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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In 2021, the Directors continued working towards meeting the primary strategic objectives of the Company, particularly through the promotion, development, and support of education and training programs for Trainees and members.

The Board of Directors continued to work with senior management to ensure the ongoing viability of the organisation and the meaningful engagement of all staff, particularly with widespread work-from-home arrangements required in the second half of the year.

The year started with cautious optimism, as plans were made to reintroduce face-to-face conferences and events, with hybrid and online back-up options in place to manage ongoing Covid restrictions. The digital platforms developed in 2020, and the skills acquired by GSA staff in managing and delivering online learning, meant that the organisation was well placed to respond in an agile and flexible way to the ever-changing Covid landscape.

In addition to reviews of Covid-19 Position Papers and Guidelines developed in 2020, the organisation worked with the Thrombosis & Haemostasis Society of Australia New Zealand to develop Multidisciplinary Guidelines for the management of vaccine-induced immune thrombotic thrombocytopenia. The priority of the organisation remained the health and safety of its Members, Trainees, Specialist International Medical Graduates (SIMGs), and staff, as well as continuing its work in advocating with the RACS and Departments of Health to maintain a surgical workforce that could service patients and the wider community safely.

The Board was engaged to provide feedback and input for several projects and initiatives across 2021, including the Department of Health Out of Pockets Transparency Project, MBS Reviews, particularly changes to ventral hernia item numbers, and alignment of AMA Fees with the revised MBS Items for General Surgery. Other issues included Best Practice and Regulation of Surgical Titling, Gendered Titles, the GESA Certification process and CCRTGE DOPS requirements, and work with the RACS on the implementation of the Rural Health Equity Strategy, including the GRiD fellowship proposal.

Due to continued restrictions with interstate travel and density limits, Regional Training Committee and Board meetings were held online throughout 2021, with the Annual General Meeting again delivered as a virtual event in May. The Board held an online Strategic Planning Workshop in late November, and developed a short-term plan to address many of the key projects that had been deferred due to Covid-restrictions and resourcing concerns across 2020 and 2021.

As case numbers in New South Wales and Victoria grew, the Board made the difficult decision to delay the 2021 GSA Annual Scientific Meeting until October 2022, when it became apparent that the venue would not be able to deliver a safe, face-to-face event at usual capacity. However, despite the continued challenges

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encountered in 2021, the organisation was able to deliver an extensive online educational program, both regionally and nationally, across the year.

This began with a national Fellowship Exam Preparation Course delivered in February and March for 126 candidates sitting the General Surgery Fellowship Exam in May. The six-week program covered topics including Breast, Endocrine, Colorectal, HPB, Upper GI, Trauma & Emergency Surgery, Transplantation, Vascular Surgery, Melanoma, Surgical Oncology, and Skin. The program included small group viva practice sessions with subject matter expert tutors, designed to provide candidates with feedback on their exam technique. An online refresher course was delivered in late 2021, for the 53 candidates taking part in the second sitting of the exam. The refresher course included a practice Spot Exam and small group viva practice sessions focussing on Operatives, Pathophysiology, Long & Short Cases, and Anatomy.

Two Trainees' Weekend programs, the SA/NT Registrars' Paper Day, the Queensland Core Course, and the NSW Educational Program were delivered via the GSA Online platform across 2021, with a total of 142 educational webcasts added to the GSA Educational Resources for the year. The first GSA Trainees' Day on Transplantation & Vascular Surgery was delivered as a hybrid live/virtual event in May. A total of 225 registrations were received, however the majority of delegates elected not to travel and attended the event virtually. The second GSA Trainees' Day on Trauma & Emergency Surgery was delivered in October as a fully virtual event, with 174 Trainees, SIMGs, and Junior Doctors taking part.

The October Trainees' Day was followed by a virtual Research Paper Day, which included 13 free papers and 20 'quick shot' poster presentations that would typically have been presented at the GSA Annual Scientific Meeting. The Research & Scholarships Committee reviewed a total of 86 abstracts that were submitted for consideration, providing Trainees with a unique opportunity to meet their Research Requirement for training and gain invaluable presentation experience.

