

## MEDICAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

### e-Newsletter # 30 – July 2011

#### 1. Alumni news and events

##### 1.1 Queen's Birthday 2011 honours and other awards (updated list)

Congratulations to all our alumni who received recent awards!

- Michael Dudley AM (1978). For service to medicine as a clinician in the child and adolescent mental health area, to medical education, and to a range of professional associations.
- David McIntosh AM (1979). For service to medicine, particularly in the areas of vaccines and infectious diseases, as an academic, and to the community through the Glebe Music Festival.
- Kerryn Phelps AM (1981). For service to medicine, particularly through leadership roles with the Australian Medical Association, to education and community health, and as a general practitioner.
- Lisa Jackson Pulver AM (MPH, 1998; PhD 2004). For service to medical education, particularly through the Muru Marri Indigenous Health Unit at the University of New South Wales, and as a supporter of educational opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- John Beattie OAM (1970). For service to medicine through administrative roles and to the disciplines of cardiology and general medicine.
- David Davidson OAM (1963). For service to medicine in the field of orthopaedics.
- Anthony Kirkwood OAM (1974). For service to medicine as an anaesthetist.
- Patrick (Paddy) Lightfoot OAM (1963). For service to conservation and the environment in the Hunter region.
- Harley Roberts OAM (1959). For service to medicine as an obstetrician and gynaecologist.
- Natale Romeo OAM (1974). For service to the community through fundraising roles with the Italian Affair Committee.
- Catherine Storey OAM (1972). For service to medicine in the field of neurology, to stroke education, and to professional associations.
- Nicholas Talley OAM (1954). For service to medicine in the field of gastroenterology.
- Thomas Woolard OAM (1955). For service to rehabilitation medicine in the Hunter area as a practitioner and administrator.
- James Wyllie OAM (1967). For service to medicine as a surgeon, to medical administration and professional associations, and to the community of Mount Druitt.

See - <http://www.alumni.sydney.edu.au/s/965/index.aspx?sid=965&gid=1&pgid=1259>

Hearty congratulations to **Sir Keith Jones (1933), who celebrated his 100th birthday on 7 July!** 'He was knighted on the same day as Sir Donald Bradman and Dame Enid Lyons, established Manly Hospital's emergency ward and was chairman of the Manly Art Gallery...Dr Jones was president of the Australian Medical Association from 1973-76 ...'.

See - <http://manly-daily.whereilive.com.au/news/story/knighted-with-the-don-sir-keith-reaches-a-ton/>

##### 1.2 Sydney's medical diaspora

Sir Grafton Elliot Smith (1871-1937), professor of anatomy, Egyptologist and anthropologist, was among the first of many Sydney Medical School alumni who travelled abroad, sometimes to academic posts, after leaving the University of Sydney. He graduated in 1893

and was the first alumnus to gain the MD by examination in 1895. Several years after graduation, he was an 'Advanced student' at St John's College, Cambridge (BA, 1898; MA, 1903).

In 1900 he was appointed as first professor of anatomy in the Egyptian Government School of Medicine, Cairo. In 1909 Elliot Smith was appointed to the chair of anatomy at Victoria University of Manchester where, under the smoky chimneys and grey skies, he began what emerged as a revolution in the teaching of anatomy in Britain.

Read more:

[http://sydney.edu.au/medicine/museum/mwmuseum/index.php/Smith,\\_Sir\\_Grafton\\_Elliot](http://sydney.edu.au/medicine/museum/mwmuseum/index.php/Smith,_Sir_Grafton_Elliot)  
and <http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/smith-sir-grafton-elliott-8470>

At various meetings of the Sydney University Graduates Union North America (SUGUNA), we have become increasingly aware of how many of our Sydney alumni are living and working in the United States and Canada. These include:

