Hello!

Firstly, thank you to the 2010-2011 Committee whose hard work ensured the Brisbane Convention was a huge success. The 2011-2012 Committee have big shoes to fill but are looking forward to the year ahead!

We ran our AGM in July during the Brisbane Convention. Minutes from the meeting are on our website. ADSA is still a very young organisation but we’re slowly branching out from being a Convention Committee to being able to help dental students navigate their way through dental school.

The new ADSA Committee was voted in at the AGM and the full list of members can be found on page 3. We now have Liaison Officers at each uni so if you have any questions they’re easy to find.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter. If you’re interested in getting involved in ADSA please email us at info@adsa.org.au. We’re always looking for people to contribute articles, especially if you’ve just been on an interesting placement (email publications@adsa.org.au).

Hope to see you in Sydney next year!
The ADSA Committee

Sydney beware...

Sydneysiders better start preparing themselves... next July their city is going to be invaded by dental students! That’s right, the Harbour City is playing host to the 2012 ADSA Convention, which will include five nights of amazing events, a stimulating academic program and a whole host of other shenanigans!

The hosting rights for the 2012 Convention were fiercely contested by Adelaide students and we’d like to thank their team for all the work they put into their presentation. We wish them luck in their bid against Perth for 2013.

We’ll be based at Sydney Uni’s main campus - just 4km from the CBD! More details and exact dates will follow in our upcoming newsletters and on our website. (www.adsa.org.au)
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**Wednesday** morning, many a student struggled out of bed and onto the buses, unsure of who they were now friends with out of costume, and who they’d ‘hung out’ with in the spa! At UQ, the academic programme began. A feast of topics were discussed throughout the week; from Endo, Ortho and Oral Surgery, Forensic Odontology and Biological Engineering to Rural and International Dentistry initiatives we can get involved in (Talk to our new Rural Officer, Laura!)

At dusk, students donned hunter and prey disguises & ran off into the Brisbane city night for the Rumble in the Jungle pub crawl. Several bar tabs were ravenously devoured and d-floors shook with raw instinct & animal attraction into the early hours.

**Thursday** saw a repeat of tired bodies dragging themselves onto the buses to the Gold Coast, for a day visit to two of Griffith University’s campuses. After lectures, students had a quick tour of Griffith’s Centre for Medicine and Oral Health before a quick stop for gelato (or MacDonald’s, for those who couldn’t appreciate gelati in Winter!) and an exclusive night at Dreamworld with lasers, smoke, laser tag, gourmet platters and, of course, big thrill rides.

**Friday** morning, after lectures and gourmet pizza, the first AGM was held. Lots of newbies realised how important it is that members get involved in ADSA, to help it grow into a perfect organisation for us all (- we’re getting there!) With this in mind, many students sported ‘ADSA MAKES CHANGE’ markered on their bodies (and had fun trying to scrub it off before Saturday night’s social) at the Pyjama Party boat cruise. Following more drinks and dancing, everyone dispersed throughout Brisbane City, for midnight pancakes, karaoke and more.

Predictably, **Saturday** morning’s lecture attendance sorted the soldiers from the weak. AGM elections were held and the bids were shown. Everyone present benefited greatly from these, and have since gained the power of ‘efficunctionality’. To end the week, we all caked on concealer for a classy night (including spirits!) at Cloudland and some epic shape-cutting on the d-floor at The Met. Somehow, we found our way from The Valley back to the city to sleep before (through) the farewell breakfast **Sunday** morning, and sadly said our goodbyes as we all set off home (to all around Australia and even Otago, New Zealand) to the real world. Awwww :’)

**PROCRASTINATION TUBING**

Note: ADSA takes no responsibility for any slide in marks that may result from spending time watching these videos...

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http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UoGTvYK1tOw
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