREC Research Fellow Dr Celeste Wong spoke recently at their national conference about this issue.

We completed an informative study supported by Safe Work Australia on the factors contributing to occupational contact dermatitis and contact urticaria. This has been published to date on [www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au](http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au). Other funding sources for ODREC have included the Australasian Faculty of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (Royal Australian College of Physicians), Scientific Research Fund (ACD), revenue from CABA, corporate skin checks, medico-legal consulting and reports.

Usage of our Contact Allergen Bank (CABA) continues to grow. Mandy Palmer has done a terrific job with the implementation of this facility. Various features of the online ordering system have recently become more user-friendly, including the introduction of online ordering, auto-price estimation, email confirmation of orders and auto-invoicing. We now have 95 registered dermatology practice users, and we post 3-12 sets of patient tests weekly. 2014 has seen a 200% increase in activity compared to 2013. CABA has undoubtedly stimulated interest in patch testing and occasionally we receive the most gratifying feedback, especially when a dermatologist has identified an important cause of a patient's perplexing dermatitis using CABA.

Another great stimulus for patch testing occurred with our inaugural Patch Test Education Day, held just before the Australasian College of Dermatology (ACD) Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) in Melbourne, in an unusually balmy May. The meeting was oversubscribed by both dermatologists and patch test nurses, necessitating a late change of venue to St Vincent's Hospital. We had over 70 registrants, and much positive feedback subsequently has ensured that this will be an annual event. Thanks to Mandy Palmer for her huge effort in organising the meeting. Steve Lee of AMSL provided much appreciated pharma support. There were many informative talks about patch testing and contact dermatitis, and I am indebted to the faculty, which included Adriene Lee, Jenny Cahill, Bruce Tate, Mei Tam, Mandy Palmer, Kath Frowen (see picture). The next such event will be held on Friday May 15 in Adelaide.



Dr Libby Willsted from NSW, Dr Mei Tam and myself have been involved in a submission to the Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC) regarding patch testing rebates, particularly for reimbursement for testing of large numbers of allergens. We are still waiting on the outcome.

Dr Ryan Toholka completed a most productive year as ODREC Research Fellow in 2013, and has been succeeded by Dr Celeste Wong, who has also achieved a great deal to date. Both Ryan and Celeste have recently been accepted for dermatology training next year, which is just wonderful! Other research collaborators include Dr Matt Palmer, who has recently gained his FACP; Drs Julia Lai-Kwon, Helena Lolatgis, Claire Sheeran, Sarah Hannam, Qunyh Le and Stephanie Tizi, and dermatologist Dr Mei Tam. I would particularly like to acknowledge all their hard work, which made 2013-2014 very memorable for the numbers of publications achieved.





I would also like to acknowledge Associate Professor Peter Foley and Drs Alvin Chong and Jenny Cahill for their involvement with selection of dermatology research fellows, at a time when there is an ever increasing number of applicants. Dr Claire Higgins has been appointed as ODREC Research Fellow for 2015, while Dr Rowena Meani will become SCF Resident. And I would also like to congratulate the Board of the Skin and Cancer Foundation Inc for their decision to enhance the Foundation's research capacity with the addition of another part-time Dermatology Research Fellow for 2015, Dr Harini Bala, who will principally work with Dr Alvin Chong.

ODREC organised the Contact Dermatitis session at the highly successful College ASM held in Melbourne in May. Speakers in our session included Mandy Palmer and Drs Ryan Toholka, Celeste Wong, Claire Sheeran, Quynh Le, Julia Lai-Kwon and myself. Ryan was awarded the John Fewings prize for the best presentation of the session, in memory of our late contact dermatitis colleague John, still very sadly missed.

We farewelled Dr Stephanie Tan, who has moved to Singapore to work in the pharmaceutical industry. Stephanie completed a Masters project on occupational skin cancer, under the supervision of Associate Professor Peter Foley and myself.

Overseas visitors to the Occupational Dermatology Clinic included Dr Sarah Tan (the Philippines) and Dr Tiffany Kwok (Canada), whereas local visitors have included South Australian dermatology registrars; medical students Lucas Sahhar, Andrew White and several students from Box Hill Hospital, as well as HMOs Claire Higgins and Rowena Meani. We anticipate a busy 2015 with visitors from Denmark, Thailand and the Philippines planning to spend time with us.