- Gerry Bassell (1973) is an obstetric anaesthetist in Wichita, Kansas, and currently President of SUGUNA
- Robert Bear (1969) is Conference Chair at SUGUNA 2011 in Vancouver
- Michael Dorsen (1969) is a neurosurgeon in Portland, Oregon
- George Dunea (1958), George Dunea began writing his 'Letter from Chicago' for the British Medical Journal in 1975, and published more than 300 columns. He was Chairman of the Division of Nephrology at Cook County Hospital in Chicago. He is the editor of Hektoen International, an online Journal of Medical Humanities - see: <http://hektoeninternational.org/index.html> and [http://sydney.edu.au/medicine/museum/mwmuseum/index.php/Dunea,\\_George](http://sydney.edu.au/medicine/museum/mwmuseum/index.php/Dunea,_George)
- Ron Gray (1966) is the William G. Robertson Jr Professor in Population and Family Planning, Bloomberg School of Public Health, at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland
- Virginia Hood (1970) MPH, FACP, is President, American College of Physicians (since April 2011), Professor of Medicine, University of Vermont, and is an internist-nephrologist in Burlington, Vermont
- Len Johnson (1969) is a retired pediatric oncologist. He was Professor of Pediatrics at Oregon Health and Science University in Portland, Oregon and former department chair at Oregon Health Sciences University
- Michael Kleerekoper (1970) is an endocrinologist and Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine and of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Wayne State University in Detroit
- Fiona Leigh (1966) is a child psychiatrist in Kahului, Hawaii
- Vanda Lennon (1966) is Director, Neuroimmunology Laboratory, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, Professor of Immunology and Neurology, and Director of Autoimmune Neurology Fellowship Program.
- Phillip Low (1966) is Robert D and Patricia E Kern Professor of Neurology, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, in Rochester, Minnesota
- Michael Marsh (1964) is Professor and Chair, Department of Anesthesiology, at Wayne State University Medical School in Detroit, Michigan
- Derek Raghavan (1974) is the new President, Levine Cancer Institute, Carolinas HealthCare System, Charlotte, North Carolina
- Rhonda Soricelli (1972) is a medical educator and teaches Medical Humanities at Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Bruce Whyte (1972) is a clinical epidemiologist who has done extensive work in HIV/AIDS, was CEO of Georgia Mountains Health Services, and is now Founder and Medical Director of TotaleMD, a health care technology company in Atlanta, Georgia.

From this small sample, you can see that our alumni work in many clinical and educational fields across the US and Canada!

In the months to come, we hope to inform you about numerous other expatriate alumni who are now working in many countries around the world. We hope this will assist in building networks so recent graduates can find contacts and students might find colleagues to visit for elective-term placements.

### 1.3 Controversies and Leadership in Health Seminars

These 90-minute seminars are primarily intended for Sydney medical students but are open to all. Alumni are most welcome. The seminars are on controversial topics with outstanding speakers who have a strong record of leadership. All seminars will be held in the Footbridge Theatre, University of Sydney, Parramatta Road, Camperdown. There will be time for audience participation. Registration is not necessary.

#### Tuesday, **2 August**, 5-6.30pm: **'Doctors and the drug industry'**

Practising clinicians may develop a relationship with the pharmaceutical industry in many ways. Are all these relationships ethical? Speakers will highlight these issues and give their opinion followed by discussion from the floor. Speakers are: Professor Kerry Phelps, G.P. and ex Federal President of the AMA; Dr Malcolm Handel, Executive Director, Medical & Scientific Affairs, Janssen-Cilag; Assoc. Professor Warwick Selby, Gastroenterologist, RPAH; Dr Martin Van Der Weyden, Editor Emeritus, Medical Journal of Australia; Mr Will Delaat, ex CEO Merck Sharp & Dohme/Chair Medicines Australia; MC - Dr Charlie McDonald, Gastroenterologist, Concord Hospital.

