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*The final program for this
year's IFW is now available
on the website.
www.anzfss.org.au/nsw*

NSW Branch Newsletter

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From the Editor

Is it possible to be as unlucky as we have been this year?! Unfortunately we organised two speakers that had to cancel at the last minute, and two other talks that we proposed went to appeal recently, so we will have to hold those over for after the appeals. Luckily Alison Sears kindly agreed to present her research at the June meeting. Look out for this review in the next newsletter!

Since the last newsletter, we have had a changing of the guard and the new Committee has been working hard on the upcoming meetings. Unfortunately we have had a poor response for the July Inside the Forensic World so far, and will have to cancel if there are not enough registrations. Please circulate the brochure widely and even support the society by coming yourself. It will be a great opportunity to listen to talks by forensic scientists from a broad range of fields, meet them in person and ask them questions.

Another major change has been the venue for our regular meetings. Recently the DoFM have started charging exorbitant fees for the use of their lecture theatre, and it is no longer a feasible option. Denise has been able to secure a lecture theatre at the museum which we will not be charged for (Thanks Denise!!). The idea is to have refreshments in the Western Tower Room at Sydney University and then walk to the lecture theatre (Latin 1 Room S224) for the talk. A map is shown on page 2 of the newsletter. Parking is from 3pm - 6am Monday to Friday (Evening Rate). \$ 6 flat rate (valid to following 6am only), and \$ 2 hourly rate (to maximum \$6). Machines use only \$1 and \$2 coins. A change machines for converting notes to coins is located in front of the Anderson Stuart Building.

On another note, some of you may be wondering why your mail has been returned to you several months after you sent it to us. Some problems had apparently occurred with the PO Box and the arrangements we had, and our friends at Australia Post inadvertently sent the mail to the dead letter office (big whoops!) and reassigned our PO Box (even bigger whoops!). Thankfully Lisa was able to get to the bottom of this, and we now have a new PO Box. Please ensure that you note it down in your contacts or we may have to call in the pathologists! (har har)

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From the Editor, Continued

I would like to thank Meiya and Audrey for putting their hands up (legends!) to assist me with the mail-outs. In the future, if you would like to opt for the email newsletter option, or have a problem receiving the mail-outs, you can contact Meiya through the NSW Branch email (anzfss.nswsec@nifs.com.au). If you would like to submit something for the newsletter or give some feedback, you can still contact me at shaheen.aumeer@uts.edu.au

I hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter, and I also hope to see you at our future meetings.

Please find the map of the new meeting venue below. This can be viewed in colour on our website.



Welcome to New Society Members

The Society extends a warm welcome to our newly ratified members:

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| • Michael COLLINS | • Jessica HABIB | • Joyce LUU |
| • Suzanne CURBY | • Debbie HARDY | • Tara MACKAY |
| • Luke DAYKIN | • Aidan JOHNSON | • Leigh NELSON |
| • Owen FERGUSON | • Bryan LESSARD | • Nicole YIP |



We would also like to apologise to Katharine Grimwood, whose name was misspelt in the last newsletter.



AGM 2007 - Changing of the Guard

After three years of service as our esteemed President, it was necessary for Claude Roux to step down and allow someone else to take the reins. We would like to thank Claude for his leadership, and look forward to his continued involvement in the supporting role of Vice President. James Wallman is our new President, and we would like to welcome him to his new role at the helm. We are confident that with a fresh perspective James will continue the great work of our Society.

We say farewell to Tamara Szynda who will take a well-deserved break from the Committee this year. We thank her for her contributions to the Society and eagerly anticipate her participation once again further down the track.

Philip Maynard has returned to the Committee after a few years' break. We are pleased to have him back and look forward to working with him this year. We also welcome Julie Sinuks as a full Committee Member this year after she joined half the way through last year as an Associate member to lend a hand.

Otherwise, the rest of the Committee has agreed to continue to volunteer their time and efforts for the Society.

A full list of the Committee is as follows:

President:	James Wallman
Vice President:	Claude Roux
Secretary:	Lisa Mingari
Treasurer:	Peter Jamieson
Public Officer:	Denise Donlon
Committee:	Shaheen Aumeer-Donovan Donnah Day Shirleyann Gibbs Aaron Heagney Philip Maynard Eric Murray Alison Sears Aldo Severino Julie Sinuks Meiya Sutisno

New Committee Member Profile: Julie Sinuks

Julie Sinuks completed the Mortuary Science Course at Sydney TAFE Ultimo in 1995. She was employed as a Technical Officer at the Department of Forensic Medicine in Glebe from 1996 to 2004 and then at the Forensic Science Centre in Adelaide from 2004 until 2006.

