

DENTAL BOARD OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30 JUNE 2003

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Ms Maxine Drake
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Dr Graeme Ewers
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Dr David Neesham
Mr Anthony Quahe

REGISTRAR: Mr Wayne Clark

SECRETARY TO REGISTRAR: Mrs Caroline Kimble

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

As reported last year, the only change to our Board membership was the legal member and the Board was only appointed for twelve months, finishing on the 31st October 2003. New nominations have been sought by the new Minister for Health, Hon. Jim McGinty MLA and hopefully the usual term of three years will return.

Since 1964, successive governments have endeavoured to develop and introduce legislation to create a State Arbitration Tribunal (S.A.T.) to independently adjudicate / hear cases of public concern such as serious professional matters and appeals. With the current Minister's determination, Cabinet's and the Opposition's support, it would appear legislation should be in place for a January 1st 2004 commencement. New offices at 12 St Georges Terrace are currently being refurbished.

Some of the key changes will include:-

- Board's Section 30 (disciplinary powers) being transferred to S.A.T.
- The Board will be able to appoint an investigator who will have the power to enter premises (following obtaining a warrant from a magistrate).
- Appeals of Board decisions will be to S.A.T. and not the Supreme Court.


I encourage all registrants to take a keen interest in this matter.

Another year has passed without the promised and necessary changes to the Dental Act being introduced into Parliament. The new Minister is very aware of the urgency of this matter. The Board has been in close consultation with the A.D.A. (W.A. Branch) in this regard and on behalf of the Board, I thank the Association's Executive for its fruitful information and meetings with the Board.

With new legislation, the Board will become very active in developing Codes of Practice and Rules to support the new legislation. This will be done in consultation with all parties and presentations to the Profession are envisaged.

Thankyou to the Board members, Drs Holly Edwards, Graeme Ewers and Michael McGuinness for their commitment and excellent clinical advice, Dr David Neesham for his continuing contribution to the Board and Profession, Mrs Maxine Drake, our consumer representative for commitment and advice and our legal representative, Mr Anthony Quahe.

The Board continues to be ably supported managerially and professionally by accounting firm HLB Mann Judd with one of its senior partners, Mr Wayne Clark, as our Registrar who is supported by Caroline Kimble. My personal appreciation is extended.



JOHN R OWEN
PRESIDENT
DENTAL BOARD OF W.A.

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The Dental Board of Western Australia has pleasure in submitting its Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2003.

1. THE BOARD

1.1 Members of the Board

The members of the Board as at the date of this Report are:-

Dr John R Owen (President)
Ms Maxine Drake
Dr Holly Edwards
Dr Graeme Ewers
Dr Michael McGuinness
Dr David Neesham
Mr Anthony Quahe

The above members of the Board were appointed by the Minister of Health for a one year term in October 2002, expiring in October 2003.

1.2 Board Meetings

Eleven meetings of the Board were held during the year.

2. THE REGISTER

2.1 Statistics

Registration of Dentists, Dental Therapists, School Dental Therapists and Dental Hygienists

	Dentists	Dental Therapists	School Dental Therapists	Dental Hygienists
Total on Register - 1 July 2002	1,040	278	213	129
New applications & restorations	78	5	15	22
	1118	283	228	151
Deletions	42	11	12	4
Total on Register - 30 June 2003	1,076	272	216	147

2.2 Additional qualifications

The following additional qualifications were recorded in the Register during the year.

164	BOOTH, David Robert	Master of Education Tas. 2002
1325	LEPERE, Anthony	Dip, National Dental Board of Anaesthesiology USA 1992

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2.2 Additional qualifications (*Cont'd*)

1995	KOZLOWSKI, Richard Mark	Grad. Dip Clinical Dentistry (Conscious Sedation & Pain Control) Sydney 2003
1569	HEITZ, Fritz	MDSc Melb. 2000

2.3. Specialists

The Register records the following specialists as at the date of this report:-

Endodontists (8)

Abbott, PVA
Cardaci, SC
Davis, MF
Hansen, MG
Intaralaks, S
Sakalo, L
Sandler, AB
Silbert, TM

Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons (15)

Adler, EA	Greenberg, HC
Alberghini, M	Gregory, DJ
Allan, BP	Kakulas, EG
Bennet, KR	Purcell, CAH
Bishop, RG	Reed, BE
Booth, DR	Rosenberg, I
Down, MJ	Williamson, RA
Eggleston, DJ	

Orthodontists (56)