#### Monday, **8 August**, 5-6.30pm: **'Doctors in court'**

Two leading senior counsels - Peter Semmler QC and Bernie Gross QC - with a special interest in medical negligence cross-examine three leading clinicians - Professor Leigh Delbridge, Professor of Surgery, RNSH; Dr Robert Read, Gastroenterologist, Hornsby Hospital; and Assoc Professor Phillip Clifton-Bligh, Endocrinologist, RNSH - in a dramatised court-room role-play.

#### Monday, **15 August**, 5-6.30pm: **'Public and private hospitals – the good, the bad and the ugly'**

Public and private hospitals play a vital role in Australian healthcare. What are the strengths and weaknesses of each? How could they work better together? Outstanding speakers will debate these issues head-to-head: Dr Stephen Ruff, Orthopaedic Surgeon, RNSH and North Shore Private Hospital; Professor David Celermejer, Cardiologist, RPAH; Mr Alan Kinkade, CEO Epworth Private Hospital, Melbourne; Professor Mohammed Khadra, Professor of Surgery, Nepean Hospital and Author of 'Terminal Decline – a Surgeon's view of the Australian Health System'; MC - Dr Norman Swan, ABC Radio National.

#### Tuesday, **25 October**, 5-6.30pm: **'The Campbelltown Hospital crisis – an isolated incident or destined to be repeated?'**

In December 2003, 10 senior specialists at Campbelltown Hospital blamed politicians publicly for the crisis in patient care at their hospital. Speakers are: Professor Brad Frankum, Clinical Dean, University of Western Sydney & Physician, Campbelltown Hospital; The Hon Craig Knowles, Former NSW Minister for Health; Dr Andrew McDonald, MP, Member for Macquarie Fields and former head of Paediatrics, Campbelltown Hospital; Dr Martin Van Der Weyden, Editor Emeritus, Medical Journal of Australia; MC - Professor Neville Yeomans,

Former Dean, University of Western Sydney.

**Links to previous seminars: 'Are we training too many doctors?'** - Tuesday, 3 May:  
<http://lectopia.usyd.edu.au/lectopia/lectopia.lasso?ut=1279&id=36085>

**'Doctors in politics'** - Monday, 16 May:  
<http://lectopia.usyd.edu.au/lectopia/lectopia.lasso?ut=1278&id=36243>

#### **1.4 Concord Clinical Week 2011 and ANZAC Research Institute 10th Annual Symposium, 9-12 August 2011**

The theme for Concord Clinical Week this year is **'The Cost of Medicine'**. Speakers include Gerard Carroll, Michael Field, Ian Kerridge, Victoria Hollick, Raoul Pope, Allan Glanville, Richard Lindley, Damian McMahon, Peter Kam, Veena Raykar, Jeremy Chapman, Leonie Watterson, and Ghauri Aggarwal.

The theme for the ANZAC Research Institute Symposium is **'Immune Therapies for Cancer'**. Speakers include Peter Hudson, Rosanne Dunn, Angel Lopez, Derek Hart, Anna Nowak, Glen Reid, Paul Neeson, David Urdal, Zwi Berneman, Chris Schmidt, Rod Dunbar, and David Gottlieb.

**'The Great Debate'** will be held on Thursday, 11 August, with the topic **'Men Age More Gracefully than Women'**.

Location: Concord Clinical Sciences Building, Lecture Theatre

Contact: Winston Cheung Phone: 02 9767 6221 Email:  
[winston.cheung@sswahs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:winston.cheung@sswahs.nsw.gov.au)

More info:  
<http://www.anzac.edu.au/index.php?action=view&id=22&module=newsmodule&src=%40random41940a897e943>

#### **1.5 2011 RPAH Clinical Week ( Reunion Week) Symposia 22-26 August 2011**

Each day has several symposia mostly themed around Women's Health, Gynaecology, Pregnancy, Contraception, IVF, Reproductive endocrinology, and innovation in GIT disease .

There are three travelling guest professors ( Prof Felice Petraglia, Prof Caroline de Costa, and Prof David Healy ) and a host of other NSW speakers .The week concludes with the annual dinner of the RPAH Medical Board/ MOA on 26 August.