Julie was the autopsy technician for the Norfolk Island murder case, and in 2004 was deployed to Thailand by the Australian Federal Police to assist with identification of Tsunami victims.

Julie is currently employed by the University of NSW Department of Anatomy which is part of the Faculty of Medicine. She recently completed a Certificate IV in Embalming Science.



Julie Sinuks



Change of Mailing Address

Please be advised that our new mailing address is:

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Message from our new President

Dear Members,

It is a pleasure to write to you for the first time as President of the NSW Branch of your Society. It will be hard for me to fill the shoes of my esteemed predecessor, Professor Claude Roux. I thank Claude very much for his service to the Society over the last few years. We are fortunate indeed that his contribution will continue in his role as chairman of the Organising Committee for the 2010 International Symposium on the Forensic Sciences in Sydney.

My fellow committee members and I are currently busily preparing for the 'Inside Forensic World' event, to be held on 14 July. This is an important occasion in the Society's calendar, devoted, as it is, to the forensic education of our secondary and tertiary students – the forensic scientists of the future. Please spread the word about this to anyone that might be interested! Of course, it is only through the encouragement of our budding practitioners that we can ensure a healthy future for our discipline. This was a sentiment also expressed strongly by Mr Allan Hodda, past President and one of the most profound contributors to our Society in recent times.

Allan's memory was celebrated as part of our most recent meeting in June, in the presence of his wife and daughter. Allan's family was there

to see the establishment of a benevolent fund in his memory, to be administered by the National Executive of the Society. The aim is to support overseas travel by young forensic scientists to attend a conference or to establish research links. The National President, Mr Bill Crick, was also at the meeting to announce the details.

Another important and recent action of the National Executive has involved an update of the Rules of Association, which came into effect on 3 May this year. These rules govern the national operation of the Society, but the amendments made to them should not materially affect your membership. If you are interested in knowing more, please visit the following website: <http://www.anzfss.org.au/rules.htm>.

We are already half way through the year, but the Branch still has some very interesting times ahead. I invite you to be part of them by attending the absorbing meetings that we have in store for you. Please bring your friends if you think they may be interested!

Dr James Wallman
President
27th June 2007



AGM 2007 - President's Report

Welcome to the 36th Annual General Meeting of the NSW Branch of the Society. This is my third, and, according to the constitution, last Report to the Branch. I am pleased to inform you that, once again, our Society had another successful year in 2006.

Our Branch membership peaked during 2005 at 216, including 180 renewed members (out of a listing of 231 members for 2005) and 36 new members. Our Society also counts five life members. It is interesting to note the following breakdown out of the 216 members:

- 148 individual members (68.5%)
- 37 student members (17.1%)
- 31 joint members (14.4%)

This means that our membership base is very solid and our Society has healthy balance between the different classes of members. Aldo Severino, our Membership Officer, also reports that new membership is flourishing, with a good diverse interest from all sectors of the (professional) community and from students undertaking Forensic Science. It is, however, fair to say that we could still do better, especially with respect to attrition and Police members.

Not only because of our membership, but also considering the various meetings and events held during the year, as well as the high-quality Newsletter, I have no doubt that we are the most successful branch in the country.

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AGM 2007 - President's Report, continued

As in previous years, the diversity of lecturers, the topical and relevant content of their presentations and the level of public outreach have been excellent. The program of the 2006 events is enclosed for your information below. This is testimony to the Committee's efforts and enthusiasm.

From this program, it is worth highlighting the following successful events:

- Two international speakers, respectively from Switzerland and the Netherlands: Prof. Christophe Champod and Dr Eric Lock;
- Three successful public events: 'Inside the Forensic World', 'The bodies in the barrels – How forensic investigation solved the Snowtown murders' (Andrew Bosley and Ted Silenieks) and 'Who killed Dr Bogle and Mrs Chandler?' (Peter Butt).

Both Christophe and Eric brought very interesting international viewpoints in their area of expertise, respectively identification sciences and illicit drugs. It is always a pleasure to see the NSW Branch being able to attract world-leading scientists and I hope we will continue to do so in the future.

