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James P. Ainslie



University of Melbourne
MB BS (Melb) 1923
MD (Melb) 1924
FRCS 1927, FRACS 1929

Consultant Neurosurgeon

James Ainslie was born in Perth in 1899. He attended the University of Western Australia and then went to Melbourne University to study medicine, qualifying in 1923 with first class honours and prizes in clinical medicine. He became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons (England) in 1927 and a Fellow of the Australasian College of Surgeons in 1929.

Following his residency he was appointed Medical Superintendent Royal Melbourne Hospital 1925-1926. He returned to Perth in 1928 and was appointed Honorary General Surgeon at the Royal Perth Hospital in 1928 and in that capacity until 1951. In 1948 he established the Department of Neurosurgery and was appointed Head of Department and Neurosurgeon a position which he held until his retirement in 1959.

Ainslie was recognised by his colleagues as having a fine intellect and surgical skill. He also had a strong physical constitution which enabled him to carry a continuously heavy work load. His burden was heaviest during the 2nd World War when he volunteered for active service but was "man powered" instead to maintain surgical care of civilians and the armed forces locally.

James Ainslie was President of the West Australian Branch of the British Medical Association in 1941 and was a Council member from 1936-1945. He was chairman of the Honorary Clinical Staff in 1938 and again in 1957-1958, President of the Medical Board 1958, a member of the Dental Board and a member of the Senate University of Western Australia for 25 years from 1933- 1958. In 1955 Ainslie was a member of a five man committee set up to advise the Premier on the establishment of a Medical School.

He was an active sportsman representing Trinity College Melbourne in cricket as an undergraduate. He was a regular and excellent tennis player and after his retirement he played lawn bowls. He enjoyed fishing and in his last years, gardening.

The Royal Perth Hospital Board rarely names one of its departments or facilities after an individual. Yet one of its buildings was named after James Ainslie (Ainslie House), honouring a man exceptional among those who exemplified the hospital motto "Servio". His colleagues welcomed with pride the honour of Companion of St. Michael and St. George conferred on him by the Queen. He and his wife Gill, who also graduated in medicine from Melbourne University, had three children: two daughters and a son. One daughter, Gill, is a physiotherapist.



Ernest A. Beech



University of Adelaide
MB BS (Adel) 1932
MRCP 1936
MRACP 1961 FRACP 1971

Consultant Physician

Ernest Beech was born in Adelaide in 1908. He was educated at Pulteney Grammar School where as Dux he gained a church school's scholarship to St Peter's College. A government bursary took him on to the University of Adelaide where he graduated MB BS in 1932.

Following graduation, Ernie Beech came to the Royal Perth Hospital as a resident medical officer in 1933 and medical registrar in 1934. He then spent two years in England, working both at Queen Square and at the Royal Chest Hospital in London, gaining his MRCP just before his return to Australia in 1936.

Ernie Beech spent the next nine years in general practice at Guildford where he was in partnership with surgeon Eric Kyle. The two formed a team with Beech as the physician-anaesthetist. He also worked with the lone neurosurgeon in Perth, James Ainslie, acting in this regard as a neurologist. In 1948 he was appointed president of the Australian Association of Anaesthetists and in 1953 a foundation fellow of the Faculty of Anaesthetists of the RACS. Only in 1950 did he relinquish his position of Anaesthetist to the Royal Perth Hospital. When he returned to the Royal Perth Hospital in 1938 he was appointed clinical assistant to the late Bruce Hunt working both in general medicine and diabetes. In 1950 he was appointed honorary visiting physician to the hospital in addition to his commitment as senior physician to the Fremantle Hospital from 1946-1958 and visiting neurologist to the Children's Hospital 1951-1958.

In the ten years before his retirement from general medicine in 1966, he was deeply involved in the medical affairs of the hospital and the profession. He was Chairman of a number of influential committees at the Royal Perth Hospital and President of the local branch of the AMA. In 1968 when he finally retired as senior neurologist he became coordinator of the department of radiology and following this served as assistant neurologist.

Family life was immensely important to Ernest Beech. To a man of simple tastes, the company of his wife and children, his passion for fishing and his commitment to medicine, ensured a rich endowment and reward.

On his retirement, in recognition of his long and outstanding contribution to the hospital, he was appointed Emeritus Consultant Physician.

Ernest Beech died in August 1976.



Terence B. Bourke



University of Sydney
MB BS (Syd) 1949
DA 1955
FFARCS (Eng) 1956
FRARACS 1961, FANZCA 1992

Consultant Anaesthetist

Terry Bourke was born in Subiaco WA in March 1927 the son of Patrick Matthew Bourke, a farmer, and Doris Gwendolin (nee) Hall. He received his early education at Aquinas College in Perth. He then went to Sydney to study medicine, graduating in 1949.

After graduation he returned to Perth where he spent the next few years holding resident appointments at the Royal Perth and Princess Margaret Hospitals.

He became interested in anaesthetics and went to London where he obtained his Diploma in Anaesthetics in 1955 and the Fellowship of the Faculty of Anaesthetists of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1956.

Returning home, he was appointed to the staff of the Royal Perth Hospital, the Princess Margaret Hospital and the Repatriation Hospital, as an anaesthetist. He loyally served the Royal Perth Hospital as an anaesthetist until his retirement in 1992. Terry was known particularly as a conscientious and highly skilled practitioner.

During the Vietnam War of 1971, he was made a Wing Commander in the Medical Services of the RAAF. In a civilian capacity, he has been involved with Harold McComb in working on aid programmes overseas: first in India in 1946, then in Afghanistan in 1978 and more recently in Bougainville in 1986.

Outside of medicine, Terry has been involved with the World Freedom League, and Lions International. He is a good tennis player and as a hobby has made a study of etymology; this makes him a good crossword enthusiast! He has also, for many years, been a collector of antique silver.

He married Nell Sheehan in 1953 and they have three children; one is a nurse and another is a social worker.

Terry Burke retired in 1992 and was appointed Emeritus Consultant Anaesthetist.



Ronald C. Bowyer



**University of Western Australia
BSc (Hons) 1955, PhD 1964
FAACB 1974**

Consultant Biochemist

Ron Bowyer was born in Perth in October 1936, the son of Cecil Bowyer a metallurgist and Mary Evelyn (nee) Lanham. Ron went to the University of Western Australia and graduated BSc with Honours in 1955. He obtained his PhD in 1964.

In 1963, he was appointed Biochemist in the Department of Biochemistry Royal Perth Hospital and following this he worked with Professor Brockis on renal stones. In 1972, Ron went to England to spend time working with Professor Whitehead in Birmingham.

Ron had a distinguished career both as a biochemist and an administrator. He was a member of the Library Committee for very many years and was its chairman for more than 14 years. He also served on various computer committees over many years. He was Honorary Secretary of the Australian Association of Clinical Biochemists from 1980-84 and its representative to the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry from 1984-87. This culminated in the successful bid to have the 1993 International Meeting held in Melbourne. He was made a member of the Organising Committee for this meeting, which was a great success. With David Curnow and others, he was involved in establishing the Asian and Pacific Federation of Clinical Biochemistry and was its inaugural Vice President.

Ron always had an interest in computers and computing and he had a major role in setting up the early (VAX) biochemistry computer. Quality control was also one of his major interests. He was involved in the implementation of the National Q.C. Scheme in the early 80s and was a member of the Expert International Panel on Q.C.

He has published widely in International journals with some 40 papers. In 1961, Ron married Diane Sides and they have two daughters; Helen and Roslyn. Outside of his professional life he is interested in singing and cycling. He was Vice President of The Cycle Touring Association and Editor of the newsletter "Still Cycling". He has been a member of the U.W.A Choral Society since 1989 and is also a member of the WASO chorus.

Ron was appointed Head of Department early in 1994 and retired on 31st December 1994. In recognition of his service to the hospital, the Board of Management appointed him Emeritus Consultant Biochemist.



Harold G. Breidahl



University of Melbourne
MSc (Melb) 1916
MB BS (Melb) 1918, MRACP 1938
FRACP 1950, AACI

Honorary Consultant Allergist & Biochemist

Harold George Daniel Breidahl was born in Melbourne of Danish stock, the son of an industrial chemist who managed the Old Court Whisky distillery in Port Melbourne. He was educated at Scotch College and the University of Melbourne.

He gained prizes in second and third year Physiology and graduated MSc in 1916. Two years later he graduated MB.BS. Harold Breidahl obtained his MRACP in 1938 and was one of the earliest to do so by examination. He was made FRACP in 1950 and was also an Associate of the Australian Chemical Institute.

