THE HISTORY OF THE AUSTRALASIAN TRAUMA SOCIETY
May 5, 1994

Ian D.S. Civil
48 Prospect Terrace
Mt Eden, Auckland

Dear Ian:

It was very nice to meet you during my recent visit to Sydney and to have the opportunity to exchange views on various trauma related matters.

Enclosed is the most recent Constitution of the Trauma Association of Canada that I could get my hands upon. I hope that you find this document helpful and that it assists you in your deliberations on the formation of a similar society in the Australia/New Zealand region.

Hopefully our paths will cross again in the near future. I really would like to work on a joint meeting with your group. The Sydney Olympics might be an ideal opportunity. We usually meet in September and it would not be too difficult to postpone it a month and plan a meeting in October. Unfortunately around the Olympics things will tend to be more expensive but it is still going to be a strong attraction and might facilitate participation from our side of the Pacific Ocean. I will discuss these matters with the members of our Executive at our upcoming Annual Meeting and hopefully the idea will take hold.

If you are coming to this side of the Pacific please don’t hesitate to get in touch with me. I would certainly enjoy having you visit Edmonton and I know that the Alberta community would welcome you.

Best personal regards.

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Encl.
Jeannette, This is a letter to Richard Ashby, Stephen Deane, Garry Phillips,

Dear...

During his recent visit to Australia, Stewart Hamilton, past-president of the Trauma Association of Canada raised the suggestion that we should have a trauma association in this part of the world. While we all have our Colleges, there are plenty of examples of associations relating to specific areas of practice in this part of the world and of course in North America there is both the TAC and AAST. Having been stimulated by Stewart to consider the possibility I have drafted a constitution for an "Australasian Trauma Society", based on the constitution for the TAC which I have included with this letter. I would appreciate your comments. Do you think a trauma society or equivalent is sustainable in Aust/NZ? Who should also be asked for comment?

Regards

Ian Civil etc
re: "AUSTRALASIAN TRAUMA SOCIETY"

I have given this matter much thought since you raised it in Sydney. My personal feeling is that such a society would not be sustainable in Australasia. Trauma does not dominate any clinician’s practice in Australia and whilst there is significant interest and commitment about, there are so few dedicated "traumatologists" (perhaps 2 or 3 per city) that the society would lack "drive".

Two other important considerations are the existing time commitments of those who would need to lead the society initially, and the level of membership fees which could be charged in a "saturated" market.

With respect to the draft constitution, I worry about the term "accidental injury" in Article 2, and also whether one year is too short an incumbency for the President in a small, emerging organisation.

I will take your letter to College Council in July to obtain a wider view from my colleagues and I would be interested to know what Stephen and Garry think of the proposal.

Dr Richard Ashby
President
Australasian College for Emergency Medicine
Dear Ian,

I apologise for the long delay in replying to your letter regarding an Australasian Trauma Society. I have a few comments.

1. Membership - some intensivists both adult and paediatric, are FRACP.
2. Associate members - does this includes nurses? EMST coordinators?

The constitution seems reasonable to me.

I don’t know if a trauma society is sustainable, but I suspect it would be, and would raise the profile of trauma, just as ANZICS raised intensive care. Would RACS be upset? I suspect most non surgeons would be pleased.

I will help if I can.

Professor and Chairman
Department of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care

GDP:jmcatg
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The spark that ignited a bloody civil war (500,000 people killed) was started by Hutu troops, which shot down a plan carrying the president of Rwanda and Burundi in revenge for allowing the Tutsi to share power.
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Dear Colleague,

Over recent years the delivery of trauma care has become increasingly organized. I include a number of documents for your interest:

1. Proposed Constitution and By-laws for an Australasian trauma society. This is closely modelled on the constitution and by-laws for the Trauma Association of Canada.

2. Responses from Dr. Richard Ashby (President of the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine) and Professor Garry Phillips (anaesthetist and intensivist), on the possibility of forming an Australasian trauma society.

Do you think there is sufficient interest and enthusiasm to consider forming an Australasian trauma society?
Dear Ian,

Thank you for your letter of the 1 March 1995 with regard to the formation of a Trauma Society in Australia. I think there is a place for an Australian Trauma Society as a loose federation of people interested in trauma, but because of the small numbers of people involved, I am not sure that it could become anything more than an interest group. However, I think the enthusiasm shown towards the EMST Course, and the impact that this has had on trauma care, illustrates that there is a place for such a society.

With regard to your second question, I would be interested in being involved in the organization of a combined meeting on a trauma theme, with the Trauma Association of Canada in Australia in November 1997.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with regard to these matters.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. P. Cameron
DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE.
Thank you for your letter regarding the Australasian Trauma Society - the formation of which is long overdue! My comments:

Membership - this is too restrictive. It precludes doctors who are not specialists and isolates RNs, Paramedics etc. The potential strength of a Trauma Society is that it is truly cross sectional and representative - reflecting the nature of the trauma and its management.

Committees - These are over developed. Although they serve as a guideline for future development, I imagine the major role of their Society initially will be establishing a network and supporting some form of publication.

