

# Friends of Vellore

## NSW Branch

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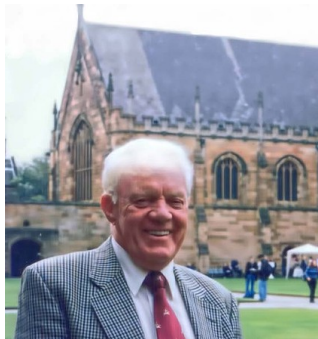
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Dear Friends,

I wish to apologise on behalf of the executive of the NSW FOV for not having organised any get togethers in the recent past. Some of us are also involved with the Australian Vellore Board and thus we still have a close contact with CMC and the happenings.

### Donations to Friends of Vellore in memory of Dr. Reg Walker



As I mentioned in the January newsletter, at the memorial service for the late Dr. Reg walker, the family requested the friends and relatives to send donations to the FOV in his memory. We wish to thank all the donors on behalf of Beth Walker and the FOV for your kind contribution. So far we have received \$7850.00. At the request of the family, this amount will be added to the sum he left in his bequest to CMC Vellore and will be used as he wished, for 'medical education of an underprivileged student'. The director of CMC has indicated that he will be very much delighted and honoured to establish this scholarship in memory of Reg Walker.

### **Prof. Ian Olver**

**Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia**

**Professor Ian Norman OLVER** - The Chairman of the Australian Vellore Board was awarded AM on Australia day for service to medical oncology as a clinician, researcher, administrator and mentor, and to the community through leadership roles with cancer control organisations.

Ian and his wife Jenny have been an integral part of the FOV NSW since he was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of Cancer Council Australia, in 2006 based in Sydney. He also holds the position as the Clinical



Professor of Cancer Care, Department of Medicine, and University of Sydney. Prior to being appointed as the CEO of Cancer Council, he had an illustrious career in Adelaide as Clinical Director, Cancer Centre, Royal Adelaide Hospital and Professor, Cancer Care, University of Adelaide. He is a world renowned medical oncologist and has written more than 180 articles and 16 book chapters.

Ian has a long standing relationship with Vellore. During his time as the head of the Medical oncology at Royal Adelaide, he trained the current head of the medical oncology at CMC - Dr. Raju Titus Chacko and helped him in establishing the department. He has been regularly visiting Vellore since then. He was the chairman of the South Australian FOV before becoming the Chairman of the Australian Vellore Board, 5 years ago.

Our hearty congratulations to Ian for being recognised for his great contributions to the field of cancer and wish Jenny and him and their family the very best.

### **The AGM & Vellore Visitors**

The AGM of the Australian Vellore Board will be taking place on Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in Brisbane. Professor Lionel Gnanaraj, Medical Superintendent CMC Vellore and Professor of Urology, specialising in Renal Transplant Surgery will be the official visitor from Vellore attending on behalf of the Director of CMC. He will be accompanied by his wife Jessie, who is the Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, specialising in HIV pregnant mothers and high risk pregnancies.

Lionel and Jessie will be visiting various branches of the FOV during their stay in Australia and will arrive in Sydney on 29<sup>th</sup> Monday and leave for Vellore on 31<sup>st</sup> Wednesday. We will try and organise a dinner for them to meet the Friends during their stay with us. We will inform you in due course.

### **CMC VELLORE RECOGNISED AS INDIA'S MOST SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE HOSPITAL**

The founder of CMC Vellore, Dr. Ida Scudder's legacy, immortalised in the motto of the Christian Medical College, Vellore, '*Not to be ministered unto but to minister*', was honoured when CMC was rated the Most Socially Responsible Hospital in India. Dr. Prathap Tharyan, the associate Director received the award on behalf of CMC. The survey to rate the best hospitals and service providers in India was commissioned by CNBC TV 18 and sponsored by ICICI Lombard. From over 2,000 hospitals, CMC was also adjudged the First Runner Up in the category of India's Best Multi Specialty Hospital. At the Awards Ceremony, in response to the question of how CMC has been able to consistently maintain high standards, Dr. Prathap Tharyan responded that a major factor was that the Institution was able to draw people who share its vision of providing excellent services in a socially responsible manner.

### **CMC Alumni Association Gathering in Sydney – October 7<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

Vineet and Roshini Nayyar would like to extend an invitation to all the Friends of Vellore in NSW to join us for the VII annual CMC alumni gathering to be held at the Sir Stamford Hotel at Circular Quay from Oct 7 to Oct 9, 2011.

The scientific programme on Saturday and a dinner cruise on Saturday night. We wish to encourage especially those of you who have spent a good part of your life in CMC campus to join the alumni from Australia as well as from overseas at least for the dinner cruise.

For more details, please contact Vineet - Vineet1Nayyar@gmail.com or visit <http://australianfov.net.au/alumni.htm>