



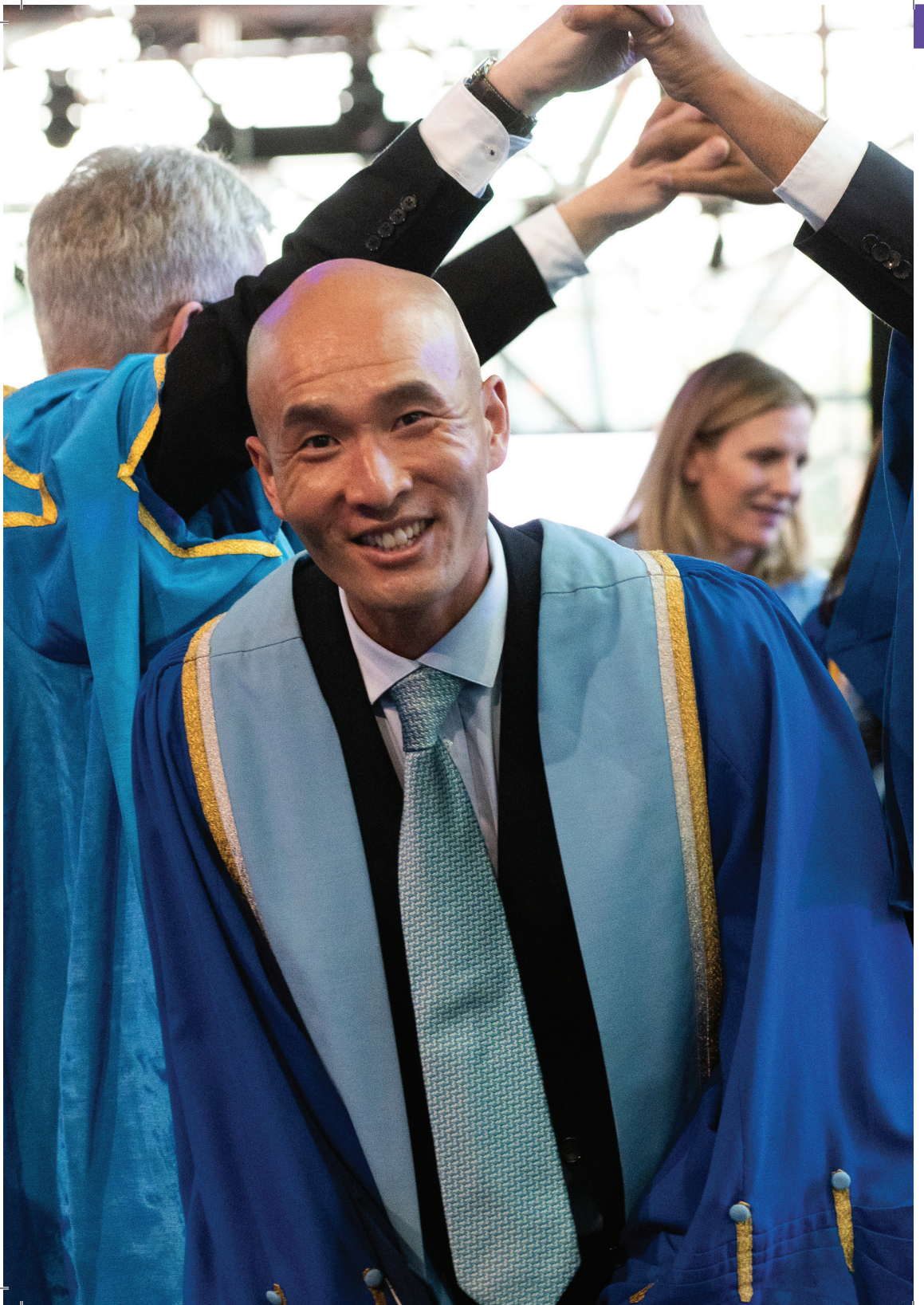
New Fellows and Awards Presentation Ceremony

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Order of Proceedings

Master of Ceremonies

Dr John Regan
RANZCOG Vice-President

Welcome Address

Dr Benjamin Bopp
RANZCOG President

Presentation of New Fellows

Dr Nisha Khot to present newly elevated Fellows to the RANZCOG President and Fellowship

Presentation of New Subspecialists

Dr Nisha Khot to present recently certified subspecialists to the RANZCOG President and Fellowship







Order of Proceedings (cont.)

