

# FROM YOUR SECRETARY

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## Farewell

It is with great sadness that I have to advise you of my resignation from ATMS as Company Secretary. The decision was not taken lightly, but has come about mainly due to health issues.

My love for ATMS, and you our members, is such that I feel I would be betraying a sacred trust if I could not continue to give the job 110%. I will always have a passion for our profession and ATMS, and sincerely hope to continue to make a contribution of some kind. Thank you to all the many, many friends I have made over the past 24 years. I am very grateful for the tremendous support and confidence that has always been shown towards me. This has made my life with ATMS so rewarding and enjoyable. Although it is a very sad time for me, I feel I am leaving you and ATMS in good hands with your new Company Secretary, Matthew Boylan. You can read more about him in this Journal.

## Inaugural Qld Massage Conference And Trade Exhibition

Cherie Walkerden (our seminar organiser) and I were delighted to have the opportunity of attending this conference organised by our Queensland State Representative, the lovely Margie Martin. Margie came to Sydney last October to see how we were running this type of conference, and I have to say that she surpassed our many years of experience.

It was terrific! Cherie and I agree that it was the best run conference we had ever been to. The feedback from both members attending and exhibitors was extremely positive. We have already had heaps of enquiries about when and where the next one will be. Thank you to all those who helped with this conference. Especially to Eti Galapo who so wonderfully organised the Trade Exhibition, and to Margie and her hardworking (and long suffering) hubby, Evan.

## 2008/2009 Renewals And 2008 Membership Directory

Its 'that' time of year again, so just a reminder that you need to renew your membership, and to provide any changes you require to your membership details for the new *Membership Directory*. Renewals need to be made on time to ensure your continuance with health fund listings. Any changes need to be notified before the end of July, so that your correct details are in the Directory. Remember that only those members who have ticked the 'for Publication' box on the renewal notice will go in the Directory.

## New Policy Statements

At the last Executive Board meeting, it was decided that ATMS should adopt stated policies on two important developments. These policies are regarding the ingestion of essential oils and the practise of dry needling.

The policy statement regarding the ingestion of essential oils is:



Based upon the fact that a significant or substantial body of evidence exists for essential oils, and due to its highly concentrated chemical constituents, the ATMS does not support the internal application of essential oils at this time.

The policy statement regarding dry needling is:

Based upon the fact that a significant or substantial body of evidence does not exist to validate the efficacy or safety of dry needling, the ATMS does not support dry needling at this time.

Members of ATMS are required to abide by these policies.

## Simon Schot Awards

At a recent Executive Board meeting, the winners of the Simon Schot Award were drawn. The delighted winners have already been advised. As you know, we draw five for NSW and five for the other states: They are as follows:

- Valerie Penrose, Springwood NSW
- Fiona Henderson, Tenterfield NSW
- Rebecca Gouldhurst, Tamarama NSW
- Megan Lloyd, Glebe NSW
- Sarah Harvey, Turramurra NSW
- Marianne Perna, Mango Hill Qld
- Nyree Banks, Trinity Park Qld
- Moira Darling, Ascot Vale Vic
- Lisa Johnson, Brighton Qld
- Kel Sharp, Marcoola Qld.

Congratulations to the winners. If you missed out this year don't worry, as Marsh have very generously approved another \$10,000 educational sponsorship for next year. Really wonderful of Marsh to continue with this sponsorship.

## Marsh

Speaking of Marsh, we have recently negotiated the 2008/2009 professional indemnity policy for our members, and are pleased to advise that there is no increase in premi-