Our website [www.occderm.asn.au](http://www.occderm.asn.au) scored 86,000 hits over the calendar year, an increase of 67%. Over 90% are new visitors, from the USA, UK, Australia, Canada and India. With the involvement of Foundation IT guru, Gerald Meyer-Heinrich, we are planning a website upgrade, featuring enhanced information for both patients and medical professionals, and more compatibility for mobile devices.

ODREC staff (Mandy Palmer, Drs Jenny Cahill, Ryan Toholka and myself) travelled to the European Society of Contact Dermatitis meeting held in Barcelona in late June where we presented multiple lectures and a poster. Other travelling Australians included Dr Adriene Lee (MMC/St Vs), Lynne Gordon (SA) and Elizabeth Chow (NSW). I was also invited to lecture in occupational dermatology at the triennial NIVA (Nordic Institute for Advanced Training in Occupational Health) occupational dermatology course, which was held in Bergen, Norway in May.

Upcoming conferences to which I have been invited to attend include the national Occupational Hygienists meeting in Melbourne in December 2014; an ICDRG (International Contact Dermatitis Research Group) meeting in South Africa in April; ICOH (International Commission on Occupational Health) in Seoul in late May; the World Congress of Dermatology in Vancouver in early June and the Asia-Pacific Environmental and Occupational Dermatology Symposium (APEODS) in the Philippines in November.

Finally, it is with much gratitude that I acknowledge the work of Mandy Palmer in just so many aspects: the Occupational Dermatology Clinic, CABA, our Patchcams database and the Patch Test Education Day, to name just a few areas involving her expertise. I would also like to thank dermatologist Dr Jenny Cahill, who is involved with ODREC one day a week, as well as contributing to the clinic and performing the occasional skin check; and our admin person extraordinaire, Allison Muis, who most capably organises our clinics, correspondence and reports. I would like to thank the contact dermatitis fraternity in Melbourne who come to our regular caps for journal Clubs, including Adriene Lee, Mei Tam, Bruce Tate, Kath Frowen, Bron Barnacle and others. And finally our research fellows, Ryan and Celeste as mentioned above.

Thank you all!

**Rosemary Nixon**  
ODREC Director



# publications and presentations

## Associate Professor Chris Baker

### Publications

- 2013** Mahar P, Baker C, Mar A, Foley P. Protecting the role of clinical photography in dermatology. *Australas J Dermatol*. 54:238-9, 2013
- 2013** Tan E, Baker C, Foley P. Weight gain and tumour necrosis factor-alpha inhibitors in patients with psoriasis. *Australas J Dermatol*. 54:259-63, 2013
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- 2013** Baker CS. Photodermatology Down Under "the Australian Experience". European Society for Photodermatology (ESPD) European Academy of Dermatology, Istanbul, Turkey, Oct 2013
- 2013** Baker CS. Cases from the photo dermatology clinic. New Zealand Dermatological Society Annual Meeting, Sunshine Coast, Australia, July 2013
- 2013** Baker CS. Thalidomide in Dermatology. New Zealand Dermatological Society Annual Meeting, Sunshine Coast, Australia, July 2013
- 2013** Baker CS. Transitioning between therapies in Psoriasis. New Zealand Dermatological Society Annual Meeting, Sunshine Coast, Australia, July 2013
- 2013** Baker CS. Side effects of Clinical Guidelines. Psoriasis 2013 Congress, Paris, France, Jul 2013
- 2013** Baker CS, Foley PA, Braue A. Psoriasis uncovered--measuring burden of disease impact in a survey of Australians with psoriasis. *Australas J Dermatol* 2013 Feb; 54(Suppl 1): 1-6. PMID: 23379483 / doi: 10.1111/ajd.12010

*“Everybody I came in contact (with) was so kind, professional and helpful”*

## Associate Professor Peter Foley

### Publications

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- 2014** Stockfleth E, Peris K, Guillen C, Cerio R, Basset-Seguín N, Foley P, Sanches J, Culshaw A, Erntoft S, Lebwohl M. Physician Perceptions and Experience of Current Treatment in Actinic Keratosis. *J Eur Acad Dermatol Venereol*. 2014 Jul 27. doi: 10.1111/jdv.12530. [Epub ahead of print]
- 2014** Rubel D, Spelman L, Murrell D, See J-A, Hewitt D, Foley P, Kerob D, Kerrouche N, Wulf HC, Shumack S. Daylight PDT with methyl aminolevulinate cream as a convenient, similarly effective, nearly painless alternative to conventional PDT in actinic keratosis treatment: a randomised controlled trial. *Br J Dermatol*. 2014 May 24. doi: 10.1111/bjd.13138. [Epub ahead of print]

