



## Conference Wrap Up

We would like to thank you very much for your attendance and participation at the 2013 AMMA /Repeat Foundation Joint Conference.

Thank you to all the speakers for their contribution to a very successful program. In particular our Keynote Speakers COL Timothy Hodgetts (UK), Dr Brendan Nelson, MAJGEN John Cantwell and our Voices of Veterans Mr Bob Walter, Sgt Sarah Webster and Mr Bronson Horan. I think you will all agree that their presentations were inspiring and thought provoking.

Prior to the Conference, AMMA conducted an Aviation Medicine Workshop and we would like to thank Dr Elicia McGinniss, Dr Gordon Cable and especially Dr Adrian Smith for providing their time in putting together and delivering a great program. We will be conducting more workshops in 2014 so watch out for information on this in the next couple of months.

An ongoing vote of thanks to our sponsors and exhibitors. Your support of the AMMA Annual Conference is very much appreciated. In particular we would like to acknowledge our principal sponsor; **International SOS**, our Welcome Reception Sponsor **ASPEN Medical** and name badge sponsor **Marshall Land Systems**, together with the full [list of exhibitors](#) at AMMA 2013.

Photos and presentations from the conference are available on the conference website [www.amma.asn.au/amma2013/](http://www.amma.asn.au/amma2013/).

We hope to see you at the AMMA Annual Conference at the Hilton Sydney from 17-19 October 2014.

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In total the 2013 AMMA Conference featured over 75 session speakers. Our thanks to everyone for your contribution.

## Snapshot of our Keynote Speakers

**MAJ-GEN John Cantwell, AO DSC** joined the Australian Army as a private in 1974, rising through the ranks to become a General. He commanded troops at almost every level in the Army. He saw combat action in the first Gulf War in 1991 and again served on operations in Baghdad in 2006. In 2010 he was the commander of all Australian forces in Afghanistan and the wider Middle East area of operations, for which he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for leadership in action. He has twice been recognised in the Order of Australia awards, and received the United States Legion of Merit. He retired from the Army in 2012 after 38 years of service. His book "Exit Wounds" is the compassionate and deeply human account of his combat experiences and resultant struggle with emotional trauma. Major-General Cantwell is the Patron or Ambassador for several veterans' health organisations and is a prominent advocate for the care of veterans suffering emotional trauma resulting from their military service.



**COL Timothy Hodgetts CBE OStJ (UK)**, Colonel Hodgetts was first appointed as Professor of Emergency Medicine in 1998 at the European Institute of Health and Medical Sciences, then at the University of Birmingham from 2001 to date. He was the inaugural Defence Professor of Emergency Medicine with the College of Emergency Medicine (2007-2010) and the Penman Foundation Professor of Surgery for 2011. Within the Defence Medical Services Colonel Hodgetts has been responsible for nurturing the specialty of emergency medicine from infancy to maturity. He has implemented concept, doctrine, equipment and practice changes to transform the early management of combat injury (point of wounding to the field hospital). He introduced and led major trauma governance in UK Defence from 1997-2010. Colonel Hodgetts' passion for medical education has led to the development and propagation of an international 'comprehensive approach' to disaster medical preparedness in Europe, Asia, Australasia and NATO (*Major Incident Medical Management and Support*); since 2002 he has developed the *National Disaster Preparedness Course for Hospitals* within India, supported by the British Council, British High Commission and the United Nations. He has led the development of *Battlefield First Aid* and *Battlefield Advanced Trauma Life Support* programmes, as well as numerous civilian emergency care curricula. He has served on operations as a practising emergency physician in hospitals in Northern Ireland, Kosovo, Oman, Afghanistan (3 tours), Kuwait and Iraq (4 tours). On 6 of these tours he was appointed the hospital's Medical Director, including the multinational Danish-UK-US hospital in Afghanistan in 2009. Since 2011 he has been the Medical Director within NATO's Allied Rapid Reaction Corps.



