

Toward the **future**



Our members have worked valiantly through the difficulties of the COVID-19 pandemic and although we are not out of danger yet, there appears to be some light at the end of the tunnel. I would like to acknowledge all those who worked on the frontline, those who continue to be face-to-face with patients and still at risk, and those in management and other streams who support and bolster those on the frontline of patient care. I would also like to thank those who contacted ASMIRT for help

and advice – it is what we are here for. As restrictions across Australia are slowly lifted, there is an opportunity to turn our thoughts toward the future and look for positive elements we can focus on for the remainder of 2020.

I would like to thank all those members who have renewed their membership for 2020–2021. I hope that you have had a chance to look at the many new benefits we have secured for members, including eIntegrity online learning modules, CAMRT online CPD at special member pricing, and a new relationship with professional indemnity insurers Guild Insurance.

At our recent Annual General Meeting – held online for the first time – we welcomed two new Board Directors, Shayne Chau and Christopher Dransfield. You can read more about their careers and interests in furthering the Society on page 7. ASMIRT wishes to thank outgoing Directors Denise Ogilvie and Jill Harris who have worked hard for the organisation over the past few years and who will be greatly missed by the Board.

I had hoped that I would be able to attend a number of face-to-face meetings with members – clearly that has not been possible, but I am pleased to note that our Western Australia Branch Rural Education Weekend is scheduled for 24 to 25 October in Mandurah, and our Queensland Branch Rays on the Range Weekend is scheduled for 6 to 8 November in

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Toowoomba. Online access to presentations from both events will be made available to all members.

Celebrating our profession and publicising what we do is so important, and a great initiative from our New South Wales Branch brings the focus squarely on members with the social media campaign #notallheroeswearstethoscopes. Each fortnight this campaign highlights a medical radiation practitioner, their practice and workplace. You can read about two of our members on page 14. Follow @ASMIRTorg on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for regular updates, and let us know if you have a hero you would like us to feature.

In this issue of *Spectrum* we wrap up our hugely successful partnership with The Resilience Project by featuring a Q&A with founder Hugh van Cuylenburg. We also feature an article on the characteristics of strong and positive mental health, and I urge you to take time to read this.

Other features in this issue include an article about the COVID-19 pandemic in the developing country of Myanmar as Craig Opie – a member of ASMIRT's special interest group the Global Medical Radiation Practitioner Reference Group – continues his invaluable work there. And we take an insightful look into the Australian Synchrotron and speak with Drs Smyth and Dimmock about their latest projects.

I hope you enjoy this issue of *Spectrum*, and that you will join us where you can online and face-to-face as we move towards a future of being closer together.