

ANZGITA FIJI 2017



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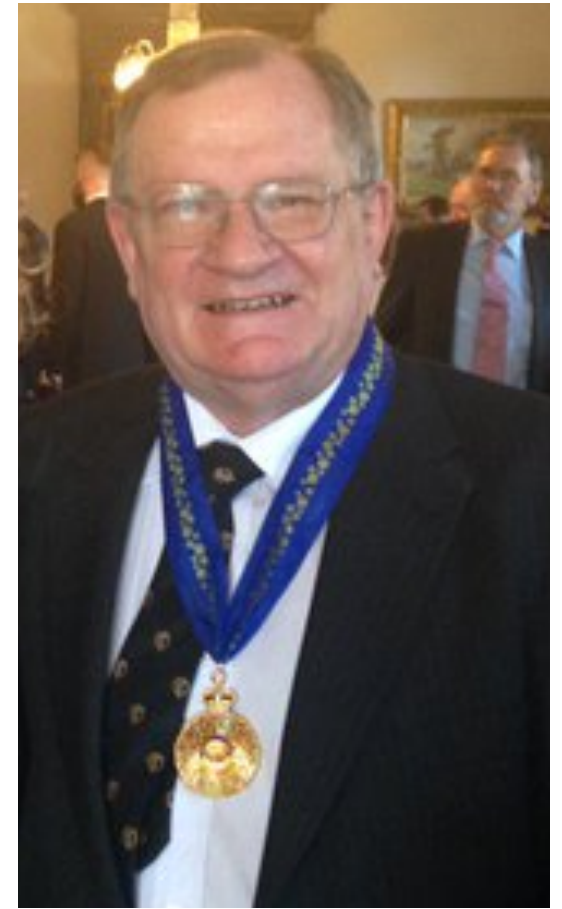
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PROGRAM HISTORY

ANZGITA has evolved over a number of years. It was initially conceived by Professor Finlay Macrae after discussions in Suva with Professor Rob Moulds, one time Professor of Medicine at the Fiji School of Medicine.

Rob and Finlay had been meeting for nearly a decade during periodic visits that Fin had been making to the Gordon St General Practice to provide specialist consultative and endoscopy services through that practice.

Prior to 2007 there was no specialist training in the South Pacific islands, and doctors who decided to complete their training abroad were often reluctant to return home. The need to support local training for postgraduates and undergraduates by gastroenterologists through an organized program delivered in a public environment was articulated.



WHAT IS ANZGITA

- Australian and New Zealand Gastroenterology International Training Association
- An association of over 100 volunteer Australian and New Zealand medical professionals, ANZGITA is regularly delivering gastroenterology and endoscopy training programs to doctors and nurses in Asia Pacific with the support of the WGO, governments, local medical organizations and others.
- The program operates in Fiji, Myanmar, Timor-Leste and Solomon Islands.
- Become a general member today and show your support, NO JOINING FEES.
- Trainers are doctors and nurses who supply their time pro bono.
- Funded by companies and money donations from various organizations.
- Always looking for volunteers to assist in training so look into it, log onto www.anzgita.org

OBJECTIVES

- Provide assistance and support to people in need in developing countries, particularly those located in the Asia-Pacific region through sustainable local projects which:
- improve standards in the practice of Gastroenterology and treatment of digestive illnesses, conditions or disorders;
- provide training and skill transfer in the field of Gastroenterology;
- encourage, promote and stimulate interest in the practice of Gastroenterology;
- help local health professionals overcome illness and disease related to digestive conditions or disorders;
- encourage communication, sharing, education, learning and service to others in the field of Gastroenterology;
- respond to emergent situations of people in distress;

IN A FEW WORDS ANZGITA WAS...

