

## **President's Report**

### **ANZFSS AGM – 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2021**

Like last year, Covid-19 has made meeting somewhat difficult at times and has made decisions at the National ANZFSS council regarding upcoming conferences almost impossible. As a result, there is not much to report on for this year.

Since our last AGM we have had four face-to-face meetings

September 2020 – Sgt Gerard Dutton presented some interesting firearm case studies

December 2020 – End of year drinks at The Brunswick Hotel

March 2021 – Carl Grosser (FSST) presented on activity level reporting

April 2021 – Prof Michael Breadmore (UTAS) presented on microfluidics and rapid drug detection

June 2021 – No presenter (postponed) but members enjoyed a drink together

Again, members were invited to participate in some interstate ANZFSS branches online meetings, including presentations by Tim Fayle (courtesy of the NSW branch) in September 2020, Donna Buckingham and Kate McKenzie-Bridle (courtesy of the NZL branch) in January 2020 and Prof Christophe Champod (courtesy of the VIC branch) in February 2021. These events were advertised to members and group sessions were held at FSST.

I attended the 2020 national council AGM in November 2020 as an online meeting event. Online voting was at this meeting for the first time:

Prof James Curran replaced Prof Adrian Linacre as President and Caroline Bird retired from her role as Secretary (replaced by Melissa Airlie).

The combined ANZFSS/IAFS symposium due to be held in September 2020 was postponed until 2023 due to the Covid-19 situation and to bring it back in line with its regular 3-year cycle. The ANZFSS symposium is still set to be delivered in September 2022 in Brisbane. A decision will be made soon regarding whether this will again be postponed/cancelled – the organising committee are committed to holding the symposium so postponing would be the likely outcome if necessary.

ANZFSS now have 24 Professional Members.

I would like to thank all members for their continued support and especially thank the local committee for their help over the last year.

Finally, I am stepping down as President after finishing 4 year term and wish the next President all the best.

Dr Charles Connor