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- 2014** Challenging Patients Case study exploration into Pyoderma Gangrenosum, Pustular Psoriasis and Hidradenitis Suppurativa: Hidradenitis Suppurativa, The Combined Physician Auto-Immune Scientific Summit, Melbourne, March 2014
- 2014** An Update on the Australasian Psoriasis Registry, The Combined Physician Auto-Immune Scientific Summit, Melbourne, March 2014
- 2014** Secukinumab Compared With Placebo and Etanercept: A Head-to-Head Comparison of Two Biologics in a Phase 3 Study of Moderate-to-Severe Plaque Psoriasis (FIXTURE), 21st Regional Conference of Dermatology (6th Annual Meeting of the Asian Academy of Dermatology and Venereology), Danang, Vietnam, April 2014
- 2014** How to manage psoriasis patients with hepatitis and tuberculosis? Asia Pacific PEARLS webcast, April 2014
- 2014** What's new in the treatment of moderate-to-severe chronic plaque psoriasis, The Australasian College of Dermatologists Annual Scientific Meeting, Melbourne, May 2014
- 2014** Anti-TNF therapy and Skin Cancer, Combined Dermatology, Rheumatology, Gastroenterology meeting, Hobart, August 2014
- 2014** Treatments – The New: Psoriasis, Spondyloarthritis Knowledge and Learning, Melbourne, August 2014

## Associate Professor Greg Goodman

### Publications

- 2013** Goodman GJ. In J Carruthers and A Curruthers (Eds.), Saunders. Botulinum toxin: Procedures in Cosmetic Dermatology Series. Chapter 20 The Masseters and Their Treatment with Botulinum Toxin, P135-141
- 2013** Goodman G and Hoys study team, 2013. Letter: Re: February Special Issue on Aesthetic Scales. *Derm Surg*, 38:9:1570–1571
- 2013** Stewart N, Lim AC, Lowe PM, Goodman G, 2013. Lasers and laser-like devices: Part one. *Australasian Journal of Dermatology*, DOI: 10.1111/ajd.12034
- 2013** Goodman G, 2013. Commentary on "Comparison of a Fractional Microplasma Radiofrequency Technology and Carbon Dioxide Fractional Laser for the Treatment of Atrophic Acne Scars: A Randomized Split-Face Clinical Study". *Derm Surg*, 39:4:567–570
- 2013** Weiss AS, Goodman GJ, Lowe P and Lowe NJ, 2013. Chapter 9 - New and novel fillers. Highlighting elastin and soft tissue augmentation, platelet-rich plasma and a combination of carboxymethyl cellulose (CMC), and polyethylene oxide (PEO). In J Carruthers and A Curruthers (Eds.), *Soft tissue augmentation: Procedures in Cosmetic Dermatology Series*. Saunders 53-61
- 2014** Callan P, Goodman GJ, Carlisle I, Liew S, Muzikants P, Scamp T, Halstead MB and Rogers JD. 2013. Efficacy and safety of a hyaluronic acid filler in subjects treated for correction of midface volume deficiency: a 24 month study. *Clin Cosmet Investig Dermatol*, 6:81–89. Published online Mar 20, 2013. DOI: 10.2147/CCID.S40581
- 2014** Sebaratnam DF, Lim AC, Lowe PM, Goodman GJ, Bekhor P, Richards S. 2014. Lasers and laser-like devices: Part two. *Australasian College of Dermatology*. 55:1:1–14, Article first published online : 11 NOV 2013, DOI: 10.1111/ajd.12111
- 2014** Goodman G, 2014. An interesting reaction to a high and low molecular weight combination hyaluronic acid. *Derm Surg*. In Press 2014
- 2014** Goodman GJ. Commentary on "Combination Therapy in the management of Atrophic Scars" *J Cutan Aesthet Surg*. 2014 7:24-5
- 2014** Goodman GJ. Management of Post acne scarring. In: Robinson JK, Hanke W, Siegel D, Fratila A. *Surgery of the Skin*, 3rd ed. In Press

