

AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND ACADEMY OF
SPECIAL NEEDS DENTISTRY

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Dear Colleagues

It is with great pleasure that I write to you to announce an exciting development in Special Needs Dentistry for Australia and New Zealand and that is the formation of an Academy for Special Needs Dentistry.

On 13th February 2009, a group of Special Needs Dentistry (SND) specialists met in Melbourne and formed the Australian and New Zealand Academy of Special Needs Dentistry (ANZASND).

All of the SND Specialist members are registered with either the Australian Dental Council or the Dental Council of New Zealand and work in Community Clinics, Universities or Hospitals in Australia and New Zealand.

The aim of our organization is:

To maximize the quality of life of patients with special needs through specialist-lead promotion of excellence, advocacy in governance, contributions to research and teaching, and dissemination of skills and knowledge to all those involved with Special Needs Dentistry in Australia and New Zealand. The Academy will also foster collegiality, growth and development of the specialty and advance the evidence base for practice in special needs dentistry.

A Constitution for the Academy has been developed and ratified by the members and a formal structure put in place to support the Mission Statement. We intend to become an Incorporated Body in the near future.

The Executive Committee Members are:

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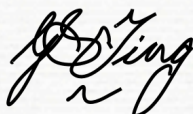
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The Australian & New Zealand Academy of Special Needs Dentistry looks forward to working with you in matters related to Special Needs Dentistry. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Executive Committee.

Yours sincerely,



Graeme Ting
President