

MEDICAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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1. Student welcome to Sydney, mentoring and home hospitality for new GMP and other students

Thank you to those alumni who have indicated their willingness to participate in student mentoring or to offer hospitality at their home as a welcome to new international and other students. We will contact you individually within the next few weeks. Further meetings with the Dean and Sydney Medical School representatives will enable us to commence a pilot mentoring program soon.

With Sydney Medical School, we have offered to meet new international students arriving in Sydney to start the Graduate Medical Program. Several alumni have already given a commitment to do so. If you are available to meet a GMP1 student at Sydney International Airport on Tuesday, 26 January at 9.40am, or on Sunday, 31 January at 8.10am, please contact Diana Lovegrove on 9114 1163 (on Friday, 22 January) or Paul Lancaster on 9660 0576 (after Friday).

If you can offer a welcome to students in your home early in the first semester of 2010 (from the second week in February), please get in touch with me (see below).

2. Sydney Medical School / Medical Alumni Association Dinner - Friday, 12 March 2010

Following a successful Medical Alumni Association Dinner in May 2009, the Sydney Medical School and Medical Alumni Association will hold a combined Dinner in the Great Hall on Friday, 12 March 2010 at 7.00pm. A guest speaker is being invited and will be confirmed soon.

We hope that you will join us for this dinner and arrange tables with other friends and colleagues in your graduating year, in your hospital or practice, or in your Sydney Medical School department, as some have already done.

[Invitation](#)

[Payment form](#)

3. Symposium on 'Passions outside medicine' - Friday, 12 March 2010

The Medical Alumni Association and Medical Humanities in Sydney Medical School are planning a symposium on 'Passions outside medicine' which will be held on the afternoon of Friday, 12 March (1.30-5pm). This afternoon event will precede the Sydney Medical School / Medical Alumni Association Dinner to be held that evening. By combining the two events, we hope to encourage more of our alumni from areas beyond Sydney to come and join us then.

The themes for 'Passions outside medicine' will include Medicine and Music, Medicine and Art, Medical History, and a discussion of Values-based Medicine (for example: How do we encourage latent humanistic interests and talents among students and doctors?). The final speakers and detailed program will be confirmed soon.

4. Discounted tickets for Sydney Festival - but hurry!

From the Alumni Relations Office: As part of the University of Sydney's partnership with the Sydney Festival, we are pleased to be able to notify you of a special \$50 discount on all adult and concession tickets to *Oedipus Rex* and *Symphony of Psalms* at the Sydney Opera House which is playing from Friday January 28 to Sunday January 30 at the Sydney Opera House.

This rarely-performed double bill of Stravinsky masterworks features an epic staging by internationally acclaimed director Peter Sellars and an extraordinary cast of soloists including our own Yvonne Kenny (BSc '72, DMus '99).

To receive your discount, [click here](#) to book online before 12pm on Friday 22 January using the promotional code REX.

5. Financial support available for Master of Health Policy at the University of Sydney

Individuals interested in health policy now have the opportunity for further study with the **Master of Health Policy** which began in 2009 at the University of Sydney. All new **local** enrolments in the **Master of Health Policy in 2010** will also be able to apply for financial support in the form of a **Commonwealth Assisted Place** or the **Baxter Scholarship for Excellence in Health Policy**. Applications for enrolment and support must be received by **31 January 2010**.

Further information is available at:

http://www.menzieshealthpolicy.edu.au/new_whatsnew.php#scholmasters

6. Death notices and obituary (year of graduation in brackets)

Recent published death notices of medical alumni included: Charles David Badham (1944); Prudence Ann McPhillips (Dr Prue McLachlan, 1953); Bruce Carlyle Pirie (1939); and Norman James Royle (1940). The obituary of Joffre Bartholomew Cowle (1956), written by Jim Roche (1956), was published in the Medical Journal of Australia on 4 January 2010.

We look forward to seeing you at some of our functions in 2010!

Paul Lancaster
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