The Research & Scholarships Committee reviewed and approved 10 research projects and surveys in 2021, covering topics such as Variations in Hernia Repair, paths to becoming a General Surgeon, the experience of Clinical Surgical Educators, Treatment Options for Uncomplicated Appendicitis, Diabetic Foot Sepsis and Osteomyelitis, Wellbeing in Australian Surgical Trainees, Management for Low Risk Papillary Thyroid Microcarcinoma, the impact of COVID-19 on Endoscopy Training, and Impressions of a Career in Surgery. The Committee also awarded nine grants for Junior Doctor members to support their research projects.

The 2021 SEAM Standard Setting workshop was again held as an online event in August, with Subject Matter Experts from across Australia and New Zealand contributing to the review of 169 Summative Assessment

questions for the eight modules comprising the SEAM Program.

The GSA Post-Fellowship Education & Training (PFET) Programs attracted a total of 23 applications, with a total of 10 offers made for Transplantation (5), Trauma (3), and Rural (2), to commence training in 2022.

Selection Interviews for the 2022 Intake were held face-to-face in each of the regions, with a total of 276 applications received for the new GSET Program in General Surgery. A total of 83 offers of training were accepted, with Selection fees totalling \$236,385 for the year. The organisation provided administrative management of the supervision or oversight requirements of 21 SIMGs in General Surgery, post their initial clinical assessment by the RACS. Quinquennial Hospital Accreditation Inspections were conducted online over three days in late July, for 37 hospitals in Victoria and Tasmania, due to ongoing travel restrictions for inspectors.

The organisation provided Event Management Services for the Provincial Surgeons of Australia 2021 Annual Scientific Conference (PSA 2021 ASC) held in early August, which moved from a face-to-face event planned in Bega, to a fully-hosted, three-day Zoom webinar. The GSA Board awarded a total of 15 Rural Coach Grants to General Surgery Trainees, SIMGs, and Junior Doctors members to participate in the PSA 2021 ASC, and the event attracted 218 delegates from across Australia.

Extensive work on the development and testing of the Trainee Information Management System (TIMS) platform and membership database was undertaken throughout 2021, including online assessment tools for the new GSET Program. The relaunch of the GSA website was delayed due to the re-deployment of developers, to ensure the timely launch of TIMS in January 2022.

The total number of full-time and part-time staff employed by the organisation during the 2021 financial year was eleven. Overall expenditure for the year was higher in the areas of personnel costs, travel and accommodation, facilities and venue hire, and finance and depreciation costs. Revenue from membership subscriptions, event management services, post-fellowship training services, selection, regional and other education programs, and investment income all increased in this financial period, contributing towards the surplus for the year.

On behalf of the Directors:



**Dr Sally Butchers FRACS**

President

# INDICATORS OF SUCCESS

INDICATOR	TARGET	2021 RESULTS
<b>Membership</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Membership increase &gt;5% p.a.</li> <li>New membership amongst junior doctors of &gt;5% p.a.</li> <li>80% of new General Surgery Fellows joining GSA each year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>166 new members; 2% overall increase</li> <li>84 of all new members were Junior Doctors (51%)</li> <li>84 new General Surgery Fellows in 2021; 49 of these joined GSA (58%)</li> <li>6 new Ordinary members were Fellows &gt;10 years post FRACS (7.3%)</li> </ul>
<b>Selected Trainees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retention &gt;90%</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>97.56% retention in 2021 (2.44% Withdrawn; 0.0% Dismissed)</li> </ul>
<b>Supervisors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100% of General Surgery Supervisors as members of GSA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>63% of General Surgery Supervisors (77) were members of GSA</li> </ul>
<b>Fellowship Examination pass rate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>80% by second attempt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall pass rate: 58%. Of those that passed, 92% (82 candidates) passed within two attempts</li> <li>Trainee pass rate: 62%</li> </ul>
<b>Collaboration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-authoring submissions to government and other bodies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2021: Published THANZ Multidisciplinary VITT Guideline for Doctors developed in collaboration with the Thrombosis &amp; Haemostasis Society of Australia New Zealand (THANZ). The guideline was developed in response to the severe prothrombotic syndrome associated with thrombocytopenia described in a small number of patients exposed to the COVID-19 AstraZeneca and Janssen (Johnson &amp; Johnson) vaccines.</li> <li>2020: Published COVID-19 Guidelines for General Surgery developed in collaboration with the RACS Australian Board in General Surgery, the New Zealand Association of General Surgeons, and the RACS New Zealand Board in General Surgery</li> <li>2020: Developed General Surgery Decision Tree for considering General Surgery during COVID-19, following the Restoration of Elective Surgery guidelines announced on 23 April 2020</li> <li>2020: Published Position Statement Defining Urgent Endocrine Surgical Conditions - Endocrine Surgery during the COVID-19 Pandemic, developed in collaboration with ANZES</li> <li>2018: Published joint Guidelines with the RACS, Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand, and New Zealand Association of General Surgeons on Acute Scrotal Pain and Suspected Testicular Torsion</li> <li>2018: published joint Guidelines with the Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons, Australasian College Of Dermatologists, and the Australian Medical Association on Criteria for Type C Banding Certification</li> <li>2017: Published joint Position Paper with the RACS, Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand, and the Australian and New Zealand Association of Paediatric Surgeons on Surgery in Children</li> </ul>
<b>Surgical Research</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All scholarships awarded annually</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2021: 9 Junior Doctor Research Grants awarded</li> </ul>
<b>Budget performance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+/- 5% of budget annually</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total revenue 5.48% under budget; Total expenditure 22.96% under budget.</li> </ul>
<b>Compliance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lodgement of Statutory Accounts four months after EOFY</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Submission lodged 20 April 2021</li> </ul>