Harold Breidahl was appointed Honorary Biochemist at the Royal Perth Hospital in 1931 and held this post until 1947. He was Honorary Allergist to the Royal Perth and Princess Margaret Hospitals from 1933 to 1950.

He decided to retire from active practice in 1956 and spent two years in the United Kingdom and Europe. However, on returning to Perth he joined the staff of the Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital where he worked right up to his death.

Harold Breidahl was a pioneer in biochemistry in Western Australia and in addition to his work at the Royal Perth Hospital, he established his own biochemistry laboratory where he made his "allergic" extracts.

He and his wife had three children: two sons and a daughter. One son Peter is a radiologist in Perth and the other an endocrinologist in Melbourne. Their daughter is a trained biochemist.

Harold Breidahl died on March 20th 1980, aged 86 years.



Peter D. Breidahl



University of Melbourne
BSc (Melb) 1949
MB BS (Melb) 1951, MRACP 1957
MCRA 1957, FRCR (Eng) 1958
FRACP 1968, FRACR 1971

Consultant Radiologist

Peter Dean Breidahl was born in Stawell, Victoria in 1927, the son of Dr Harold Breidahl and Ethel Grace (nee) Dean. His early education was at Perth Modern School and then at the University of Western Australia, going on from there to the University of Melbourne to complete his medical course.

After extensive training in Melbourne and overseas, Peter was appointed in 1960 as a Radiologist at the Royal Perth Hospital and at the same time Head of the Department of Radiology at the King Edward Memorial Hospital (1960- 1962). From 1962-1971, he served as a radiologist at the Princess Margaret Hospital for Children. Peter gave continuous service to the Royal Perth Hospital from 1960 until his retirement in 1992 - a total of 32 years. He helped to establish an X-ray Department at the Rehabilitation branch of the Hospital. Partly as a result of this association, he became very interested in the functional and structural anatomy of the spinal vertebrae and in particular the thoraco-lumbar junction. A whole series of informative papers in association with Dr Kevin Singer, a Bio-Engineer at Curtin University, resulted.

Peter gave freely of his time to the Royal Australian College of Radiologists, was its Thomas Baker fellow in 1959, held many offices in the West Australian branch, was an examiner for the College from 1975-1982 and its President 1989-1991.

Peter married Norma Rae Waters, a Royal Perth Hospital trained nurse, in 1955 and they have four children: two sons and two daughters. One son trained in medicine and like his father, is a radiologist. One daughter is a trained nurse.

Peter has a number of interests outside of medicine. He grows grapes and trees at Margaret River, likes good music, plays tennis and even lays claim to being the world's oldest body surfer at Margaret River.

Peter Breidahl retired in 1992 and was appointed an Emeritus Consultant Radiologist.



Dixie P. Clement



**Trinity College Dublin Rotunda
BA. MB BCh.1907**

Honorary Physician

Dixie Paumier Clement was born in Dungamoor, Co. Tyrone Ireland, on the 23rd December 1879, the son of Charlton Thomas Clement MAIE. MICE. After his secondary education he came to Western Australia with his family. He was then aged 16 years. He was one of four who discovered gold at Lancefield which he worked until 1902 when he took his matriculation and left for Dublin where he read medicine and took his degrees.

On returning to Western Australia, Dr Clement was appointed Honorary Physician at the Perth Hospital in 1908 and Honorary Medical Officer at the King Edward Memorial Hospital from its formation. He was also visiting Physician to the Home of Peace and St Brigid's Convent in West Perth. He had a successful private practice in Colin House. His main interest was obstetrics.

He was a member of the BMA Branch Council for 18 years and President in 1924. He was also a member of the Medical Board and Dental Board.

Dixie Clement married Ethyl Burt in 1909 and they had four daughters and two sons. One son, Dixie, studied medicine.

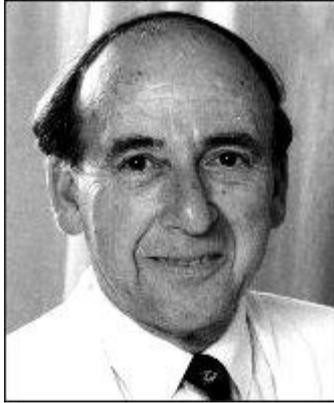
Dixie Clement was a keen golfer and was a member of the Perth Club and a foundation member of the Karrinyup Club. He was Captain and President of both.

In 1949 a new ward at the King Edward Memorial Hospital was named after him in recognition of his work for that hospital.

Dixie Clement died suddenly of a stroke on July 25, 1935.



Alexander K. Cohen



University of Adelaide
MB BS (Adel) 1950, MD (Adel) 1968
MRACP 1954, FRACP 1965
FRCP (London) 1992

Consultant Physician

Alex Cohen was born in Perth in September 1926, the son of Leon Cohen, a manufacturer and Doris Muriel (nee) Weiss. His early education was in Perth at Inglewood State School and Wesley College. He studied medicine at Adelaide University graduating in 1950. He found the undergraduate years rich in theatrical and literary excitement, postgraduate years in London added to this and it was there that he met his future wife Adele Shillman, who had her own career as an actress and producer of stage, radio film and television.

Alex was sometime Research Fellow in Adelaide, Edinburgh and Harvard and he has often spoken of the intellectual excitement of the latter where he held the Royal Perth Hospital Travelling Fellowship (1963) and likewise times at Oxford.

He was appointed to the Clinical Staff of the Royal Perth Hospital in 1957 and served as a physician until his retirement in 1992. His main interest has been in endocrine disorders and he has had a number of papers published in this field.

He has given freely of his time to the University of Western Australia, being a member of the Senate for many years. He was also chairman of the Finance Committee. In recognition of his contribution to the Faculty of Medicine, he was appointed Clinical Professor of Medicine. Since his retirement from the Royal Perth Hospital, he has been Director of Postgraduate Education at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital and President of the Royal Australian College of Physicians.

Other activities have included - Vice President of the Braille Society 1969-72, Director of Appeals, Diabetic Research Foundation 1975 onwards, and board member of the Hebrew Congregation 1975-80. He joined the Board of Censors of the Royal Australian College of Physicians in 1973 and was President of the West Australian Division of the AMA 1972-73.

His love of the arts, literature and music has complemented his dedication to medicine and this hospital. Alex and Adele have three children: Anne, Ruth and Leon. Leon studied medicine and is now FRCS (Glasgow).

Alex Cohen retired in 1992 and was appointed Emeritus Consultant Physician in recognition of his service to the hospital.



William R. Cole



Cambridge University
MA MB BChir (Cantab) 1945
MRCS LRCP 1945
DMRD 1949
MCRA 1960
FRACR 1974

Consultant Radiologist

William (Bill) Cole was born in India in 1919, the son of Clifford Reeve Cole, a bank executive and Lilian nee Harris. He graduated from Cambridge University and entered the RAMC not long afterwards, serving in Italy, Egypt and the United Kingdom. After demobilisation, he worked in Bristol from 1948-1950; at Guy's Hospital, London from 1950-1952; and was appointed a Consultant Radiologist to that hospital in 1952, remaining there until 1957. In 1957 he went to the West Indies to be the first radiologist appointed to the UCH West Indies and from there he came to Perth in 1958 as a Consultant Radiologist. He remained in that position until his retirement in 1984, combining this with private work.

During his career, radiology developed from the practice of a limited vision on a fluorescent screen to the CT scanners and NMR imaging of today. In all of this, he has been to the forefront in promoting these developments.

He married Miss Blair, a physiotherapist, in 1944 and they have two daughters, the elder being a graduate of the West Australian University (married name Dr FP Ross).

In his private life, Bill Cole has been, for years, a most enthusiastic member of the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club and skippers his own boat on the Swan River and the Indian Ocean.

His contributions to literature include a paper in Cleidocranial dysostosis (Br J Radiol), Sickle Cell Anaemia and Yaws (Brit Surgical Progress, 1955) and calcification in articular cartilage (Br J Bone and Joint Surgery).



Graham Cumpston



University of Melbourne
MB BS (Melb) 1928
MFA RACS (Foundation) 1952
DA (RCP&S) England 1954
FFARACS 1956

Consultant Anaesthetist

Graham Cumpston was born in Perth in 1902, the son of Louis Bowser Cumpston, architect, and Amie Muriel (nee) Love.