The popular 'History Night' is again a feature on Wednesday, 24 August.

All current Sydney Medical School staff, students and alumni are invited to attend (free). For the program, see:  
[www.sswahs.nsw.gov.au/rpa/pdf/MedOfficersProgram.pdf](http://www.sswahs.nsw.gov.au/rpa/pdf/MedOfficersProgram.pdf)

#### **1.6 Sydney Health Policy Network**

Note: Wednesday, **17 August - Emerging Health Policy Research Conference**

Venue: Darlington Centre, University of Sydney. Geoff Gallop will be the keynote speaker.

Menzies Centre for Health Policy website:

[http://www.menzieshealthpolicy.edu.au/events\\_upcoming.php#ehpr2011](http://www.menzieshealthpolicy.edu.au/events_upcoming.php#ehpr2011)

#### 1.7 Medical registration of senior doctors - meeting at 10am on Sunday, 7 August 2011

There is an active campaign for a new registration category for senior doctors.

Venue: St George Leagues Club, Prince's Highway, Kogarah - for more information, see:  
[www.adf.com.au](http://www.adf.com.au)

#### 1.8 Australian Doctors Orchestra, Concert, Sydney Town Hall, Sunday, 18 September

This afternoon of music will include Brahms Piano Concerto No 1 and the Enigma Variations. Adrian Sheen at Nepean is organising the event and tells me that 2,000 friends are needed to fill the Town Hall!

Each year, the Australian Doctors Orchestra plays in different venues, for different charities.

This year, the Australian Doctors Orchestra (ADO) will be performing at the Sydney Town Hall on Sunday 18th September at 2.00 pm. Doctors from throughout Australia come together to play for the Australian Doctors Orchestra which has performed annually since 1993. This year the ADO is supporting "Youth Off The Streets" and "Children's Hospital Institute of Sports Medicine".

The concert programme is: Walton: *Crown Imperial*; Brahms: *Piano Concerto No. 1* - Soloist: Ben Martin; Elgar: *Enigma Variations*; Conductor: Warwick Stengards

The programme will be hosted by the ABC's Simon Marnie. It will also be an honour to have the Chancellor of the University of Sydney and Governor of NSW, Professor Marie Bashir (1956 alumna) attending,

Booking via: [www.ado.net.au](http://www.ado.net.au) Ticket prices: \$35, \$25 concession, \$15 students.

The concert will be preceded by a **cocktail party** on Saturday, **17 September** (6-8pm), at Government House, Macquarie Street, in the presence of the Governor of NSW, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC, CVO.

For tickets (\$100 each), contact Adrian Sheen: [acsheen@pnc.com.au](mailto:acsheen@pnc.com.au) - payment by credit card.

#### 1.9 Graduate Connections Breakfast

**6 September:** David Mortimer AO - 'An insight into contemporary corporate directorships'

**22 November:** Amanda McCluskey - 'Managing investments for the long term in an increasingly short term world'

Time: 7:15-8:45am Venue: Four Seasons Hotel Sydney, 199 George Street, Sydney \$35 for alumni, staff and students. See:

<http://www.alumni.sydney.edu.au/s/965/index.aspx?sid=965&gid=1&pgid=340>

#### 1.10 Lambie-Dew Oration, 12 October 2011

This year Sydney Medical Society is looking forward to welcoming Professor Jim Bishop back to Sydney to deliver the prestigious Lambie - Dew Oration.

Professor Bishop was appointed Chief Medical Officer (CMO) for the Australian Government in February 2009, and left in May this year to take up the Executive Directorship of the \$1bn Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre (VCCC). Professor Bishop was previously a Professor of Cancer Medicine at the University of Sydney and is a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (FRACP) and the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (FRCPA).