Outstanding Achievement in Examinations

Dr Susan Fleming to present awards for Outstanding Achievement in the DRANZCOG Advanced Oral Examination and Outstanding Achievement in the FRANZCOG Oral Examination

Presentation of RANZCOG Excellence in Women's Health Award

Dr Ken Apen

Citation read by Dr Jared Watts

Presentation of RANZCOG Excellence in Women's Health Award

Dr John Hall

Citation read by Dr Judith Gardener

Presentation of RANZCOG Service Certificate

Dr Peter Scott (posthumous)

Citation read by Prof Julie Quinlivan

Presentation of RANZCOG Honorary Fellowship

Dr Denis Mukwege

Citation read by A/Prof Boon Lim



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Presentations



New Fellows

Dr Sujatha Anand	Dr Sarika Gupta
Dr Ernst Tilo Asmussen	Dr Timothy Hasted
Dr Zain Battikhi	Dr Gabriel James
Dr Sasmira Bhatt	Dr Angela Jay
Dr Marlene Bothma	Dr Ihab Khalil
Dr Angela Boulton	Dr Blake Knapman
Dr Sally Byford	Dr Reema Kohli
Dr Alexander Yu-Shiuan Chen	Dr Vidhu Krishnan
Dr Shirley Chen	Dr Swetha Kumar
Dr Kelebogile Chileshe	Dr Ah Lai Liu
Dr Sally Cohen	Dr Vanessa Lusink
Dr Alexandra Cottam	Dr Sarah Lyons
Dr Jillian Cox	Dr Thayaparan Mahalingam
Dr Naman Dahiya	Dr Mandana Master
Dr Anna Dalton	Dr Ruth McCuaig
Dr Caetlyn Davis	Dr Matthew Mcknoulty
Dr Lodewyk Du Plessis	Dr Rhett Morton
Dr Vincent Ebulue	Dr Gauthri Mylvaganam
Dr Claire Foster	Dr Preethi Nagubandi
Dr Melinda Fusco	Dr Aekta Neel
Dr Edmund Gomez	Dr Nargis Noori
Dr Eliza Griffiths	Dr Robert North

New Fellows (cont.)