'Inside the Forensic World' has become a sought after event by the wider community. Last year's IFW was again a wonderful opportunity for those considering a career in forensic science to hear first-hand what it is like to be a forensic scientist. Although the number of participants slightly dropped in comparison to 2005 due to some late marketing, the feedback was nearly always positive. I personally thank all the Committee members who assisted with the organisation, chairpersons, speakers and the audience for their time and effort in making IFW once again a huge success. The 2007 version of 'Inside the Forensic World' is in preparation.

'The bodies in the barrels – How forensic investigation solved the Snowtown murders' public night attracted a record audience. This supports the fact that case studies are always drawing cards to fill theatres. This is an important point as we increasingly rely on these kinds of events to supplement our earnings. Once again, I personally thank the Committee for organising this event, especially Dr James Wallman who used his 'Adelaide connection' to convince the speakers.

The annual dinner was a real success, both from the social and scientific perspectives. The 'murder' of Dr Bogle and Mrs Chandler remains one of the greatest

Australian mysteries. However, Peter Butt convincingly presented the results of his investigative study using footages from his film. Overall, his interpretation appears credible and the Chemists and Toxicologists in the audience appreciated his fine work. Thank you to Shaheen Aumeer-Donovan and Denise Donlon for organising this event.

Our Society also held its International Symposium in 2006, in Fremantle. Our Branch was very well represented on this occasion. The symposium was very successful and returned a financial benefit of some \$170,000.

It is worth noting that the following NSW members received a scholarship to attend this symposium and ought to be congratulated:

National Scholarship Winners:

- Alison Sears, \$2,000
- Lisa Mingari, \$2,000
- Katherine Flynn, \$2,000
- Stephanie Hales, \$850
- Shaheen Aumeer-Donovan, \$850

State Scholarship Winners:

- Vivien Bielby, \$2,000
- Mark Tahtouh, \$2,000
- Michele Franco, \$1,000

The next symposium will be held in Melbourne on 6-9 October 2008. More importantly, our Branch successfully won the right (and challenge!) to organise the 20th Symposium to be held in Sydney in late September/early October 2010. A small Organising Committee has been set up as a spin-off from the Branch Committee. Membership of the Organising Committee currently includes Dr James Wallman (Deputy Chair), Alison Sears, Shaheen Aumeer-Donovan, Eric Murray and myself (Chair). We are currently assessing Professional Conference Organisers tenders and should be in a position to give you more information very soon.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to report on 2006 without mentioning the terrible loss constituted by the death of Allan Hodda. Allan was instrumental to the development of our Society, being over the years its Secretary, Vice-President, President, Public Officer and Life-Member. In 2004, he received the National President's Medal for his services to the Society. His professional credentials and focus on quality and integrity were greatly appreciated by the forensic



AGM 2007 - President's Report, continued

science community. Perhaps more importantly, Allan was a true gentleman with a very fine sense of humour. I personally feel that my association with Allan over a decade has been a real and rare privilege.

After discussing the matter with Elaine Hodda, we decided to dedicate this year's membership cards to Allan's memory. The National Executive is also setting up the Allan Hodda Memorial Fund in the form of a travel scholarship to attend ANZFSS symposia. A NSW scholarship is also being discussed. I have no doubt that Allan's memory will stay with the Society forever.

Eric Murray also very kindly donated \$1,000 to the Society to set up a scholarship ('Eric Murray Quiet Achiever Award') to be offered at \$250 a year for four years, for students attending forensic science courses and who are members of the Society (NSW branch). Thank you very much Eric for your generosity and your trust in the Society.

The details of both Allan Hodda Scholarships (National Executive and NSW Branch) and the 'Eric Murray Quiet Achiever Award' are currently being discussed. The Committee would welcome any feedback from the members.

Over the last couple of years, the National Executive embarked on a major review of the Society constitution in order to make the rule more relevant to the way in which the Society currently operates and to give the Society a more professional basis from which to progress. 43 changes to the Rules of Association have been proposed. The major changes relates to major changes in the categories of membership. If these changes are accepted, the Society will offer the following categories:

- Full Member
- Honorary Member
- Student Member
- Associate Member

All members recently received a Notice of Special General Meeting to be held on the 3rd May 2007 in Brisbane. Further information is available at www.anzfss.org.au.

It appears that if accepted, these new rules will have an impact on our own NSW rules in the future. I would urge any member to read the documents avail-

able and vote at the Special General Meeting, using a Proxy if required.