# TREASURER'S REPORT

This Treasurer's Report highlights the financial position for General Surgeons Australia (GSA) for the 2021 financial year, and highlights performance from some of our core business activities.

Global market performance improved steadily in 2021. The Board of Directors remains committed to investments in online learning and educational events and activities, highlighting the ongoing commitment to promoting both high quality training and continuing medical education for our members.

## Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

Total operating revenue (excluding investment returns) was \$2,432,906 in 2021, compared to \$2,317,796 in 2020. Total expenditure in 2021 was \$1,980,486, compared to \$1,782,754 in 2020. The overall surplus for 2021 was \$950,429 (2020: \$1,033,402), which was attributable to the reduced expenditure due to ongoing COVID-19 cancellations of meetings and events, and a solid return on investments.

## Key Revenue and Expenditure Items for 2020

- Training Services income was \$1,930,357 in 2021 (2020: \$1,913,936)
- Post Fellowship Education & Training income was \$31,625 in 2021 (2020: \$18,095)
- The return on investments for 2021 was \$428,082 (2020: \$129,133)
- Course and Event income was \$212,041 in 2021 (2020: \$128,668)
- Course and Event expenditure was \$142,087 in 2021 (2020: \$117,635)
- Grants and award expenditure was \$6,051 in 2021 (2020: \$932)
- Personnel costs remained the dominant expense, followed by development and delivery of Online Educational and Regional & Other Educational Programs.

## Statement of Financial Position

Key movements in assets included a 22.53% increase in cash and cash equivalents. The overall increase in the total investment portfolios was 10.50% for the year (compared to a 3.74% increase in 2020) bringing the total funds invested as at 31 December 2021 to \$4,077,050.

## Statement of Cash Flows

In 2021, the Statement of Cash Flows indicated a net cash inflow from operating activities of \$834,193 (2020: \$1,070,505), and a net increase in cash held of \$330,313 (2020: \$896,937).

## Independent Auditor's Report and Audit Opinion

The Independent Auditor's Report and Audit Opinion of BDO Audit Pty Ltd is included with the Annual General Purpose Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2021, which is available for download from the GSA website.

## Directors' Declaration

The Directors of General Surgeons Australia declare that the summarised financial report set out on pages 7-9 have been derived from and are consistent with the full General Purpose Financial Report of The Australian Society of Specialist General Surgeons (trading as General Surgeons Australia) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

