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The health and vitality of state branches has always contributed to the strength of the ASM. In this photograph, Barbara Blainey, Alison Vickery and Phyllis Rountree are pictured on a 1988 NSW Branch excursion to the Quarantine Station at Sydney's North Head.
Courtesy John Christian.

Microbiologists are known for enjoying an excuse for a party! This gathering in 1976 was arranged to welcome American microbiologist Philip Gerhardt to Australia. Pictured here are ASM members John Christian, Bill Murrell and Jim Vincent.
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1964-1965 Professor Frank Fenner

1965-1967 Professor Victor Skerman

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1968-1969 Professor Neville Stanley

1969-1970 Professor Solomon Faine

1970-1971 Dr Geoffrey Cooper

1971-1972 Dr John Christian

1972-1973 Professor John Thonard

1973-1974 Professor Ralph Doherty

1974-1975 Dr Allan Ferris

1975-1976 Dr Peter Cooper

1976-1978 Dr Eric French

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1982-1984 Dr Gordon Rich

1984-1986 Professor Barrie Marmion

1986-1988 Professor Anthony Wicken

1988-1990 Professor David White AO

1990-1992 Professor Kerry Cox

1992-1994 Professor John Mackenzie

1994-1996 Dr Derk Groot Obbink

1996-1998 Professor John Finlay-Jones

1998-2000 Professor Ian Gust AO

2000-2002 Professor Gwendolyn Gilbert

2002-2004 Associate Professor David Ellis

2004-2006 Professor Julian Rood

2006-2008 Associate Professor Keryn Christiansen

2008-2010 Professor Hatch Stokes

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1971 Dr Phillis Rountree

1973 Dr James Vincent

1975 Professor Frank Fenner

1978 Dr Glen Buckle

1978 Dr Alan Ferris

1983 Ms Shirley Dixon

1985 Dr Geoff Simmons

1987 Dr William Murrell

1987 Dr Bryce Rankine

1987 Professor Vic Skerman

1988 Dr Douglas Annear

1988 Dr John Christian

1988 Dr Eric French

1988 Professor John Goldsmid

1988 Professor Barrie Marmion

1988 Emeritus Professor Nancy Millis

1989 Professor Geoffrey Cooper

1989 Professor Frank Gibson

1990 Associate Professor Solomon Faine

1990 Professor Kevin Marshall

1990 Professor Edwin Westaway

1991 Professor Ralph Doherty

1991 Dr Peter Cooper

1992 Emeritus Professor David White

1992 Professor Anthony Wicken

1996 Mr Alan Murphy

1998 Professor Jim Pittard

1999 Dr Peter Wood

2001 Dr John Pitt

2001 Professor Ian Gust

2004 Dr Derk Groot Obbink

2004 Professor Adrian Lee

2008 Professor Ruth Bishop

2008 Associate Professor Ian Holmes

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1971	Professor Adrien Albert	Australia	Chemotherapy
1972	Dr Roger Stanier	USA	Bacterial ecology
1973	Professor Frank Fenner	Australia	Virology
1974	Professor Geoffrey Edsall	UK	Immunisation
1975	Professor Frank Gibson	Australia	Bacterial physiology
1976	Professor W Hayes	UK	Bacterial genetics
1977	Dr Robert Chanock	USA	Virology/vaccines
1978	Sir Gustav Nossal	Australia	Immunology
1979	Dr Arnold Demain	USA	Industrial microbiology
1980	Professor Richard Matthews	NZ	Plant virology
1981	Dr Stanley Falkow	USA	Antibiotic resistance/ genetics
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1983	Dr Bernard Davis	USA	Bacteriology
1984	Professor Antony Basten	Australia	Immunology
1985	Dr David Baltimore	USA	Retroviruses/oncogenes
1986	Dr Graham Mitchell	Australia	Parasitology/immunology
1987	Dr Edward Kass	USA	Chemotherapy
1988	Professor Ian Gust	Australia	Virology
1989	Professor Alfred Pittard	Australia	Molecular biology
1990	Dr Holger Jannasch	USA	Marine microbiology
1991	Professor Robert Symons	Australia	RNA and viroids
1992	Dr Carleton Gajdusek	USA	Slow viruses
1993	Professor David White	Australia	Virology
1994	Professor Staffan Normark	Sweden	Microbial pathogenesis
1995	Professor Adrian Gibbs	Australia	Plant/insect virology
1996	Dr Jim Watson	NZ	
1997	Professor David Kemp	Australia	Microbes of the NT
1998	Professor Peter Doherty	USA	Anti-viral immunity
2000	Professor Barry Marshall	Australia	H. pylori
2001	Professor Cedric Mims	UK	Microbial pathogenesis
2002	Professor Adrian Lee	Australia	H. pylori
2003	Dr David Ho	USA	HIV/AIDS
2004	Professor Michael Good	Australia	Streptococcus/malaria
2005	Dr Leroy Hood	USA	Systems biology
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2007	Professor Robin Weiss	UK	Retroviruses
2008	Professor Alan Cowman	Australia	Malaria
2009	Professor Bonnie Bassler	USA	Bacterial communication

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1961	University of Queensland	V Skerman
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1965	University of Tasmania	K Marshall
1967	University of Melbourne	F Gibson
1968	University of Adelaide	B McDougall
1969	University of Adelaide	B Moore
1970	University of Melbourne	I Cheyne
1971	University of Queensland	L Sly
1972	University of Sydney	A Lee
1973	Australian National University	P Stewart
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1975	University of Western Australia	J Foley
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1977	University of Melbourne	I Cheyne
1978	University of Sydney	A Lee
1979	University of Adelaide	A Rogers
1980	University of Otago	J Loutit
1981	Australian National University	G Skyring
1982	University of Tasmania	T McMeekin
1983	University of Queensland	A Egan
1984	University of Sydney	J Pitt, J Sabine
1985	University of Western Australia	G Wilcox
1986	University of Melbourne	N Millis
1987	University of Auckland	J Say
1988	Australian National University	R Boulton
1989	Adelaide Convention Centre	K Cox
1990	Tasmanian State Institute of Technology	D Rowbottom
1991	Conrad Centre, Gold Coast	D Moriarty
1992	Sydney Convention Centre	D Groot Obbink
1993	Observation City Resort Hotel, Perth	G Rich
1994	World Congress Centre, Melbourne	B Adler
1995	National Convention Centre, Canberra	R Akhurst
1996	Christchurch Town Hall, New Zealand	L Jennings
1997	Adelaide Convention Centre	D Ellis
1998	Wrest Point Hotel & Convention Centre, Hobart	A McMeekin
1999	Sydney Convention Centre	J Mackenzie, D Groot Obbink
2000	Cairns Convention Centre	D Moriarty
2001	Burswood Convention Centre, Perth	K Christiansen
2002	Melbourne Convention Centre	J Tennent
2003	Auckland Convention Centre	*Joint ASM / NZMS Meeting*
2004	Sydney Superdome	T Olma
2005	National Conference Centre, Canberra	G McLean
2006	Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre	P Giffard
2007	Adelaide Convention Centre	A Lawrence
2008	Melbourne Convention Centre	S Cornish
2009	Perth Convention Exhibition Centre	R Bowman

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