He was educated at Perth Boys School and was a prominent Sea Scout, being the first to be awarded the Cornwell Badge for courage in 1920. After graduating in Medicine at Melbourne University in 1928, he returned to Perth and was appointed Junior Resident Medical Officer at the Perth Hospital. He practiced for a time in Leonora and Dwellingup and then returned to Perth in 1936.

In 1938 he was appointed Honorary Anaesthetist to the Perth Hospital, a position he held until his resignation in 1961. In 1976 the Board of Management, in recognition of his long service to the Hospital, appointed him Foundation Emeritus Consultant Anaesthetist. He also held appointments as Honorary Anaesthetist at the Princess Margaret Hospital for Children, the King Edward Memorial Hospital and the Perth Dental Hospital.

Graham was a lecturer in Anaesthesia for the Faculty of Dental Science at the University of W.A, and lecturer in Obstetric analgesia at the King Edward Memorial Hospital for the Nurses Registration Board.

He served as a Captain in the 13th Field Ambulance during the second World War and was a member of the St John's Brigade for many years, becoming Commissioner in 1966. He was made a Knight of St John in 1976.

Graham Cumpston. was responsible for introducing the Foregger (Australian Midget) anaesthetic machine which used Cyclopropane to Perth and inaugurated the group anaesthetic practice. He wrote a number of papers which were published in the medical press.

In 1931 he married Rosalie Jean (nee Goilan) and they had two children: Rosalie Janice and Graham Neil. Neil studied medicine and was appointed Consultant Cardiologist to the Royal Perth Hospital in 1968.

Outside of medicine he was interested in aviculture, numismatics and philately. He was also a keen gardener.

Graham Cumpston died in 1981 in the hospital he had served for so long; a few days after giving his last anaesthetic.



Bill Derham



University of Melbourne
MB BS (Melb) 1946
FRANZCP.
DPM (Melb).

Consultant Psychiatrist

Bill Derham came to Western Australia in 1954 on his appointment as psychiatrist at the Repatriation Hospital. He was appointed Honorary Clinical Assistant at the Royal Perth Hospital in 1955 and Honorary Consultant Psychiatrist in 1958.

Bill Derham worked hard and successfully to develop psychiatry in this State. He served as chairman of the psychiatrists committee for two years (1969-71) and had an active role in the establishment of a school of occupational therapy at the Royal Perth Hospital and was it's chairman from 1963-65.

In 1966 he was appointed as the Royal Perth Hospital travelling Fellow. Bill has four sons, one of whom is a graduated in medicine from the University of Western Australia and is in general practice.

Outside of medicine, Bill is a very keen chess player and was responsible with others for the formation of the Royal Perth Hospital Chess Club. Other interests include music and tennis.

Bill Derham retired in 1976 and in recognition of his service to the hospital the Board of Management appointed him an Emeritus Consultant Psychiatrist.



Cyril Fortune



**Universities of Melbourne and Western
Australia**

BSc (WA) 1924

MB BS (Melb) 1932. MD (Melb) 1935

FRACP, FACCP.

Consultant Physician

Head of Department of Cardiology

Cyril Fortune was born in West Hartlepool England in 1903, coming to Western Australia with his family after the first World War. He graduated BSc at the University of Western Australia in 1924. A few years in laboratory medicine stimulated his interest in clinical medicine. He went to Melbourne University to study medicine and graduated MB BS in 1932 and MD in 1935. In 1938 he was admitted MRACP.

Cyril Fortune began his long association with the Royal Perth Hospital in 1932 on his appointment as Resident Medical Officer. Following the Second World War, he returned to the Royal Perth Hospital in 1947 and was appointed out-patient physician and in 1953 became in-patient physician. He was a driving force behind the establishment in 1953 of the cardiology unit at Royal Perth Hospital. In 1961 he was appointed inaugural Head of the Cardiology Department and served in that capacity until his retirements 1963.

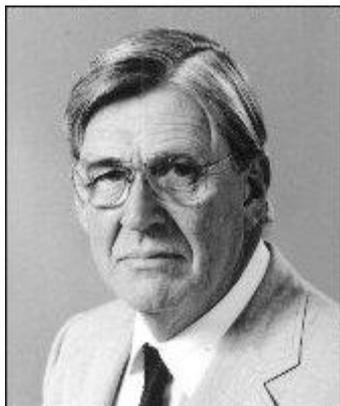
Cyril had always had an interest in blood transfusion and in 1935 he organised the first blood donor panel, leading to the establishment of the blood transfusion service in Western Australia. For many years he was Director of the Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service.

During the second World War he served in the RAAMC holding the rank of Lt. Colonel. In recognition of his long service to the hospital, the Board of Management appointed him an Emeritus Consultant Physician.

Cyril Fortune died in 1984.



Peter Gibson



University Melbourne
MB BS 1946
FRCS 1954
FRACS 1960

Consultant Cardio-Thoracic Surgeon

Peter Gibson is the son of Arthur Horace Gibson, a radiologist, who started the Perth Radiological Clinic. He obtained his MB BS from Melbourne University in 1946. From 1946 to 1950 he held resident and registrar appointments at St Vincent's Hospital and the Royal Perth Hospital. He then went to Shotley Bridge near Newcastle on Tyne, where he was appointed thoracic surgical registrar and commenced his cardiopulmonary bypass studies on dogs. He continued with this work after his return to Perth in 1956.

The big brown dog "Jake"e; (in the mortuary) survived 10 minutes of C-P bypass using a bubble oxygenator with the azygos flow principle and was retired to a property at Serpentine. The first closed mitral valvotomy was performed in 1959 and in the early sixties the first repair of Fallot's Tetralogy. Both operations were performed by Peter as assistant to J.A. Simpson.

On his return to Perth he was appointed Clinical Assistant at the Royal Perth Hospital. He was later appointed Cardio Thoracic Surgeon and became Chairman of the Department in 1973.

Peter and his colleagues were responsible for the development of a first class cardiac surgical unit at the Royal Perth Hospital. Until recently (1993), it was the only one in Western Australia. He was involved in pioneering research work with the "heart lung machine" at the Royal Perth Hospital which made present day techniques in open heart surgery possible.

Peter was a member of the Postgraduate Committee from 1971-73 and was coordinator of postgraduate activities and the annual postgraduate seminars. He was a member of the hospital building advisory committee from 1963 to 1977 and a member of the National Safety Council from 1968 to 1983.

Outside of medicine, Peter is interested in floriculture. He developed a wildflower nursery at Gingin in 1978 and in 1986 commenced a commercially successful rose nursery at Wanneroo where he developed a new vase resilient rose named Kooiana (Green frog breeding place) Daybreak rose.

After 32 years service with the hospital Peter Gibson retired in 1988 and in recognition of his long and distinguished service to the Hospital, the Board of Management appointed him Emeritus Consultant Cardio-thoracic Surgeon.



Frank L. Gill



University of Melbourne
MB BS 1911
FRCS Edin 1925
FRA CS Foundation Fellow

Honorary Surgeon

Frank Gill was born on the Isle of Man and came to Australia at the age of two. His early career began as a schoolmaster and his love of teaching continued throughout his life so that the many young doctors who came in contact with him benefited.

After completing his medical degree at Melbourne University in 1911, he was appointed to the staff of both the Children's Hospital and the Perth Hospital. During World War I, he served with the Royal Army Medical Corps and in the Second World War was a major with the Australian Army Medical Corps. In his early days he was a general practitioner in Subiaco. He went to England in 1925 and obtained an Edinburgh Fellowship of the College of Surgeons in the same year.

Frank was always happiest when working with children and his service in this regard was outstanding. He was a lover of mechanical gadgets and had a workshop at home where he made a number of instruments. It was possibly his interest in gadgets that led to his particular interest in cystoscopy and pyelography. He had an appointment as a urologist at the Repatriation Hospital.

In 1935, Frank was elected President of the Western Australian Branch of the British Medical Association. Sam Gill, the son of Frank's brother Baldwin Gill, was Chairman of the Board of the Royal Perth Hospital from 1978 to 1985. Frank Gill was a keen sailor and shared a yacht named Shalimar with Hector Stewart.

He died in June 1955 at the age of 71 leaving a widow and daughter.



William Gilmour



University of Sydney
MB BS 1946
FRCS (Eng) 1952
FRACS 1954

Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon

William (Bill) Norman Gilmour was born in Lockhart NSW in 1922, the son of Norman Wallace, a business man and Florence (nee Nette).

He graduated in medicine from Sydney University in 1946 and for the next three years held resident appointments at Sydney Hospital.