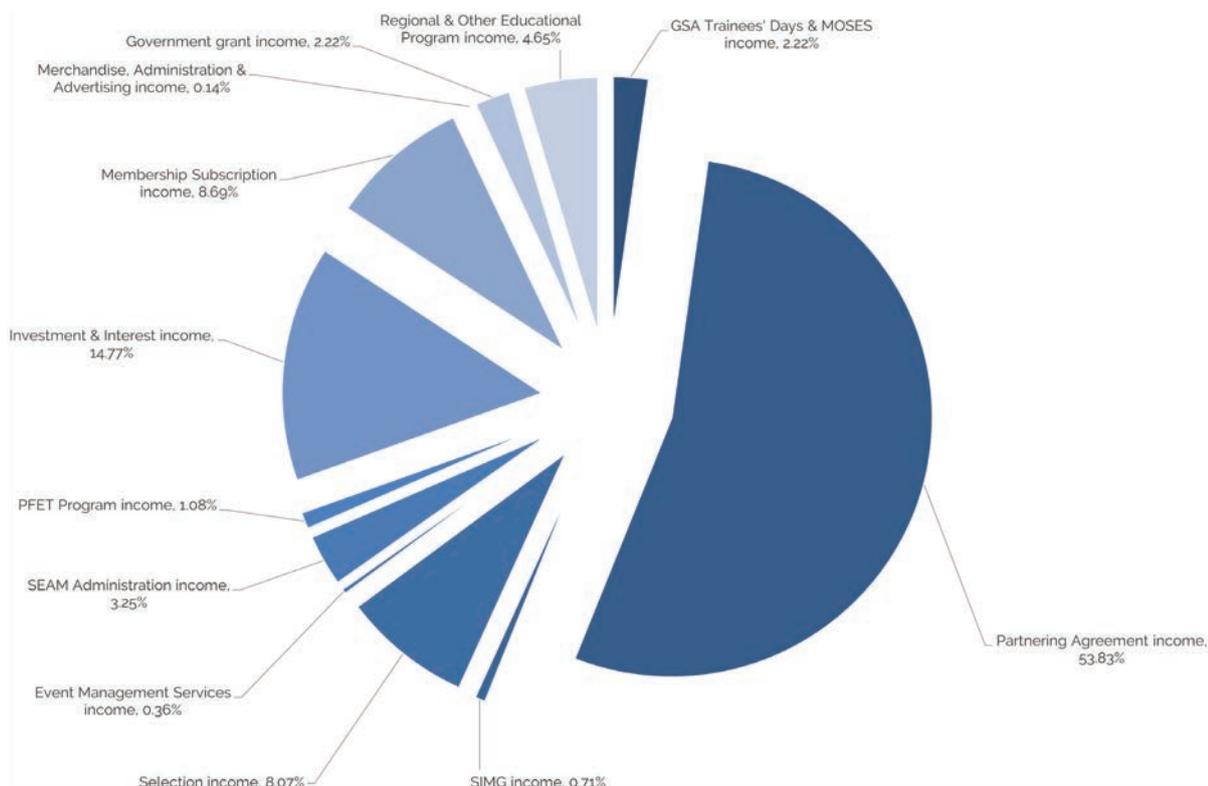
On behalf of the Directors:



