

# Meet the 2023 Recent Graduates and Students Committee (RGSC)

The Recent Graduates and Students Committee plans support activities for students and recent graduates, both locally and overseas trained, during their transition to dental practitioners and in the early stages of their career.

Meet our current committee members!

**Dr Rafeek Zaki Misr, International University in Cairo, Egypt (ADC Representative)**



It can be difficult for a graduate student, especially for overseas dentists who have recently moved to Australia. Finding a sense of belonging can be challenging, so it is a great pleasure to be part of the RGSC, supporting and representing my fellow young dentists.

**Dr Shradha Verma, La Trobe University (Co-Chair & CPDC\* Representative)**



Throughout my undergraduate studies, ADAVB has been a wonderful support network always providing great resources to all its members. This year, I am really excited to be part of the RGSC to help organise events for both students and recent graduates, as they journey through the start of their dental careers.

**Dr Jhai Manogaran, the University of Melbourne (Co-Chair)**



It is an honour and a privilege to be part of the RGSC for 2023. I hope to play a proactive role in connecting current students and recent graduates to the Council. The ADAVB has continually provided us with contemporary resources which have been invaluable in the dental profession. I hope to represent my peers and facilitate the transition from dental student to dental professional. In my spare time, I enjoy playing golf and watching soccer.

**Ms Coco Teng, University of Melbourne (Penultimate year student)**



During my dental school journey, the ADAVB has been a significant supporter of our social events and I have them to thank for making my university life so memorable. I feel privileged to be invited to join the RGSC and I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to contribute by aiding in the preparation and transition of dental students into their professional careers. Outside of dentistry, you'll find me eating my way through Melbourne, planning my next vacay and enjoying a friendly game of soccer with friends!

**Margaret Tran, La Trobe University (Vice Co-Chair)**



I look forward to contributing a student perspective to events to better engage recent graduates and incoming graduates as part of the RGSC. I have been fortunate as a member to have attended many events sponsored by the ADAVB and have used many of ADA's resources, which have been very insightful and useful, even as a student. My favourite things to do in my spare time are cooking, eating and exploring.

**Peter Ho, La Trobe University (CPDC\* Representative)**



I am honoured to be a part of the RGSC Committee for 2023. I endeavour to inspire my colleagues and actively support all dental students on this wonderful journey of becoming a dentist. Although already closeknit and uplifting, I hope to advocate for further representation of all students so that they can feel a stronger connection with the ADA. Fun fact - I love to write, sing and produce music!

\*CPDC - Continuing Professional Development Committee

## RECENT GRADUATES AND STUDENTS

**Kevin Tran,  
University of  
Melbourne  
(Final year  
Student)**



I am stoked to be part of the RGSC and play my part in planning new and exciting activities for students, as they transition into their professional careers.

**Hao-Qian Leung,  
La Trobe  
(Final year  
Student)**



The free therapeutic guidelines and other numerous resources provided by the ADAVB mean that being a student member is a no-brainer. Witnessing the advocacy and assistance which the branch provided to the profession during the past two years of constant lockdowns really inspired me to want to be a part of the ADAVB. Hence, as a part of the RGSC, I want to give back to the students and help them in their journeys as they commence their dental careers.

**Dr Alison Lau,  
University of  
Melbourne**



I'm very excited to be on the RGSC to help make our dental community a better place. I believe it's very important for us to support one another and that a community where members lean on each other benefits everyone. I love reading, cooking, running and canyoning. It makes me happy to be active and creating things like a painting, a hair scrunchie or a great Italian pizza. In my free time, you will likely find me on the Merri Creek Trail!

**Rowena Tran,  
University of  
Melbourne  
(Vice Co- Chair)**



Following on from tough years for our community, especially for dental students around Australia, I'm glad to be a part of RGSC to further enrich our student life and ease the transition of the next cohort of dentists. The support and advocacy from ADAVB is constant and greatly appreciated. The unpredictability of recent events truly highlighted to me the gratitude I have for the ADAVB. My new hobbies since lockdown include baking foccacias, tending to my new herb garden and exploring Victoria. I wish everyone luck this year!

**Dr Imogen  
Bessell,  
La Trobe  
University**



As a recent La Trobe graduate, I have had the privilege of being supported by the RGSC throughout my undergraduate years. Being a member has vastly widened my professional network, facilitated access to vital CPD resources and helped reduce the uncertainty around the transition from student to dentist. I wish to continue the incredible work this committee has done and look forward to continuing to strengthen the network of students and recent graduates in their relationship with the ADA. Outside of our wonderful profession, I am a keen tennis player, gym-goer and I love baking.

**Ms Rainbow  
Yang,  
La Trobe  
(Penultimate  
year student)**



I'm really excited to join the RGSC to support a fun community for Victorian dental students and graduates. I would like to help create and find opportunities for students to learn holistically about the field of dentistry with mentors, podcasts, workshops, volunteering and events through the ADAVB! In my spare time I love going on 'walkies' especially in nature and take on little craft projects.