Arnold, D	Gan, WC	Leonard, SD
Brogan, WF	Goonewardene, MS	Manaf, M
Brooks, CR	Greenway, SA	Mezger, KA
Brudenell, G	Grusd, HMorrison, BT	
Carrington, DR	Hall, FMMurphy, KE	
Cayley, AS	Hall, JJ	Orloff, CA
Chan, BK	Hay, JD	Owen, JR
Chan, CH	Heagney, PA	Pang, KW
Chau, NY	Holmes, HD	Razza, JM
Cheong, LY	Huezo, AR	Rogers, DJ
Cook, RG	Huxtable, KR	Saicich, S
Deves, PM	Kalafatas, AJ	Sandham, JA
Dillon, PI	Kwong, SS	Savundra, AK
Faulkner, RK	Lam, TYW	Savundra, AW
Felstead, BJ	Lee, KP	Sim, CM

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Orthodontists (Cont'd)

Singer, SL
Southall, PJ
Stamatis, JJ
Swann, JI
Tien, PCJ
Todres, JI
Von Thomann, J
Wholley, CJ
Williams, VW
Wilson, DM
Wong, FCK

Paediatric Dentist (4)

Gregory, PJ
Johnston, T
Readman, PM
Winters, JC

Periodontists (14)

Andrews, DP
Bower, RC
Calder, DM
Gairns, SB
Heitz, F
Gale, KM
Hinton, M
Lee, TK
McCarthy, JF
Newnham, IA
Radny, NR
Strangio, L
Swain, JR
Tan, AES

Prosthodontists (10)

Connor, JNE
Ecker, GA
Halliday, KG
Henry, PJ
Johnson, CM
Lander, ID
Lazar, E
McNamara, DC
Mincham, WA
Payne, JAB

3. INQUIRIES

During the year, the Board concluded four Inquiries in terms of Section 30 of the Act.

Section 30 provides that the Board, may, after due Inquiry, impose one or more of the following penalties upon a dentist found guilty of a charge(s) laid under this provision of the Act:

- *name to be struck off the Register (ie disqualification from practice);*
- *censure;*
- *impose conditions limiting practice, require the dentist to undertake additional training, etc;*
- *impose a fine of up to \$2,000;*
- *require the dentist to contribute towards the costs of the Inquiry.*

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The Act provides that the dentist may appeal any decision by the Board to the Supreme Court of Western Australia. The following is a brief summary of the Inquiries concluded during the year.

Inquiry (No. 1)

Allegation

Misconduct in a professional respect by reason of carelessness or incompetence relating to the perforation of a tooth during Endodontic treatment.

Decision

The practitioner pleaded guilty to the complaint in terms of carelessness.

The practitioner was:

- required to give to the Board an undertaking that the practitioner will not practice dentistry without first satisfying the Board that the practitioner is medically fit and competent to practice dentistry and that any future conditions imposed on the practitioner's practice will be adhered to.
- ordered to pay the Board's legal costs of the Inquiry (\$11,072).

Inquiry (No. 2.)

Allegation

Misconduct in a professional respect by reason of carelessness or incompetence relating to:

1. Failure to make an adequate radiographic diagnosis and treatment plan before undertaking extensive treatment.
2. Failure to take an adequate pre-operative periapical radiograph before undertaking vital pulpectomy.
3. Failure to maintain an adequate record of the patient's history, presenting problems, clinical findings and procedures undertaken.

Decision

The practitioner pleaded guilty to the complaints in items 1 and 3.

The practitioner was:

- Ordered to undertake further training in the field of complex restorative paediatric procedures in a form to be approved by the Board.
- Ordered to pay the Board's costs in relation to the Inquiry (\$11,566).

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Inquiry (No. 3)

Allegation

Misconduct in a professional respect by reason of carelessness or incompetence relating to:

1. Recommending an extensive and expensive course of complex restorative and reconstructive treatment in circumstances where a competent dentist would have recommended a minimal amount of dental work.
2. Failure to use a rubber dam.
3. Perforation of a tooth during endodontic treatment.
4. Extraction of a tooth without prior discussion with the patient and without informed consent.
5. Placing crowns with marginal deficiencies.
6. Carrying out four sessions of treatment under general anaesthetic within eight weeks without warning the patient of the risks involved.
7. Failure to maintain adequate patient records.
8. Charging for attempted root canal treatment and a crown on the same tooth.
9. Charging for the extraction of an unerrupted tooth when there was no evidence on the radiograph that the tooth was unerrupted.
10. Charging for the extraction of a tooth when no such procedure was undertaken.