Deciding to specialise in orthopaedics, he went to England in 1950 and spent three years at the Harold Wood Orthopaedic Hospital in Nottingham.

Bill joined the Orthopaedic Department at the Royal Perth Hospital in 1952 and served the hospital until his retirement in 1987. At the same time he was a surgeon at the Princess Margaret Hospital for Children. His interest in the crippled child was recognised by his appointment as Honorary Surgeon to the Crippled Children's Society. He has written a number of papers for the prestigious Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery.

In 1984 he was President of the Australian Orthopaedic Association. In 1952 he married Shirley (nee Butters) and they have three sons and two daughters. One daughter is a physiotherapist and a son is an internationally famous yachtsman. Bill's interests outside of medicine lie in farming, and in the sports of skiing, sailing and tennis.



William J. Hancock



**Universities of Glasgow and Western Australia
M.I.E.E, M.I.C.E.
D.Sc. (Hon) UWA 1924**

Honorary Radiologist

William Hancock was born in Dublin in 1864. He trained as an engineer and then came to Western Australia where he entered the Public Service as an Imperial Service Officer under the Colonial Office, his appointment being Superintendent of Telephones and later Superintendent of Telegraphs. At the inauguration of the Commonwealth he remained in the State Service and was appointed Government Engineer.

With his engineering background, he recognised the implications of Professor Roentgen's discovery of x-rays in 1895 and in 1896 he obtained x-ray tubes from the London Hospital. His official position probably had much to do with the speed with which he was able to obtain these. He first demonstrated the x-rays in the offices of the Medical Department and this was followed by a demonstration in the Perth Public Hospital in August 1896.

For a period of 22 years he held the official appointment of Honorary Radiographer to the hospital and for 19 of these he used his own equipment. It has to be remembered that Dr Hancock worked full time as an engineer in the Government Service. His hospital work was done in his own time.

In 1924, in recognition of his contribution to science and especially to radiology, the Royal Society of Western Australia conferred on him the Society's first Kelvin Gold Medal. Professor Ross, the President, commented how appropriate it was that the presentation should be made to the nephew of Professor Thomson, a brother of Lord Kelvin. The honorary degree of Doctor of Science was conferred on him in 1925 by the University of Western Australia.

Dr Hancock was a foundation member of the Roentgen Society of London and an Honorary member of the Western Australian Branch of the British Medical Association. He was a member of the University Senate for many of its early years and made a major contribution to the development of the Crawley Campus.

He retired in 1928 due to a disability, probably resulting from exposure to x-rays. Like many other early workers in radiology, he received mutilating injuries to his hands. In recognition of his service, the Government granted him a life pension. On his retirement, the Perth Hospital Board of Management appointed him Honorary Radiologist and he remains the only non medically qualified person to hold such an appointment.

He died in 1931 in London aged 68. His memory is perpetuated by a stained glass window in the University of Western Australia and in a memorial plaque at the School of Anatomy, Canberra. His ashes were brought back to Perth and scattered in the grounds of the Radium Laboratory which later became the home of the School of Medicine.



Richard M. Hester



University of Western Australia
MB BS (UWA) 1964
MRCPsych 1972
FRA &NZ CPsych 1981

Consultant Psychiatrist

Richard Murray Hester was born in Bridgetown, Western Australia in 1939, the son of Godfrey Auguste Hester and Ione Alexandra (nee Wheatley). He studied medicine at the University of Western Australia, graduating MB.BS. in 1964.

Richard Hester became a Member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in 1972 and a Member of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists in 1977. In 1981 he was admitted as a Fellow of the Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists. Richard is a Member of the Gestalt Therapy Institute of Perth. Gestalt therapy is a historical technique for adding a different perspective to reach another conclusion.

Dr Hester joined the Royal Perth Hospital as a Psychiatrist in 1974 and was responsible for running the Psychiatric day hospital for many years. At this time he was also Honorary Clinical Lecturer at the University of Western Australia.

In 1970 Richard married Jane Ann Moore and they have a son Andrew and a daughter Alexandra. Richard Hester retired in 1994 and the Board of Management appointed him Emeritus Consultant Psychiatrist in recognition of his service to the hospital.



Patricia V. Hurse



University of Melbourne
MB BS (Melb) 1957
FATSE

Consultant Neurologist

Patricia Hurse was born in Castlemaine, Victoria in 1933, the daughter of George Hurse, a builder, and Verne (nee Daley). She studied medicine at Melbourne University graduating MB BS in 1957.

After qualifying, Patricia Hurse spent time at the Royal Perth Hospital as a Resident Medical Officer. In 1970 Pat was appointed to the Clinical Staff working in the Department of Neuropathology.

Her profound involvement in genetic diseases and counselling resulted in a reducing incidence of inherited neuromuscular diseases (notably X-linked muscular dystrophy) in Western Australia and a major contribution was made to the genetic basis for familial motor neurone disease Australia wide.

For 25 years she maintained the registry for Malignant Hyperthermia under Anaesthesia.

Patricia Hurse has served the community in many ways. She was made a Life Member of the Muscular Dystrophy Association and of the Independent Living Centre. She was President of the W.A. Society for Crippled Children and a Member of the Board of Governors of the University of Notre Dame.

In 1960, Patricia Hurse married Michael Kailis. They have four children: two sons and two daughters. One daughter, Maria has followed her mother into medicine with a special interest in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

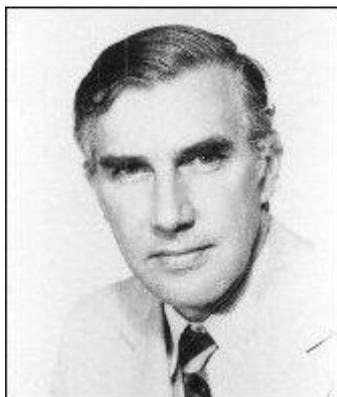
Patricia, with her husband, has extensive business interests and was co-founder and is a Director of the M.G. Kailis Group of Companies. Her interests have included research and development in the Fishing Industries of W.A., notably in the Pearling Industry.

In recognition of her work in Medicine and the Pearling Industry she was elected a Fellow of the Academy of Technology, Science and Engineering.

Dr Patricia Hurse retired in 1995 after 25 years service and in recognition of her service to the Hospital, the Board of Management appointed her Emeritus Consultant Neurologist.



Peter E. Hurst



University of Adelaide
MB BS (Adel) 1953
MRACP 1959
FRACP 1970

Consultant Physician (Nephrology)

Peter Hurst was born in Perth in 1930, the son of Francis William Hurst, a manufacturer, and Ruby Ellen (nee Stokes).

He went to Adelaide University to study medicine and graduated in 1953. Following graduation he returned to Perth and was appointed Resident Medical Officer at the Royal Perth and Princess Margaret Hospitals. His career was undoubtedly influenced by a period as Resident to the Clinical Research Unit in 1955, for he became a Medical Registrar and then in 1957, Junior Assistant in the newly formed University Department of Medicine. In 1960 he took a Commonwealth Scholarship and went to work with Professor Rosenheim at University College Hospital, London for two years.

Peter returned to Perth in 1963, and was appointed first as a Lecturer and then in 1964 Senior Lecturer, in the University Department of Medicine. A special interest in nephrology resulted in him taking study leave to work in Seattle as a Renal Fellow in the University Hospital under the distinguished renal physician Dr H.B. Scribner, who was a pioneer in the dialysis treatment of renal failure.

On completion of his study leave Peter returned to Perth, and in 1973 was appointed Physician in Charge of the Renal Unit at the Royal Perth Hospital, a position he retained until 1987. From then until his retirement he held the position of physician (part time) with the Department of Nephrology.

Peter is of a quiet, unassuming nature with a gentle smile that belies his considerable ability. His career covered a period which saw major developments in the care of patients with renal failure. Dialysis in varying forms was being used and in 1977 Peter, in collaboration with Professor Gwynne Brockis from the Department of Surgery, was acutely involved in the successful development of renal transplantation in Western Australia.

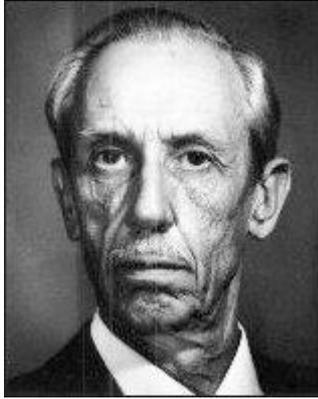
He gave freely of his time to the Australian Kidney Foundation and in recognition of this was made an Honorary life member. Peter was also a member of a number of hospital committees and the Council of the Medical Defence Association.

