

AUSTRALASIAN JOURNAL OF ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

About the Australasian Journal of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery (AJOMS)

The AJOMS is the official Journal of The Australian and New Zealand Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons (ANZAOMS)

AJOMS is a peer reviewed scientific Journal which is electronically published annually (initially as a 1 year pilot project) in closed access to Australians, New Zealand and Oceanic Region Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons.

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Overview

Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery is the Surgical Speciality that includes diagnosis, surgical and related treatments of a wide spectrum of disease, injuries, defects and aesthetics of the mouth, teeth, jaws, face, head and neck.

It is an Internationally recognised surgical speciality. (IAOMS www.iaoms.org May 2014)

The speciality of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery in Australia and New Zealand has overseen the creation of a series of integrated organisational arms, which are responsible for the ongoing management of the Speciality's affairs.

These involve:

The Australian and New Zealand Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons (ANZAOMS)

The Australian and New Zealand Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (ANZAOMS) is the professional representative organisation for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMS) in Australia and New Zealand.

The Association is the peak body for OMS specialists. The Association undertakes a wide range of activities for the advancement and advocacy of the specialty and facilitates ongoing education for our members and the general public.

ANZAOMS activities include:

- Publishing and communicating relevant information to members and the public.
- Conducting regular scientific meetings and encouraging the improvement of professional standards for the continuing education of members and therefore the health of communities, across Australia and New Zealand.
- Continuing education and professional development of surgeons in the wider Oceania region.
- Representing oral and maxillofacial surgeons to government and other institutions.
- Provision of specialty input and professional expertise to regulatory bodies.
- Support for quality assurance programs associated with the scope of the specialty.
- Collaboration with national and international professional associations.
- Providing guidance to members on their responsibility as an OMS through a Code of Ethics.
- Providing strategic direction and logistical assistance in the organisation of humanitarian surgical missions overseas or aid programs in indigenous Australia, by our members.
- Providing representatives to the RACDS OMS Board of Studies that oversees the selection, education and examination of trainees and the accreditation of training programs.

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The Board of Studies in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (RACDS)

This body is responsible for defining the training pathway, the examination curriculum, setting the examination standards and continuing professional development.

Current training requires registerable qualifications in dentistry and medicine, surgical training in general and four years advanced training leading to completion of the examination of the Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery [FRACDS (OMS)].

The Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons was established in 1959 and the Board of Studies in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery in 1989.

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Research with peer reviewed publications is a key component of the FRACDS(OMS). Research progress of all advanced trainees is supervised by the Research Committee of the Board of Studies in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, with each of the training centres having their Director of Research on the Editorial Committee.

Research funding for advanced trainees is facilitated by the **ANZAOMS Research and Education Foundation (ANZAOMS R & EF). This Foundation was established in 1991.**

The International Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons (IAOMS)

Australia and New Zealand were one of the eight foundation members of this international organisation which was established in 1962.

Regular International Conferences (ICOMS) are held, with one in Sydney (1974) and Melbourne (2015).

The International Association set up continental based regions with the Oceanic Region being established in 1996. Oceania covers the 19 countries in the Pacific regions, including Australia and New Zealand. Regular in-country education and surgical visits are conducted in the Pacific and South East Asian countries, coordinated by the ANZAOMS Overseas and Outreach Committee.

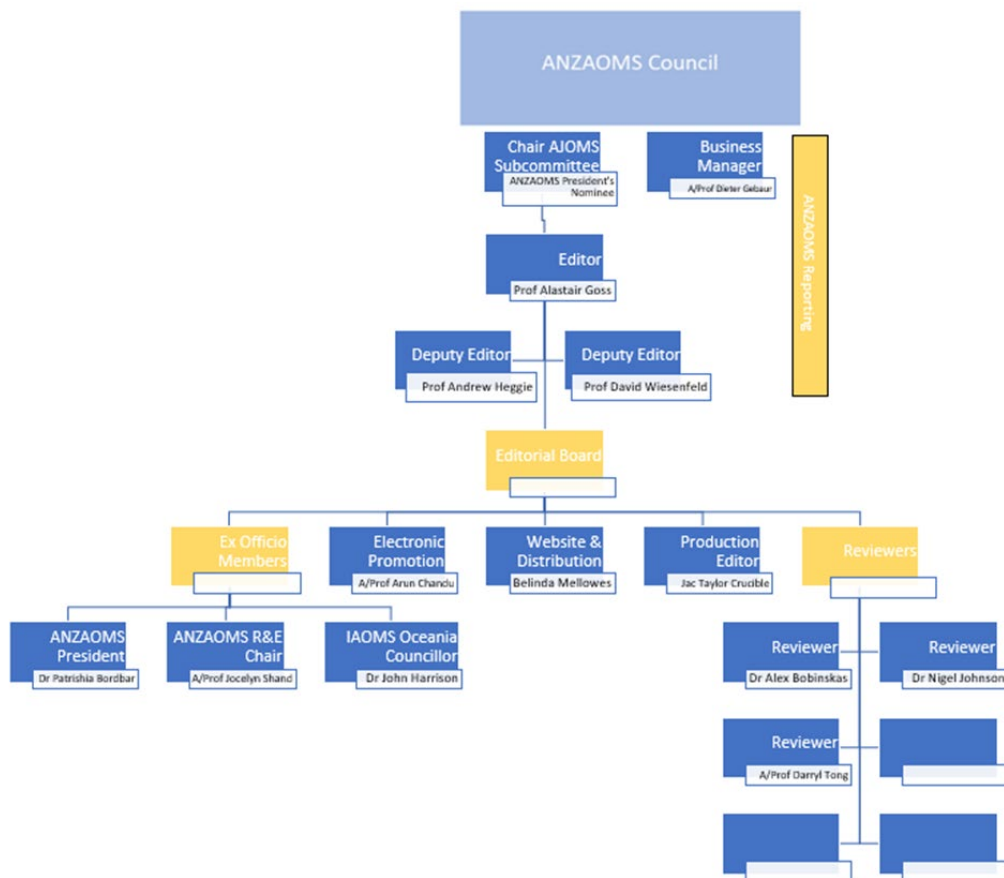
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