- Rewarding
- Educational
- Appreciative
- Grateful



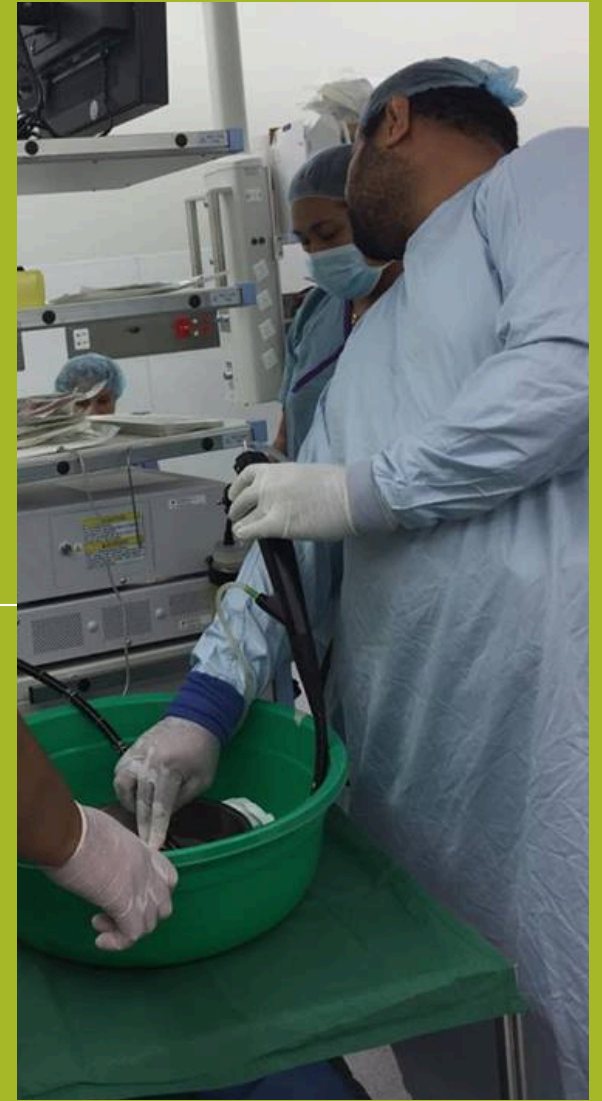
- Colonial
- Eye opening
- Third world
- Beautiful people



WHAT DID WE DO?

OTHER THAN EXPERIENCE BEAUTIFUL FIJI AND MEET WONDERFUL PEOPLE

- Taught the nurses (and doctors) the importance of correct patient admission procedures
- Improved 'time out' in the procedure room and overall service in the endoscopy suite
- Taught and assessed nursing staff in the cleaning room in addition educated them on the importance of PPE and chemical safety handling and exposure
- Performed in service sessions on patient positioning, biopsy use, specimen labelling and airway techniques
- Power point presentations on topics relevant to Endoscopy: GI strictures, foreign body removal and achalasia and motility issues
- The importance of drug handling and safety in the procedure room
- Trouble shooting and understanding endoscope function
- Importance of hand hygiene and cleaning shared equipment
- Encouraged and demonstrated the importance of effective communication



SUPPLY SHORTAGE / REPROCESS

Due to cost, supply, location and availability equipment that is single use gets cleaned and re used until it degrades/malfunctions, then it is discarded. Items include:

- O2 tubing
- Suction tubing
- Mouth Guards
- Yankauer suckers
- Hudson masks
- Dilation syringes
- Linen



- Polyp traps
- Wire cleaning brushes
- Gowns (full day)
- Shoe covers (until worn)
- Eye wear (until worn)

HOW IT WORKS

- Go online and register your interest at www.anzgita.org
- Once accepted on the program you will receive all relevant paperwork and correspondence, you get plenty of time to complete these as well as plenty of communication and assistance from the team at ANZGITA.
- Organize flights and accommodation (accommodation is generally a pre arranged place), these costs will be reimbursed to you once you arrive back home.
- Lots of communication with the other nurses doctors you are going with.
- Try to take minimal personal things with you as then you can take more donations which are greatly appreciated.
- Take your knowledge, expertise and an open mind and enjoy the experience while you teach and learn along the way.
- Overall cost was approx. \$3200 (flights, accommodation, police checks, travel between airports, bottled water, transport to work). **NOTE: Accommodation and Airfare costs are reimbursed to you.** So out of pocket approx. \$500 for 2 weeks, experiencing a different country, teaching and learning nursing skills as well as gaining many friends, sight seeing, learning about the culture and overall a great experience. You could not find another offer that good!
- Any questions about the program refer to the website or find Professor Finlay Macrae in 3 Centre.





GRADUATION



At completion of the program you attend a graduation where you present the trainees with a certificate, the evening was filled with lots of funny moments and was a great way to end such an experience.