In 1955, Peter married Barbara Cumming and they have two daughters and two sons; the eldest daughter took up a career in nursing. His interests in earlier years were cricket, photography and the growing of native plants.

Peter retired in 1994 and was appointed an Emeritus Consultant Physician by the Board of Management.



Dennis D. Keall



University of Cambridge
MRCS, LRCP 1936
MA, MB BChir (Cantab) 1937
MRCP 1940, FRCP 1968
FRACP 1973

Consultant Physician

Denis Keall was born in Perth in October 1911, the son of Harry Keall, a solicitor, and Elinor Louisa (nee) Cooper. He was educated at Hale School in Perth and subsequently received his medical education at Cambridge University in association with St Thomas' Hospital, London. With the onset of the second World War, he joined the Royal Army Medical Corps and served throughout the war.

Denis joined the staff of the Royal Perth Hospital as an Honorary Assistant Physician in 1946 and was appointed Senior Physician in 1964, serving the hospital continuously until he retired in 1976. Whilst a general physician he had a particular interest in chest diseases. He was a member of the Board of Management from 1960 to 1976 and for 13 years the Chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee. He also served on the Electoral Committee and the Clinical Association Executive.

He was held in high regard by his colleagues and was Chairman of the West Australian Medical Board for many years.

Denis was a gentleman of the old school, quietly spoken yet determined. All his committee work was vigorous, circumspect but rarely, if ever, moving outside established precedent as might have been expected with a lawyer father and brother. He bent over backwards in fairness. All the work that he did at the hospital was truly honorary and what was paid to him for his services was donated to the Travel and General Purposes Research Fund.

In 1940 Denis married Patricia Badham Read and they have two sons, one of whom is a social worker in Perth.

In recognition of his great service to the hospital, the Board of Management appointed him Emeritus Consultant Physician on his retirement in 1976.

Denis Keall died in 1983, his wife having died three years earlier.



Eric Kyle



University of Melbourne
MB BS (Melbourne) 1925
FRCS (Edin) 1931
FRACS 1945

Consultant Urologist

Eric Kyle was born in Kalgoorlie in 1901, the third child of Ellen and Alfred Kyle, at the time of its first gold rush. One of his brothers became an Air Marshal of the Royal Air Force and sometime Governor of the State of Western Australia.

Eric attended Guildford Grammar School where he excelled both academically and on the sporting field. He was to form a lifelong association with the school. He studied medicine at the University of Melbourne and after graduating, held resident posts in Kalgoorlie and Perth.

He was one time Medical Superintendent of the Princess Margaret Hospital and then spent three years in General Practice in Dwellingup. In 1931 he went to Britain and gained the fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons (Edinburgh). On his return to Perth he developed a General Practice in Bassendean and became a relieving surgeon at Royal Perth Hospital.

During the second World War he enlisted and saw service with the Australian Army Medical Corps in the Middle East (including the siege of Tobruk) and New Guinea. He was mentioned in dispatches and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. After the war, he returned to Melbourne where he gained further surgical experience at the Royal Melbourne Hospital and obtained the Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.

Eric then returned to Perth and became an honorary assistant surgeon to the Royal Perth Hospital's urology unit. To him much of the credit for establishing urology as a separate discipline must be laid. From 1950 he was an honorary urologist at the Hospital and also had a large private practice in urology.

He was a driving force in the establishment of the Australian Kidney Foundation and was elected a life member in 1979. He also contributed to the administration of the Quadriplegic Centre at Shenton Park. He retired in 1966.

Eric had a happy marriage to Sylvia Magnus, though they sadly had no children. They compensated for this by helping the education of many children at his old school.

Eric was a founder member of Swan District's Football Club and had interests in horse racing and recreational fishing. He lived a very full life.

Eric Kyle died in 1987.



Adrian G. Lamb



University of Edinburgh
MB ChB 1940
DOMS 1945
FRACS 1969

Consultant Ophthalmologist

Adrian Lamb was born in Kirkintilloch in 1915, the son of the Reverend George Lamb, a Presbyterian Minister, and Marian (nee) Mc Coll.

He graduated MB ChB from the University of Edinburgh in 1940 and in the same year married Dr. Calder, also a medical graduate of the same university.

They have two children, a daughter who trained as a nurse at the Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital and a son who graduated MB BS from the University of Western Australia and who also holds a PhD from Edinburgh.

Adrian served in the Royal Air Force in World War II in the United Kingdom, Italy and the Middle East. When demobilised he was holding the rank of Wing Commander.

He obtained his DOMS in 1945 and subsequently migrated to Perth where he was appointed Consultant Ophthalmologist to the Royal Perth Hospital and later the Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital.

His interest in outdoor activities is shown in that he was reserve for the Scottish Rugby team in 1939 and a keen sportsman involved in cricket, tennis, golf and even trout fishing. He also exhibited a talent for painting. His happy disposition and his concern for others in his serving "Legacy" was appreciated by all who knew him.

Adrian retired in 1975 and died on 10th August 1993.



Henry A. Leschen



**University of Edinburgh
MB MCh (Edin) 1889**

Honorary Consultant Physician

Henry Adolphus Leschen was born in Adelaide in December 1862. The family came from a Royal House who lived in the disputed state of Schleswig Holstein on the border between Denmark and Germany.

At the age of 13 he was sent to school in Kiel and later to Munich where he matriculated. He then went to the University of Edinburgh to study medicine. After qualifying he returned to Adelaide and had a general practice there for about six years. In 1896 he came to Western Australia and had a general practice in Coolgardie.

Two years later he accepted a government position as Assistant Medical Officer at the Coolgardie Hospital at a time when there were many people suffering from typhoid fever on the Goldfields. In 1899 he moved to Jarrahdale having accepted a position of medical officer to the timber mills and to the Whitby Hospital for mental diseases. Another move took him to Gwalia but in 1902 he moved to Perth where he commenced practice as a consulting physician. He was very successful and was later appointed an Honorary Physician to the Perth Hospital in which capacity he served the hospital for seventeen years.

Henry and his wife Alma had two sons, Arnold and Hubert. For many years he was a member of the Army Medical Corps Reserve and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. At the outbreak of World War I in 1914, he volunteered for overseas service but was retained in Perth as Principal Medical Officer.

Outside of medicine he was recognized as having a profound knowledge of literature and was devoted to music.

Henry Leschen died on 22nd July 1931 after a long illness.



Cecil WD. Lewis



University of Wales
BSc(Wales) 1936 MB.BCH. (Wales) 1939
MCh (Wales) 1952
FRCS 1948, FRACS 1958

Foundation Professor of Surgery and Head of Department

Cecil Lewis was the son of a Welsh clergyman, the Reverend Wilfred Lewis. He graduated in medicine from the University of Wales in 1939 and then as a member of the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve, served in destroyers from 1940 to 1946. His interest in the Navy continued and in 1960 he was appointed Consulting Surgeon to the Royal Australian Navy.

After the second World War he held appointments at the University of Wales; first as Lecturer in Anatomy (1946-47) and then as Lecturer and Senior Lecturer in Surgery (1947-56). In 1956 he was Hunterian Professor, Royal College of Surgeons and in 1957 he was appointed Foundation Professor of Surgery at the University of Western Australia and Head of the University Department of Surgery.

While at the University of Wales he obtained his MCh; his thesis "Observations on fluid balance following head injury". He received the Jacksonian Prize, Royal College of Surgeons for his paper on Melanomas and Melanosis in 1955.

Cecil Lewis had innovative ideas on medical education and a determination to broaden the horizons of medical students. He introduced a free half day into the curriculum called "Comingle Day" at which students met leading citizens of the country and overseas visitors. The need for this was perhaps stimulated by his own wide experience outside of medicine. He had once worked as a circus hand.

Outside of medicine Cecil Lewis is interested in sculpture, the clarinet and rugby. He and his wife Jean have three children, two sons and a daughter.

Cecil Lewis resigned in 1964.



Harry S. Lucraft



University of Edinburgh
MB ChB (Edin) 1919
MD (Edin) 1924 MRCP 1934
FRACP 1938 (Foundation)

Honorary Consultant Physician

Harry Stephenson Lucraft, the son of a grocer, was born in Adelaide, attended Scotch College in Perth and graduated in medicine at the University of Edinburgh, albeit delayed by dangerous naval service in the North Sea during World War I. His mother's father, Richard Stephenson, was cousin to George of steam engine fame.