The Lambie - Dew Oration is an annual event that has been held by the Sydney University Medical Society since 1958 in honour of Charles Lambie and Harold Dew, the first Bosch Chairs of Medicine and Surgery respectively. Recent past speakers include Dr Rowan Gilles, Professor Ian Frazer, Professor Chris O'Brien, Professor Peter Doherty and Professor Marie Bashir.

Time: 7pm Location: MacLaurin Hall, The University of Sydney - contact: Toby Hulf - [lambiedew@sydneymedsoc.org.au](mailto:lambiedew@sydneymedsoc.org.au)

#### **1.11 MedSoc – 125 years! Monday to Saturday, 10 – 15 October 2011**

For their 125th year MedSoc will be hosting a film festival for all to enjoy. We encourage all alumni to attend the film festival and other events. For your diary:

Monday, 10 October 6pm for 6.30pm- Film – Mash

Tuesday, 11 October 6pm for 6.30pm –Film – Doctor in the House

Wednesday, 12 October 7pm MacLaurin Hall – Lambie Dew Oration – Professor Jim Bishop

Thursday, 13 October 6pm for 6.30pm – Great Debate (TBA) and Film – One who flew over the Cuckoo's Nest

Friday, 14 October 6.30pm – Film at IMAX – (TBA)

Saturday, 15 October – 6.30pm – Celebrating MedSoc in all its Splendour – Med revue excerpts etc. Come and join the fun!

#### **1.12 Research twittering**

Our prolific-publishing celebrity Professor of Public Health, Simon Chapman (PhD, 1986), is all aTwitter, suggesting new ways to reach a wider audience with research results. See - <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/higher-education/twitterati-flocks-to-researchers-posts/story-e6frgcjx-1226102269294>

**1.13 Updating your University records.** A link has been set up where alumni can make changes to emails and addresses.

<http://surveys.med.usyd.edu.au/limesurvey/index.php?sid=14261>



## 2. History of Medicine

### 2.1 Medical Book of the Month, Rare Book Library, Fisher Library, University of Sydney

Yvonne Cossart (1959) has ensured that we are kept well informed about the excellent rare medical books that can be found in the University's Fisher Library. Her selection for the current Book of the Month collection is Ambroise Pare.

See also: *The love that dared speak its name: Same-sex desires in the Victorian world* (current exhibition, ending soon - check with the Rare Books Library first).

Draw back the curtains and peek at the influence of the Victorian world on modern sexuality. Trace the publication of rare and censored books. Discover how homosexual scandal and the fight for lesbian and gay rights were represented in a variety of different cultural milieus. Find out about the authors and theorists whose interest in same-sex desires contributed to our current understanding of freedom. After viewing this exhibition, you may conclude that Stonewall was the noisy grandchild of an older sexual reform.

Level 2, Fisher Library, University of Sydney, tel: [+61 2 9351 2992](tel:+61293512992); fax: [+61 2 9351 7765](tel:+61293517765);  
email: [rarebook.library@sydney.edu.au](mailto:rarebook.library@sydney.edu.au)  
<http://sydney.edu.au/library/libraries/rare/medicine/home.html>

### 2.2 RACP Library Lecture Series 2011

All lectures are held on Monday evening at 6.30pm at the RACP Education Centre, Level 8, 52 Phillip Street, Sydney. Entry is \$10 and there are refreshments with discussion after the lecture.

Below are the dates, speakers and topics for the forthcoming 2011 lectures:

**12 September:** Prof Malcolm Macmillan: **Alfred Walter Campbell: an almost forgotten neurohistologist and neurologist.**

**7 November:** Dr Ross Jones: **Humanity's Mirror: 150 Years of Anatomy in Melbourne.**

Contact the Librarian, Liz Rouse, on (02) 9256 5413, or [racplib@racp.edu.au](mailto:racplib@racp.edu.au) for further information and bookings.

