

# MILESTONES IN THEIR HISTORIES

1960 - 2016



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## Michael W Burns

In memory of Doctor Michael W. Burns (1935 - 2016)

The Society records with sadness the passing of one of its stalwarts on whose broad shoulders the current generation of office bearers has been privileged to stand. A former President (our 17th, 1985-87) and architect of the amalgamation of the Thoracic Societies of Australia and New Zealand into the existing entity from 1988, Michael was our Honorary Archivist whose careful cataloguing of Society activities stands as testament to his knowledge of his colleagues and the value he placed upon accuracy of recording. Amongst other duties he compiled two small tomes: *The Thoracic Society of Australia: The First Twenty Five Years* (1986) and *The Thoracic Societies of Australia and New Zealand: Milestones in their Histories* (1998). Both display great attention to detail, thoughtful analysis and a dry wit as exemplified by his comment in the Preface of the former that “perhaps future contributors



may care to put flesh and clothes on the skeleton” referring to his spare narrative. To date, his descriptions provide a clear insight into past activities and demand no such dressing up!

Michael was Head of Department at St.Vincent’s, Darlinghurst where he helped mentor a number of younger consultants and advanced trainees. He was always active in education and hospital politics. He seemed to know everyone and everything that was about to happen. Clearly he was well informed and used that knowledge to facilitate the development of a strong and vital discipline in Thoracic Medicine across the campus. Based on his experiences at Brompton Hospital he had great insight into pleuropulmonary infections and bronchiectasis where he extolled the difficulty of culturing fastidious organisms such as *Haemophilus influenzae* using contemporary techniques. His pronouncements at Lung Lunch in particular were legendary and one of his favorite sayings was to rail against the cardio-centric vision of modern medicine as a shrewd marketing tool by asserting that “the lungs were not just cardiac bookends!” a phrase that has now been inculcated into an editorial in the *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine* published just after his passing. Michael would have smiled to see it and perhaps his spirit is, even now.

As a gentle and wise man he inspired critical thought and in personal dealings he illustrated a love for family, his fellow man and the community of the Thoracic Society in which we are privileged to work.

With Michael’s wife Helen and family we share our sorrow at his passing but rejoice in reflections of his life and times that will live long in our memories.

Vale Michael Burns.

**Allan Glanville, TSANZ President-Elect 2016**

## APRIL 1998

Reviewing the events of nearly forty years in the story of these Societies, one marvels at the steady stream of dedicated men and women who have made them function. The names of most of these people are too numerous to list, realistically, in a brief publication such as this where space allows mention of only the major events and those featuring in them at the time. Nevertheless, without them the Societies might have petered out. Thanks go therefore to them all.

I am grateful to Peter Rothwell for providing me with the archival material from the Thoracic Society of New Zealand and to Eleanor McDonald for helping me put this book together.

Michael Burns  
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## 2011 (UPDATE)

The Society presses on. Now the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Thoracic Society of Australia is upon us.

The date of the Annual General Meeting during the Societies' Annual Scientific Meetings has been used throughout this compilation of notable events because it is more compact to print than a range of dates.

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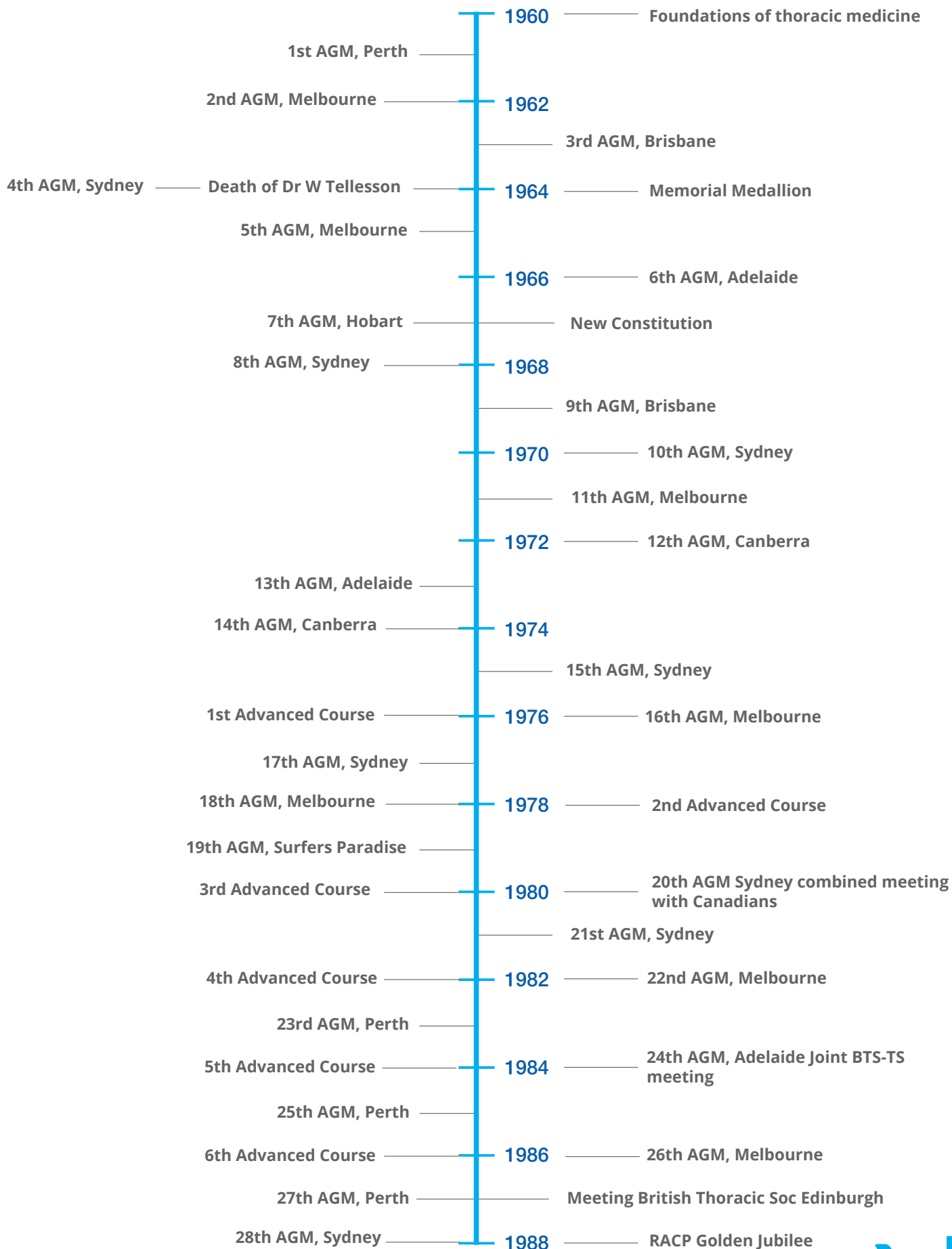




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## 1960 - 1988

### Foundations of thoracic medicine

*Though the specialty of Internal Medicine evolved rapidly in Australia in the 1930s, the subspecialty of thoracic medicine was a postwar phenomenon. Some Sydney and Melbourne physicians who had trained in tuberculosis expanded their interests to chest disease in general and thoracic units were established in several teaching hospitals in the 1940s.*

*In 1947, Dr (later Sir) Harry Wunderly became the first Commonwealth Director of Tuberculosis after he had successfully persuaded the Government to establish a national tuberculosis control and eradication program.*

### Wunderly Scholarships

*To encourage young physicians to study tuberculosis and other chest diseases, he and his wife donated \$18,000 to The Royal Australasian College of Physicians to establish the Wunderly Scholarships. These awards enabled aspiring chest specialists to travel and train overseas and thus a broad foundation for thoracic medicine in Australia was laid.*

### NAPTA

*The Australian Tuberculosis Association was formed during the 1948 Perth meeting of the Australian Branch of the British Medical Association. The Tuberculosis Association later changed its title to the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis in Australia (NAPTA), which was essentially a lay body but with a significant medical membership.*

### Laennec Society

*Later, after the successful eradication of tuberculosis as a major problem, NAPTA became the Australian Tuberculosis and Chest Association. In 1952, a medical wing of NAPTA was formed, the Australian Laennec Society.*

### Australian Thoracic Society

*The title Australian Thoracic Society was adopted at a meeting of members of the Australian Laennec Society on 12 October 1960, Dr A G McManis (NSW) in the chair. A strong feeling had developed that the time had come for an independent medical society to be formed.*

*The Australian Laennec Society accordingly was dissolved, but the new society agreed to continue in its role as an advisory body to the Association.*

*Dr A G McManis was elected first Chairman/President and Dr W G Telleson Honorary Secretary/Treasurer. A draft constitution had been drawn up in May 1960 and it was provisionally adopted at the 12 October 1960 meeting. One of its proposals was that state branches alter their various titles and be known as Australian Thoracic Society, ..... Branch. Other provisions were:*

- a. membership was open to any medical practitioner interested in thoracic disease and eligible for branch membership*
- b. for federal finance, levies would be made from state branches as required, and*
- c. the Annual General Meeting was to be held in temporal association with a meeting of either The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) or The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS).*



**1st AGM, Perth, 4/5/61**

*Dr D D Keall (WA) was elected President to take over from the provisional President Dr A G McManis.*



**First meeting of the Thoracic Society of Australia, Perth, 1961**

**Thoracic Society of Australia**

*The new constitution was formally adopted and the body was to be called the Thoracic Society of Australia (TSA). A motion was passed that the next annual meeting be held in conjunction with an ordinary meeting of the RACP. At the conclusion of general business, Dr Maurice Joseph said that the meeting represented the culmination of three years' work towards the establishment of a representative society. The first Annual Scientific Meeting was held at the Perth Chest Hospital, four papers being presented.*

**2nd AGM, Melbourne, 7/8/62**

*The 1962 meeting was held in Melbourne, Dr W Leigh Forsyth (Vic) being elected President. It was recorded in the minutes that the RACP was to be kept informed of Society activities and office bearers. At the scientific part of the one-day meeting, three papers were read. There was a formal evening lecture by Mr Norman Barrett, surgeon from Brompton Hospital in London and renowned as an authority on the oesophagus.*

**3rd AGM, Brisbane, 22/10/63**

*The scientific component of the 1963 one-day meeting in Brisbane featured eight papers plus four in a plenary session with the RACP. At the business meeting, Mr Konrad Hirshfeld (Qld) was elected President. In the proceedings it was recorded that the Society was maintaining a close liaison with the RACP, in keeping with one of the main purposes of reorganisation in 1960. The Society had been represented officially at the RACP jubilee celebrations in 1963. Also during the year, it had been noted that several state branches of the Society were still in the process of regrouping: the NSW was still the medical wing of the state branch of NAPTA, whilst no TSA branch had been formed in Queensland, the Thoracic Society of Queensland, a non-affiliated body, still representing thoracic interests there.*