Dr Santvana Pandey

Dr Preeti Patil

Dr Amy Phillips

Dr Maya Reddy

Dr Jessica Robertson

Dr Chantelle Ruoss

Dr Rebecca Ryder

Dr Maheshwari Salimeda

Dr Anisha Sarkar

Dr Ashleigh Seiler

Dr Priya Sokhal

Dr Stephen Soong

Dr Prue Standen

Dr Christina Stevenson

Dr Benjamin Stokes

Dr Tegan Triggs

Dr Toni Tse

Dr Nora Vaitkiene

Dr Kelly van den Haspel

Dr Scott Walker

Dr Carmel Walsh

Dr Vanessa Watson

Dr Simon West

Dr Lima Wetherell

Dr Katherine Whitton

Dr Aimee Woods

Dr Huan Xie

Dr Melissa Yeoh

Dr Stephen Yim

Dr Rebecca Young

Dr Mahmoud Zidan

Dr Brittany Zivanovic



New Subspecialists

Dr James Alexander
Urogynaecology

Dr Frida Carswell
Urogynaecology

Dr Kedar Humnabadkar
Obstetric and Gynaecological Ultrasound

Dr Mugdha Kulkarni
Urogynaecology

Dr Christoph Lehner
Maternal Fetal Medicine

Dr Shaun McGrath
Gynaecological Oncology

Dr Cecelia O'Brien
Maternal Fetal Medicine

Dr Roberto Orefice
Maternal Fetal Medicine

Dr Yu Hwee Tan
Urogynaecology

Dr Chin Yong
Urogynaecology



Awards and Recognition of Outstanding Achievement in Examinations

Dr Lauren Ferris, FRANZCOG Oral Exam Highest Achiever, April 2021

Dr Sara Oii, FRANZCOG Oral Exam Highest Achiever, April 2021

Dr Jason Phung, FRANZCOG Oral Exam Highest Achiever, June 2021

Dr Fatima Vally, FRANZCOG Oral Exam Highest Achiever, August 2021

Dr Melissa Acreman, DRANZCOG Ad. Oral Exam Highest Achiever, May 2022





RANZCOG Excellence in Women's Health Award

Dr Ken Apen

It is my great pleasure to present Dr Ken Apen with the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) Excellence in Women's Health Award in recognition of his contribution to women's health over many years and his commitment to improving Indigenous Health and rural Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Dr Ken Apen has called Tamworth home for the past 16 years and now considers himself a local. He was born in Ghana, a former British Colony in West Africa. After obtaining his primary medical degree at the University of Ghana Medical School. Dr Apen undertook his O&G Specialist training at the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg rotating through the renowned Baragwanath Hospital.

Further training and career development has taken Ken to 5 countries on 4 continents: Ghana, England, South Africa, the United States of America and now Australia. Attaining his Fellowship with RANZCOG in 2006, Ken's extensive international Obstetrics and Gynaecology experience is reflected in his depth of practice and the ability to establish rapport with patients of all walks of life.

Ken currently practices at the Tamara Private Hospital and the Tamworth Rural Referral Hospital as a senior consultant and as a Senior Staff Specialist Obstetrician and Gynaecologist and is Director of the Tamworth Obstetrics and Gynaecology Service (TOGS). He is a member of the American Association of Gynaecological Laparoscopists, the International Urogynaecology Association and a Conjoint Senior Lecturer of the University of Newcastle.

Ken established a gynaecological service with the Tamworth Aboriginal Medical Service as part of Closing the Gap initiative. This has allowed Indigenous women to access gynaecological care and receive appropriate care within a culturally safe environment. Since inception this service has

become highly respected within the Indigenous community and has achieved a high level of attendance and follow up from Indigenous women.

Ken also worked in establishing Outreach Antenatal clinics in surrounding healthcare facilities from Tamworth, improving compliance with antenatal care and providing women more options to receive appropriate care. He introduced women's health nurses and provided training for contraception, CST collection, STI screening, women's health checks and pessary care. This enabled the women's health nurses to conduct nurse lead outreach clinics for the women of the Hunter New England area.

He has also played an active part in the work of the College, contributing over many years to College committees, including as a member of the Provincial Fellow Committee and the NSW State Provincial Fellows Representative. He has also contributed to college events as a speaker and was the Convener of the Annual RANZCOG Provincial Scientific Meeting held in Tamworth.

Throughout Ken's work as a Primary Supervisor, he has supervised more than a dozen Advanced Diplomates. He continues to teach and supervise ITP trainees especially in laparoscopic and vaginal surgery, an endearing passion of his. More than 30 past and present ITP trainees have spent at least six months each with him in his Gynaecology theatre learning lifelong skills. He is a huge advocate for ongoing education and training of junior doctors, registrars, midwives and his colleagues.

In recognition of his extraordinary contribution and dedication to improving Indigenous Women's Health and rural Obstetrics and Gynaecology, it is with great honour that I present Dr Ken Apen with the RANZCOG Excellence in Women's Health Award.