**Dr Brendan Nelson** commenced as Director of the Australian War Memorial on 17 December 2012. Prior to this, he was the Australian Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg, the European Union and NATO (2009–12). Apart from overseeing a major transformation in Australia's relationships with the European Union and NATO, Dr Nelson forged deep links with the communities of Flanders, where almost 13,000 Australians lost their lives during the First World War. He regularly made the trip from Brussels to the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial at Ieper, where the names of 6,190 Australians who died in the First World War and have no known grave are listed. In 1993 he was elected unopposed as National President of the Australian Medical Association (AMA), becoming the youngest person ever to hold this position. During his time as National President, he campaigned on a wide range of social policy issues, including Aboriginal health and immunisation, and led the campaign against tobacco advertising and sponsorship of sport. On 2 March 1996 Dr Nelson was elected to the Federal Parliament of Australia. In 2006 he became Minister for Defence when troops were deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan, East Timor and the Solomon Islands and in 2007 was elected leader of the Australian Liberal party.



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**Some fantastic social functions took place in Adelaide!  
Here is a quick wrap up**

## South Australian Reception

The **South Australian Reception** was organised by the Repat Foundation and took place on the night preceding the first day of the conference with over 200 registered delegates attending.

This reception was held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor on Hindley Street. This provided delegates with their first chance to network and find out what South Australia has to offer together with important projects that the Repat Foundation and other organisations are collaborating on.



## Conference Welcome Reception



The **Conference Welcome Reception** was held at the Adelaide Convention Centre in the Exhibition and Trade Area. This gave delegates the chance to talk to exhibitors about their products in a convivial atmosphere. Thanks to our Welcome Reception Sponsor

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## Joint Conference Dinner

The **Joint Conference Dinner** was held at the Adelaide Convention Centre, in a room themed as Starry Starry Night.

Guests were entertained throughout the night by the 10th/27th Battalion Royal South Australia Regiment. After a long day in conference mode, it was a great night for networking, casual chatter and dancing. As usual guests had the chance to win the coveted Penfolds Grange (this year 1991).

**Dinner photos will be on the conference website soon—so make sure you check these out.**

**Make sure you are there next year as it will be bigger and better than ever!**

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## AMMA Awards

### Weary Dunlop Award

This Award is for the best original paper presented at the Annual Scientific Conference by a Member of the Association.

The winner was **Isaac Seidl**, for his presentation entitled “*Introduction into the Australian Service of Oral Transmucosal Fentanyl Citrate for Battlefield Analgesia*”.

Congratulations Isaac.

Two new awards were provided this year:

**Battlefield Photo Gallery** - awarded to Col Murray Hale

**Best Post Award**— awarded to Dan Corkery and Corey Hill

### JMVH Awards

**JMVH Editor Award**—A/Prof Susan Neuhaus

**JMVH New Author Award**— Gary Martinic

**JMVH Best Veterans Paper**— Steve Coughlin et al. (USA)

Congratulations to all award recipients.

## The Rear Admiral Graeme Shirtley Oration

This year Dr Brendan Nelson delivered the Graeme Shirtley Oration. Dr Nelson was Minister for Defence when Graeme was Surgeon General of the ADF and Patron of AMMA.

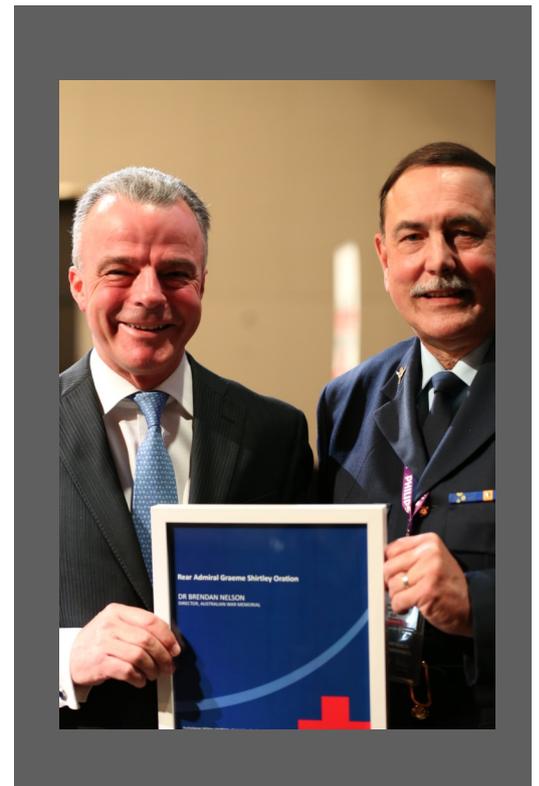
The oration was indeed inspiring, thought provoking and a wonderful tribute to a man who was a great contributor to the ADF and a passionate supporter of AMMA.

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