**4th AGM, Sydney, 13/10/64**

*The 1964 meeting was held in conjunction with the RACP. Ten papers were presented in the scientific portion of the meeting and it was proposed that summaries of those papers be published in the Australasian Annals of Medicine or the Medical Journal of Australia. Mr Ian Monk (NSW) was installed as President.*

**Death of Dr W Telleson**

*The death of Honorary Secretary-Treasurer Telleson during the year was sadly recorded. It was resolved that.*

**Memorial Medallion**

*The Society provide a medallion to be presented to each President to mark Dr Telleson's memory. During the year, the TSA was invited to be represented at a meeting at the RACP to discuss the relationship of the College to Special Societies such as the Thoracic Society.*



**5th AGM, Melbourne,  
4/5/65**

*Dr A Campbell (Vic) was elected President at the Melbourne meeting in 1965. The scientific program, one day still, took place immediately preceding the RACP meeting. Ten papers were delivered. At the AGM it was noted that summaries of presentations at the 1963 Brisbane meeting were to be published in the MJA and those from the 1964 Sydney meeting in the Australasian Annals. In general business, Associate Professor John Read spoke of what he considered to be the poor standard status of the TSA of the scientific program of TSA meetings. Research appeared to be at a low ebb. A sub-committee was appointed to look into the matter of raising standards, its members being Associate Professor J Read, Dr M Joseph and Dr A G McManis.*

**6th AGM, Adelaide,  
17/5/66**

*The last of the one day scientific meetings took place in Adelaide in 1966 and the abstracts were published in a special supplement of the Australasian Annals of Medicine in August 1966. At the AGM Dr T Paxon (SA) was elected President. A new draft constitution prepared by Drs Read, Joseph and McManis was tendered. During that year there had been some correspondence with New Zealand thoracic colleagues. They were to form a New Zealand Thoracic Society and discuss liaison and possible amalgamation with the Australian body at a later date.*

**7th AGM, Hobart,  
28/2/67**

*The new President appointed in 1967 in Hobart was Mr P Braithwaite (Tas). For the first time, a two-day scientific program was presented. At the Annual General Meeting, the draft of a new constitution was tendered. Important new provisions were:*

**New Constitution**

- a. there were to be new financial arrangements whereby individual subscriptions were to be paid to the federal body with subsequent rebates to state branches proportional to their membership,*
- b. membership of the Thoracic Society of Australia was to include only graduates with acceptable higher qualifications. Interested non-qualified persons were eligible for associate membership.*
- c. the President could be two years in office but not more than two and*
- d. the Annual General Meeting was to be held, wherever possible, concurrently with or closely adjacent in time to a meeting of the RACP.*

*The new constitution was adopted.*

*On 16 April 1968 the Queensland branch of the TSA was formed, the Thoracic Society of Queensland electing to continue without affiliation with the TSA. At about this time, too, the NSW branch of TSA came into existence.*

**8th AGM, Sydney,  
28/5/68**

*In Sydney in 1968 Dr M Joseph (NSW) was elected President. He was to be the first to continue in office for two years. Across the Tasman, The Thoracic Society of New Zealand was formally established during 1968 with Mr J A Baird as President and Dr G M Kirk as Honorary Secretary.*

**9th AGM, Brisbane,  
27/5/69**

*In May 1969, the TSA welcomed to Brisbane as a guest lecturer, Professor E J Moran Campbell from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. He was in Australia as the guest of Prince Henry's Hospital, Melbourne, for its Centenary celebrations. At the business meeting, presidential medals were bestowed for the first time, the recipients being Drs A G McManis, I Monk, K Hirshfeld, T Paxon, P Braithwaite and A Campbell.*

**10th AGM, Sydney,  
18/8/70**

*The 1970 meeting took place later in the year than usual because a joint meeting between the TSNZ and TSA at the time of the RACP meeting in Dunedin was to be the official one. However, arrangements for this gathering were not completed and The Thoracic Society of Australia met on its own in August. Dr J Eric Clarke (Vic) was elected President.*





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- 11th AGM, Melbourne, 1/6/71** *In 1971 it was reported that the Accreditation and Credentials Board of the RACP had requested the TSA prepare a tentative program of advanced training in thoracic medicine for trainees proceeding to FRACP.*
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- 12th AGM, Canberra, 21/10/72** *The 1972 annual meeting was held in Canberra, close in time to the Eastern Region Tuberculosis Conference in Sydney, October - November 1972. Dr Roger Angove (SA) became President. Dr Maurice Joseph presented the Society with a gavel which he had made himself. On the base of its stand was a plaque where the names of TSA presidents were to be inscribed*
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- 13th AGM, Adelaide, 25/5/73** *Dr Margaret Turner-Warwick from the Brompton Hospital, London, was the Society's first specific Guest Lecturer at the Adelaide meeting in May 1973*
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- 14th AGM, Canberra, 21/10/74** *In 1974, the annual meeting was held late in the year because a joint meeting of TSA with the (British) Thoracic Society had been held in Singapore in March 1974 on the occasion of a joint meeting of the RACP and the Royal College of Physicians of the United Kingdom. It had been agreed earlier that the official Annual General Meeting of the society be held each year on Australian soil. The Education Subcommittee was formed at this 1974 Canberra meeting and plans were drawn up for the formation of an advisory panel for the training of thoracic physicians for Part II FRACP, five names to be submitted to the RACP, three of which would be chosen by the College as TSA representatives on the Specialist Advisory Committee in Thoracic Medicine. Initially these nominations were from Education Subcommittee members.*
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- 15th AGM, Sydney, 20/5/75** *A symposium on Thoracic Services and Manpower Needs in the Community attracted a lot of discussion at the Sydney meeting in 1975. At the business meeting, a Manpower Needs Subcommittee was formed. Dr Howard Williams (Vic) was elected TSA President. The Education Subcommittee tabled its first report and announced plans for a special course in advanced thoracic medicine. The three TSA nominees accepted by the RACP for the SAC were announced as Drs J Lee, M Pain and R Antic.*
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- 1st Advanced Course** *The first Advanced Course "Understanding Common Lung Diseases" was held at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney in August 1976. Arrangements for a principal overseas guest speaker went awry, but Drs Arnold Naimark and Margaret Becklake from Canada were in Australia at the time on other business. They kindly agreed to be co-opted to what proved to be a very successful meeting, both educationally and financially.*
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- 16th AGM, Melbourne, 12/10/76** *A combined meeting of TSA members with the Thoracic Society of New Zealand had been held at the time of the RACP meeting in Auckland in February 1976. The Australian Annual General Meeting was therefore held over until October 1976, and Professor Lynne Reid (Brompton Hospital and Harvard University) was the Society's second Guest Lecturer. Her visit was jointly arranged by the TSA and the Royal College of Pathologists of Australia.*
- Dr Pain gave the SAC's first report on the training of thoracic physicians; the Manpower Needs Subcommittee reported the high costs of their meetings, particularly transport, and proposed that application be made for a government subsidy. Such financial support never eventuated and unfortunately this subcommittee was never able to fulfil its hoped-for tasks. Dr M Burns who was the Society's representative on the Specialist Societies' Liaison Committee of the RACP, reported that he had expressed TSA willingness to continue the close relationship between the Society and the College. In other business a Pharmaceutical Subcommittee was proposed as was also an advisory subcommittee with expertise in clinical physiology in respiratory medicine and in the costing of modern technology in medical practice.*
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**17th AGM, Sydney,  
10/9/77**

*The 1977 annual meeting was to be held in Hobart in May but a last minute air strike forced its cancellation. The meeting was held in September and Dr Roy Mills (NSW) was elected President. The Pharmaceutical Subcommittee and a NHS Schedule of Fees. Subcommittee were established.*

*During 1978, the Special Societies' Liaison Committee of the RACP was active. The use of College facilities by special societies was discussed. An approach to the RACP by the TSA to provide secretarial services was made and accepted. The service commenced in early 1978 with Margaret Archer being seconded to the Society on a part-time basis.*

**18th AGM, Melbourne,  
9/5/78**

*The Annual General Meeting was held at the normal time (May) once again and a joint symposium with the RACP entitled "Diffuse Lung Disease" was mounted. At the (TSA) business meeting a Subcommittee on the Application and Costs of Modern Technology in Medical Practice was established.*

**2nd Advanced Course**

*The second Advanced Course was held in Melbourne from 14 - 18 August 1978, the principal guest being Professor J B West (San Diego). A number of topics were discussed, principally the Pulmonary Circulation and Thromboembolism.*

**19th AGM, Surfers  
Paradise, 15/5/79**

*The annual Meeting of 1979 was held in Surfer's Paradise and Dr M Pain (Vic) was elected President. The principal Guest Speaker was Dr I W B Grant from Edinburgh. A joint symposium with the RACP took place in nearby Brisbane on the subject of "Infection in the Compromised Host".*

**20th AGM, Sydney,  
29/2/80  
Combined Meeting  
with Canadians**

*In February 1980, a spectacular combined meeting of RACP, RACS and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada was held in Sydney. The Thoracic Society of Australia and the Canadian Thoracic Society met at the same time. The Society's principal guest, and for the second time, was Professor E J M Campbell.*

**3rd Advanced Course**

*The third Advanced Course was held in Sydney from 11 - 15 August 1980 on the theme "Allergic Reactions of the Lungs", the overseas guests being Dr James Hogg (Vancouver) and Dr John Salvaggio (Tulane). During this time Mrs Eleanor McDonald began her secretarial association with the Society, though on a part-time shared basis with College duties at first.*

**21st AGM, Sydney,  
8/9/81**

*The 1981 annual meeting was held in September because a proposed February meeting of the TSA with the Thoracic Society of New Zealand in Wellington, New Zealand, did not eventuate. The meeting was held in Sydney, therefore, with Dr Paul Sadoul (Nancy) the fifth overseas Guest Lecturer. Dr J H Lee (NSW) was elected President.*

**22nd AGM, Melbourne,  
4/5/82**

*No overseas guest was invited for the 1982 annual meeting in Melbourne because it was held soon after the previous one. It was very successful nonetheless. At the business meeting, the Tuberculosis Subcommittee was formed.*

**4th Advanced Course**

*The fourth Advanced Course was held in Adelaide from 9-13 August 1982, on the subject of "The Lung Interstitium". The principal Guest Lecturers were Professors A Autor (Iowa) and R Crystal (Bethesda, Maryland).*



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**23rd AGM, Perth, 4/5/83** *The 1983 meeting was held in Perth, for the first time running over three days. Dr M Maxwell (Vic) was elected President. The overseas guests were Professors M Becklake (McGill) and J Hogg (Vancouver), both having previously been principal speakers at TSA advanced courses. Afterwards ten TSA members went on to Singapore where an informal joint meeting with the Singapore Thoracic Society was held on 8 May 1983.*

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**24th AGM, Adelaide, 9/5/84**  
**Joint BTS-TSA meeting** *A joint meeting with The British Thoracic Society in Adelaide was a feature of 1984. Professor Margaret Turner-Warwick was principal Lecturer, shared with the RACP.*