Finally, I thank the support of my Committee during the year. I could not operate in my President's role without this support. I would like to thank in particular:

- Dr James Wallman, your Vice-President, for his dedication and professionalism, as well stepping in when I could not be available.
- Denise Donlon, your Public Officer, for her advice in running the Society according to its constitution and various legal rules.
- Aldo Severino, your Membership Officer, whose humour and attention to the details are always appreciated.
- Peter Jamieson, your Treasurer who ensures the Society continues to be financially sound.
- Lisa Mingari, your Secretary for her clerical work.
- Shaheen Aumeer-Donovan, your Newsletter Editor, for her outstanding job.
- Alison Sears, your Merchandising Officer, for her reliable dedication to the Society.

As mentioned in the introduction, after three terms as President, I will step down as required by the Constitution. I really enjoyed the challenges of being your humble President. I am very grateful to all Committee members for their enthusiastic dedication and hard work. I might have been the front man for three years, but running a Society as ours is a real team work. I wish all the best to the next President. I hope I am passing on a dynamic and prosperous Society to him or her.

However, do not believe I am going away. I will stay at the service of the Society and will seek election in the new Committee.

Thank you all, the members, for the confidence you have shown in me as President of your flourishing Society for the last three years.

Claude Roux
President
18th April, 2007





AGM 2007 - Treasurer's Report

The full 2007 Treasurer's Report is now available on the website (www.anzfss.org.au/nsw) for your perusal.

REVIEW: "The Use of Biometric Technologies for Forensic Investigation and Forensic Evaluation" by Dr Didier Meuwly ANZFSS Meeting, Wednesday 21st March 2007

Dr Didier Meuwly came all the way from the Netherlands to present his work on biometric technologies.

Didier Meuwly graduated from the School of Forensic Science (IPS) of the University of Lausanne in 1993 and obtained his PhD from the same institution in 2000. From 2004 he worked at the Netherlands Forensic Institute (NFI), which is part of the Dutch Ministry of Justice. He is currently the principal scientist, in charge of a national research project on forensic individualisation based on fingerprint statistics and contributing to the research and education program of the NFI. Between 2002 and 2004 Didier was a senior forensic scientist within the Forensic Science Service (FSS), an executive agency of the British Home Office. From 1999 to 2002 he was responsible for the biometric research group of the IPS.

Didier is also a founding member of 2 working groups of the European Network of Forensic Science Institutes (ENFSI): the Forensic Speech and Audio Analysis Working Group (FSAAWG) in 1997 and the European Fingerprint Working Group (EFPWG) in 2000.

Didier began his presentation with an explanation of the basic biometric process, and how feature extraction and feature comparison is achieved. With a reference sample, the extracted feature (r) is the template, and for a test sample, the extracted feature (t) is the test. It is then possible to compare r with t to give a score (s). An example of this is in the fingerprint field when minutiae are extracted from test and reference samples in the database. A score is given for the comparison where a higher score indicates that the two samples are more similar. In this way, a spectrum of scores is obtained rather than a binary answer.

Didier argued that in fact, a binary answer is not possible in most cases (and therefore should not be given), and explained why using the forensic inference model. This model shows that a continuity in time can give a direct inference of the identity of a person (ie. a person was seen touching the table, and the witness has not lost sight of the person). This allows a binary "yes" or "no" answer to the question "did this person touch the table?". Where there is a discontinuity in time (ie. the person touched the table and then left the room), there cannot be a "yes" or "no" answer. An inductive inference must therefore be made using a likelihood ratio and considering the prior and posterior odds. The prior and posterior odds are the duty of the court, whereas the likelihood ratio is the duty of the forensic practitioner.

The likelihood ratio is given as follows:

$$LR = \frac{\Pr\langle E | H_p \rangle}{\Pr\langle E | H_d \rangle}$$

Where LR is the likelihood ratio, E is the evidence, H_p is the prosecution hypothesis, and H_d is the defence hypothesis.

The challenge for forensic biometrics is integrating the inference model. In a forensic analysis, features are extracted from the reference and test, compared with biometric technology, and a comparison score (E) is computed. In forensic interpretation, it is necessary to discuss the meaning of E, both if H_p is true, and alternatively if H_d is true. This is easier when it comes to digital images like fingerprints and voice prints.



REVIEW: “The Use of Biometric Technologies for Forensic Investigation and Forensic Evaluation” by Dr Didier Meuwly **ANZFSS Meeting, Wednesday 21st March 2007, continued**

In forensic interpretation, when considering Hp (ie. the person did it), the Hp situation must be simulated. Therefore someone must be tested a lot of times as both the reference and test sources so that the within-source variability can be estimated. In this case, Didier showed a fingerprint distribution where more minutiae gave a higher score.