His peripatetic habits continued with his return to Western Australia for a two year sojourn as District Medical Officer in Norseman, a return to London to practice in Dulwich and to obtain further degrees, including a Doctorate in Medicine and finally back again to Perth, entering a suburban general practice.

He returned to England to sit and pass the Membership examination of the Royal College of Physicians at the age of 40. Returning to Perth, he entered consultant practice with a special interest in cardiology.

During World War II he was appointed a Medical Specialist to Western Command but he was sequestered in Perth, to his bitter chagrin, presumably because of his short stature at 5 feet, 2inches.

His professional life was consumed by the care of patients. His medical competence was unquestioned and a quotation from his obituary gives succinctly the widely held opinion of him: "Some physicians during their lifetime gain the general respect of colleagues and patients. Some - a smaller number - gain admiration as well. A select few win respect, admiration and in addition, great affection. Of these was Lucraft".

He was a skilled and artistic amateur photographer. He carried his camera in his car at all times just in case a misty scene appeared - he favoured mistscapes.

He died in the hospital he had served, the Royal Perth Hospital, on Christmas Eve 1953 from the presumed legacy of cigarette smoking.



Ida Mann



Universities of Oxford and London
MBBS (Lond), DSc (Lond)
MD (WA), FRCS, FRACS
Hon MACVO

Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon

Ida Mann was born in London in 1893, the daughter of F.W.Mann and Ellen nee Packham. She received her medical training at St Mary's Hospital Medical School, London.

The major part of her professional career was spent in England where she was recognised as a leader in the field of ophthalmology. Her achievements included a personal chair at Oxford University and an appointment as Senior Surgeon at Moorfield's Eye Hospital, London. She was also a Consultant to the World Health Organisation in its section on communicable diseases.

In 1950, she came to Western Australia with her husband in 1950. She was appointed to the Honorary Staff of the Royal Perth Hospital as an Ophthalmic Surgeon in 1950 and was made a Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon in 1957.

Ida was an enthusiastic field worker and did many expeditions to study eye problems in the Aboriginal population. She found a high incidence of trachoma among Aborigines and isolated and cultured the organism in Australia. This work brought relief from the illness to thousands and world renown for Dame Mann.

Ida Mann was still doing bush trips when she was well into her 60s. On these trips she always insisted on doing her share. She had no hesitation in sleeping out on the ground, which was more than some of the senior officers accompanying her were prepared to do.

Dame Mann wrote many scientific papers and she also wrote two books which were travelogues based on her own experiences, under the pen name of Caroline Gye.

Ida Mann died in 1984. The dedication in a leading ophthalmology journal reads: "No living doctor has dominated international ophthalmology as has Ida Mann, whose colleagues throughout the world have been inspired by her remarkable work".



Douglas M. McWhae



University Melbourne
MB ChB (Melb) 1906
MD (Melb) 1908
MRCP 1919 FRACP 1938
FRCP 1940

Honorary Consultant Physician

Douglas McWhae was born in Lancefield, Victoria in 1884. He went to Toorak Grammar School and then read medicine at Melbourne University, graduating MB ChB in 1906. He gained first class honours in every subject except biology where he was given second class honours. He obtained his MD in 1908 and then came to Perth and went into general practice. He was a foundation Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians.

In 1914 he went to Egypt with the 1st Division of the AIF. During the Gallipoli landing he was hit by shrapnel which resulted in the loss of his right eye. After recovering from surgery he was posted to Weymouth in the UK. By this time he held the rank of Colonel and under his command were reinforcements, hospitals and Australian Army Medical Corps training units totalling some 50,000 personnel. Following the war he remained in the army reserve and was DDMS Western Command from 1925-38. In 1938 he attended the unveiling of the AIF memorial at Villers Bretonneux and had the unique distinction for a medical officer of succeeding to the command of a contingent of the Fourth Division, replacing General Hobbs who died at sea on his way there. In 1942 he was raised to the rank of Brigadier and was in charge of arrangements for possible casualties from Japanese attacks.

In 1915 Douglas McWhae was made Chevalier de la Legion d'honneur, CMG in 1918, CBE in 1919 and VD in 1928. He was honorary physician to King George VI from 1941-1945.

After the 1914-18 War, he obtained his MRCP in London before returning to Perth to continue his medical career. In addition to his private practice he was honorary physician to the Perth Hospital and the Children's Hospital. He was also Chairman of the visiting Board at the Claremont Mental Hospital and the Board of Lemnos Hospital.

In 1919 Douglas McWhae married Gwynneth Muriel, the daughter of Dr Hope, Commissioner of Public Health in Western Australia.

He was an excellent swimmer and could be seen regularly at Crawley Baths where he would laboriously remove his glass eye and deposit it on a large stake before plunging in. He was also noted for his motor car which was a Nash with the licence plate number "3".

Douglas McWhae died in 1969.



Roy C. Merryweather



**University College Hospital London
LRCP MRCS 1903**

Honorary Physician

Roy Charles Merryweather was born in Yorkshire in 1880, the son of James Merryweather, a medical practitioner and Elizabeth Mary (nee Corney). He studied medicine at University College Hospital, London and passed the examination of the conjoint Colleges in 1903. He was awarded the Fellowes's Medal in Clinical Medicine.

After qualifying, he was appointed House Physician at the Brompton Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest. On completion of his 12 months in this position, he was appointed to the position of Clinical Assistant to Out-Patients at the Brompton Hospital. Following a period as House Physician at University College Hospital, he was appointed Assistant Medical Superintendent to the Brompton Sanitarium at Frimley in Surrey.

In 1908 Roy Merryweather left England for Australia and settled in Perth where he went into private practice with Dr William Trethowan. His skill as a physician was to a large extent responsible for his success in a very large practice. Shortly after his arrival in Perth he was appointed Honorary Physician to Out-Patients at the then Perth Public Hospital. Later he became Honorary Physician at the Children's Hospital and Honorary Physician to In-Patients at the Perth Public Hospital.

Dr Merryweather took an active role in church affairs. He was a Foundation Fellow of Church of England Schools (1917), a member of the Diocesan Council (1917-20), and a member of Synod (1911-25). He was W.A. Branch President of the BMA (1916) and also a member of the Medical Board and the Midwives Registration Board. He had a reputation as a man of sound judgement, wide knowledge and keen intellect.

In 1910 Roy Merryweather married Hilda Blanch Roe, granddaughter of John Septimus Roe. They had two sons and a daughter. One son, Peter is a Pharmacist.

He played cricket and soccer for University College and was a keen tennis player. Dr Merryweather died suddenly shortly after returning home following a meeting of the Council of the Guildford Grammar School on 21st July 1925, aged 44 years. At the time of his death he was the Senior Honorary Physician.



Gerald C. Moss



University of Melbourne
MB BS (Melb) 1925
MRCP 1936
FRACP 1938 (Foundation)
BA (WA) 1960

Consultant Physician (Neurology)

Gerald Moss was born in 1901. He graduated from Melbourne University in 1925 and joined the staff of the Royal Perth Hospital in 1938. Apart from four years in the RAAMC in the Middle East during the Second World War, emerging with the rank of Lt. Colonel, he served the Royal Perth Hospital continuously from 1938 to 1955.

Dr Moss was a distinguished physician and he was the first to foster Clinical Neurology in Western Australia. When a Neurosurgical Unit was established in 1949 by James Ainslie, Gerald Moss was its Honorary Senior Neurologist in addition to his post of Honorary Senior Physician. In 1955 he resigned from these posts and left private consultant practice to become Neurologist to the Mental Health Services.

His flair for Neurology was recognised when he was invited to become a foundation member of the Australian Association of Neurologists and elected to serve on its Council. He was a skilled mimic of neurological movement disorders and of gait disturbances and in discussing such problems in the ward or even in the car park he might, totally engrossed and unselfconscious, suddenly turn on a demonstration, often with a predictable impact on his listeners and bog-eyed bystanders.

One had to know Gerald Moss to realise there was nothing clownish about this for he would be utterly serious. His kindness, courtesy and his charity were absolute. He was a man who never scored at anyone else's expense.

He was a natural scholar with a love of words, the classics and languages. In 1960 following part time study at the University of Western Australia he graduated Bachelor of Arts with first class honours in Greek.

In 1971 he was made an Emeritus Member of the Australian Association of Neurologists. He was fortunate in the enjoyment of family life with his wife Peggy and their three children. Their home was always a quiet haven for visitors.