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**5th Advanced Course** *The fifth Advance Course on the topic of "Pulmonary Infection and Host Defence" was held in Melbourne from 1 - 4 October 1986. Principal overseas guests were Drs Morton Swartz (Boston) and Herbert Reynolds (Yale).*

*During 1984 Mrs Eleanor McDonald became full-time Secretary of the TSA at 145 Macquarie Street.*

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**25th AGM, Brisbane, 18/3/85** *The ninth principal Guest Lecturer at the 1985 annual meeting in Brisbane in March was Dr N Anthonieson (Winnipeg). At this meeting, Dr M Burns (NSW) became President. A Young Investigator Award was inaugurated.*

*In August, the TSA was associated with the American College of Chest Physicians in the XV World Congress and the IX Asia-Pacific Congress of Diseases of the Chest in Sydney.*

*During 1985, Mrs Margaret McDonald joined Eleanor McDonald as Assistant Secretary.*

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**26th AGM, Melbourne, 5/5/86** *The 1986 scientific meeting was held in Melbourne with a record number of 170 registrants despite the decision not to have an overseas guest lecturer on this occasion. A one day satellite symposium on Cell Biology was held following the main meeting. TSA members took part in a session on respiratory problems at the May RACP meeting in Hobart.*

*At the Annual General Meeting, a motion to appoint a President Elect was passed. The Society executive would then consist of the President (for two years), the Immediate Past President (for one year), the President- Elect (for one year), the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer and the Honorary Assistant Secretary. Dr Ral Antic became the first President- Elect. At that meeting, too, it was approved that the*

*Society take over from the trustees the funds and organisation of the Harry Wunderly Trust Fund. In addition, a committee chaired by Dr Geoffrey McLennan was formed to advise the Society concerning the establishment of a lung foundation, the development of a Society logo was in progress and steps were under way for the amalgamation of the Society with that of New Zealand.*

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**6th Advanced Course** *The sixth Advanced Course on the subject of "Mechanisms and Management of Acute Respiratory Failure" was held in Newcastle from 26 - 30 October 1986. The overseas guests were Dr Margaret Branthwaite (Brompton Hospital) and Professor Larry Wood (Chicago).*

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**27th AGM, Perth,  
24/6/87  
10th Overseas Guest**

1987 saw the fruition of much planning and negotiation when the Thoracic Society of Australia met officially and jointly with the British Thoracic Society in Edinburgh from 1 - 3 July. Prior to this the Australian Annual Scientific Meeting had been held in Perth. The principal overseas guest speaker, the Society's tenth, was Dr Stephen Holgate from Southampton. At the AGM, Dr Ral Antic (SA) was elected President. The meeting agreed unanimously for the Society to proceed with amalgamation with the New Zealand Society, the union being expected to take place at the next Annual Meeting in Sydney in 1988. A Society logo was accepted to a design from a member, Dr Stephen Cala, and approval was given to explore further the possible establishment of a lung foundation. A steering committee was later appointed. Professor Woolcock announced a proposal that a regional thoracic society, based in Japan, be formed, the provisional name being the Asian Pacific Society of Respiriology. She hoped Society members would give it support. A satellite symposium "Cell Biology of the Lung" preceded the Annual Meeting.

**Joint Meeting with  
British Thoracic Society**

A party of more than 50 Australians went on to Edinburgh. Twenty members presented papers or posters and their travelling costs were materially assisted by generous donations from eight Australian pharmaceutical companies. In gratitude for the generosity of the donors, the Society Executive invited senior representatives of the companies to a formal dinner, held at the College of Physicians on 19 May 1987. Thus began a tradition and this function continued to be held thereafter. One of the companies, Sandoz, instituted an ongoing Travelling Fellowship. The Society sponsored Professor Ludwig Engel as its principal speaker at a special lecture.

In 1987, Eleanor and Margaret McDonald were appointed Executive Secretary and Assistant Executive Secretary respectively.

**28th AGM, Sydney,  
10/5/88  
RACP Golden Jubilee  
Amalgamation with  
TSNZ**

In 1988 the Society met with the RACP on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the latter.

At this time, the TSA had 440 members. The principal overseas guest was Professor J Milic-Emili from Canada who gave the first Wunderly Oration since the Thoracic Society took responsibility for it. New awards were announced: the Fison's medal and the Best Poster Prize. A motion was carried unanimously to amalgamate the TSA and TSNZ with a constitution modified from that of the TSA. Thus the Thoracic Society of Australia came to an end after 28 years.

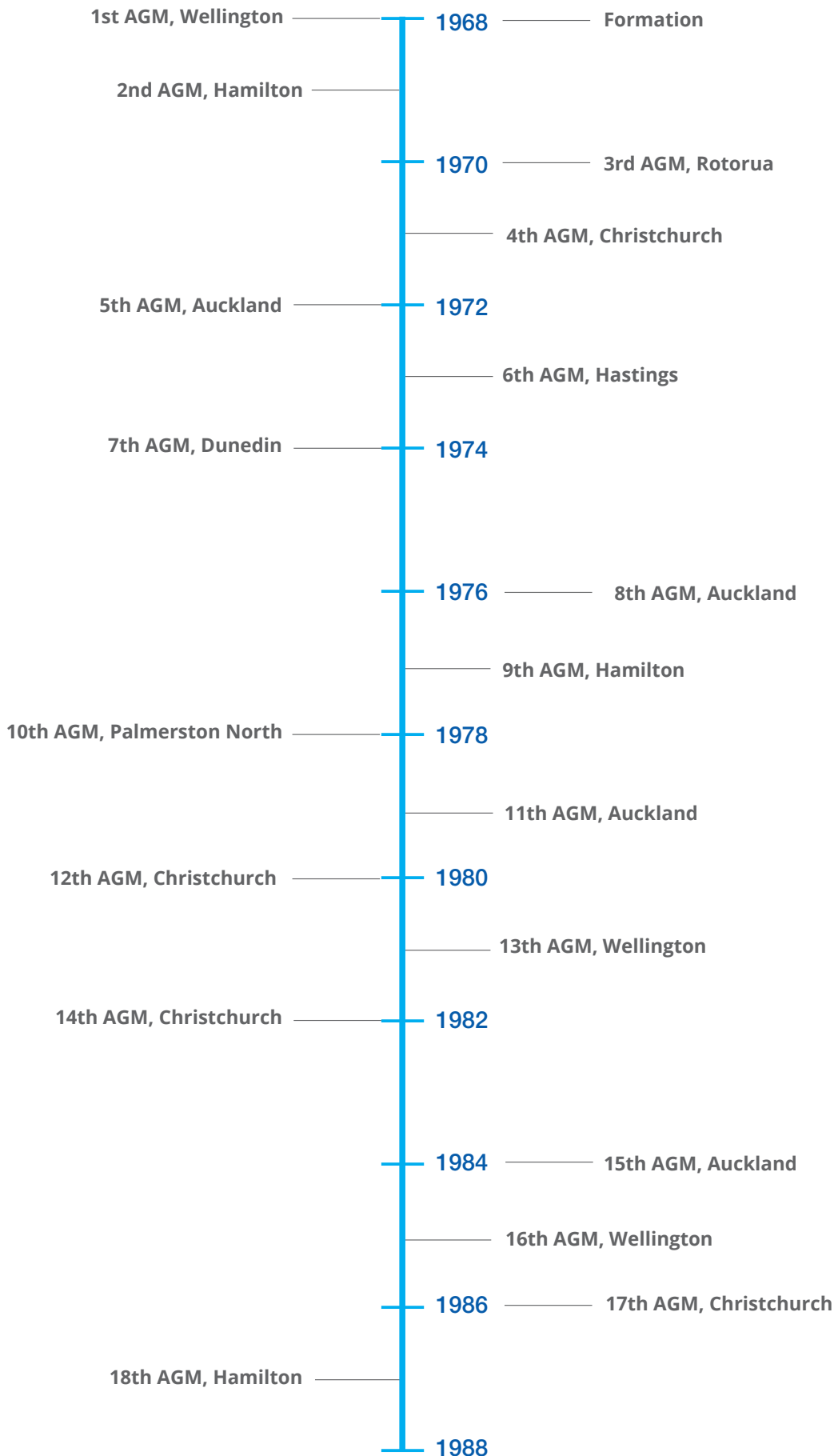
To mark the occasion, the Societies exchanged gifts. The New Zealand President, Dr Peter Rothwell, presented Australian and now TSANZ President, Dr Ral Antic, with a commissioned carved Waka Huia (feather or treasure box). A Visitor's Book was presented to the now New Zealand Branch.

Attending the meeting was Professor Shiro Kira of Tokyo, Secretary of the Steering Committee of the proposed Asian Pacific Society of Respiriology (APSR). He addressed the AGM. Later in 1988, the APSR officially came into existence.



# 1968 - 1988

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# THE THORACIC SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND

## 1968 - 1988

### **Found Formation 23/2/68**

*After two years or more of preliminary discussions, a meeting of interested persons was called by Dr John Mackay, Wellington physician, to make a concrete resolution to this end. It took place in the Dominion Museum in Wellington on 23 February 1968. The minutes described a representative gathering which included physicians, surgeons, anaesthetists, pathologists and radiologists. It was moved by Dr Mackay and seconded by Dr H J H Hiddlestone that "a Thoracic Society of New Zealand be formed". The motion was carried. A subcommittee of three, Mr J A Baird, Dr J B Mackay and Dr G M Kirk (Provisional Secretary), was appointed to draw up a provisional constitution and arrange the first meeting for later that year.*

*It was considered that a wide membership, including consultants from all fields interested in thoracic diseases, be invited to join. The Society was to be independent and not meet in conjunction with any other Association or administrative body. Scientific meetings were to be held annually in a different city with a business meeting (AGM) as part of the proceedings. The formative subcommittee was in close communication with the Australian body and drew up its own constitution based on that newly adopted by the Thoracic Society of Australia.*

### **1st AGM, Wellington, 8/11/68**

*The first scientific meeting of the Society took place at the Medical Centre, Wellington Hospital, on 8 November 1968. Papers were presented, abstracts of which were published in the New Zealand Medical Journal. At the business meeting, Mr J A Baird was confirmed as President, the position having a 2-year duration of appointment. Dr G M Kirk was Honorary Secretary and, with Dr J B Mackay and regional representatives of the North and South Islands, Dr P D Swinburn and Professor T V O'Donnell, they comprised the Executive. At that meeting there was an attendance of 29 members. Dr J H Lee, Honorary Secretary of the Thoracic Society of Australia, attended by invitation, and brought its good wishes for a successful meeting. He hoped the two societies would have a close liaison.*

### **2nd AGM, Hamilton, 22/8/69**

*This meeting was held in conjunction with a course in respiratory disease run by the Waikato Postgraduate Medical Society. Dr Michael Pain of Melbourne was the overseas guest speaker and was thus the Society's first overseas guest. Again the scientific meeting abstracts were published in the New Zealand Medical Journal. Dr J B Mackay left the Executive and thereafter the Immediate Past President was a member of the group.*