When considering Hd (ie. the person did not do it), the Hd situation must be simulated. Therefore a person (1-n marks) must be compared as a reference and test (removing like with like) to estimate the between-source variability. Didier also showed this distribution.

The LR can then be calculated by graphing the distributions of Hp and Hd, and using the density of each at the score obtained from the case.

Didier then showed us how to integrate the LR in an investigative / evaluative process using a forensic scenario. An anonymous biometric dataset is needed as a population, and this does not necessarily need to be available for the investigation. In the example given, a partial DNA and partial fingerprint are combined for the LR.

In summary, biometric technology is useful for forensic science, and is based on a different inference scheme than commercial biometrics. Some biometric modalities are more robust than others; physical modalities like fingerprints and DNA are more robust than behavioural modalities like voiceprints and handwriting.

We would like to thank Didier for giving his time to talk to us - it was very much enjoyed.

Review by Shaheen Aumeer-Donovan



Didier Meuwly

REVIEW: “DNA and Other Complexities: Great Expectations in Criminal Jury Trials” by Dr Rhonda Wheate **ANZFSS Meeting, Wednesday 18th April 2007**

Rhonda was kind enough to speak to us about a very interesting topic for us all – how the jury views forensic scientists in criminal trials.

Rhonda set the scene with a historical look at the roles of different players in the adversarial system, and why juries have expectations about the legal system, lawyers, judges and expert witnesses. She introduced her PhD research which was based around the premise that to have an understanding jury expectations about expert witnesses will give us a better understanding of why they think and respond the way they do.

During her research, Rhonda interviewed 571 mock jurors, 120 forensic scientists and 23 real jurors. With the mock jurors, she first looked at DNA profiling evidence, explored the effect of weak vs strong statistics, what “reasonable doubt” is, and what is so convincing about DNA evidence inherently and the big numbers involved. She then explored the common concerns that forensic scientists have, namely the lack of pre-trial consultation, poor preparation, poor questions, failure to re-examine, lack of post-trial feedback, and the unrealistic expectations of judges, lawyers, juries particularly when it comes

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to the time taken for things to happen. With the last set of subjects, Rhonda was able to sit in on the entire trial, deliberations and verdict. She was able to obtain post-verdict written interviews and conduct follow-up telephone interviews with willing participants. Rhonda asked the jurors about their ideas on the forensic science expert, and the following is a summary of the results:

Credentials – both qualifications and experience are equally valuable. Membership of a police service or society with a code of ethics is particularly valuable. In some cases, if the expert is accepted by the court, that is enough for the juror.

Preparation – jurors are looking for familiarity with the discipline (have they read the latest journals, are they familiar with the latest court challenges and the latest advances in the laboratory) – there has been a big fall down on this one!

Expert witnesses must also be familiar with their report. Juries do not understand the statement “other staff may have helped” as they do not understand why you have not done all the analyses. It is important to explain this. A big wad of papers with the expert is not a good idea because the juries wonder if they have not been told something.

There must also be familiar with the exhibits and the facts surrounding them. Using the exhibit number confuses the jury as they relate to the object, not the sample number. Juries wonder why there weren’t more exhibits entered. Why were only 3 samples taken, not all of them? It is a good idea to explain SOPs to the jury.

Matters of the person – the expert must bow upon entry to the courtroom. Presentation and appearance is important. The expert must choose who their audience will be (ie. the jury or the barrister). The jury is aware of this and do not like to be ignored. On the other hand, they are aware of interpersonal play. It is important to have eye contact but not to eyeball the audience. It is also important to speak audibly, clearly and slowly – particularly for scribing jurors.

Expert evidence – this is very prominent for the jury. They do not understand why the evidence is not presented up front on day 1. One juror even described DNA “like a lifeboat in a rough sea of lies”. Evidence is expected to be unequivocal, decisive, and exhaustive (and fast and cheap). Some jurors find DNA the be-all and end-all. Some realise that this is the wrong approach.

Results – when is a match not a match? The jury struggles with the terms “consistent” and “not inconsistent”, “not detected”, and “essentially indistinguishable”. If possible, give a scale, but check it first!