Gerald Moss died in 1972.



Bertram W. Nairn



University of Melbourne
MB BS (Melb) 1926
FRCS 1934
FRACS 1940

Consultant Surgeon

Bertram Nairn was born in Perth, Western Australia in 1901, the son of William Ralph Nairn, a High Court Judge, and Terisa (nee Bertram). He attended Scotch College and then went to Melbourne to study medicine at Melbourne University. Bertram Nairn spent some time working and studying in England and obtained his FRCS in 1934. He was made a Fellow of the Royal Australian College of Surgeons in 1940.

During the Second World War he served in the Australian Army Medical Corps as a surgeon with the rank of Major, spending much of his time in Malaya. He was captured by the Japanese and was a prisoner of war at Changi Camp. In recognition of his service he was awarded an MBE (Military).

After the war he returned to Perth and established himself in private practice. In 1946 he was appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Royal Perth Hospital and the Princess Margaret Hospital for Children. He served these hospitals with distinction for twenty years, retiring in 1966. He was at one time Chairman of the State Committee of the Royal Australian College of Surgeons and had the reputation of being a quiet but determined man.

In 1936 Bertram Nairn married Freda Weir and they had three sons, one of whom studied law.

He established a high quality vineyard at the Peel Estate and was a pioneer in this area. The vineyard is now run by one of his sons and produces high quality wines with an international reputation. An active sportsman he rowed for Scots College and played football, tennis and cricket as an undergraduate at Melbourne University. He was a long standing member of the Weld Club.

On retirement in 1966, the Board of Management appointed Bertram Nairn Emeritus Consultant Surgeon in recognition of his service to the hospital.

Bertram Nairn died in 1986 aged 85 years.



Roland H. Natrass



**University of Melbourne
MS BS (Melb) 1927
MRCOG 1935. FRCOG 1947
Dip Obs Gyn RCS (Eng) 1935
FACOG**

Consultant Gynaecologist

Roland Natrass was born in Horsham Victoria in 1904, the son of Thomas Natrass an estate agent and Margaret, nee Hodgson. He studied medicine at Melbourne University, qualifying in 1927.

Following graduation, he held resident appointments at the Adelaide Hospital and the Princess Margaret Hospital for Children and then went overseas to do postgraduate work in obstetrics and gynaecology. Dr Natrass was Resident and Medical Superintendent at the Mile End Hospital, London and a resident at St Mary's Hospital for Women, Manchester. While in the United Kingdom he gained the Diploma of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Royal College of Surgeons in 1935, and in the same year Membership of the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. He was elected a Fellow of the College in 1947.

Dr Natrass was appointed Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist to the Royal Perth Hospital in 1936 and in the same year was given a similar appointment to the King Edward Memorial Hospital for Women, where most of his public hospital work was carried out.

During the Second World War Dr Natrass served in the RAAF as a specialist gynaecologist with the rank of Squadron Leader. He has had a number of papers published in both the British Medical Journal and the Medical Journal of Australia.

Roland married Joyce (nee Burrige) and they have two daughters and a son. Their son Peter is a consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist practicing in Perth and a daughter is a trained physiotherapist.

Outside of medicine his interests were tennis, bowls and conjuring. He was also active in Rotary. Roland Natrass retired in 1962 and died in 1999.

Bertram Nairn died in 1986 aged 85 years.



Charles C. Nelson



**School of Optics London
London Eye Hospital
FSCM 1925
FIO 1924**

Honorary Consultant Optometrist

Charles Nelson was born in Coolgardie in 1901, the son of Edward Ernest Nelson, Assistant Director of Telegraphs and Susan, nee Robinson.

On leaving school he qualified after completing a five year apprenticeship with Mr James Neilson as an optical mechanic. He then went to London, studying at the School of Optics where he gained the Diploma of the Company of Spectacle Makers to qualify as an Optometrist. Returning to Western Australia in 1926 he started his own optometry practice in Fremantle and later in 1939 moved to Forrest Place in Perth.

Charles Nelson was appointed Honorary Optometrist to the Royal Perth Hospital in 1936 and served the Hospital in this position for 25 years until his retirement in 1961. During the latter part of this time he also lectured to optometry students at the University of Western Australia. He introduced micro-lenses to Western Australia in the 1950's.

In 1925, Charles was granted "Freedom of the City of London" in recognition of the contribution he made at the London Eye Hospital. During the second World War he was the official optician for the United States Navy in Western Australia.

In 1928 he married Jane Forbes Rattray. They have four daughters, the eldest of whom qualified as an optician.

Charles was interested in a range of sports, particularly cricket and football. He also had an active interest in classical music and played the piano and the organ. He conducted the local church choir, the Churches of Christ Choral Society, and the Billy Graham Choir. He wrote and produced his own cantata- "The Prodigal Son". This was premiered at the Subiaco Church of Christ in 1934 and later broadcast on the ABC. In addition to these interests he was a keen philatelist and fisherman and was honorary optometrist and audiometrist to the Western Australian Cricket Association.

Charles Nelson retired in 1961 and in recognition of his service to the hospital, the Board of Management appointed him to the position of Honorary Consultant Optometrist, the first optometrist to be accorded Honorary Consultant status. He finally retired from active private practice in 1980.



Graham R. Raad



University of Melbourne
MB BS (Melb) 1952, DO (Lond) 1957
FRCS (1958) FRCS (Edin) 1958
FRACS 1961, FRACO 1970

Consultant Ophthalmologist

Graham Raad was born in West Perth on Christmas Day in 1929, the son of Albert Raad, a Pharmacist and Evelyn nee Shehadi. They lived in a stately mansion in Emerald Terrace, which has survived in the professional district of West Perth.

He matriculated at Perth Modern School and then enrolled at the University of Melbourne in 1947. He was a foundation student at the Mildura branch of the University, before taking up residency in 1948 at Ormond College, Melbourne.

Graham qualified MB BS in 1952 and returned to Western Australia for his residency at the Royal Perth Hospital. He progressed to become a Neuro-surgery registrar where he met Dame Ida Mann who encouraged him to train in Ophthalmology. He passed his primary FRACS that year.

During his three years Ophthalmology training in the United Kingdom, he studied at various hospitals and institutions including Registrar to John Foster and George Black at Leeds General Infirmary.

On returning to Perth he had a busy Ophthalmology practice with Honorary appointments at the Royal Perth Hospital and Princess Margaret Hospital for Children. He relinquished the latter after two years because of the pressure of work. He was Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at the Royal Perth Hospital from 1965-1972 and Honorary Lecturer in Ophthalmology at the University of Western Australia from 1969.

Despite his busy schedule he developed business interests in Real Estate and was invited to be Chairman of the Superannuation Fund of the AMA from 1975 - 1994 and still remains a Director.

Graham married Rosemary Allen, they had three children: David, Jonathan and Nickila. He played tennis and developed a strong interest and dedication to golf at Cottesloe Golf Club from 1970, where he is respected as a companion and competitor. He has also developed an active interest as a grape farmer in the Pemberton district.

Graham Raad retired in 1994 and in recognition of his service to the hospital was appointed an Emeritus Consultant Ophthalmologist.



William Riley



University of Western Australia

BSc (WA) 1955

PhD (WA) 1966

FAACB 1968

Consultant Biochemist

Bill Riley was born in South Perth in 1934 and received his early education at Perth Modern School. He graduated from the University of Western Australia in 1955 and not long afterwards joined the Biochemistry Department of the Royal Perth Hospital as a laboratory technologist. In 1963 he was appointed Chemist and Research Officer with a particular interest in the clinical chemistry of steroids. This culminated in the award of a PhD by the University of Western Australia in 1966 and a year as a visiting scientist at the Courtauld Institute of the Middlesex Hospital in London.

Further promotion followed - as Assistant Biochemist (1965-68), Biochemist and Deputy Head of Department 1968 and Acting Head from 1973-75 and 1990-92. Somehow he found time to be a lecturer and examiner at the Perth Technical College up to 1965. Bill held highly responsible positions in the Australian Association of Clinical Biochemists, being sometime Chairman of its Education Committee and from 1979-84, Chairman of its Board of Examiners. He was appointed Vice President from 1982-84 and President from 1985-87.

Within the hospital he served on many committees. His quiet persuasive manner and ready smile winning many friends. He was always willing to give trainees all the time they needed and clinicians found him ready to discuss the biochemical aspects of clinical problems.

