



Australian Military Medicine Association

Annual Report
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On behalf of Council, I am pleased to present the annual report of the Australian Military Medicine Association together with the Balance Sheet and related Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2001.

Russell Schedlich

President's Report

Under the steady hand of my predecessor, Nader Abou-Seif, the Association progressed into the first part of the year, culminating in a marvellously successful conference in Hobart. After three years at the helm, Nader decided to step down and the Association conferred on me the honour and privilege of the Presidency. I must at the outset record my personal thanks to Nader for his tireless efforts in promoting the Association, and in being actively involved in all its activities. It is a tribute to his work that the Association remains active and vigorous. I am sure the members will endorse these thanks.

The last year has been largely one of consolidation. We have transitioned the move from calendar to fiscal year subscriptions with only marginal effect, and our membership has remained healthy. The Journal has gone from strength to strength under its Editor, and is now publishing a wealth of material.

Membership. During this year, the Secretariat has spent a considerable time validating the membership database and chasing up unfinancial members. In spite of this, and the identification of a considerable number of unfinancial members, we remain an Association of in excess of 320 members. With an improved contact list, we anticipate being able to retain all these members, and will continue to work to increase our numbers.

Financial Issues. This first year of our fiscal year membership system has allowed us to obtain a better view of our financial position. Unfortunately, mainly due to late receipt of many membership renewals, we have this year suffered a considerable loss. Additionally, it is clear that the Association has been averaging a loss of around \$2,000 per annum over the last five years, and our reserves are suffering as a consequence. Council will therefore be proposing an increase in membership fees, and also foreshadows increased costs of conference registration fees to ensure that these activities return a profit. Council is acutely aware of the impact of such increases, and will ensure that they are reasonable.

Journal. Three issues of the journal have been produced in the last twelve months. Andy Robertson continues to do an outstanding job as editor, with the publishing of high quality

material. Of course, this material comes from the membership, and I would encourage all those budding researchers to take up their pens and use their Journal to spread the science of military medicine. There is a vast amount of research and potential research available in military medicine, and our membership represents a collective wealth of knowledge.

Conference. The Association's scientific conference was held in Hobart. Attended by over 110 delegates, high quality scientific presentations were complemented by the ambience of the Apple Isle, many delegates taking the opportunity to do some touring.

Technology. The AMMA website continues to be used for both the dissemination of information and as an interface to contact the Association. Our site at <http://amma.trump.net.au/> will continue to be upgraded so that it represents an attractive and useful means of contact between AMMA, its members, and the wider health community.

Research. The Research Grant Program continues to operate to encourage and support military health research. At last year's Conference, the Weary Dunlop Award was presented to Dr Rob Lewin & CAPT Richard Mallet for their presentation on "A comparison of 20 metre Shuttle run test (20mSRT) scores and time loss due to injury for the first 6 months of training at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) from 1999 to 2000". The Patron's Prize to David Newman and the Journal Editor's Prize to Neil Westphalen for his two part article on Australia's involvement in the Boxer Rebellion. The Essay Prize was not awarded. Research Grants were awarded to John Newlands and Mike O'Connor, the latter deferring acceptance of the Grant pending further revision of his proposed study.

Liaison. Council is continuing to work on improved linkages with the professional colleges. This will give us the opportunity to enlarge the membership base and also help to provide a further focus for those with an interest in military medicine in the wider health community.

Council. As in previous years, Council continue to meet four times per year, twice in person - once at the National Conference - and twice via teleconference. In addition the members of Council are in frequent contact throughout the year to discuss issues as they arise. It is a privilege for me to lead the Council team, who give a major commitment of time and effort to working for the advancement of the Association.

The Association this year has continued its trend of consolidation and steady growth. The year ahead will be one of some challenges, and there will be a need for a strengthening of the Association's financial reserves.

As we enter our second decade, I believe we will be presented with significant opportunities to further establish ourselves as one of Australia's major professional associations. With the support of an enthusiastic membership our future growth and development will be assured.

AMMA remains an independent organisation that I am confident will remain a focus for all those with an interest in Military Medicine. Your active participation and contribution in AMMA's activities remain an essential component in our continued growth and strength. In this way our ability to provide for and represent the interests of our membership will be guaranteed. With your support, we can have just cause for confidence as we look forward into the future. Once again, I thank you for your support of the Association.

Russell Schedlich
President

Treasurer's Report

I present the attached audited Income and Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet for the financial year ending 30 June 2001.

The following highlights should be noted:

- A fall in income for the year of \$15,573
- A rise in costs for the year of \$15,380
- A resultant significant turnaround for the worse in the operating situation from a surplus \$12,848 to an \$18,105 deficit.