Some articles of common sense for the expert should be elaborated on for the jury. For example: how many samples were taken; how many are usually taken; how much is a mL; what is a “composite sample of powder from the 10 packages” – you must explain that this is valid; what is a screening test; chemical names; “residue”; loci; means and averages; large numbers; and statistics. Try to use English non-jargon. Statistics is a difficult concept for juries as they are expecting “it is a match”, not “it is a match + statistics”.

The jury also have trouble understanding why more evidence wasn’t collected. In a particular case that Rhonda witnessed, there were gaps in the evidence and the jury wanted them to be filled. In this case there was so much disappointment it resulted in a hung jury.

The juries themselves make their decisions based on constructive memory, note-taking, questions asked and their access to transcripts and evidence. Visual and auditory learners must be catered for, and the accuracy of the recollection can be based on the veracity and comprehensiveness of notes, as well as speed and spelling. Some jury members are passive listeners, and find the process elaborate and intimidating. They can struggle with narrow answers. Failure to call witnesses is not well understood – they want more. While there are judicial warnings against private research, this happens a lot, and sometimes the

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information is very biasing. Access to transcripts and evidence is limited or non-existent, however, they do get to see reports and documentary evidence.

Overall, what can be done about it? It is important to equally discuss evidence and non-evidence – ie. explain that there wasn't anything else found. Recognise that there are expectations, and address the fact that there is not a wide-ranging search for everything like in CSI. Don't over-emphasise DNA. Explain why there was not a logical order to the witnesses giving evidence.

Encourage active listening – encourage questions, notes and diagrams. Address juror questions. Give the jurors trial transcripts. Use glossaries to explain technical terms. And finally the judicial directions should be given by the judges.

I think I would also add that more forensic science practitioners should look at the work that Rhonda has done! We would like to thank Rhonda for sharing this insight into the mind of the juror.

Review by Shaheen Aumeer-Donovan

ANZFSS 2010 Update

The Organising Committee for the ANZFSS 2010 Symposium has been taking the first steps towards preparing "the best Symposium ever" (to coin a phrase from our friend Mr Samaranche).

At this point, we have gone through a formal tender invitation process with a view to appointing a Professional Conference Organisers. After meeting with several PCOs we ultimately decided to appoint "Tour Hosts" who we felt would be competent to assist us with the generic organisational and logistical aspects of the Symposium whilst still being able to capture the spirit of our Society. We are currently in the process of negotiating a contract, and we will keep you updated as further progress is made.

If you are not already aware, the Organising Committee is as follows:

President:	Claude Roux
Vice President:	James Wallman
Committee:	Shaheen Aumeer-Donovan
	Eric Murray
	Alison Sears

The Allan Hodda Memorial Fund *(continued overleaf)*

Dear ANZFSS members,

The National ANZFSS President Bill Crick attended the June meeting to officially launch the Allan Hodda Memorial Fund. Accepting a plaque from the NSW Branch was Allan's wife Elaine and his daughter Danielle.

The Allan Hodda Memorial Fund will be a scholarship for any ANZFSS member to promote learning or knowledge in forensic science. This could include attending an overseas conference or laboratory. The recipients must be available to attend the ANZFSS Symposium to deliver a presentation detailing their experience, to further propagate that learning. The scholarship will be offered yearly at \$5,000 and the National Body will also fund the air fare and Symposium fee for the presentation. Further information about how to apply is available on the National ANZFSS website (www.anzfss.org.au).



The Allan Hodda Memorial Fund, continued

We hope that this Fund will keep Allan's memory alive by sharing his passion for further education with others.

Allan was a well-known and well-respected scientist and individual. He was instrumental to the development of our Society, being over the years its Secretary, Vice-President, President, Public Officer and Life-Member. In 2004, he received the National President Medal for his services to the Society. His professional credentials and focus on quality and integrity were greatly appreciated by the forensic science community as demonstrated by his various executive memberships, including being on the Panel of Advisers of the National Institute of Forensic Science and on the NATA's Forensic Registration Advisory Committee. His strong interest in training and education were also shown through his dedication to the organisation of the annual ANZFSS seminar Inside the Forensic World and his association with the University of Technology, Sydney. Allan was a true gentleman with a very fine sense of humour.

We thank you for joining us in celebrating Allan's life and contributions, and honouring his memory.



James and Bill together with Elaine and Danielle

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Final Words: Thank you to Linda Greatorex for sending us this great quote:

*“No one goes so far as he who knows not where he is going”
Oliver Cromwell (1599 - 1658)*