RANZCOG Excellence in Women's Health Award

Dr John Hall

It is my very great pleasure to present Dr John Hall with the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) Excellence in Women's Health Award in recognition of his commitment to improving women's health, and in particular his outstanding advocacy work for Australian rural and remote women's health and maternity services.

Dr Hall graduated from the University of Queensland in 2000 and completed his junior doctor years in Rockhampton and Mackay, achieving an Advanced Diploma in Obstetrics in 2003. He began his rural medical career in Stanthorpe, working as a Rural Generalist, GP-Obstetrician, where he completed his dual fellowships as well as a diploma in skin cancer medicine.

John has been working in rural medical education for over 15 years, working for regional training providers, universities, Health Workforce Queensland and the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM), as well as supervising medical students, registrars, residents, and teaching emergency obstetrics to his rural medical colleagues. John continues to be actively involved in the teaching, mentorship and supervision of GP trainees and new graduates.

As acting director of the Queensland Rural Generalist Programme and subsequently as president of the Rural Doctors Association of Queensland and then the Rural Doctors Association of Australia, John has campaigned tirelessly within government departments, in the

media and with medical colleges to promote a recognition of the importance of local birthing services to the health and safety of rural and remote Australian women, their babies, their families and the rural communities in which they live.

He has been instrumental in keeping open rural birthing units threatened with closure and promoted the re-establishment of previously closed birthing units including those in Beaudesert, Emerald and Cooktown.

In helping to establish the Rural Generalist Programme he has ensured an ongoing Australian rural workforce with the necessary skills and experience to service our more isolated communities.

His experience in, and passion for rural medicine, particularly in the field of obstetrics, has led him to be a prominent advocate for rural women and he has contributed enormously to a greater understanding of the needs of rural and remote women and the importance of local birthing services to their communities

In recognition of his outstanding contribution and advocacy work for Australian rural and remote women's health and maternity services, it is my pleasure to present Dr Hall with the RANZCOG Excellence in Women's Health Award.





RANZCOG Service Certificate

Dr Peter Scott (Posthumous)

It is my great pleasure to present Ms Ann Maree Parker on behalf of Dr Peter Scott with The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists Service Certificate, in recognition of the enormous contribution Dr Scott has made to women's health as a respected educator, mentor, advocate and volunteer.

Dr Scott began his career as a General Practitioner, before completing Fellowship Training with RANZCOG in 2002. He worked for nearly two decades at the Canberra Hospital, where he was an enthusiastic teacher and mentor to the FRANZCOG trainees, encouraging them to complete an audit and present their findings. Peter would often state how brilliant the trainees and junior doctors were at TCH and how lucky the consultants, were to have such bright and enthusiastic doctors supporting our efforts in providing for the women under our care.

A valued member of the ANU medical school academic staff, he also taught the medical students. He would regularly hold tutorials, give lectures, examine the students, and run practice OSCE stations for the trainees. Dr Scott also worked as a teacher on the Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics course to upskill midwives and clinicians around Australia and beyond.

Dr Scott was a valued member of the College and held a number of roles at RANZCOG, including as Integrated Training Program coordinator at the Canberra Hospital, ACT Committee Member, Training and Accreditation Committee Member, and training supervisor.

Along with his wife, Ann Maree Parker, Dr Scott was an advocate for worldwide action to reduce maternal mortality. He spent a great deal of time undertaking volunteer work in the Indonesian province of Flores using teach the teacher principles to help maintain and improve the skills of local maternity care workers in very limited resource settings. Just as he did with his trainees in Australia, Peter mentored and taught a generation of maternity carers in Indonesia.

Peter was a gentle and deeply caring person and was well-known for his calm demeanour even during the most stressful clinical situations. He was a valued colleague to his specialist colleagues in Canberra and the surrounding region and took a keen interest in the wellbeing of those with whom he worked.