Our auditor highlighted a problem with GST. It appears to our auditor that we have paid \$2558 more GST than we have collected and have claimed \$51 less in input tax credits than we have paid. I was advised of this on 11 October 2001 and I am awaiting a more detailed report from the auditor and our secretariat and from the Tax Office before I can comment further on this. It should be noted that the comment on GST from the auditor was made in a covering letter and was not part of the auditors formal report.

One of the problems that has been highlighted again this year is the wild swing in the operating surplus / deficit from year to year around the 30 June cut off. This is because some years eg last year, a lot of memberships were paid before 30 June. This year there were very few subscriptions paid before 30 June because subscription invoices went out later.

To get a clearer picture of our situation I have looked at our figures over the last 3 years, 4 years and 5 years

	Income	Expenses	Surplus / Deficit
3 years	236,615.78	245,459.59	- 8,843.81
4 years	305,864.56	316,107.51	-10,242.95
5 years	380,754.90	391,885.69	-11,130.79

This shows that as an organisation we have been living a little beyond our means and we need to correct that situation now to avoid becoming insolvent in the future. Our membership fees are modest at \$70 (\$77 incl GST) and I propose a rise to \$90 (\$99 incl GST) to commence in 2002. It should be noted that we have not had a rise in fees for the past 3 years.

Our conference is our major cost, and we always try to run the conference at a break even point financially but to be responsible we must have sufficient reserves to cover a conference that runs at a loss. This year required a lot of effort by the secretariat and your council to secure sponsorship to reduce the risk of us running at a loss.

Commensurate with the change in size of the journal has been a rise in its cost of production. There are no other major budgetary changes being considered for the coming year.

Graham Boothby
Treasurer

Secretariat

Total membership of AMMA as at 30/6/01 stands at 332

The Association welcomed forty new members in the last financial year. Nine resignations were received from 1/7/00 to 30/6/01.

Membership breakdown is: ACT 31, NSW 98, NT 5, QLD 45, SA 41, TAS 8, VIC 75, WA 17, USA 6, UK 3, PNG 1, ITALY 1, SAUDI ARABIA 1.

Journal

Australian Military Medicine, the official journal of the Association, was published three times since the last Conference:

December 2000	Vol 9 No 3	60 pages
April 2001	Vol 10 No 1	52 pages
August 2001	Vol 10 No 2	46 pages

A total of twenty-four articles were published representing original scientific works, scientific reviews and historical pieces, with additional material in the form of editorials, abstracts, book reviews, information pieces and a variety of AMMA news and information. Given the wealth of articles in the Military Medical community, a deliberate decision has been taken to expand the Journal. This expansion is initially to 50-60 pages and then steadily beyond that as articles allow. The Journal is now indexed on the Australasian Medical Index, available online on the Informit Online website at <http://www.informit.com.au/>.

The format of the journal has now stabilised into one that is compact and easy to read. The "AMMA Update" has become a regular feature, providing information on the Association and its members in a consistent format and location. The Assistant Editor, Karen Gisler, retired at the end of 2000 and the Editor is looking for someone with an interest in military medical writing to join the editorial team.

More contributions from members in the form of articles and small items are, as always, welcome.

Andy Robertson
Editor

2000 Conference

The 9th Annual Scientific Conference of the Australian Military Medicine Association was held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Hobart, Tasmania from 20 to 22 October 2000. Over 120 delegates from both the Permanent and Reserve Defence Forces, as well as civilians with an interest in military medicine, were treated to a range of scientific and topical papers during the three days of proceedings.

Official Opening

More than 90 AMMA delegates attended a cocktail reception held at Anglesea Barracks. The Governor of Tasmania, His Excellency, Sir Guy Greene officially opened the conference.

Social Programme

The Conference Dinner was held on the Saturday night in Meehans Restaurant at the Hotel Grand Chancellor. Guest speaker was Bern Cuthbertson.

Keynote Speakers

Bob Mabry and Patrick Dagassan

'Weary' Dunlop Award

The 'Weary' Dunlop Award is presented annually for the paper judged the best original work at the AMMA Scientific Conference. The 2000 award was presented to Rob Lewin & Richard Mallet.

Sponsorship and Trade Display

The AMMA received support from the following sponsors.

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"Weary" Dunlop Award

The "Weary" Dunlop award of \$500 is given annually for the best paper presented at the Annual Conference.

At the 2000 Conference, Rob Lewin & Richard Mallet received the award, for their joint paper titled "A comparison of 20 metre Shuttle run test (20mSRT) scores and time loss due to injury for the first 6 months of training at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) from 1999 to 2000".

Research Grant

Each year, the Association awards one or more Research Grants to a total value of \$1,000 to assist members in undertaking research in the field of military medicine.

In 2000, Council split the Grant and awarded it to: John Newlands & Michael O'Connor.

