



### Welcome from the Chair

On behalf of the Inaugural Board of the Membrane Society of Australasia (MSA), it gives me great pleasure to release the first newsletter of the MSA.

Membranes are beneficial in many applications spanning from foods, water, energy and gas. The Australasian region has world leading activities in membrane research and commercial applications, and the MSA is being established to represent these activities. As part of this, the MSA aims to support a major bid in 2009 for Australia to host the International Congress on Membranes and Membrane Processes (ICOM) in 2014.

At this time, the MSA is being built through discussions and meeting where we receive input from our Patron (Prof Tony Fane) and diverse board which includes key names in membrane science and technology. Input is also received from our inaugural members to assist with its establishment.

In the coming year, we aim to hold the first election. Please find in this newsletter our board of directors, MSA's Vision and Mission and the new website address.

Thank you for your time to learn about the new MSA. I look forward to hearing from you with your interest to be involved in the MSA and also greatly appreciate your constructive suggestions to help build our new society.

Kind regards,

*Mikel Duke - Chair of the Inaugural Board*



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# The Inaugural Board

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Prof Tony Fane (University of New South Wales) has agreed to be the Patron of the MSA, and the Inaugural Board of the MSA has been established as:

- Mikel Duke – Chair (Victoria University)
- Bradley Ladewig – Vice Chair (University of Queensland)
- Pierre Le-Clech – Treasurer (University of New South Wales)
- Ludovic Dumeé – Secretary (CSIRO)
- Vicki Chen (University of New South Wales)
- Joe Diniz da Costa (University of Queensland)
- Stephen Gray (Victoria University)
- Anita Hill (CSIRO - TBC)
- Sandra Kentish (Melbourne University)

With the extra committee members of:

- Jianhua Zhang – Webmaster (Victoria University)
- Eddy Ostarcevic – Marketing (Tamarama Estate)

The last board meeting was held on the 8th December, 2008

## Establishment of the Constitution

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The draft Constitution describes the Vision and Mission of the MSA:

### Vision

- To be the nexus of membrane science and technology activity in the Australasia region;
- To promote collaborative engagements across the community to disseminate membrane technology to end users; and
- To capture current research and industry involvement and highlight future trends;

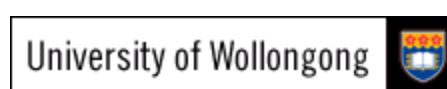
### Mission

The Mission of the MSA is to represent Membrane Science and Technology in Australasia realising that this will be aligned with societal needs. This will be achieved by:

- providing an open forum for transferring and sharing technologies as well as capabilities within the members, industries and higher education organisations;
- supporting multidisciplinary networking events;
- providing leadership and mentorship in membrane science for the Australasian membrane community;
- promoting opportunities for young members; and
- enabling wider understanding of the membrane technologies for public interest.

## Founding Sponsors

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## Upcoming Events

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### The 5th Conference of Aseanian Membrane Society (AMS 5)

The 5th Conference of Aseanian Membrane Society is to be held July 12-14 in Kobe Japan. If you wish to attend: 200 word abstracts are due at the end of January.

See MSA website news and events for more details.

[www.membrane-australasia.org](http://www.membrane-australasia.org)

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