Decision

- The practitioner pleaded guilty to the complaints in items 1 and 7 above.
- The Board dismissed the complaints in items 2, 3, 4 and 6 above.
- The Board found the practitioner guilty of the complaint in item 5 above by reason of carelessness.
- The Board found the practitioner guilty of the complaints in item 8, 9, and 10 above by reason of impropriety.

The practitioner was:

- fined \$2,000.
- required to give to the Board an undertaking that the practitioner will, inter alia, not practice dentistry as a principal prior to 1 November 2006, will only practice under a supervisor approved by the Board and will not undertake any treatment plan for a value in excess of \$1,500 without the written approval of the supervising principal.
- ordered to pay 90% of the Board's legal costs of the Inquiry (\$12,677).

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Inquiry (No. 4)

Allegation

Misconduct in a professional respect by reason of carelessness relating to the failure to provide adequate post-operative care following intravenous sedation.

Decision

The practitioner pleaded guilty to the complaint in terms of carelessness.

The practitioner was:

- censured
- fined \$500.
- ordered to pay the Board's legal costs of the Inquiry (\$2,426).

4. COUNSELLING SESSIONS

Where there is insufficient evidence for the Board to hold an Inquiry pursuant to Section 30 of the Act but there are grounds for the counselling of the dental practitioner in relation to the treatment plan and/or lack of adequate patient communication, the Board will arrange for the dentist to be counselled.

During the year ended 30 June 2003, no counselling sessions were carried out.

5. COMPLAINTS

During the year, the Board received twenty-six-formal complaints. These complaints can be categorised as follows:-

Treatment	19
Non Treatment (Advertising)	5
Dental Prosthetists	2



WAYNE M CLARK
REGISTRAR

26 November 2003

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE DENTAL BOARD OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

SCOPE

We have audited the financial report of the Dental Board of Western Australia comprising the Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Cash Flows and Notes to and Forming Part of the Accounts, for the year ended 30 June 2003. The Board is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on them to the registrants of the Dental Board.

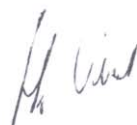
Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Board's financial position and performance as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

AUDIT OPINION

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with the applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements the financial position of the Dental Board of Western Australia as at 30 June 2003 and the results of the operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.

**BENTLEYS MRI
Perth Partnership**

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J W Vibert', written over a light-colored background.

**J W VIBERT
Partner**

Dated this 26th day of November 2003
Perth WA

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003

	<i>Note</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2002</i>
		\$	\$
REVENUE			
<i>Ordinary activities:</i>			
Registration and licence fees		211,265	204,521
Interest		19,914	17,030
Other income		39,177	17,692
		270,356	239,243
EXPENSES			
Secretarial and administration fees		120,000	120,000
Inquiry and legal costs		24,462	33,968
Australian Dental Council		15,600	15,405
Printing, postage and stationery		12,095	14,567
Board members' fees		7,628	6,678
Other expenses from ordinary activities		16,148	15,309
		195,933	205,927
Surplus from ordinary activities before income tax expense		74,423	33,316
Income tax expense	1(a)	-	-
Net surplus attributable to the Board	2	74,423	33,316

The accompanying notes form part of this financial statement

DENTAL BOARD OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2003

	<i>Note</i>	<i>2003</i> \$	<i>2002</i> \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash assets		492,280	429,667
Receivables	3	21,120	12,293
		513,400	441,960
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS			
TOTAL ASSETS		513,400	441,960
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	4	118,215	121,198
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		118,215	121,198
TOTAL LIABILITIES		118,215	121,198
NET ASSETS		395,185	320,762
EQUITY			
Accumulated surplus	2	395,185	320,762
TOTAL EQUITY		395,185	320,762

The accompanying notes form part of this financial statement

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003

	<i>Note</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2002</i>
		\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from registrants		263,987	253,353
Interest received		18,535	18,001
Payments to suppliers		(219,909)	(223,888)
Net cash provided by operating activities	5	62,613	47,466
Net increase in cash held		62,613	47,466
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		429,667	382,201
Cash at the end of the financial year		492,280	429,667

The accompanying notes form part of this financial statement

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus views and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the requirements of the Dental Act 1939.

The financial report covers the Dental Board of Western Australia as an individual entity. The Board is incorporated in Western Australia under the Dental Act 1939.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Board in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

a) Income and Expense Recognition

Licence fees are brought to account as income on a time expiry basis under the accruals method of accounting.

