

## 2004 Presidents Report

Thank you for taking an active interest in the Coeliac Society and attending the 2004 Annual General Meeting.

The Coeliac Society of South Australia/Northern Territory is a not for profit charitable organisation run entirely by volunteers. Considerable work goes on to manage the operation of the Coeliac Society, which including the support group functions, managing the shop, membership, magazines, finances, Coeliac Awareness programs and Mentor scheme.

I wish to congratulate and publicly acknowledge the dedication of the volunteers who make the Coeliac Society the success it is today. In particular the past and present members of the management committee, the shop volunteers, volunteers who help with the mail-outs of magazines, volunteers that help on special occasions such as manning public stands at shows and conferences and all the other volunteers. Long serving volunteer Eunice Kermode deserves a special mention for her outstanding service to the Coeliac Society. In recent years, Eunice has made a major contribution to the Society in winning financial grants, and organising stands at demonstrations and expo conventions.

Also a special mention to volunteers, Jackie Kettlestring, Isabel Meyer, Val Lawn, Isa Barone, Brenda Damen and Committee members to name a few.

This year we have completed the following:

- A very successful Coeliac Awareness week in March and awareness activities in October through the Health, Food & Lifestyle expo.
- Expanded the Mentor Program with new mentors in particular to cover autism and diabetic support with coeliac disease.
- Launched new support groups, Southern Support group, and Port Pirie group and assisted with Darwin and Ceduna support services.
- Installed the latest technology for managing the shop, which includes new computer, cash register, scales, scanners and bar coding equipment at a cost of \$10,000.
- Won grants from Morialta Trust (\$1,000) and Bank SA (\$1,000) and have applied for 6 more grants during the year.
- Provided numerous support activities such as Christmas in July, Annual Coeliac Dinner, 6 Bread Role demonstrations, Cooking demonstrations, Shopping Bag Promotions etc.

- Great food and support at the Support Group meetings held throughout the year.

Richard Twisk  
President