### **3rd AGM, Rotorua, 27/6/70**

*Dr J Hinds became President and Mr A R Kerr Honorary Secretary. Drs G M Kirk and J McLeod were the regional representatives.*

### **4th AGM, Christchurch, 25/9/71**

*The TSNZ meeting was held in conjunction with the Course in Respiratory Diseases arranged by the Christchurch Hospitals Postgraduate Society. Professor E J M Campbell from Hamilton, Ontario, and Dr G B Field of Sydney were overseas visiting speakers.*

### **5th AGM, Auckland, 23/9/72**

*The scientific meeting of the Society was held in September 1972 in conjunction with the Auckland meeting of The Royal Australasian College of Physicians. At the Annual General (Business) Meeting Mr H T Thompson became President and Dr J B Jameson Honorary Secretary, with Drs Kirk and A V Kurta as regional representatives on the Executive.*





<b>6th AGM, Hastings, 12/10/73</b>	<i>Professors Hermes Grillo of Boston and Bryan Gandevia of Sydney were overseas guest speakers. Professor Grillo was the Sir James Wattie Professor for that year.</i>
<b>7th AGM, Dunedin, 11/9/74</b>	<i>This meeting was held jointly with the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand together with the RACP at the latter's Inter-Regional Meeting. Dr A J Proust of Canberra was the overseas guest. Dr A H Webb was elected President and Dr P D Martin became Honorary Secretary with Mr J Borrie joining Dr A Kurta as the regional representatives on the Executive.</i>
<b>8th AGM, Auckland, 19/2/76</b>	<i>On this occasion the Society was a participant in a combined scientific meeting with members of the Thoracic Society of Australia in association with the annual meeting of the RACP. Papers from both New Zealand and Australian speakers were presented in a busy and successful two-day gathering. A further TSNZ scientific meeting took place in Wellington in September of that year, but without a business meeting.</i>
<b>9th AGM, Hamilton, 9/11/77</b>	<i>The Thoracic Society met again in conjunction with the Waikato Postgraduate Medical Society. Professor Margaret Turner-Warwick of London was overseas guest speaker. Dr R P G Rothwell was elected President with Mr R Blair Honorary Secretary and Drs Swinburn, Martin and Thompson as regional representatives.</i>
<b>10th AGM, Palmerston North, 13/10/78</b>	<i>The Society met with the Palmerston North Postgraduate Medical Society. Dr R G Grainger of Sheffield was the overseas guest speaker. He was the Sir James Wattie Professor that year.</i>
<b>11th AGM, Auckland, 16/8/79</b>	<i>The Society met concurrently with The Royal Australasian College of Physicians. Dr Michael Pain of Melbourne returned as overseas guest speaker. Dr J McLeod became President and Dr J Gillies Honorary Secretary with Drs R Frye and J Jameson as regional representatives.</i>
<b>12th AGM, Christchurch, 26/7/80</b>	<i>The TSNZ meeting was held with the Canterbury Postgraduate Medical Society and in association with the New Zealand branch of the Royal Australasian College of Radiologists. Four overseas guest speakers were invited: Professor Peter Macklem of Canada, and Drs Colin Sullivan, Graham Marlin and Michael Burns of Sydney. Dr P Thornley took over as Honorary Secretary.</i>
<b>13th AGM, Wellington</b>	<i>This meeting took place at the time of the Annual Scientific Meeting of the RACP. Dr A J Proust of Canberra returned as overseas guest speaker. Dr J B Mackay was elected President and Mr B Squire Honorary Secretary. Drs P Bartley and T Gebbie were regional representatives.</i>
<b>14th AGM, Christchurch, 29/1/82</b>	<i>This meeting was held in conjunction with a meeting of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. Professor Margaret Turner-Warwick again accepted the Society's invitation to be the overseas guest speaker. A further scientific meeting was held in Hamilton in August, 1982, in conjunction with the RACP. There was no meeting in 1983 but Dr P Bartley became President, Dr John Kolbe Honorary Secretary, with Dr H Rea joining Dr T Gebbie on the Executive as regional representatives.</i>
<b>15th AGM, Auckland, 15/8/84</b>	<i>This meeting was held in association with the RACP and the New Zealand Oncology Group.</i>





**16th AGM, Wellington**

*This year the Thoracic Society meeting was held in conjunction with the Wellington Postgraduate Medical Society. Professor Margaret Becklake of Montreal and Dr David Lamb of Edinburgh were the overseas guest lecturers. Professor J D Sinclair was elected President and Dr Tony Bai Honorary Secretary. Drs A C Harrison and P Thornley were the regional representatives on the Executive.*

**18th AGM, Hamilton**

*This meeting took place in association with the Annual Scientific Meeting of the RACP. Professor Tania Sorrell of Sydney was the overseas guest speaker. Dr R P G Rothwell was elected President for the second time, with Dr C B Mahood Honorary Secretary. Prior to this, a number of New Zealand thoracic physicians had met informally in Sydney with the President of the Thoracic Society of Australia (TSA), Dr M W Burns, and some of his colleagues. There was general agreement that a closer association between both Societies was in the best interests of members of each. In fact the merging of the two Societies seemed to be the best idea.*

*Prior to his resumption of office, Dr Rothwell has been asked to pursue further negotiations with Dr Burns. By the time of the AGM of the Australian body on 24 June 1987, Dr Burns was in a position to put a motion to his members proposing amalgamation of the two societies. It was passed unanimously. Dr Rothwell was able to achieve the same result with New Zealand members in November 1987 at Hamilton. Therefore, at a combined meeting of the TSA and the RACP in Sydney on 10 May 1988 a motion was passed to join together the two bodies into the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand. The occasion was the Golden Jubilee of the College. In honour of the event the New Zealand delegation presented the new parent body with a specially commissioned Maori carved box or Waka Huia.*

**16th AGM, Wellington**

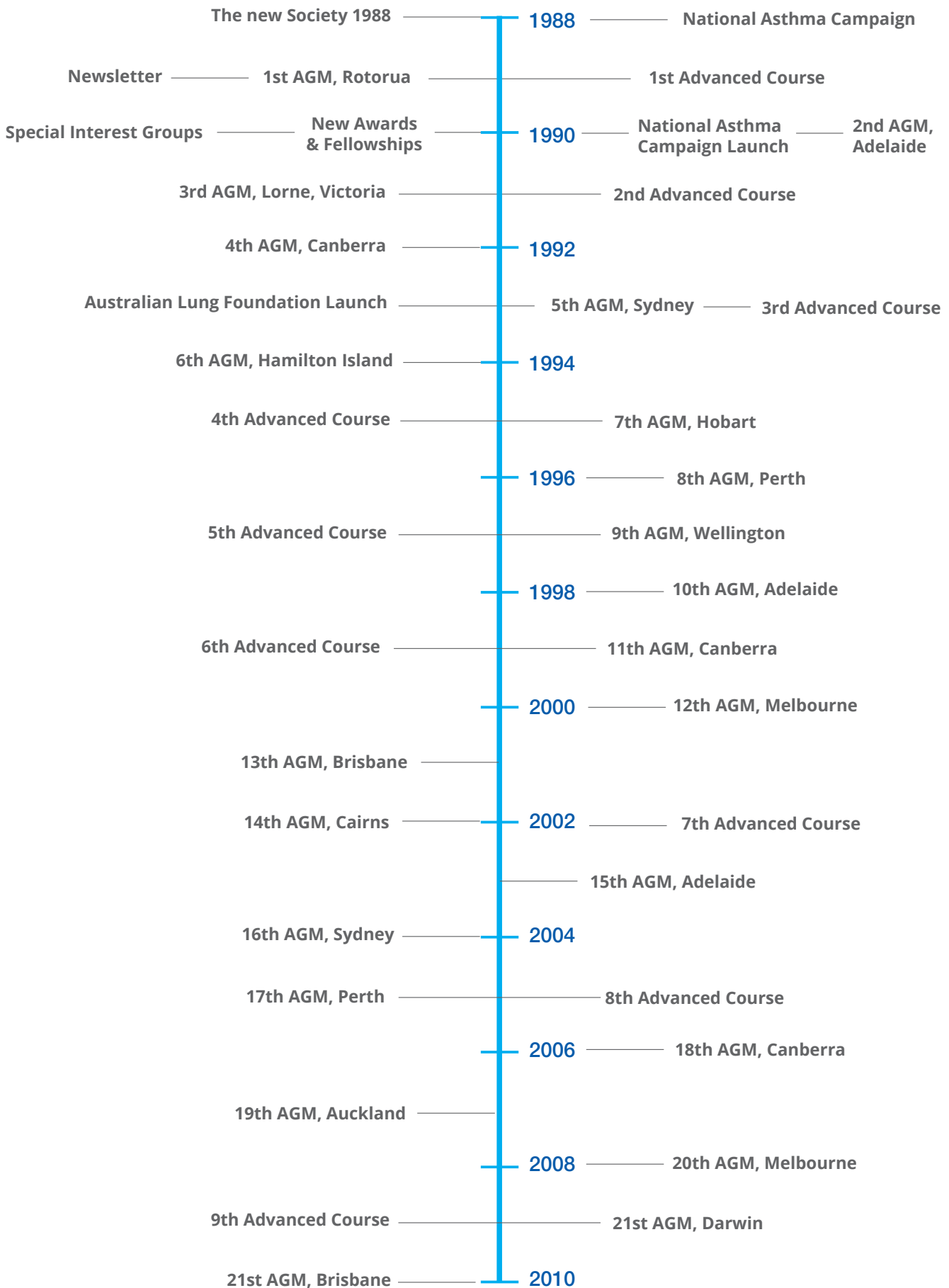
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**The new Society 1988**      *The Executive of the new Society met on a regular basis in Sydney, the New Zealand representative being Brian Mahood.*

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**National Asthma Campaign**      *The TSANZ was approached in June, 1988, by a group called Global Co-operation for a Better World, to participate with them and the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) in an Australian nationwide asthma awareness campaign. The Society accepted the invitation and the campaign was initiated on 11 September 1988 with the Society President, Dr Ral Antic, as principal Society representative. Global then withdrew from the established Campaign group which began to flourish nationally with a close association with the Society as its guiding force.*

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**1st Advanced Course**      *This course, the first of the TSANZ, and the seventh of the successive Thoracic Societies, was held in Brisbane from 3 - 6 April 1989. Dr Hans Weill of New Orleans and Dr Dean Sheppard of San Francisco were the principal guest speakers, the theme of the course being "The Lung and the Environment".*

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**1st AGM, Rotorua, 16/8/89**      *The New Zealand organising committee for this meeting mounted a thoroughly successful enterprise. Associate Professors Theresa McCloud of Boston and Alec Patterson of Toronto were the Society's overseas guests. The New Zealand branch continued the tradition of their yearly sponsored scientific symposium, this year on asthma, by having it as a satellite to the main meeting. The overseas guests for the symposium were Professor Sonia Buist from Oregon and Associate Professor Paul O'Byrne from McMaster. Dr K E Finucane of Perth was elected President. The Wunderly Oration was delivered by Associate Professor A Patterson.*