Mr Andrew S Hughes FRACS  
Treasurer

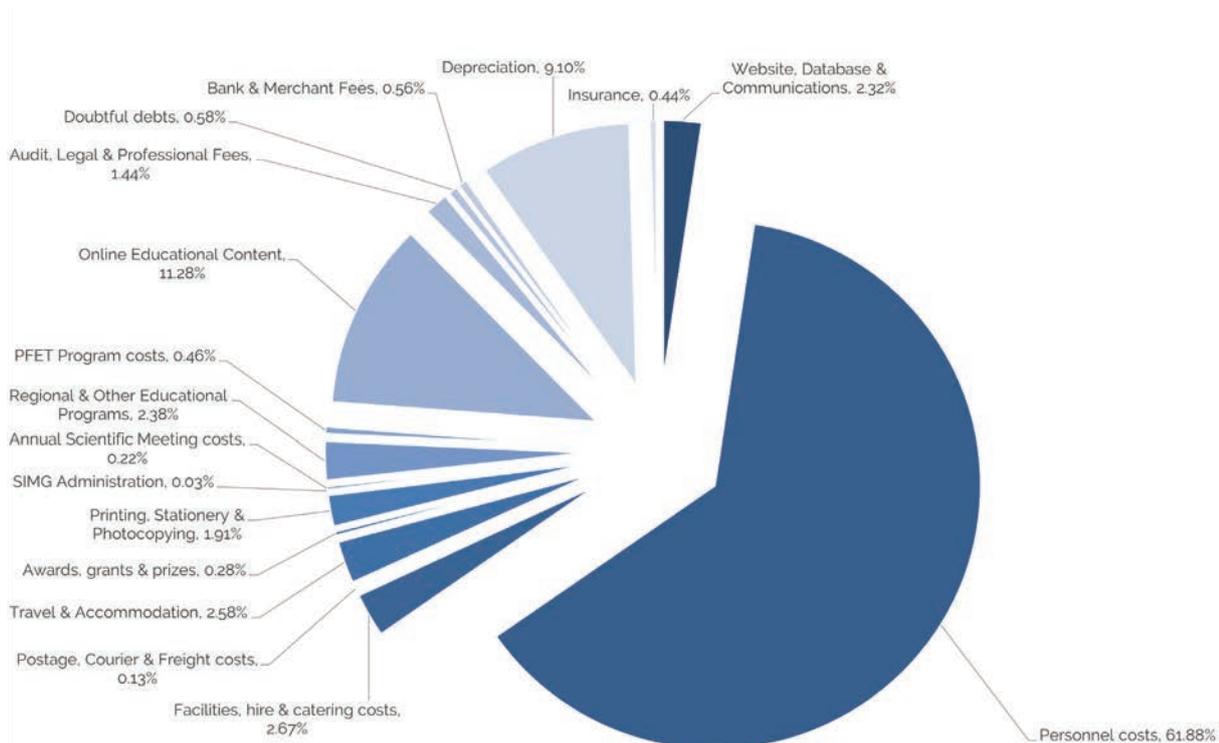
# TOTAL REVENUE

2021 | \$2,930,915



# TOTAL EXPENDITURE

2021 | \$ 1,980,493



# FINANCIAL REPORT

## STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Revenue	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
Members' income		254,703	251,977
Training Services income	2	1,930,357	1,913,936
Post Fellowship Education & Training income		31,625	18,095
Courses income	2	201,541	122,318
Event income	2	10,500	6,350
Other income	2	4,180	5,120
		<u>2,432,906</u>	<u>2,317,796</u>
Other revenue - interest		4,752	6,975
Income on investments	3	428,082	129,133
Government grant income	4	65,175	362,251
		<u>2,930,915</u>	<u>2,816,156</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Employee benefits expense	5	(1,225,372)	(1,089,865)
Administrative & Training Services expense		(393,699)	(414,326)
Courses expense		(137,249)	(112,291)
Event expense		(4,838)	(5,344)
Grants & Awards expense		(6,051)	(932)
Finance costs		(10,968)	(12,817)
External professional services expense		(22,139)	(26,974)
Depreciation expense		(180,170)	(120,205)
Surplus for the year		<u>950,429</u>	<u>1,033,402</u>
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>950,429</u>	<u>1,033,402</u>

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	1,796,538	1,466,224
Trade and other receivables	7	14,914	41,738
Inventories	8	3,857	3,857
Prepayments	9	153,240	163,237
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>1,968,549</u>	<u>1,675,056</u>
<b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Right-of-use asset	10	64,458	51,507
Plant and equipment	11	17,127	3,458
Intangible assets	12	176,233	66,300
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	13	4,077,050	3,448,968
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		<u>6,303,417</u>	<u>3,570,233</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>5,245,289</u>	<u>5,245,289</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	14	79,758	35,372
Deposits for future services	15	13,500	28,412
Provision for employee entitlements	16	353,391	297,700
Lease liability		64,424	51,582
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>511,073</u>	<u>413,066</u>
<b>NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Provision for employee entitlements	16	27,740	18,048
TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>27,740</u>	<u>18,048</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>538,813</u>	<u>431,114</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>5,764,604</u>	<u>4,814,175</u>
<b>MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>			
Accumulated surplus		<u>5,764,604</u>	<u>4,814,175</u>
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		<u>5,764,604</u>	<u>4,814,175</u>

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
- Receipts from members and customers	2,612,567	2,622,105
- Payments to suppliers and employees	(1,837,333)	(1,908,010)
- Interest received	4,752	6,975
- Interest expense	(10,968)	(12,817)
- Government grants received	65,175	362,251
Net cash flows provided by operating activities	834,193	1,070,504
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
- Payment for plant and equipment	(25,495)	(363)
- Payment for intangible assets	(214,443)	(99,400)
- Payments for investments	(200,000)	-
Net cash used in investing activities	(439,938)	(99,763)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
- Operating lease payments	(63,942)	(73,805)
Net cash used in financing activities	(63,942)	(73,805)
Net increase in cash held	330,313	896,937
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	1,466,224	569,287
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	1,796,537	1,466,224

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## **Dr Sally Louise McGregor Butchers | President**

**Vice President to 11 May 2021. President from 12 May 2021.**

MBBS, FRACS. General Surgeon with sub-specialist interests in Rural Surgery, Trauma, Breast Surgery, and Surgical Teaching. VMO General Surgeon at Lismore Base Hospital since 2008. Chair of RACS Rural Section from 2014-2019. Deputy Chair of RACS Rural Section 2010-2014. Member of RACS NSW State Committee 2011-2020 (Executive 2014-2020). Chair, Lismore Community Theatre Management Group 2009-2012. Scientific Convenor, Provincial Surgeons of Australia 2015 Annual Scientific Conference. GSA Treasurer 2019-2020. GSA Vice President 2020-2021. GSA President since May 2021. Elected May 2017.