The **RACP History of Medicine Library** in Macquarie Street is one of Sydney's medical treasures. Holding 40,000 volumes covering all aspects of medical history, its own treasures include: a first edition copy of Darwin's classic 'On the origin of species'; an original copy of Surgeon White's journal, considered to be the first Australian 'medical' publication; items from as early as 1475; an antique homeopathic chest, complete with 103 ingredients (most still full); and an English translation of Dodoen's 'Nievv Herball' from 1578, an early herbal said to be the source for much of Shakespeare's work.

These treasures are available for viewing by appointment. Contact Liz Rouse for the new brochure (see above) or go to: <http://www.racp.edu.au/page/library>

**Bequest to RACP Library.** Liz Rouse has informed us that the the Library has received a bequest of \$5,000 from Rowan Nicks AO OBE FRACS. He was a distinguished surgeon who used the RACP Library a great deal over the years and wrote several books including histories of cardiothoracic surgery in Australia. The links to his obituaries in the Sydney Morning Herald and New Zealand Herald are below.

### 2.3 Saturday, 3 September, 2-4pm: 'The long reach of Cecil Cook's career'

Speaker: Barry Leithhead for Australian & New Zealand Society of the History of Medicine meeting.

Venue: Conference Room (4.5), Kerry Packer Education Centre, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

RSVP: Peter Hobbins - [peter\\_hobbins@bigpond.com](mailto:peter_hobbins@bigpond.com) or call him on 9569 5561.

### 2.4 International Society for the History of the Neurosciences (ISHN)

Cate Storey, MAA President, and President-elect ISHN, reports that at the recent annual scientific meeting of this society, there was overwhelming support for holding its annual scientific meeting in Sydney in 2013. Last year the meeting was held in Paris, this year in Calgary, next year in Venice, so Sydney members will have a huge act to follow.

For those of you who are not aware of this Society, it is an extraordinary group of very enthusiastic researchers, drawn from all the disciplines of neuroscience, who promote the academic study of the history of neuroscience. The Society has members who are neurologists, neurosurgeons, psychologists and psychiatrists, pure neuroscientists, as well as librarians of historical collections, and academics from various humanities. The journal of the society is the well respected, peer reviewed Journal of the History of Neurosciences.

At this point it is planned to hold the 2013 meeting in June, in Sydney. We are looking for those with an interest in this field who would like to participate in the local organizing committee; or those who would like to find out more about the society and the meeting with a view to presenting their original work. The Society also has a focus on the promotion of younger members and encouraging their participation and presentations. A day presentation on Australian historical content is planned and encouraged. If you would like to know more or if you would like to record your interest in future updates please let me know at [cestorey@bigpond.com](mailto:cestorey@bigpond.com).

If you would like to know more about the Society, its past and future meetings, check out the website at <http://www.ishn.org>.

### 2.5 History of Science talks

Tuesday, 6 September, 6pm: **Know Thyself! Anatomy and Curiosity at European Wax Museums ca. 1900**

Speaker: Eva Åhrén, Dept. of History of Science and Ideas, Uppsala University, Sweden

This talk focuses on itinerant and permanent wax museums in northern Europe around 1900, spanning from simple fairground attractions to elaborate up-scale establishments: the meaning of "anatomy" in this context; their display of physical anomalies and pathologies; the relation between popular and professional anatomy museums; exotic displays of the racial Other; and the example of Julia Pastrana, the hirsute Mexican woman whose embalmed body was put on display for more than a hundred years after her death in 1863.

Venue: Macleay Museum, Gosper Lane off Science Road

RSVP: [macleay.museum@sydney.edu.au](mailto:macleay.museum@sydney.edu.au)



**8 September, 5.00-6.30pm Spectacles of layering & transparency in 19th- & 20th-century anatomy**

Dr Michael Sappol, The National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, Maryland USA

Biopolitics of Science Seminar Series, Thursdays 5.00 - 6.30 pm

The Refectory Room, SW corner of the Main Quad, downstairs, The University of Sydney

**3. Reunions for graduating year of:**

1961 - Sunday, 28 August 2011 - contact: David Brender: [brender@internode.on.net](mailto:brender@internode.on.net)