*Special Interest Groups (SIGs) in Paediatrics and Surgery met during the Rotorua gathering. Also a Respiratory Nurses group met formally for the first time at a Thoracic Society meeting. Some rearrangement of Society subcommittees took place. The Lung Foundation Chairman, Dr Geoff McLennan, presented the final plans of the ad hoc steering committee for the proposed launch of the foundation. A Sandoz*

*Travelling Fellowship to be awarded two years running; the Fison's Medal for Research and the Best Poster prize, both ongoing, were each given for the first time. Fisons also presented the Society with an honour board, made of Australian and New Zealand timbers. It was later mounted on the wall in the Society's Sydney headquarters and the names of the Presidents of the TSANZ and its founder societies were to be inscribed there. At the end of the meeting the Society's total membership was 603.*

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**Newsletter**      *A new style of society newsletter, the Thoracic Society News, was launched in November 1989.*

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**Special Interest Groups**      *The formation of a wider number of Special Interest Groups, the total being seven, was adopted as Society policy and all the members were sent a notice in February 1990, inviting each member to join one of groups.*

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**2nd AGM, Adelaide, 9/4/90**

*The Society's overseas guests were Professor Roland Ingram of Minneapolis and Associate Professor Valerie Rusch of the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Centre. The Wunderly Orator was Dr Ral Antic. The Australian Lung Foundation was still in the process of development but already over 50% of Society members had contributed financial support. The Australasian Society of Respiratory Technology held their annual meeting in conjunction with that of the TSANZ. Their overseas guest was Professor Jack Clausen of California. A satellite meeting on lung cancer followed the main meeting, with Associate Professor Rusch staying on as overseas guest.*

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**National Asthma Campaign Launch**

*The official launching of this campaign by the Australian Federal Minister for Community Services and Health, Mr Brian Howe, took place in Sydney on 12 October 1990. By then, Dr Ral Antic was Campaign Chairman. State Asthma Foundations and the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia were members of the Campaign group, together with the TSANZ and the RACGP. The Department of Community Services and Health had provided considerable financial support. The Thoracic Society's Asthma Management Plan was endorsed and adopted by the Campaign which was to run initially for two years. The TSANZ gave the Campaign its full support and significant financial backing.*

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**New Awards and Fellowships**

*In the newsletters of September and December 1990, two new Society awards were announced: the Thoracic Society Medal, to be awarded yearly, and the Thoracic Society Research Medal, to be awarded every second year. Special medals were to be designed. The Fison's Medal was to be awarded in the alternate years to that of those of the Research Medal. Allen and Hanbury's were to sponsor an ongoing Research Fellowship. The Sandoz Fellowship had been discontinued.*

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**3rd AGM, Lorne, Victoria, 9/4/91**

*This was the first Australian annual meeting outside a major city. Suitable city venues at reasonable cost were becoming scarce. Professor David Denison was the principal overseas speaker. Associate Professor Norbert Berend (NSW) was elected President and the Wunderly Orator was Dr A W Musk. There were now eight Special Interest Groups and some of them held scientific presentations at the meeting. There was a satellite symposium on Aerosols jointly mounted by the TSANZ and the ASRT. The Australasian Sleep Association (ASA), the Australasian Society of Respiratory Technology (ASRT) and the Australasian*

*Sleep Technologists Association all held their annual scientific meetings in conjunction with the TSANZ. The ASA's guest, Professor Alan Pack of Philadelphia, and the guest speaker for the aerosol symposium, Dr Stephen Newman of The Royal Free Hospital, took part in the TSANZ scientific sessions. At the meeting, the ASRT changed its name to the Australian and New Zealand Society of Respiratory Science (ANZSRS).*

*The first of Allen and Hanbury's new travelling fellowships was awarded. The Society agreed to become incorporated, the bylaws being adopted as the Rules of Association of the Society. Guidelines for the acceptance of respiratory nurses as associate members of the Society were accepted. A working party presented a proposal for a new administrative structure of the TSANZ whereby four standing subcommittees would take over the duties of the existing ones: Education and Research, Clinical Care and Resources, Program, and Professional Standards (including the Specialist Advisory Committee). The name of the Society Committee was to become the Council and the Chairpersons of the Standing Subcommittees would join the Executive of the Council as ex officio members. The report and the recommendations were adopted.*

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**2nd Advanced Course**

*This was held on 9 - 13 September 1991, at Cable Beach, Broome WA. The theme was "Critical Appraisal of Clinical Evidence in Respiratory Medicine". The guest speakers were Drs Gordon Guyatt and Brian Haynes of McMaster. A special Council meeting took place on 9 September 1991 to appoint Standing Subcommittee membership and thus the new Society structural changes could be implemented.*

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**4th AGM, Canberra,  
31/3/92**

*The overseas guest for the Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) was Professor Richard Bouchier of North Carolina. The ANZ Society of Respiratory Science and the Occupational and Environmental Respiratory Group (OERG) met in association with the TSANZ. The OERG had a workshop "Irritants, Sensitisers and Asthma" for which Dr Stuart Brooks from Florida was overseas guest speaker. Dr Brooks also spoke during the Society ASM. The Clinical Physiology and Sleep SIG had a workshop with Professor Clifford Zwillich of Penn State University as guest speaker. The Wunderly Orator was Professor Ann Woolcock.*

*The Society and Research Medals were presented for the first time. The design of the front face of each had been published in the newsletter "Thoracic Society News" of March 1992. Dr Maurice Joseph was the recipient of the Thoracic Society Medal and the Research Medal was awarded posthumously to Professor Ludwig Engel who had died on 7 February 1992.*

*The Australian Lung Foundation was evolving steadily. It was now incorporated, had a strong National Council and Executive and active state branches. Its Chairman, Dr Geoff McLennan, was enthusiastically fund-raising. The Governor-General of Australia, Mr William Hayden, had consented to be its Patron. Astra had endowed an ongoing award, the Astra/Australian Lung Foundation Career Development Award and it had been presented for the first time at the ASM by Mr Hayden. A second award, the Australian Lung Foundation Ludwig A Engel Research Award had been funded, much of it from donations from Society membership.*

*The President announced that the Society had received an invitation from the Asian Pacific Society of Respirology (APSR) to become affiliated and this was duly accepted.*

**5th AGM, Sydney,  
27/4/93**

*The Annual Meeting was held at Darling Harbour in Sydney in conjunction with the Royal Australasian College of Physicians. The overseas guest speakers were Professor Allan Hance of the Bichat Institute in Paris and Dr Robyn O'Hehir from St Mary's Hospital, London. A number of SIGs met. The Occupational and Environmental Lung Disease SIG had Professor David Bates of Vancouver as its guest and the Paediatric SIG Dr Allan Coates of Montreal who also represented the American Thoracic Society at the TSANZ meeting. The ANZ Society of Respiratory Science (ANZSRS) and The Australasian Sleep Association (ASA) met in conjunction with the TSANZ.*

*Professor John Sutton was the Wunderly Orator. Professor J Paul Seale (NSW) was elected Society President. The Society Medal was awarded to Dr Roy Mills. A Nurses' Forum, established in 1992, met officially with the TSANZ at the ASM this year. The National Asthma Campaign announced it had continued its work, its articles of association have extended its life to 1995. Its Asthma Management Handbook was distributed during 1993.*

*Important new awards were given for the first time at the ASM. SensorMedics provided ongoing Travel Scholarships through the Australian Lung Foundation (ALF), ten of them in this first year. Roche awarded an ongoing Research Grant-in-Aid through the ALF and Compumedics a one-off Grant-in-Aid through the Society. Society Travel Grants for participants to attend Annual Scientific Meetings were announced in September 1993.*

*In August 1993, Margaret McDonald left the Society after eight years. In the same month, the Society head office moved from 145 to 147 Macquarie Street in Sydney.*

**3rd Advanced Course**

*On the topic of "Molecular Biology and Genetics" this course was held in Christchurch from 6 - 10 September 1993. Professor Jack Gauldie from McMaster was principal guest speaker.*

**Australian Lung  
Foundation Launch**

*The official national launching of the now established Foundation took place in Sydney on 10 November 1993. A corporate video was released at the same time. After the meeting, Dr Geoff McLennan stepped down from the ALF Chair and Dr Robert Edwards was appointed in his place.*



**6th AGM, Hamilton Island, North Queensland, 13/4/94**

*A large attendance made this meeting at the island resort a success. Meeting with the TSANZ were the ASA and the ANZSRS. Professor Jerry Dempsey of Wisconsin was the Society's overseas guest speaker. Professor Stephen Leeder gave the Wunderly Oration and Professor Tom O'Donnell received the Society Medal. Professor Colin Sullivan was awarded the Research Medal for 1994. An ongoing ALF/SensorMedics Grant-in-Aid for sleep related disorders was awarded for the first time. The TSANZ Travel Grants were given to 38 recipients. Society membership was now 787.*

*Mrs Hilary Adams commenced work with the Society in August, 1994.*

**7th AGM, Hobart, 29/3/95**

*Dr Tim Evans of the Brompton Hospital was the Society's principal guest speaker. The Wunderly Oration was given by Dr Paul Torzillo. Other groups held their annual scientific meetings with the TSANZ and they were the ANZSRS, the ASA and the Australasian Sleep Technologists Association (ASTA). The Nursing Forum was by now an established component of the whole gathering. New ongoing awards were given for the first time, the results of donations to the ALF: the ALF/Boehringer Ingelheim Chronic Airflow Limitation Research Fellowship, the ALF/SmithKline Beecham Award and the ALF/Ludwig Engel Award for Physiological Research, foreshadowed in 1992.*

*The Society Medal for 1995 was awarded to Dr Michael Pain. Associate Professor Charles Mitchell (Qld) assumed the TSANZ Presidency. The ALF had a Visitor, Dr Malcolm Green, President of the British Lung Foundation.*

*At the meeting, Neil Paget, Director of Education of the RACP, gave a seminar on the College's recertification program called MOPS (Maintenance of Professional Standards), a 5-year undertaking for each College Fellow, which had commenced in a staggered fashion in 1994. New guidelines for advanced training in respiratory medicine and sub-specialty certification, developed over several years by the Specialist Advisory Committee in Thoracic Medicine, were announced.*

**4th Advanced Course**

*This was held in Adelaide from 3 - 7 September 1995. Professors Mark Mahowla of Minneapolis and David White from Denver were principal overseas speakers. The theme of the course was Sleep Disorders for Respiratory Physicians. There were 170 registrants for this course, the number being the greatest of any of the ten advanced courses mounted by the TSA and TSANZ.*

**8th AGM, Perth, 27/3/96**

*This meeting had a theme and it was "Antecedents of Adult Respiratory Disease". The principal guest speakers were Associate Professor Fernando Martinez of Tucson, Arizona and Professor Dirkje Postma of Groningen, Holland. The ANZSRS, the ASA, the Nurses Forum and the ASTA held their ASMs in conjunction with the TSANZ. Professor Alan Pack was once more the guest of the ASA and spoke at the Sleep/Clinical Physiology SIG workshop. A satellite meeting entitled "Mechanisms of Asthma and Their Clinical Applications" was held jointly by the Asthma/Allergy and Cell Biology SIGs.*