There is great potential for the development of a Society. Have you considered a small, informal meeting on Auckland for those interested in helping you establish it? I would be very enthusiastic about it!

Best wishes,

Mark

Mark Fitzgerald.
Dear Ian,

**re: Proposal for Australasian Trauma Society**

Many thanks for your letter of March 1st.

I think that an Australasian Trauma Society would be viable, particularly if it was supported by RACS and ACEM. The proposed constitution appears reasonable.

I would be interested in attending a combined meeting with the Trauma Association of Canada.

Yours sincerely,

DR W.R. THOMPSON
Dear Ian

Thank you for your letter concerning an Australasian Trauma Society.

In principle, I agree with the concept of the Trauma Society, though I feel that Richard Ashby’s comments are very pertinent. I think that an increasing number of clinicians are reconsidering what societies they belong to because of the constant demand for time and the cost of belonging to all these societies. I do, however, feel that it would increase the profile of Trauma in Australasia. Furthermore, it might provide a grouping whereby clinicians of all fields could get together independently of one of the Royal Colleges.

I will be interested to hear what transpires following your deliberations on this matter. Regardless of what transpires about the formation of a Trauma Society, I would be happy to participate in a joint meeting with the Canadian Trauma Society in 1997 should I be able to.

With kind regards and best wishes

Yours sincerely

MICHAEL J HOLLANDS
Dear Ian,

In response to your letter of 1 March 1995 concerning the formation of an Australasian Trauma Society, I am confident there is sufficient interest and enthusiasm to pursue the concept. Although I accept Richard Ashby's reservations, I believe that across the spectrum of Surgery, Emergency Medicine, Intensive Care, Anaesthesia, EMST, etc. there are enough people to support such a society.

My only area of indecision is in the involvement of non-medical practitioners eg. EMST Coordinators and other Nurses with an interest in trauma. Whilst clearly the former are a valuable resource, it appears that in general nursing groups are systematically "breaking away" from combined medical/nursing forums. Thus the A&E Associations in Australia, that commenced as combined meetings, have all been taken over by nurses and now run as purely nursing meetings (Queensland as recently as November 1994). Also, I wonder about the status of Ambulance, Disaster Planners, etc.?

I myself would be interested in attending a Combined Meeting on a trauma theme in 1997.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Dr. Anthony F.T. Brown
Staff Specialist
Department of Emergency Medicine and Ambulatory Care
RE: Formation of an AUSTRALASIAN TRAUMA SOCIETY

Dear FIELD(3),

Thank you for your responses to my recent communication. Having digested all the thoughts and comments, I believe it may be possible to form a small trauma society, but it certainly will be possible to co-host a trauma meeting with the Trauma Association of Canada in late 1997.

As far as the Trauma Society concept is concerned, I suggest we continue to refine the proposed constitution and publicise the possibility of such a society. My original mailing list was fairly selective, being restricted to EMST instructors. There will be many people out there who might be interested and who will not have heard about it. I would be grateful to receive any comments or expressions of interest from your colleagues so that the viability of such a society can be more accurately assessed.

Some respondents had comments about the constitution. I have made changes as suggested and I would encourage you to read the draft constitution again. If there are any further issues you would like to highlight, please let me know.

All those who responded to my initial letter will be corresponded with. If you don’t wish to receive any further correspondence please let me know. Otherwise I will keep you up to date with all progress, both in terms of the trauma meeting and the society.

Regards,

Ian Civil
Director of Trauma Services
AUCKLAND HOSPITAL
INJURY '96

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The final letter

17th December 1996

RE: FORMATION OF AN AUSTRALASIAN TRAUMA SOCIETY

Dear Colleague,

In November this year two meetings were held for those interested in the formation of a trauma society. In both these meetings there was wide ranging support for the formation of such an organisation. It was agreed that membership should be inclusive of all those who wished to belong rather than exclusive. It was also decided that a small steering committee would be formed and that this group would organise the societies first meeting. It is intended that this meeting will be just before the Annual Meeting of the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine in Adelaide in November 1997. At this time a constitution could be voted on and officers elected. A list of members could also be ratified.
Dear........

I am writing to all members of the ATS Steering Committee with regards to the formation of an Interim Management Committee for the ATS.

I am seeking expressions of interest for 7 people to form the Interim Committee and then, from within those 7, suggestions for interim office-bearers ie President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. These positions would be for a period of approximately 12 months until formal elections can be held preferably before the next meeting. The expressions of interest can include yourselves, others from the Steering Committee or others from within the Society.

I would also like some expressions of interest for positions on the various sub-committees ie Nominations (for office), Research, Registry (data collection), Publications and Programme (next meeting). If you are not interested and you don’t think others from the Steering Committee would be, then other members of the ATS may be suitable.

I would be grateful if you could get back to me by Monday 16th June 1997 at the latest.

The revised constitution will be available in the next few weeks and I will circulate it as soon as it arrives.