Dr Scott devoted his life to the betterment of women's health and his work had a profound affect the ACT and the Flores community in Indonesia. He was a quiet mentor, teacher and advocate who displayed compassion, empathy and understanding in everything he did. In recognition of his work, it is with great honour that I present Ms Ann Maree Parker on behalf of Dr Peter Scott with the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Service Certificate.





RANZCOG Honorary Fellowship

Dr Denis Mukwege

It is my great pleasure to present Dr Denis Mukwege for an Honorary Fellowship of The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, in recognition of the extraordinary contribution Dr Mukwege has made to women's health as a world-renowned gynaecologist and activist for human rights and gender equality.

Dr Mukwege is a Congolese Gynaecologist and Pentecostal Pastor who completed his medical degree at the University of Burundi. After graduating in 1983, he returned to the Democratic Republic of Congo to work in the rural Lamera Hospital, near his hometown of Bakavu. He decided to specialise in obstetrics and gynaecology after seeing many patients suffer obstetric complications and injuries due to an absence of specialist maternal care in the region.

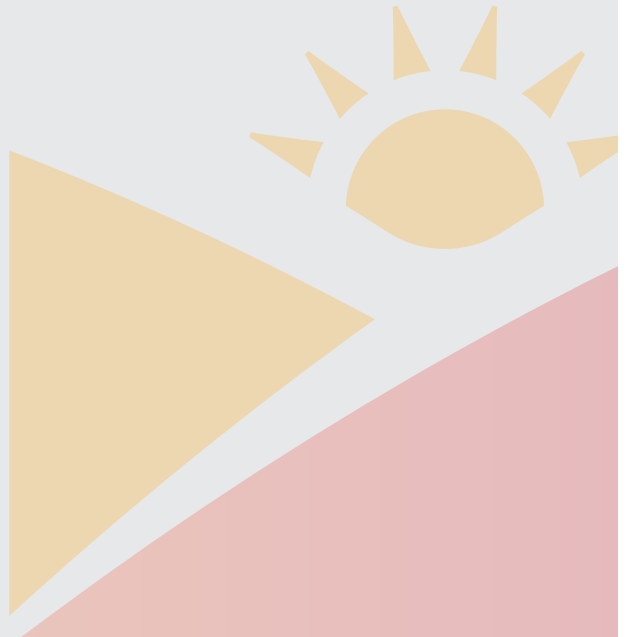
A humanitarian first and foremost, Dr Mukwege established the Panzi Hospital and Foundation in 1999 on the outskirts of Bakavu, originally to offer quality maternal healthcare to an impoverished community, but as war broke out shortly after, he began to see women who had suffered horrific genital mutilation as a result of sexual violence at the hands of armed rebels.

He has since treated tens of thousands of victims of sexual violence and has become the foremost surgical expert in treating severe gynaecological injuries sustained as a result of sexual violence, pioneering innovative surgical techniques for pelvic reconstruction. In addition, along with his team at Panzi he developed a holistic model of care that integrates medical treatment with psychological, legal and socioeconomic support. His experience has seen him become a world-leading expert in the treatment of sexual violence and its consequences.

Dr Mukwege is a global advocate against rape as a weapon of war, petitioning the UN and other international organisations to increase protection for women, and bring to justice those responsible for sexual violence. He has dedicated his life to focusing attention on and combatting war crimes. Dr Mukwege has received many accolades in recognition of his activism, including the 2008 United Nations Human Rights Prize and the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize.

Dr Mukwege has paid a very high personal price for his achievements. In 2012 he and his family survived an assassination attempt which saw his trusted friend and security guard killed. He has since faced death threats and has had to give up his personal freedom, living and working at the Panzi hospital under heavy security in order to continue his work. Although the world knows him through his work and his numerous accolades, his patients know him as Baba, their saviour.

In recognition of his courageous work treating survivors of wartime sexual violence and campaigning for the end of sexual violence as a weapon of war, it is with great honour that I welcome Dr Mukwege as an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.



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