1946 - Friday, 23 September 2011 - contact Alan Young: [alanyoun@bigpond.com](mailto:alanyoun@bigpond.com)

1957 - Saturday, 22 October 2011 - contact Al McKay: [almckay8@bigpond.net.au](mailto:almckay8@bigpond.net.au), 02 4883 6967 (final year in 1956)

2001 - Saturday, 12 November 2011 - contact Sarah Walker: [slw007@gmail.com](mailto:slw007@gmail.com) or Marisa Magiros: [marisamagiros@hotmail.com](mailto:marisamagiros@hotmail.com)

1986 - Saturday, 12 November 2011 - Contact Susanne Benjamin:

[susanne.benjamin@email.cs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:susanne.benjamin@email.cs.nsw.gov.au)

1992 - Saturday, 25 February 2012 - contact :John: [drjfk@bigpond.com](mailto:drjfk@bigpond.com) or Silvia:

[angusandsilvia@optusnet.com.au](mailto:angusandsilvia@optusnet.com.au)

1962 – Saturday, 10 March 2012 - contact: Diana Lovegrove:

[diana.lovegrove@sydney.edu.au](mailto:diana.lovegrove@sydney.edu.au)

1967 - Saturday, 17 March 2012 - contact: Steve Andersen: [stea@ozemail.com.au](mailto:stea@ozemail.com.au)

1952 - Friday, 23 March 2012 - Contact: Diana Lovegrove: [diana.lovegrove@sydney.edu.au](mailto:diana.lovegrove@sydney.edu.au)

1955 - Saturday, 14 April 2012 - Contact: John Wright: [rebjohj@netspace.net.au](mailto:rebjohj@netspace.net.au)

1972 - Saturday, 29 September (weekend) 2012 - contact: Harry Merkur:

[hmerkur@bigpond.net.au](mailto:hmerkur@bigpond.net.au)

1973 - Saturday 6 April 2013 Contact: Tony Joseph

Please contact Diana Lovegrove ([diana.lovegrove@sydney.edu.au](mailto:diana.lovegrove@sydney.edu.au)) if your graduating year is due for a reunion and this has yet to be organised.

**4. Death notices and obituaries** (year of graduation in brackets)

While obituaries of some medical alumni may appear in the Sydney Morning Herald or medical journals, we often have very limited information about the lives of other alumni who have died recently. If you have any comments about those colleagues, please send them to me, or request their family members to contact me, so we can remember them by more than a simple record of their death.

**Obituaries.** Recent obituaries published in late 2010 and early 2011 in the Sydney Morning Herald and elsewhere included:

Robert Anthony MacMahon (1954): <http://www.smh.com.au/national/obituaries/surgeon-raised-survival-rates-for-premature-babies-20110718-1hlkc.html>

Phillip Sydney (Ferdie) Hunt (1961): <http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/passion-for-surgery-helped-countless-patients-and-his-students-20110724-1hvk.html>

Gillespie Neil McGilp Orr (1944), FRCS: Med J Aust 2011; 195 (2): 96, written by Jim Roche (1956)

Brian Edward McGuirk (1966), DPH (1990), FACOEM, FAFMM - Med J Aust 2011; 194 (12): 662, written by Nikolai Bogduk (1977)

Rowan Nicks AO (MD, 1985): <http://www.smh.com.au/national/obituaries/surgeon-took->



[heart-from-training-others-20110711-1hajr.html](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10730648)

Rowan Nicks AO, OBE (MD, 1985): 'NZ-trained heart surgery pioneer dies in Sydney aged 98' - [http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=1&objectid=10730648](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10730648)

Nicholas Anthony Packham (1959):

[http://www.stjohnscollege.edu.au/pdf/eagle/eagle\\_3\\_june.pdf](http://www.stjohnscollege.edu.au/pdf/eagle/eagle_3_june.pdf) (p.8-9)