Yours sincerely

Tony Joseph
INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE AUSTRALASIAN TRAUMA SOCIETY

SATURDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 1997

Adelaide Festival Centre
Adelaide, South Australia

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The keynote speaker at this meeting is Dr Barry McLellan. Dr McLellan is the current Director of the Trauma Program at Sunnybrook Health Science Centre Toronto and President of the Trauma Association of Canada. He is an Emergency Physician with a broad range of clinical and organisational experience in trauma management and has published widely. His research interests include mechanisms of injury, trauma scoring and retrieval of critically ill patients. The Australasian speakers are from diverse clinical backgrounds reflecting the multidisciplinary nature of the Society.

We encourage you to support this initial meeting. We are hopeful that subsequent meetings will include sessions for free papers as well as invited speakers.

The clinical session at this conference will be followed by a brief business meeting for the ATS.

A post-conference dinner is planned in the relaxed atmosphere of the Hotel Adelaide.

I take this opportunity to thank the sponsors for their generous support, Dr Roger Harris and Dr Simon Finfer for their help in organising the meeting, and the South Australian Postgraduate Medical Education Association Inc for bringing it all together.

Tony Joseph
Chair

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Dr Peter Cameron
Dr Ian Civil
Ms Louise Eno

Dr Simon Finfer
Dr Bill Griggs
Dr Roger Harris

Dr Tony Joseph
Ms Ann Newton
Ms Lorinda Young

1115 Airway management in suspected Cervical Spine Injury

Dr R Scott

1130 Cervical-spine Assessment In The Unconscious

1715 Business Meeting of Australasian Trauma Society

1930 Conference Dinner - The Adelaide Hotel
AGENDA FOR INAUGURAL BUSINESS MEETING OF
THE AUSTRALIASIAN TRAUMA SOCIETY
SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 1997
ADELAIDE FESTIVAL CENTRE
1915 HOURS

1. Present.

2. Apologies.

3. Confirmation of Interim Management Committee.
   J. Civil (Chair), A. Joseph (Vice-chair), K. Eno (Secretary), L. Young (Treasurer), W. Griggs, A. Newton, P. Taylor.

4. Aims of Society
   Confirmation of Constitution.

5. Election of sub-committees.
   Registry, Research, Nominating, Program and Publications.

6. Other Business.

7. Next Meeting Date.

8. Close of Meeting.
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- 1998 – Gold Coast with EMST
- 1999 – Auckland
- 2000 – Canberra
- 2001 – Sydney with TAC
- 2001 – Hobart (not long after 9/11)
- 2002 – Melbourne with Southern Trauma Symposium
- 2003 – Adelaide
- 2004 – Sydney with ITACCS
- 2005 – Whistler with TAC
- 2005 – Auckland with INJURY 2005
- 2006 – Gold Coast
Meetings

- 2007 – Melbourne
- 2008 - Sydney with ITIM
- 2009 – Auckland with TAC
- 2009 – Adelaide with IATSIC
- 2010 – Melbourne with the NRTI
- 2011 – Brisbane with RBWH
- 2012 – Perth with RPH and Paramedics Australasia
- 2013 - Whistler with TAC
- 2014 - Sydney with ITIM
- 2015 - Gold Coast
- 2016 - Auckland with INJURY2016
- 2017 - Melbourne with TAC
Gordon Trinca Lecturers

- 2001 – Sydney – Mark Fitzgerald
  - Trauma management in Australasia – 50 years on
- 2001 – Hobart – Tony Joseph
  - Innovations in trauma care
- 2002 – Melbourne – Ian Civil
  - Who cares for the trauma patient?
- 2003 – Adelaide – Eldar Soreide
  - Prehospital fluid therapy – is this of any use?
- 2004 – Sydney – Bill Griggs
  - Time and space – relativity in trauma
- 2005 – Whistler – Trish McDougall
  - Horses for Courses: Adopting a Multidisciplinary Approach to Trauma Management
Gordon Trinca Lecturers

- **2006** – Gold Coast – Michael Hollands
  - *The EMST Programme – Reflections on two decades of achievement*

- **2007** – Melbourne – Tony Joseph
  - *The ATS 10 years on*

- **2008** – No presentation

- **2009** – Auckland – Andrew Pearce
  - *I want to be part of that team*

- **2010** – Melbourne – Ian Civil
  - *Whither generalism?*

- **2011** – No presentation
Gordon Trinca Lecturers

■ 2012 - Perth - Don Trunkey
  ○ Combat casualty care

■ 2013 – Whistler – Peter Cameron

■ 2014 - Sydney – Russell Gruen
  ○ The evolution of high performance trauma care

■ 2015 – Gold Coast – Belinda Gabbe
  ○ Life after the Trauma Centre: The new normal

■ 2017 – Melbourne – Michael Parr
  ○ That was then – this is now
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- 1997-1998 – Ian Civil (Interim Chair)
- 1998-2001 – Tony Joseph
- 2001-2003 – Bill Griggs
- 2003-2005 – Mark Fitzgerald
- 2005-2007 – Trish McDougall
- 2007-2009 – Andrew Pearce
- 2009-2011 – Andrea Delprado
- 2011-2013 – Ian Civil
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Trish McDougall
President
Australasian Trauma Society

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