## **Mr Trevor Graham Collinson**

**President to 11 May 2021. Retired 11 May 2021.**

B Arch (Hons), BM BS, MS, FRACS. General Surgeon with sub-specialist interests in Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery, Breast and Endocrine Surgery, Endoscopy & Colonoscopy. Research interests include Sentinel node biopsy, laparoscopic procedures, and abdominal wall reconstruction. Visiting General Surgeon St Andrews Hospital, Stirling, Mt. Barker, Murray Bridge since 1997. General Surgery Convener RACS ASC Adelaide 2011. Member, Organising Committee for the inaugural joint GSA/PISA Annual Scientific Meeting, Fiji 2018. Scientific convenor combined GSA/CSSANZ Annual Scientific Meeting, Hobart 2019. Co-opted member of GSA Board of Management 2010-2011. Member Binational Colorectal Cancer Audit Steering Committee 2015-2017. Member RACS Property Committee since 2017. Member ASERNIP-S Rapid Review Working Party for COVID-19 response since 2020. GSA Vice President 2014-2017. GSA President 2017-2021. Elected May 2012.



## **A/Prof Kellee Slater | Vice President**

**Vice President from 12 May 2021.**

MBBS (Hons), FRACS, FACS. General Surgeon with sub-specialist interests in complex abdominal wall repair, Hepatobiliary Surgery, and Liver Transplant. Research interests include complex abdominal wall repair and Hepatobiliary Surgery. Surgical Fellow at University Colorado, USA from 2002-2004. SMO Greenslopes Private Hospital, Queensland Children's Hospital, and Princess Alexandra Hospital since 2003. General Surgery Representative for RACS Queensland State Committee in 2010. Surgical Supervisor at Princess Alexandra Hospital from 2006-2010. Member of RACS Board in General Surgery - Queensland Training Committee from 2006-2015 (Chair, 2014-2015). Member of RACS Board in General Surgery 2014-2019. Deputy Chair and IMG Representative, RACS Board in General Surgery from 2015-2017. Chair, RACS Board in General Surgery from 2017-2019. GSA Vice-President since 2021. Elected May 2019.

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## Mr Andrew S Hughes | Treasurer

MBBS, FRACS. General Surgeon with sub-specialist interests in Laparoscopic Gastrointestinal, Hernia, Endocrine, Melanoma Surgery, Robotic Surgery, and Endoscopy/Colonoscopy. Research interests include Surgical Education and Data Collection for Clinical Trials. Senior Staff Specialist, The Prince Charles Hospital (TPCH) since 2007. VMO Northwest Private/St Vincent's Private Hospital Northside since 2007. Trauma/Transplant Fellowship at Princess Alexandra Hospital in 2006. Advanced General Surgery Trainee at Princess Alexandra Hospital, Gold Coast Hospital, Nambour Hospital, and Mater Health Services 2002-2005. Surgical Supervisor TPCH and Member of RACS Board in General Surgery - Queensland Training Committee 2007-2017. Convenor, Queensland Core Course for SET Program in General Surgery 2007-2017. RACS ASC General Surgery Convenor Brisbane 2016. GSA Treasurer since 2020. Elected May 2016.



## Mr Graeme Wayne Clarke | Director

MBBS, FRACS, FRCS (Ed). General Surgeon with sub-specialist interest in Colorectal Surgery and Hernia Surgery. General Surgeon St John of God Mt Lawley Hospital since 1992 and General Surgeon St John of God Midland Public and Private Hospital since its inception 24 November 2015. General and Colorectal Surgeon, Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital from 1992-2011. General Surgeon at Swan District Hospital 1992 to 2015. Chair, MAC Swan District Hospital 1994 to 2015 Member, RACS Western Australian State Committee from 1993-1999; Chair from 1999-2001. Member of RACS Court of Examiners in General Surgery from 2003-2011. Elected May 2015.