## Dr Alvin Chong

### Publications

- 2013** Lai-Kwon JE, Weiland TJ, Jelinek GA, Chong AH. Which patients with dermatological conditions are admitted via the emergency department? *Australas J Dermatol.* 2013 Dec 22. doi: 10.1111/ajd.12130. [Epub ahead of print]
- 2013** Ng JC, Cumming S, Leung V, Chong AH. Accrual of non-melanoma skin cancer in renal-transplant recipients: Experience of a Victorian tertiary referral institution. *Australas J Dermatol.* 2013 Jun 28. doi: 10.1111/ajd.12072. [Epub ahead of print]
- 2013** Li J, Chong AH, O'Keefe R, Johnson PDR. The fish tank strikes again – Metachronous nontuberculous mycobacterial skin infection in an immunosuppressed host. *Aust. J. Dermatol.* 2013 Aug 29. doi: 10.1111/ajd.12094. [Epub ahead of print]
- 2013** Li J, Chong AH, Green J, Kelly R, Baker C. Mycophenolate use in dermatology: A Clinical Audit. *Australas. J. Dermatol.* 2013 April 10. Doi: 10.1111/ajd.12042 [Epub ahead of print]

### Presentations

- 2013** South Asian Regional Congress of Dermatology, 2013, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 2013** Invited to Co-chair sessions and presented on “Managing hair loss: A practical approach” and “Skin problems in transplant recipients”
- 2013** Chong AH. Lessons from a transplant dermatology clinic: What I have learnt. Presented at the Cutaneous Malignancy Symposium. 46th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australasian College of Dermatologists, Sydney, May 2013
- 2013** Chong AH. Survival after cutaneous melanoma in kidney transplant patients – a population based matched cohort study. Presented at the Cutaneous Malignancy Symposium. 46th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australasian College of Dermatologists. Sydney, May 2013

### Poster Presentations

- 2013** A 3-year retrospective study of dermatological conditions admitted via a tertiary Emergency Department in Australia. Kwon JL. Weiland T. Jelinek G. Chong AH. Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australasian College of Dermatologists, Sydney, May 2013

## Occupational Dermatology Research and Education Centre (ODREC)

### Publications - (i) Research papers

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- 2013** Christensson JB, Andersen KE, Bruze M, Johansen JD, Garcia-Bravo B, Gimenez Arnau A, Goh CL, Nixon R, White IR. An international multicenter study on the allergenic activity of air oxidised R-limonene. *Contact Dermatitis* 68:214-23
- 2013** Holness DL, Beaton D, Harniman E, DeKoven J, Skotnicki-Grant S, Nixon R, Switzer-McIntyre S. Hand and upper extremity function in workers with hand dermatitis. *Dermatitis* 24: 131-6
- 2013** Du Pleiss J, Stefaniak A, Eloff F, Kudla I, Steiner M, Agner T, John S, Holness L, Nixon R., Chou T. Guidelines for the in vivo assessment of skin properties in workplace settings: Part 2: Transepidermal water loss and skin hydration. Accepted for publication, *Skin Research and Technology* Published online: 19 JAN 2013 DOI: 10.1111/srt.12037
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- 2013** Boyapati A, Tate B, Tam M, Nixon R. Allergic contact dermatitis from methylisothiazolinone: exposure from baby wipes causing hand dermatitis in carers *Australas J Dermatol* 54:264-7
- 2013** Lyons G, Roberts H, Palmer A, Matheson M, Nixon R. Hairdressers presenting to an occupational clinic in Melbourne, Australia. *Contact Dermatitis*; 68: 300-306
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- 2014** Toholka R, Nixon R. Suspected allergic contact dermatitis to a iodopropynyl butylcarbamate occurring in an alcohol hand rub commonly used in Australian healthcare settings. *Australas J Dermatol* 55:70-71
- 2014** Sheeran C, Cahill J, Nixon R. Localised dermographism in healthcare workers. *Contact Dermatitis*; 71:115-6
- 2014** Lolatgis H, Nixon R. Allergic contact dermatitis to epoxy resin in paint following exposure in a recreational setting. Accepted, *Australas J Dermatol* (letter)
- 2014** Cahill JL, Toholka R, Palmer A, Nixon RL. Contact dermatitis to methylisothiazolinone in baby wipes- a new epidemic. *Med J Aust* 200:208