George Charles Wilson AM (1953): <http://www.smh.com.au/national/obituaries/medicine-and-mirth-mark-life-of-influential-physician-20110529-1fand.html>

John Michael Buckingham (1971): <http://www.smh.com.au/national/obituaries/awardwinning-breast-surgeon-led-his-field-20110518-1et05.html>

Judith Dey AO (1943): <http://www.smh.com.au/national/obituaries/paediatrician-ahead-of-her-time-as-feminist-activist-20110428-1dyle.html>

Ken Paver AM (1952): <http://www.smh.com.au/national/obituaries/lifelong-thirst-for-knowledge-was-thoroughly-quenched-20110426-1dv0p.html>

Patricia Brennan AM (1968): <http://www.smh.com.au/national/obituaries/faithful-doctor-fought-for-women-20110407-1d615.html>

Richard (Dick) Emanuel Klugman (1953): <http://www.smh.com.au/national/obituaries/labor-medico-was-a-strong-civil-libertarian-20110313-1bsv5.html>

Russel Pardoe (1958): <http://www.smh.com.au/national/obituaries/intrepid-surgeon-an-athlete-and-adventurer-20110306-1bje2.html>

Mary Gwenyth (Gwen) Fleming (1939): Med J Aust 2011; 194: 316 and

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/obituaries/a-trailblazer-for-female-physicians-20110204-1ague.html>

Jacqueline King has kindly sent some notes about the life and career of her father, Raymond King (1947, DDM 1955), who died on 3 June 2011, aged 86. The University records show that he graduated in 1947 and obtained the DDM in 1955.

'In his Senior Year Book, he was described in a quote from Coriolanus as: "I am known to be a humorous patrician, and one that loves a cup of hot wine with not a drop of allaying Tiber in't." It stills seems fitting for my Dad.

For a boy from Broken Hill, he had some remarkable achievements. He was Head of Dermatology at St Vincent's Hospital, co-founder of the Skin and Cancer Foundation, Darlinghurst, Foundation member of the Australasian College of Dermatologists and Life Fellow, American College of Dermatologists.'

For other obituaries of our alumni, see:

<http://sydney.edu.au/medicine/alumni/news/tributes.php>

Vale to other medical friends and colleagues. **Death notices of medical alumni** in the Sydney Morning Herald or elsewhere in 2011 included (most recent first): Beverley Wynifred Kay (1952); Douglas Ash (1953); Edward John Bennett (1950); Colin Bateson Saunders (1952); John Ridley Solomon (1953); Carroll Brady (1947); Noel Ronald Douglas Higham (1942); Raymond Henry King (1947); Thomas Edward Bowen (1962); Geoffrey Shepherd Walker (1955); Anthony David Shirley (1941); George Rowan Nicks AO, OBE (MD, 1985); Nicholas Anthony Packham (1959); Francis Doyle (1952); John Kenmore Donovan (1952); Bruce Hunter Dolman (1941); Ian Ramsay Beavis (1953); Gwenneth Jean Benz (1962); Ian Stafford Doust (1954); Philip Oystagrh (1956); Jean Flora Lee (Livingston) (1941); Jean Wright (1954); Judith Elizabeth Dey AO (1943); George Charles Wilson AM (1943); John Michael Buckingham (1971); William James (Bill) Charlton (1948); James Francis Ward (1954); William Kenneth Amedee (Ken ) Paver AM (1952); Patricia Anne Brennan AM (1968); Phillip Sydney (Ferdie) Hunt (1961); John William Killen (1950); (Anthony) Stewart Mitchell (1961); Keith McDonald (1954); Mark Alastair Robertson (1978); Malcolm Catt (1968); Gertrude Angel-Lord (1947); Mary Gwenyth (Gwen) Fleming (1939).



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Please inform me about alumni news and activities that would be of wider interest. We would much appreciate your efforts in encouraging other alumni who do not receive the newsletters to register their email addresses (see above in section 1.13).

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