## Mr Damian Arthur Fry | Director

BN, MBBS, FRACS. General Surgeon with sub-specialist interests in complex hernia, Trauma Surgery, Colorectal Surgery, and Rural Surgery. Research interests in acute surgery, including SUNRISE Trials and laparoscopic vs open appendicectomy. Colorectal Fellow at Queen Elizabeth II and Princess Alexandra Hospitals in 2019. General Surgeon at Toowoomba Hospital since 2020. Queensland Representative and Member of RACS Trainees Association 2016-2018. Co-opted Member, RACS Queensland State Committee 2016-2018. Member of RACS Rural Surgical Section Committee since 2019; RACS Rural Coach since 2019. Supervisor of Training at Toowoomba Hospital since 2020. Deputy Chair GSA PFET Rural Program Training Committee since 2019. Elected May 2020.



## Ms Nishanthi Gurusinghe | Director

FRACS, MBChB, BSc (Psychology), PGDip Clinical Education. General surgeon with sub specialist interests in Colorectal Surgery, Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery, Colonoscopy & Endoscopy. Research interests include surgical education and training. Scientific convener combined 2019 GSA/CSSANZ Annual Scientific Meeting and 2019 Colorectal Trainees' Day. Surgical Supervisor of Training at Launceston General Hospital since 2015. Member of RACS Tasmanian State committee 2015-2017, 2020 to present. RACS Tasmania Annual Scientific Meeting Convenor 2019, 2020. SEAM Committee Member since 2016. Tasmanian Rep RACS Council 2021. Elected May 2019.

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## **Dr Su Mei Hoh | Director**

**Appointed 11 May 2021.**



MBBS, FRACS. Master of Public Health (The University of Melbourne). General Surgeon with sub-specialist interest in Colorectal Surgery, Hernia Surgery, Global Surgery, Health Systems (equity and diversity), Public Health, and Aging and surgery. Research Interests in Colorectal Surgery, Global Surgery, and Aging and surgery. CSSANZ Colorectal Fellow at Auckland City Hospital in 2020 and Lyell McEwin Hospital, Adelaide in 2021. Trainee Representative, ANZ Training Board in Colon and Rectum Surgery (CSSANZ) since 2021. Member of RACS Trainees Association (RACSTA) from 2014 - 2016; RACSTA Executive Committee, Training Portfolio from 2016-2017. Trainee Representative, RACS Prevocational Skills Education Committee from 2014-2017. Trainee Representative, RACS Younger Fellows Committee from 2016-2017. Elected May 2021.

## **Mr Akhtar Hussein Sayed-Hassen | Director**

**Retired 11 May 2021.**



MBChB, BA, FRCS(Ed), FRACS. General Surgeon with sub-specialist interest in Upper Gastrointestinal and HPB Surgery. Member of RACS Section of Upper GI/HPB Surgery. Member of RACS Victorian State Committee 2006-2010. Member and former Chair of RACS Victorian Regional Training Committee of the Board in General Surgery. Convenor, Victorian Trainees' Weekend 2004-2008. Co-opted GSA ASC Hong Kong Convener 2006-2008. Scientific Convener, 2014 Singapore ASC. Chair of Department of General Surgery, Eastern Health. Executive Clinical Director of Surgery, Eastern Health. Chairman, SEAM Working Party. Deputy Chair, RACS Board in General Surgery 2016-2019. Chair, RACS Board in General Surgery since 2019. GSA Treasurer 2012-2019. Elected May 2012.

## **Assoc Prof Matthias Wichmann | Director**

**Appointed 11 May 2021.**



General Surgeon, Bavarian Chamber of Medicine, Munich (2002); FRACS (2007). General Surgeon with sub-specialist interest in Rural Surgery, Colorectal Surgery, Emergency Surgery, and Minimally Invasive Surgery. Research interests in Colorectal Cancer outcomes, Endoscopic Surgery, and Emergency Surgery. Consultant General Surgeon at Mt Gambier General Hospital since 2006. Surgical Registrar and Consultant General Surgeon University of Munich from 1996-2006. Research Fellow at Brown University from 1995-1996; Michigan State University from 1994-1995. Former Board Member, Mt Gambier Private Hospital. Former Member, RACS Rural Section. Member, RACS South Australian State Committee. Chair, Surgical Services Committee and Multidisciplinary Cancer Care Committee, Mt Gambier Hospital. Elected May 2021

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