- 2014** Palmer M, Nixon R. Polysensitisation in a laboratory scientist associated with allergic contact dermatitis to methyl isothiazolinone in skin cleansers Accepted, *Australas J Dermatol*
- 2014** Lai-Kwon J, Ly L, Tam M, Nixon R. Unsuspected allergic contact dermatitis to alcohol swabs following neurosurgery Accepted, *Australas J Dermatol*
- 2014** Toholka R, Wang Y-S, Palmer A, Nixon R. Proposal for the first Australian Baseline Series. Accepted, *Australas J Dermatol*
- 2014** Wong C, Gamboni S, Palmer A, Nixon R. Occupational allergic contact dermatitis from cement: estimating the size of the problem in Australia. Accepted, *Australas J Dermatol*
- 2014** Diepgen TL, Andersen KE, Chosidow O, Coenraads P, Elsner P, English J, Fartasch, Gimenez-Arnau A, Nixon R, Sasseville D, Agner T. Guidelines for diagnosis, prevention and treatment of hand eczema. Accepted, *Journal der Deutschen Dermatologischen Gesellschaft, JDDG-2014-TNS-053.R2*
- 2014** Wong C, Gies P, Liu W, Nixon R. Think UV, not heat! Accepted *Australas j Dermatol*
- 2014** Wong CC and Nixon RL. Systemic allergic dermatitis to cobalt and cobalt toxicity from a metal on metal hip replacement. *Contact Dermatitis*, 2014; 71:113-114

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- 2013** Nixon R and Diepgen T. Allergic contact dermatitis. *Middleton's Textbook of Allergy. Springer 2013*
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- 2014** Toholka R, Nixon R. Contact urticaria to antiseptics and preservatives. In *Contact Urticaria, ed Maibach Springer 2014*

#### **Presentations**

- 2013** Skin diseases in mining, APEODS, Yogyakarta, October
- 2013** Assessment of clinical relevance, APEODS, Yogyakarta, October
- 2013** Latex allergy: gone but not forgotten APEODS, Yogyakarta, October
- 2014** Learnings for new dermatologists, SCF, January
- 2014** Occupational skin cancer, NIVA course, Bergen, Norway, May
- 2014** ODREC Patch test training day: Introduction to patch testing; making a diagnosis; Workcover aspects; Where patch testing has helped me, Melbourne, May
- 2014** Making a diagnosis of contact dermatitis, ASM, Melbourne, May
- 2014** Allergic contact dermatitis to chromate in cement: time to act? ASM, Melbourne, May
- 2014** Summary of ODREC research, Australian Society of Dermatological Research, Melbourne, May
- 2014** Occupational dermatology, Monash University Certificate of Occupational Medicine, June
- 2014** Factors contributing to occupational dermatitis, ESCD, Barcelona, June
- 2014** Update on natural rubber allergy, ESCD, Barcelona, June
- 2014** Diagnostic algorithm for chronic hand eczema, ESCD, Barcelona, June
- 2014** Occupational dermatology: challenges for Australia, ESCD, Barcelona, June
- 201** Prevention of Occupational contact dermatitis: COST seminar, Barcelona, June



# black and white night ball

We really had a Ball this year!

This year's event was different. The aim was to celebrate what the Foundation has achieved, raise more funds, and have a great time. And we did that.

Guests queued up to be photographed on the red carpet on arrival. The Ballroom was themed with an enormous chandelier that wowed people on entry. We enjoyed fabulous food prepared by three great chefs, appreciated a fine wine, and danced to great music.

The Healthy Skin Awards were announced by Foundation President, A/Prof Chris Baker (see separate story elsewhere in this Annual Report).

There were a large number of other sponsors and supporters, and they deserve our thanks too.

Without the support from all of these firms and individuals, the Black and White Night Ball would not have been the success it was. All of the Black and White Night Ball sponsors and supporters are listed at the back of this Annual Report.



Registrars with Foundation President, A/Prof Chris Baker (centre).