Library

The Association's Library is available to AMMA members and currently being relocated. Loans are available for periods of up to 12 weeks by contacting the Librarian, David Andrew on 07 4687 7515 or email on davidandtheresa@bigpond.com

AMMA on the Net

AMMA's Web Page contains information about the Association, its office bearers and activities, and includes links to other military medical organisations and associations.

The page is located at: <http://amma.trump.net.au/>

Financial Statements

Financial statements and balance sheet were presented to the Annual General Meeting at the Gold Coast International Hotel, Surfers Paradise.

New Members

During 1/7/00 –30/6/01, AMMA welcomed the following new members

Gabor Agyagasi	Brett Oppermann
Sulman Ahmed	Olive Parker
Roger Allen	Bill Paspaliaris
Jillian Barclay	Rodney Pope
Matthew Blenkin	Michael Reid
Lindsay Bridgford	Caroline Rickards
Steven Cook	Catherine Scarff
Franko Dragojevic	Isaac Seidl
Peta Durant-Law	Tim Shaw
Christine Frost	Shaik Siddiqui
Chris Griffiths	Robert Simpson
Sarah Hanslow	Hazel Smith
Annette Holian	John Sparrow
Kerryn Johnson	Geoffry Squires
Peter Lang	Peter Sullivan
Peter Lavercombe	Bruce Waxman
Robert Lewin	
Michael Loxton	
Richard Mallet	
John Mcinnes	
Alain Middleton	
Carmel Moore	
Richard Newman	
Vera Oliver	



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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY MEDICINE ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

AUDITORS REPORT

I have audited the attached financial statements of the Australian Military Medicine Association Inc. for the year ended 30th June 2001. The Club's Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information they contain. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the Association.

The financial statements record all the income and expenditure recorded in the books of the Association but whilst I have no reason to believe that there has been any unrecorded income I am not able to confirm this.

In my opinion, subject to the above, the Association has kept proper accounting records and other books during the year and the attached financial statements present fairly the position of the Association as at 30th June 2001 and the result of its operations for the year.

Dated this 11th day of October 2001.

ADRIAN VAN DONGEN
AUDITOR

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY MEDICINE ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
Income & Expenditure Statement
For the year ended 30 June, 2001

	2001 \$	2000 \$
Income		
Memberships	13,259.00	22,315.00
Annual Conference	58,769.40	65,191.50
Interest received	418.04	363.02
Other income	0.00	150.00
Total income	<u>72,446.44</u>	<u>88,019.52</u>
Expenses		
Accountancy	360.00	395.00
Annual Conf - Secretarial	11,341.49	16,700.00
Annual Conf - Other	54,291.50	33,247.97
Awards	2,300.00	2,000.00
Bank fees and charges	1,777.08	1,152.77
Council Meetings	3,679.08	2,035.50
Journals	4,691.73	2,793.57
Miscellaneous	616.70	127.00
Postage, Telephone & Stationery	2,842.11	3,044.69
Secretarial Exp - Journals	0.00	152.61
Secretarial Exp - Other	8,652.17	9,440.96
Stock Adjustments/write Offs	0.00	4,081.00
Total expenses	<u>90,551.86</u>	<u>75,171.07</u>
Operating surplus (deficit) before income tax	(18,105.42)	12,848.45
Income tax (credit) expense	0.00	0.00
Operating surplus (deficit) after income tax	(18,105.42)	12,848.45
Accumulated surplus at the beginning of the financial year	37,903.13	25,054.68
Total available for appropriation	<u>19,797.71</u>	<u>37,903.13</u>
Accumulated surplus at the end of the financial year	<u>19,797.71</u>	<u>37,903.13</u>

These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached auditors report.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY MEDICINE ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
Balance Sheet As At 30 June, 2001

	2001	2000
Current Assets		
Aust Defence Credit Union Acc.	1,152.79	4,437.38
National Aust Bank Cheque Acc.	9,885.04	22,414.80
NAB Conference Acc.	1,118.64	6,349.40
GST refundable:		
- GST Collected	2,248.00	0.00
- GST Paid	691.69	0.00
Total current assets	<u>15,096.16</u>	<u>33,201.58</u>
Non-Current Assets		
Property Plant and Equipment		
Library At Cost	1,901.55	1,901.55
Merchandise At Valuation	2,800.00	2,800.00
Total non-current assets	<u>4,701.55</u>	<u>4,701.55</u>
Total assets	<u>19,797.71</u>	<u>37,903.13</u>
Net Assets	<u>19,797.71</u>	<u>37,903.13</u>
Members' Funds		
Accumulated surplus (deficit)	19,797.71	37,903.13
Total Members' Funds	<u>19,797.71</u>	<u>37,903.13</u>

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