Inquiry costs recoverable are brought to account as income in the financial year in which the Board issues a notice to a registered Dentist under which any Inquiry costs are recoverable.

Expenses are brought to account under the accruals method of accounting in the year incurred.

b) Taxation

The income of the Dental Board of Western Australia is exempt from tax pursuant to Section 24AQ of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

c) Goods and Services Tax

Revenue and expenditure is stated net of the amount of the goods and services tax (GST).

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	2003 \$	2002 \$
2. ACCUMULATED SURPLUS		
Accumulated surplus at the beginning of the financial year	320,762	287,446
Net surplus attributable to the year	74,423	33,316
	395,185	320,762
3. RECEIVABLES		
Reimbursement of Inquiry costs due	21,498	7,429
Less: Provision for non-recovery	(8,000)	(6,000)
	13,498	1,429
Sundry debtor	-	4,066
Goods and services tax recoverable	5,371	5,926
Accrued interest	2,251	872
	21,120	12,293
4. PAYABLES		
Creditors and accruals	17,231	22,108
Fees received in advance	100,984	99,090
	118,215	121,198
5. RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES TO THE NET SURPLUS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE BOARD		
Net surplus after income tax	74,423	33,316
Non cash flows in surplus from ordinary activities: (Decrease)/Increase in provision for doubtful debts	2,000	(8,891)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Decrease/(increase) in receivables	(10,827)	20,231
Increase/(decrease) in payables	(2,983)	2,810
	62,613	47,466
6. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION		
Audit of the financial report	950	1,150
Other services	-	-

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7. RELATED PARTY INFORMATION

- (a) The names of the persons who were members of the Dental Board of Western Australia at any time during the financial year are:-

Mr J R Owen
 Ms M Drake
 Ms H Edwards
 Dr G Ewers
 Mr M McGuinness
 Mr D Neesham
 Ms J Tavelli
 Mr A Quahe

(b) Remuneration		<i>2003</i>	<i>2002</i>
		\$	\$
Aggregate income received, or due and receivable by the members of the Board from the Board		7,628	6,678

8. SEGMENT REPORTING

The Board operates as a statutory registration body within Western Australia.

9. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

a) Interest Rate Risk

The Board's exposure to interest rate risk, which is the risk that a financial instrument's value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates and the effective weighted average interest rates on those financial assets and financial liabilities, is as follows:

	<i>Weighted Average Effective Interest Rate</i>		<i>Floating Interest Rate</i>		<i>Fixed Interest Rate Maturing Within 1 Year</i>		<i>Non Interest Bearing</i>	
	<i>2003</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2002</i>
	%	%	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
FINANCIAL ASSETS								
Cash	1.25	1.25	22,280	39,668	-	-	-	-
Short Term Deposits	4.57	4.79	-	-	470,000	390,000	-	-
Receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,120	12,293
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS			22,280	39,668	470,000	390,000	21,120	12,293
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES								
Payables			-	-	-	-	17,231	22,108

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9. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (cont'd)

b) Credit Risk

The maximum exposure to credit risk, excluding the value of any collateral or other security, at balance date to recognised financial assets is the carrying amount, net of any provisions for doubtful debts, as disclosed in the statement of financial position and notes to the financial statements.

The Board does not have any material credit risk exposure to any single debtor or group of debtors under financial instruments entered into by the Board.

c) Net Fair Values

The aggregate net fair values and carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities are disclosed in the statement of financial position and in the notes to the financial statements.

10. EMPLOYEES	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
Number of employees at balance date	-	-

11. BOARD DETAILS

The principal place of business of the Board is:

2nd Floor
15 Rheola Street
WEST PERTH WA 6005

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DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
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	2003	2002
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Interest	19,914	17,030
Registration and licence fees	211,265	204,521
Fines	1,138	3,166
Other income	298	537
Inquiry costs recovered	37,741	13,989
	270,356	239,243
Less:		
EXPENSES		
Auditors' remuneration	950	1,150
Australian Dental Council	15,600	15,405
Bank charges	2,890	2,617
Board members' fees	7,628	6,678
Conference expenses	2,972	2,111
Courier	1,590	2,121
Donations & prizes	175	175
General expenses	3,042	4,166
Inquiry & legal costs	24,462	33,968
Insurance	2,443	2,335
Printing, postage & stationery	12,095	14,567
Secretarial & administration fees	120,000	120,000
Telecommunications	2,086	634
	195,933	205,927
OPERATING SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	74,423	33,316