Hetty Kate on vocals





# financials comparative statistics

	2013/2014	2012/2013
<b>clincs</b>		
S&CF Inc. Patient Services	20,633 <sup>1</sup>	21,327
Occupational Derm / Contact Services	1,567	1,507
Photography Services	3,134 <sup>2</sup>	833
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,344</b>	<b>25,615</b>
<b>education</b>		
Number of sessions	56	55
Number of attendances (Excludes community education)	1830 <sup>3</sup>	1674
<b>research - trials</b>		
Number of clinical trials undertaken	17	13
Value of clinical trials (\$)	\$896,117	\$727,000
<b>australian psoriasis registry</b>		
Number of participating sites	26	22
Number of patients on registry	1041	811

1 Results from change in treatment regime (away from UV towards prescription biologics). Some smaller impact from the extended leave of one consultant, and departure of another.

2 This figure now includes all activity by our Medical Photography Unit whereas earlier statistics reported only those services provided for fee-paying patients seeking medical photography services.

3 The Foundation has now commenced webcasting its education sessions. This statistic does not include the numbers participating in these webinars, or accessing the webcast recording at a later date.



# statement of financial performance

	2014	2013
<b>revenue</b>		
Medical fees	\$ 2,119,678	\$ 2,131,888
Pathology joint venture	\$ 592,307	\$ 576,842
Grants	\$ 809,149	\$ 796,534
Drugs and other trials	\$ 896,117	\$ 730,568
Other income	\$ 896,217	\$ 628,646
Rental income	\$ 306,761	\$ 258,380
Donations and Fundraising	\$ 421,470	\$ 323,139
Conferences and Meetings	\$ 173,944	\$ 84,726
Interest	\$ 60,115	\$ 82,968
Gain on revaluation of building	\$ -	\$ 1,743,013
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 6,275,758</b>	<b>\$ 7,356,704</b>
<b>expenditure</b>		
Depreciation expense	\$ 198,633	\$ 232,619
Employee benefits expense	\$ 4,109,508	\$ 3,886,803
Finance costs	\$ 235,728	\$ 284,589
Medical/photographic supplies	\$ 233,954	\$ 231,649
Occupancy costs	\$ 225,756	\$ 198,637
Other expenses	\$ 1,076,262	\$ 973,265
Professional fees	\$ 71,981	\$ 73,232
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$ 6,151,822</b>	<b>\$ 5,880,794</b>
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 123,936</b>	<b>\$ 1,475,910</b>
<b>Other Income/(Expenditure)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 123,936</b>	<b>\$ 1,475,910</b>
<b>Other Comprehensive Income/(Expenditure)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (140,000)</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Income</b>	<b>\$ 123,936</b>	<b>\$ 1,335,910</b>



# statement of financial position

as at 30 June 2014

	2014	2013
<b>assets</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	\$ 10,625,607	\$ 10,742,425
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 939,541	\$ 1,605,151
Trade and other receivables	\$ 315,928	\$ 248,445
Other assets	\$ 277,070	\$ 165,080
Investments	\$ 701,881	\$ -
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 12,860,027</b>	<b>\$ 12,761,101</b>
<b>liabilities</b>		
Borrowings	\$ 3,723,551	\$ 3,954,740
Trade and other payables	\$ 902,429	\$ 642,118
Employee Benefits	\$ 281,672	\$ 335,804
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 4,907,652</b>	<b>\$ 4,932,662</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 7,952,375</b>	<b>\$ 7,828,439</b>

Full audited accounts are available on request or can be downloaded from our website.

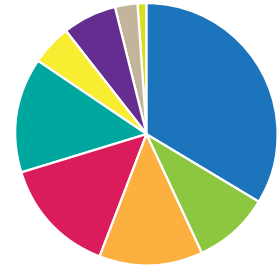
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# financial visual diagrams

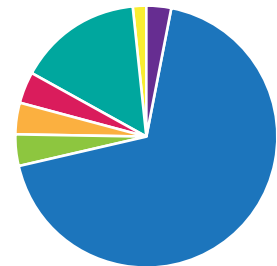
## revenue

- Medical Fees
- Pathology joint venture
- Grants
- Drugs and other trials
- Other income
- Rental income
- Donations and Fundraising
- Conferences and Meetings
- Interest