*The Wunderly Orator was Associate Professor Brian McCaughan of Sydney. The Thoracic Society Medal was awarded posthumously to Alastair Campbell who had died on 26 January 1996. The Research Medal was awarded jointly to Professors Terry Nicholas and Peter Phelan. New ongoing awards presented for the first time in Perth were TSANZ/ALF John Read Prize for Physiological Research and the ALF/Dust Diseases Board of New South Wales Award, a two-year fellowship. A Respiratory Nurses Award for the best scientific presentation was initiated and awarded at the ASM. TSANZ membership at the start of the meeting was 810.*

*The APSR had launched its own journal, *Respirology*, in March 1996. Professors Norbert Berend and J Paul Seale were Associate Editors, with Professor Ann Woolcock on the Editorial Board. The National Asthma Campaign had resolved at its November 1995 AGM, to continue its work indefinitely. Dr Ral Antic had relinquished his dual posts as TSANZ delegate and Board Chairman. Dr Christine Jenkins had become Thoracic Society representative, and Mr Ron Brittain of the Asthma Foundation of NSW was elected Chairman.*





**9th AGM, Wellington,  
9/4/97**

*This was the second Annual Scientific Meeting in New Zealand since the formation of the TSANZ. Dr David Hansell of the Royal Brompton Hospital was the principal visiting speaker. Professor Malcolm Sears of McMaster was the Wunderly Orator. The ASA was meeting with the Society. The Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA) was meeting separately in Wellington but had conjoint sessions with the TSANZ. Professors Kingman Strohl of Tennessee, James Krueger of Ohio and Stephen Holgate of Southampton were guests of these groups and as such were involved in joint symposia. Professor Eric Bateman of the South African Pulmonary Society (SAPS) was an official visitor.*

*Dr Christopher Clarke (NSW) was elected President. The Thoracic Society Medal was awarded to Dr Michael Burns. The name of the Fison's Medal was changed to the Rhone-Poulenc Rorer Medal and it was awarded to Professor Norbert Berend. The Respiratory*

*Nurses Award was given separately for the best oral and poster presentations. The redrafted Thoracic Society Rules were presented to Society members at the AGM. Society membership was now 933.*

**5th Advanced Course**

*Held in Melbourne from 31 August to 4 September 1997, the topic of the meeting was Pulmonary Infections. The principal overseas guest was Professor Michael Niederman of New York.*

**10th AGM, Adelaide,  
17/3/98**

*The theme of the meeting was "Frontiers in Respiratory Medicine". The overseas speakers were Professors Jeffrey Whitsett of Cincinnati and Neil Douglas of Edinburgh, and Associate Professor Idelle Weisman of El Paso, Texas. The Lung Cancer SIG had a satellite meeting and the ANZSRS had their ASM in conjunction with that of the TSANZ. A symposium was mounted by the Cochrane Collaboration Airways Group. The Nurses Forum had been formed into the Respiratory Nurses SIG. Professor Umesh Laloo, new President of the South African Pulmonary Society, officially represented his society at the meeting.*

*The Wunderly Oration was delivered by Professor Nicholas Saunders. The Thoracic Society Medal was awarded to Professor Ann Woolcock and the Research Medal to Professor Judith Black. Dr John Kolbe of Auckland was made President-Elect and thus would be the first New Zealand President of the TSANZ when he took office in 1999. Dr Christine Jenkins was now Chair of the National Asthma Campaign.*

**11th AGM, Canberra,  
2/3/99**

*This meeting was the first with the ALF as Professional Conference Organiser. Again the meeting had a theme, this time "Heart and Lungs: the Lung in Heart Disease, the Heart in Lung Disease. The keynote speaker was Professor T Douglas Bradley of Toronto. There was a special guest speaker, Professor Michael Hughes (UK). Professor Ian Webster, AO, of Sydney, delivered the Wunderly Oration. Dr K E Finucane received the Society Medal. The TZANZ met with the ANZSRS whose special guest, Professor Jack Clausen of California, had previously joined them in 1990. The meeting abstracts were published as a supplement to the journal, *Respirology*.*

*At the opening session, Michael Burns' booklet "Milestones in their Histories" on the Thoracic Societies of Australia and New Zealand was launched. The RPR Research Medal was awarded to Associate Professor Philip Thompson. After this meeting the RPR medal was to be renamed the Aventis Medal. Another new award, the ALF/Mallinckrodt Travel Scholarship was announced. A new award, the Peter Phelan Travelling Fellowship in Paediatric Medicine was awarded for the first time.*

*At the annual business meeting, John Kolbe, as foreshadowed, became the Society President. Eleanor McDonald had submitted her resignation, which took effect now in Canberra. She was awarded Emeritus Society membership. She had served the Societies for 15 years. The outgoing president reported that the records of the TSA and TSANZ had been archived and stored with those of the RACP at the Government Records Repository at Kingswood. A new President's Award was announced for work in the control of tobacco abuse. An ALF Multi-trials Network had been established and the Society had formed a Research*

*Ethics Committee to support the ALF activity in the first instance but with a wider role.*





**6th Advanced Course**

*This was held in Coolum, Queensland, from 5 - 9 September 1999. The course subject was "Analytical Skills for the New Millennium, Using Asthma and Lung Cancer as Models". International guest speakers were Drs Gordon Guyatt and Roman Jaeschke, both of McMaster University. Dr Guyatt had previously played a similar role at the 2nd Advanced Course in 1991. Registration numbers were not as high as they had been in the past and so the Society was considering whether this type of educational activity continued to be relevant.*

*The Society had made the decision to appoint an Executive Officer and Ms Beatie Pearlman took up this position in November 1999. The Thoracic Society website was established and later a similar facility for the ALF.*

**12th AGM, Melbourne, 11/4/00**

*The theme of the meeting was "Maintaining Lung Health from Cradle to Grave". Professor Sonia Buist of Oregon was the principal invited Guest. She had previously been with the Society at the Rotorua meeting in 1989 as a guest of the NZ branch. This time the Society met with the ANZSRS, ASA and ASTA. The abstracts were again published as a supplement to *Respirology*. The *Wunderly Orator* was Dr Ron Borland of the VicHealth Centre for Tobacco Control. Professor Richard Beasley was awarded the Aventis Research Medal. At about this time it was decided that the Society and Research Medals would be awarded in alternate years. The recipient of the first President's Award was the Prime Minister of New Zealand, the Right Honourable Helen Clark. In her absence, the award was accepted on her behalf by Ms Tui Tehau.*

*The ASA's guest speaker was Professor Jacques Montplaisir of Montreal and that of the ANZSRS was Associate Professor Robert Jensen of Utah.*

*A new Award, the ALF/AstraZeneca Young Investigator grant-in-aid, was announced.*

*Liz Paul was appointed Administrative Assistant in August 2000.*

**13th AGM, Brisbane, 20/3/01**

*There were two special guest speakers, Professors Keith Grimwood of Wellington and Stephen Lam of Vancouver. In addition, Dr Keith McNeil, transplant physician at Papworth Hospital, Cambridge, was invited. The Society met with the ANZSRS whose keynote speaker was Professor David McKenzie. The *Wunderly Orator* was Dr Richard Madden, Director of the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Canberra. No Thoracic Society Medal was awarded in 2001. Associate Professor Robyn Richmond received the President's Award.*

*The meeting abstracts were published as a supplement to *Respirology*. The Young Investigator's Award was named after Ann Woolcock who had died in February 2001. A new award was instituted, the Roche Cystic Fibrosis Presentation Prize.*

*Dr Jonathan Burdon became Society President.*

*Prior to the ASM, a two-day Short Course for Advanced Trainees in Respiratory and Sleep Medicine was inaugurated. It was envisaged that this would be a yearly exercise, with a curriculum proposed to run over three years. There was also a Short Course for Respiratory Research, in conjunction with the European Respiratory Society (ERS).*

*In July 2001 the National Asthma Campaign became the National Asthma Council (NAC). The TSANZ continued to maintain a link with the Council, John Wilson replacing Christine Jenkins on the NAC Board.*

*The Society began to use e-mail increasingly as a contact and information medium. A database of members was established. It was determined that the Australian state branch funds were to be administered through the federal office. This change was to be implemented in 2002.*

*TSANZ Gold and Silver Recognition Awards were to be instituted. These were to recognise service to the Society by retiring Council members (Gold) and outstanding service to the Society by members (Silver).*



**14th AGM, Cairns  
26/3/02**

*This meeting was held in conjunction with New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM) symposia and with the ANZSRS. The keynote speaker was Dr Michael Niederman of New York. The NEJM symposia were on asthma and lung cancer. The NEJM speakers were Dr David Sugarbaker, Boston surgeon, Professor Scott Weiss, Boston geneticist and Associate Professor Arthur Skarin of Boston, oncologist. An additional international speaker was Professor Jan Hedner, Göthenborg, Sweden, on sleep medicine.*

*The Wunderly Orator was Dr Jeffrey M Drazen of Harvard, Editor-in-Chief of the NEJM.*

*The Thoracic Society Medal was awarded to Dr Peter Rothwell of Hamilton, New Zealand. The meeting abstracts were again published in a special supplement of Respirology and this arrangement was to continue.*

*New awards introduced were the TSANZ and NAC Asthma prize, the TSANZ and Pharmacia Best Presentation on Tobacco-related Issues prize, and the TSANZ and Eli Lilly Lung Cancer Prize.*

*Later in 2002, several new awards were announced. They were The TSANZ Paediatric Respiratory Medical Career Development Award, The Australian Cochrane Airways Group Scholarship, The TSANZ/Eli Lilly Research Proposal Grant for respiratory nurses and the TSANZ/Dust Diseases Board Travelling Fellowship for respiratory nurses.*

**7th Advanced Course**

*The subject was Molecular and Clinical Aspects of Lung Fibrosis and the meeting was held in Melbourne from 25 - 26 November 2002 in conjunction with the Australian Health and Medical Research Congress. Invited international speakers were Dr Talmadge King of San Francisco and expatriate Professor Geoff Laurent of the University College, London. A high attendance from Society members indicated that such courses still had an important role.*

**15th AGM, Adelaide,  
8/4/03**

*At the Annual Scientific Meeting, the principal overseas guest speakers were Professor Bartolome Celli, Tufts University, Boston, and Professor Kevin Weiss, Chicago. Associate Professor Peter Gibson received the TSANZ Research Medal, as it was now called, and Professor John Mills, Melbourne, was the Wunderly Orator.*

*Professor Richard Ruffin became Society President and he presented a number of TSANZ Gold Recognition Awards to retired Presidents and Council members.*

