



A year of transformation

This has been a year of great transformation for ASMIRT and we thank you, our members, for working with us through these changes. Your Society is only as strong as the members who support it and we appreciate all the hard work of the volunteers who do so.

This year ASMIRT moved offices and undertook some major technological advances, creating a new website and, as we go to print, completing the roll-out of a new members-only portal.

The Board also advocated for its members on key issues, including:

- › The RANZCR position statement 'Image Interpretation by Radiographers – not the right solution' (February)
- › The ARPANSA Code for Radiation Protection in Medical Exposure (June)
- › The Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia – Supervised Practice Framework (July)
- › AHPRA Preliminary Consultation Paper 'Draft revised professional capabilities for medical radiation practice' (September, submitted in October).

These were just four of the 22 consultation papers we worked on across the year, and thanks go to the Panels, state Branches and Board members for their input into these important issues.

ASMIRT continues to work collegially with groups such as APCSEM, RANZCR and the nursing societies to ensure patients receive the best care in Australia. Examples of this include the Tripartite Committee and the Peak Imaging Coalition. ASMIRT also regularly makes representation to the Commonwealth Government to represent the profession and patients.

The November face-to-face Board meeting produced further key issues that the Society needs to address next year, and I look forward to sharing more details of these with you in the coming months.

We are currently inviting expressions of interest for members to join our new Lead Committees. Applications close 30 November and we hope to announce who these members will be early in 2019. We encourage all to apply and, where interested, to express their interest in membership of more than one committee. We want

the best people for the task and are keen not to restrict any applicants. The Board will work with the Lead Committees to develop the reference groups to support the future work of the Society.

One of the key goals in proceeding with the committee changes was for the Society to become more agile and dynamic.

We recognise the value of member input and appreciate many who participate are time-poor, so our aim is to find the right answer from the right people at the right time.

We hope you continue to be enthusiastically involved in our Branch events. This past year saw an increase of 30 percent in events offered to members, bringing greater opportunities for education and networking across the country. I hope to see many of you at the ASMIRT 2019 Conference in Adelaide, and to welcoming our international colleagues who will join us in conjunction with the 22nd Asia-Australasia Conference of Radiological Technologists (AACRT 2019).

Each November radiographers and radiation therapists have an opportunity to inform the public and their colleagues about their professions and to celebrate the innovations of medical radiation science that we use today. National Radiographer and Radiation Therapists' Week was celebrated from 5 to 11 November and explored how we, as qualified and educated professionals, work together to provide the best care for our patients.

We hope this year you were encouraged to be involved, whether through morning teas, department decorations, a birthday party for Wilhelm Roentgen's discovery, social media or events to engage your patients and colleagues. Thank you to all those who shared their celebrations, you can view some of these on our website at www.asmirt.org/nrrtw2018 and #NRRTW on social media.



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