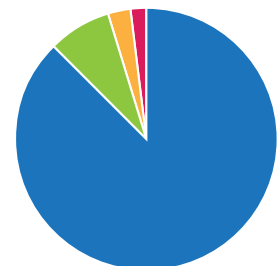
## expenditure

- Employee benefits expense
- Finance costs
- Medical/photographic supplies
- Occupancy costs
- Other expenses
- Professional fees
- Depreciation expense



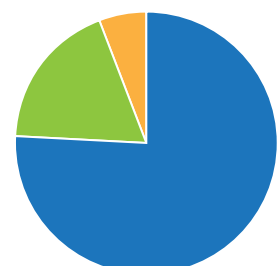
## assets

- Property, plant and equipment
- Cash and cash equivalents
- Trade and other receivables
- Other assets



## liabilities

- Borrowings
- Trade and other payables
- Employee Benefits







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# financial commentary

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The net comprehensive income for 2014 was **\$123,936**, compared to \$1,335,910 in prior year (2013 included net asset revaluations of \$1,603,013). A very pleasing turnaround brought about by improved income generation and operational reviews to reduce costs.

The Foundation generated total income of \$6,275,758 for the 2014 year, up \$662,067 on prior year (\$5,613,691 in 2013 not including the building revaluation). The principal sources of increased revenue were:

- Research income (up \$166K)
- Conferences and Meetings (up \$89K)
- Donations and Fundraising (up \$205K)

Against these increases, the Foundation received less income, primarily from:

- Private clinic income (down \$42K)
- Interest income, due to declining interest rates and returns (down \$31K)

Total expenditure for the year was \$6,151,822, up by \$271,028 on 2013. The major area of increase was in Wages & Salary costs, including doctors' sessional payments, up \$222,705 on prior year. The other major area of cost increase related to substantial and repeated repair costs to the ground floor air-conditioning system. The Board has budgeted to replace this system in the forthcoming year, funded by 10 year specific financing.

The re-negotiation of long term bank borrowings resulted in a reduction in cost of financing by \$48,861 from prior year.

The April to June Quarter of the year benefited from the implementation of the New Day Surgical Centre, with associated contracts with major health funds and commencement of the new Pathology Joint Venture Agreement with Melbourne Skin Pathology.

These two initiatives will also impact positively on the 2014/2015 financial year results.

The Foundation Board also took the decision to invest a major portion of the Philips bequest with ANZ Trustees, as a means of improving returns in a low interest market, while preserving capital through a low risk strategy.

*“Excellent, courteous service”*

## 2014 healthy skin awards

The Foundation conducted the Healthy Skin Awards again in 2014. Awards were presented to organisations and companies who have achieved success through innovative and effective marketing and promotion of skin health to their workforce and/or the broader community.

Five Healthy Skin Awards were presented at this year's Black and White Night Ball organised by the Skin & Cancer Foundation Inc.

The 2014 Healthy Skin Award winners were:

- City of Melbourne
- King & Wood Mallesons
- The AMIEU
- The Asian Executive Magazine; and
- Macquarie Group

The Awards ultimately acknowledge and recognise employers throughout Australia who have supported and encouraged 'best practice' of skin health within their workforce.

Each of these awards were sponsored, and we really must thank those sponsors for their support:

- Ego Pharmaceuticals
- Galderma
- Novartis
- Melbourne Skin Pathology; and
- ODREC



**A/Prof Chris Baker with Melbourne Pathology CEO, David Pinkus, presenting a Healthy Skin Award to City of Melbourne's Shelley Rodrigues and Clive Peter**



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# supporters

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Many individuals and organisations contribute in so many different ways to support the Skin & Cancer Foundation Inc.

The support of our many volunteers, donors, other individuals, philanthropists, community groups and companies is critical to our work. Their support makes a difference and is sincerely appreciated.

We also thank our member dermatologists, many of whom donate their precious time to provide clinical services, teach and conduct outstanding, world-class research.

The Skin & Cancer Foundation Inc achieves significant advances in the treatment, education and research into skin health. We make a difference for patients affected by skin disease, skin cancer and melanoma.

The Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation that has Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status. We are also a Tax Exempt Charity (TEC).

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**Actavis**  
**Advantage Salary Packaging**  
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**ANZ Private**  
**Artist Photographer**  
**Asian Executive Magazine**  
**Australian Protection Personnel**  
**Aveeno**  
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