**16th AGM, Sydney,  
23/3/04**

*The principal overseas keynote speakers for the Annual Scientific Meeting were Professor Michael Hughes of the Imperial College (UK) and Dr John Mayo, radiologist, Vancouver. Professor Hughes had been the Societies' guest in 1999. Dr Per Gustafson of Göteborg, Sweden, was the paediatric guest speaker. The meeting was held with that of the ANZSRS. The ALF had stepped down as the conference organiser.*

*The Wunderly Orator was Professor Bob Williamson, Melbourne. The Society Medal was awarded to Dr Abraham Rubinfeld, Melbourne.*

*In his annual report for 2003, Professor Ruffin had now listed 14 Special Interest Groups. It was announced that the Slater & Gordon Asbestos Research Trust had set up an Asbestos Award with the ALF. Also, Allen & Hanbury's was sponsoring the TSANZ Paediatric Respiratory Medicine Career Development Award.*

*The Society ran its own Short Course for Respiratory Research before the main meeting.*

*Special Interest Group prizes, some of them new ones, were advertized en bloc in September, 2004.*

*In February, 2005, Dr Chris Clarke announced the winding up of the TSANZ Human Research Ethics Committee.*



**17th AGM, Perth,  
22/3/05**

*International guest speakers: Dr M Ian Gilmour of North Carolina; Professor Shaf Keshavjee of Toronto; Professor Fernando Martinez, Tucson; Dr Lewis Rubin, San Diego, and Dr Terri Damstra, NIH. Professor Jerry Dempsey, Wisconsin (previously TSANZ guest lecturer in 1994), Dr Robert Jensen, Utah and Dr Mark Everard, Sheffield, were guests of the ANZSRS.*

*Dr Rima Staugas became Society President, the first woman to be so elected. The Wunderly Orator was Associate Professor Philip Thompson. Professor Peter Sly received the Research Medal. The President's Award recipient was Mr Brian McBride of NSW. A second Short Course for Respiratory Research was run. A Memorandum of Understanding between the Society and the Asian Pacific Society of Respirology (APSR) was announced. Mutual membership of both societies was to be available. In December, the ALF/Asbestos Research Group Award was established.*

**8th Advanced Course**

*The course was held in Sydney from 24-26 June 2005. The Physiology of Exercise in Health and Disease was the subject. International guest speakers were Professors Jerry Dempsey, Wisconsin, and Denis O'Donnell, Canada.*

**18th AGM, Canberra,  
27/3/06**

*The Society met with the ANZSRS which had a visiting US speaker, Professor Paul Enright from Arizona. The international guest speakers of the TSANZ were Professor Ron du Bois from the Brompton Hospital and Professor Jack Elias from Yale.*

*Professor Stephen Zubrick of Canberra gave the Wunderly Oration. The Society Medal was awarded to A/Professor Charles Mitchell and the Research Medal to A/Professor Gary Anderson. Professor Simon Chapman received the President's Award. A/Professor A.Breslin, Dr M.Burns, Dr P. Gianoutsos and Professor M.Pain were elected Emeritus Members of the Society. Professor Christine Jenkins was elected the new President.*

**19th AGM, Auckland  
27/3/07**

*Once more the Society met with the ANZSRS whose overseas guest was Professor Kim Prisk of San Diego. The guests of the TSANZ were Professor Ian Pavord from Leicester, Dr Gary Lee from Oxford and Dr Terry Robinson from Stanford. The Wunderly Orator was Professor Mason Durie from Massey University, NZ. Professor Haydn Walters was the Recipient of the Society Research Medal and Dr Helen Glasgow that of the President's Award. Professor Louis Landau was elected an Emeritus Member.*

*Fifteen SIGs were now participants in Society activities. During 2007, the College (RACP) developed and introduced a new constitution. One of its provisions was a College Education Committee with a Dean of Education. A new physician training program was to be introduced in 2008. Societies such as the TSANZ were to form Specialty Training Committees (STCs) to replace the SACs. An overall Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Service Contract between the College and the Society were to be negotiated.*

**20th AGM, Melbourne  
1/4/08**

*The Society met with the ANZRS whose principal guest was Professor Martin Tobin of Chicago. The guests of the TSANZ were Professors James Hogg of Vancouver, Jonathan Grigg and Sebastian Johnston, both of London. James Hogg had been a guest speaker for the TSA at its Sydney Advanced Course in 1980 and at the TSA ASM in Perth in 1983. Dr Bob Edwards received the Society Medal and Professor Bruce Robinson the TSANZ Research Medal. Professor Peter Doherty was the Wunderly Orator. Dr Nigel Gray of Melbourne received the President's Award. This years' were the seventh Short Course for Advanced Trainees and the fourth Short Course for Respiratory Research. After 9 years as Executive Officer, Beatie Pearlman stepped down and David Begg was appointed to follow her. Liz Paul left the Society later in 2008, and Sara Thorne replaced her, job-sharing as Administrative Assistant with Dayna McGeeney.*

*The new STC was formed to oversee advanced training in sleep and thoracic medicine. A separate arrangement was made for paediatric thoracic medicine training. In line with the development of the new curriculum for advanced training, in conjunction with the RACP, the NSW branch of the TSANZ inaugurated the National Lung School, a series of lectures and tutorials on selected topics in respiratory medicine, available directly at the Sydney RACP or by videoconference. The first two of these were on 14/6/08 and 6/9/08. Malcolm Osborne was the organizer and convenor.*



**21st AGM, Darwin  
5/4/09**

*This year the ASM was held in Darwin for the first time. As now was the custom, the Society met with the ANZSRS. Their overseas speaker was Professor Josep Roca of Barcelona. The TSANZ invited Dr Rosalyn Singleton of Alaska.*

*Professor Philip Thompson was elected Society President. The Wunderly Orator was Dr Alex Brown of the NT. Professor Peter Bye received the TSANZ Research Medal and Renee Bittoun the TSANZ President's Award.*

*The eighth Short Course for Advanced Trainees was held in conjunction with the ASM.*

*A new Grant-in-Aid for indigenous lung health research was later inaugurated, named for Professor Rob Pierce who was to be a speaker in Darwin and who died tragically in the Victoria bushfires in on 7/2/09.*

*Dayna McGeeney left the office in July and her position was taken by Heather Hunter.*

*Jenny Bridge was appointed as a part-time communications and computer expert Personal Assistant/Administrative Officer in the Society office. She launched a monthly e- Bulletin in August 2009. Edwina Tohi joined the office staff in November.*

*Further National Lung School days were held on 18/4/09, 11/7/09 and 24/10/09.*

**9th Advanced Course**

*This was held at Cradle Mountain in Tasmania from 23 to 27.8.09. The topic was "Statistical Techniques" and was given by members of the Biostatistics team at the Menzies Research Institute, Hobart.*

*Later in 2009, the TSANZ announced a new award: the Janet Elder International Travel Award. Also, a review of the Society's Rules was commissioned, the task force consisting of Richard Wood-Baker, Dick Ruffin and David Hillman.*

**21st AGM, Brisbane  
20/3/10**

*Visiting international guest speakers were Professors Stephen Holgate of Southampton, Jeff Witsett of Cinciccati and Kalpalatha Guntupalli of the Baylor. Professor Holgate had been previously the TSA's guest in Perth in 1987, and*

*met with TSANZ in 1997 when a guest of ASCIA in Wellington. The ANZSRS met with the TSANZ and had invited Dr Martin Miller of Birmingham as overseas keynote speaker. Professor Warwick Britton of Sydney University was this year's Wunderly Orator. Guy Marks received the Research Medal. Professor Mike Daube of Curtin University was the Recipient of the President's Award*

*The TSANZ was exploring the idea of purchasing office space in Sydney.*

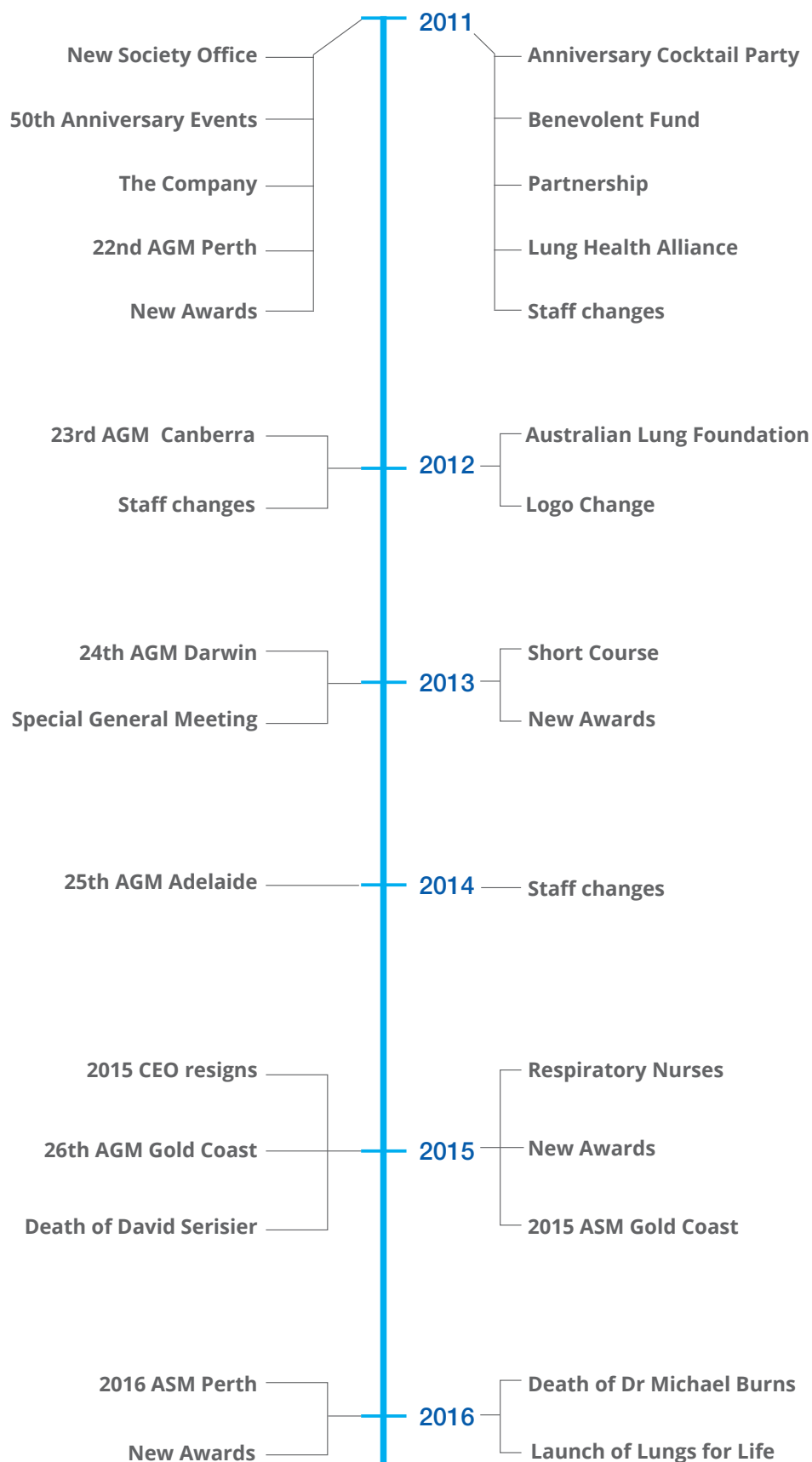
*In September the President announced that the Executive and the Council were keen to proceed with the proposed changes in the Society's Rules, as foreshadowed in late in 2009, now that the general body of members had approved this move at the 2010 AGM in April. A key ingredient in this change was incorporation of the Society and a Special General*

*Also in September, the President announced that the Executive Officer, David Begg, has resigned for personal reasons on 24/9/10. The new Executive Officer was to be Rita Perkons. Meeting was to held on December 2nd, 2010, to gain approval of the members for this step.*



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## **New Society Office**

*The Society had purchased a new office: Level 4, Suite 405, 5 Hunter Street, Sydney.*

## **50th Anniversary Events**

*The 50th Anniversary Medal is a new award introduced in 2011 Events to mark the Society's 50th Anniversary. Also a special postage stamp issue to celebrate the anniversary was produced. A similar issue was to be produced in New Zealand.*

## **The Company**

*The new company was inaugurated on 23 February, 2011. Rita Perkons was made company secretary. The new title was The Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand Limited. An executive summary of the new constitution of the company was circulated to the membership, for ratification at the Annual General Meeting in Perth in April.*

## **22nd AGM Perth 2/4/11**

*This Annual Scientific Meeting has as its theme the 50th anniversary of the inauguration of the Thoracic Society of Australia. Professor Michael Pain delivered an address outlining the history of these three societies which are now The Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand. Invited guest speakers at the meeting were Professor Felix Herth of Heidenberg, A/Prof Daniel Sterman, Pennsylvania, Prof Neil Barnes of London and Prof Harm Tiddens from Rotterdam. The Wunderly Orator was Professor Ian Fraser of Brisbane. The Society Research Medal(s) were awarded jointly to Bill Musk and Michael Abramson. The Society Medal was awarded to Judge John O'Meally. The 50th Anniversary Medal was presented to Paul Zimmerman, and the President's Award to Dr Smita Shah. Iven Young was elected to be an Emeritus Member. Paul Reynolds was elected as the new Society President.*





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<b>New Awards</b>	<p>(i) Maurice Blackburn Lawyers Grant-in-Aid for Asbestos Related Diseases.</p> <p>(ii) Merck Sharp and Dohme (MSD) Grant-in-Aid in Paediatrics.</p> <p>(iii) ALF Grant-in-AID for new and emerging researchers.</p> <p>(iv) ALF PhD Top-up Scholarship.</p>
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<b>Anniversary Cocktail Party</b>	A cocktail party at the new Society's premises to celebrate further the 50th. Anniversary was held on 7/10/11.
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<b>Benevolent Fund</b>	The establishment of the 50th Anniversary Benevolent Fund was approved at the AGM. Proposed Guidelines were circulated to the membership on 20/10/11.
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<b>Partnership</b>	During 2011 the TSANZ formed a strategic partnership with the Australian Respiratory Council (ARC) which involved the ARC and the TSANZ, followed by a contract between the ARC, the TSANZ and the Cambodian Anti Tuberculosis Association (CATA) to fight tuberculosis in Cambodia.
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<b>Lung Health Alliance</b>	The TSANZ agreed further to join with the ARC, The Australian Lung Foundation (ALF), the National Asthma Council Australia, Cystic Fibrosis Australia and Asthma Australia to form The Lung Health Alliance whose logo was shown at the foot of the TSANZ home page of the Society website. The Alliance's formal formation took place, later, in March 2012. Earlier, in late 2010, the TSANZ had resigned from the NAC but was now happy to join with the NAC in the Alliance.
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<b>Staff Changes</b>	Paula Braden was appointed as Member Services Officer in November 2011.
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<b>23rd AGM Canberra 31/3/12</b>	The Society met with the ANZSRS. Invited guest speakers were Professors Ian Adcock, Peter Barnes, Neil Barnes, all of London; Jose Venegas of Harvard, Luca Richaldi of Modena and Ms Monica Fletcher of Warwick, UK. Prof Peter Wagner of San Diego was the guest of the ANZSRS and Prof Peter Calverley of Liverpool was a speaker at a satellite meeting. The Wonderful Orator was Major General Paul Alexander. The Research Medal was awarded to Paul Forest. Norbert Berend received the Society medal; Dr Andrew Penman received the President's Award; The 50th Anniversary medallist was Tara Mackenzie. Matthew Peters was made President-Elect.
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<b>Staff changes</b>	Heather Hunter resigned on 1/6/12. Edwina Tohi finished her period of employment as Finance Officer on 6.9.12. Also Paula Braden's term of office was completed in September 2012. Amanda Wilson commenced as Executive Assistant in November 2012 as did Vishwa Nadan as Finance and Business Manager. Mr Nadan become Company Secretary.
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<b>Australian Lung Foundation</b>	With the retirement of Bob Edwards as chairman of the ALF, A/Prof David Serisier became the new chair. The new ALF office was in Milton in Brisbane.
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<b>Logo Change</b>	In August 2012, the Board agreed to have the colours of the TSANZ logo changed to blue and green. There was also an official tag line "Leaders in Lung Health".
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<b>24th AGM Darwin 23/3/13</b>	<i>The theme of the meeting was "Lung Disease from the Tropics. Invited speakers were Professors Peter Davies of Liverpool and Kirk Harris of Denver. Professors Alistair Story of UCH London and Eric Bateman of Cape Town were speakers at satellite meetings. Professor Bateman also gave the Wunderly Oration. He had been previously an official guest of the Society at its Wellington meeting in 1997. The Research Medal was awarded to Anne Chang, the 50th Anniversary Medal to Fiona Lake, the Society Medal to Philip Thompson and the President's Award to Nicola Roxon MP. Matthew Peters was elected President. Bob Edwards became the inaugural recipient of a new status in the TSANZ of Society Fellowship.</i>
<b>Special General Meeting</b>	<i>A Special General Meeting took place in Queenstown NZ on 8 August 2013 to amend the Constitution so the category of Fellow of the TSANZ was officially approved.</i>
<b>Short Course</b>	<i>The Inaugural Australian Rare Lung Disease Short Course, Sydney 9-10 August 2013</i>
<b>New Awards October 2013</b>	<i>The Society announced several new awards. TSANZ and NAC Research Fellowship, TSANZ and Asthma Australia Travel Awards, TSANZ and Vertex Cystic Fibrosis Research Awards</i>
<b>25th AGM Adelaide 5 April 2014</b>	<i>Guest speakers Professors Bruce Trapnell of Cincinnati and James Hogg of Vancouver. Professor Hogg had been previously guest speaker for the TSA at an Advanced Course in 1980 and the ASM in 1983. Guest speakers for the ANZSRS were Professors Jeffery Curtis of Michigan and Patrick Holt of Perth. Peter Gibson became President-Elect. Judith Black gave the Wunderly Oration. Bronwyn King received the President's Award and Scott Bell the Research Medal, Peter van Asperen the Society Medal and Chien-Li Holmes- Liew the 50th Anniversary Medal. Fourteen members were admitted to Society Fellowship.</i>
<b>Staff Changes</b>	<i>Shen Kasayan commenced as the new Finance and Business Development Manager on 16/6/14, and Marissa Tintowo as Program and Office Administrator on 3/7/14.</i>
<b>2015 CEO resigns</b>	<i>The CEO, Rita Perkons, resigned from her position in February 2015. Tanya Buchanan was appointed as her successor and took up her position in March 2015.</i>
<b>26th AGM Gold Coast 28th March 2015</b>	<i>Guest speakers were Professors Fernando Martinez of Arizona, John Henderson of Bristol and James Gern of Wisconsin. Peter Gibson became President. The Wunderly Orator was Professor Andrew Bush of the Brompton. Richard Beasley was awarded the Research Medal and Martin Phillips the Society Medal. The recipient of the President's Award was Lachlan Wright. The 50th Anniversary Medal was awarded jointly to Hubertus Jersmann and Nicholas Saltos.</i>
<b>Death of David Serisier</b>	<i>David Serisier, Chairman of the ALF, died suddenly on 24/5/15.</i>
<b>Respiratory Nurses</b>	<i>The NSW Interest Group celebrated their 20 years' anniversary at a conference in May 2015.</i>



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<b>New Awards 2015</b>	<i>ALF David Serisier Research Fellowship, LAM Foundation Research Award, Slater and Gordon International Mesothelioma Travel Award, APSR Short Term Research/Training Scholarships, Asthma Australia/Hudson's Coffee Early Career Fellowships, Lung Institute of WA Glenn Brown Memorial Grant, Lung Institute of WA Alan King Westcare Project Grant.</i>
<b>2015 new CEO</b>	<i>Tanya Buchanan joined the TSANZ as new CEO in March 2015</i>
<b>2015 ASM Gold Coast</b>	<i>Guest speakers were Professors Fernando Martinez of Arizona, John Henderson of Bristol and James Gern of Wisconsin. Peter Gibson became President. The Wunderly Orator was Professor Andrew Bush of the Brompton. Richard Beasley was awarded the Research Medal and Martin Phillips the Society Medal. The recipient of the President's Award was Lachlan Wright. The 50th Anniversary Medal was awarded jointly to Hubertus Jersmann and Nicholas Saltos.</i>
<b>New Staff</b>	<i>Doctor Hayley See commenced in July 2015 as Research and Policy Coordinator and Michelle Breen as Quality and Professional Standards Coordinator.</i>
<b>2016 ASM Perth</b>	<i>Allan Glanville became President Elect. The Wunderly Orator was Professor Patrick Holt. Ron Grunstein was awarded the Research Medal and Iven Young was awarded the Society Medal. The recipient of the President's Award was Billie Bonevski. The 50th Anniversary Medal was awarded to Peter Frith.</i>
<b>New Awards 2016</b>	<i>TSANZ / AstraZeneca Severe Asthma GIA, Vertex Adult Cystic Fibrosis Fellowship, Lung Foundation Australia / Boehringer Ingelheim COPD Research Top-Up Grants 2016/2017, David Wilson PhD Scholarship in IPF - partnered funding, Lung Foundation Australia Early Career Fellowships for Lung Cancer Research, Lung Foundation Australia / Australian Cochrane Airways Group Scholarship, Cochrane Airways Australian Satellite.</i>
<b>Launch of Lungs for Life</b>	<i>Joint initiative between TSANZ and LFA was officially announced by Prof Peter Gibson and Prof Christine Jenkins at the 2016 ASM Perth.</i>
<b>May 2016</b>	<i>Death of Dr Michael Burns. Dr Michael Burns was the President of TSANZ from 1985-1987 and our volunteer organisational historian. Michael's history of TSANZ was titled <b>THE TSANZ: MILESTONES IN THEIR HISTORIES</b></i>

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