His writings are extensive, resulting in 37 publications in professional journals. Bill married Lorraine, who was for many years a nursing sister at the Royal Perth Hospital and they have three children. He has been a keen yachtsman over many years and in his younger days played A Grade hockey with Old Modernians. Many will remember the Christmas pantomimes for which he was largely responsible during earlier years. These undoubtedly helped to add to the team spirit of a first class Department of Biochemistry.

Bill Riley retired in 1992 and in recognition of his service to the Hospital, the Board of Management appointed him Emeritus Consultant Biochemist.



John B. Stokes



University of Adelaide
MB BS (Adel) 1951
MRACP 1956 FRACP 1966

Consultant Physician

John Stokes was born in 1926 in Perth, the son of Ernest Stokes, an accountant and Elwyn (nee) Barrymore. As a very young man he joined the RAAF as air crew but with the end of World War II he entered medical school, graduating in medicine at the University of Adelaide in 1951. He then came to the Royal Perth Hospital to hold a series of resident appointments that led to a career in general medicine. Some of John's earlier years at the Royal Perth Hospital were spent in the Department of Haematology under Bob Pitney and he has maintained a special interest in this discipline.

In 1958 he went to Boston USA, as a Research Fellow in Medicine at the Harvard Medical School associated with the Massachusetts General Hospital.

He returned to the Royal Perth Hospital in 1959 as Honorary Clinical Assistant Physician and in 1964 became Honorary Physician. He continued in the role of physician until his retirement in 1991. He was noted for his bedside teaching by successive generations of students and house staff, his gentle concerned manner endearing him to all with whom he came in contact.

In his professional life he gave freely of his time to a number of organisations, being AMA Vice-President in 1972, Member of the Medical Board of WA from 1982-1987, a member of The Royal Australian College of Physicians Accreditation Board from 1973 to 1981, Chairman of its Specialist Advisory Committee 1974-1981 and a Member of the Council 1982-1984.

John married Edith Kirkman, who had been a fellow medical student in Adelaide. They had a son and three daughters; the son John and two daughters, Helen and Wendy subsequently graduated in medicine. Some years following the death of Edith, John married Audrey Coiling.

Outside of medicine John has always been a keen golfer and enjoys other outdoor activities including skiing and tennis. He also enjoys music and it may be more than a coincidence that his third daughter is a cellist with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra.

John retired in 1991 and in recognition of his service to the Royal Perth Hospital was appointed Emeritus Consultant Physician.



Ivor Surveyor



University of Bristol
MB ChB 1958, MD 1967
MRCP 1963, FRCP 1981
MRACP 1972, FRACP 1975

Consultant Physician (Nuclear Medicine)

Ivor Surveyor was born in June 1933 in London, the son of Jehangir Surveyor, a physician and Ann (nee Segenfield). Following his early education at St Clement Danes Grammar School, he spent two years in the Royal Air Force. On leaving the Air Force he studied medicine at Bristol University qualifying MB.ChB in 1958 with distinctions in Forensic Medicine and Public Health. He obtained his Doctorate of Medicine from Bristol University in 1967 and was made FRACP in 1975 and FRCP in 1981.

In 1958 Ivor was appointed House Physician and House Surgeon at Bristol Royal Infirmary. He then moved to Plymouth Hospital where he was Senior House Officer in Pathology. In 1960 he was appointed Medical Registrar at the Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth. Following other appointments in England and Wales, Ivor came to Australia in 1972 and was appointed Assistant Physician at the Royal Perth Hospital. In 1973 he was appointed Head of the Department of Nuclear Medicine, a position which he held for more than twenty years. He also had visiting appointments at the Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, the Princess Margaret and Fremantle Hospitals.

During 1980-81 Ivor spent a year as visiting scientist at Brookhaven National Laboratories in the USA. He is a member of a number of societies such as the Australian and New Zealand Society of Nuclear Medicine and the British Nuclear Medicine Society and was President of the Australian New Zealand Society of Nuclear Medicine 1987-89. Ivor has been active in supporting the Hospital particularly in committee work. He has been Chairman of the Radiological Panel, Chairman Division of Diagnostic Medicine and member of the Medical Advisory Committee.

Dr Surveyor has published a number of papers in leading Journals on subjects such as Body Composition, Splenic Injury and Nuclear Medicine, Cerebral Blood Flow and A breath test for Helicobacter pylori.

Ivor married Dr Mary Ashworth in 1961. They have three children: two sons and a daughter. Their daughter, Fiona, is also a medical practitioner. Both he and Mary are keen yachtsmen and have contributed to the sport over many years.

Ivor Surveyor retired in July 1995 and in recognition of his service to the Hospital, the Board of Management appointed him Emeritus Consultant Physician (Nuclear Medicine).



Rolf E. ten Seldam



**Jan. O.O.N.O.
University of Leiden
MD (Leiden) 1932
FRCPath. FRCPA.**

***Foundation Professor of Pathology and Head of
Department***

Rolf ten Seldam was born on 2nd April, 1906 in Batavia, in the Dutch East Indies, the only son of the highly decorated General R. ten Seldam. He graduated MD from the University of Leiden in 1932 and in 1936 was appointed Director of the Dutch East Indies Cancer Institute in Bandung, Java.

As a Captain in the reserve of the Dutch East Indies Army he was called up during the War. He was captured by the Japanese and spent three and a half years in prisoner-of-war camps. The hardship and degradation suffered during these years did not subdue him and he was mentioned in dispatches for distinguished conduct during internment.

At the end of the war he returned to Holland and in 1946 was appointed Director of Pathology to a group of hospitals in Eindhoven. In 1951 he came to Australia with his family and was appointed Senior Lecturer in Pathology at Sydney University. He was made Reader in Pathology in 1956 and later that same year was appointed Foundation Professor of Pathology in the University of Western Australia and Head of the Department of Pathology at the Royal Perth Hospital.

From the moment of his arrival in Perth, ten Seldam showed a vigour and enthusiasm which to some was overawing but which was the stuff that resulted in the establishment of a first class department. He was a man of unusual vigour, interested in a wide range of subjects and with a particular interest in the geographic distribution of disease and cancer. On arrival in Perth he quickly welded a team with expertise in different facets of investigative pathology. He was one of the old school who believed that pathology was the most important discipline in medicine and that pathologists were the conscience of the hospital. To his staff he gave total and unremitting loyalty; in return he expected and received similar loyalty.

In 1965 he was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Medicine for a term of two years.

He was an enthusiastic committee man. Soon after his arrival in Sydney he was selected to serve on the New South Wales Cancer Council and to act as secretary of the Section of Pathology in the British Medical Association. In Perth he was appointed Vice-President for Oceania in the International Union against Cancer and later as Chairman of the W.H.O. Committee for Skin Tumours.

In 1960, the country of his birth acknowledged his achievements by awarding him a high honour - Officer of the Orange Nassau Order.

Rolf ten Seldam was a Foundation Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists of



England. Foundation Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australia, Fellow, International Academy of Tropical Medicine.

He was a big man; imposing, always smoking and talking and to some quite frightening. His presence tended to dominate meetings; he was a clear thinker and had an impressively retentive memory and was also a great organiser. He became an Australian citizen and was very proud of this.

Outside of medicine his other interest was horticulture. He was an expert in the cultivation of gerberas, hippeastrums and African violets.

He and his wife Marv have two sons; one is a doctor and the other a farmer.

Rolf ten Seldam retired in 1972. He died in 1982.



Geoffrey N. Thatcher



**University of Cape Town
MB ChB (Cape Town) 1955
FCP South Africa 1963**

Consultant Physician

Geoffrey Thatcher was born in Cape Town in 1930, the son of Brian Wilfred Thatcher, a farmer and Marjorie (nee Myburg). He received his early education in that city and went on to study medicine at Cape Town University where he graduated MB ChB in 1955. Following resident appointments in South Africa, he went to London and worked as a resident at the Lambeth Hospital.

Returning to South Africa in 1957, he spent a year as a Registrar in Pathology at the Groote Schuur Hospital and then entered their registrar training program in General Medicine. In 1963 he became a Fellow of the College of Physicians of South Africa. 1964 saw him in London at St Mary's Hospital as a C.J.Adams Scholar working with Professor Stanley Peart. Clinically at that time, cadaver renal transplants were being done using Imuran for the first time.

Geoff Thatcher returned to the Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape town in 1965 to take up an appointment as Physician to the renal service and held this position until 1976. During this time he developed a renal service which provided facilities for renal dialysis. He was President of the South African Renal Society from 1974 to 1976 and was a highly respected renal physician. In 1967 he was a member of the team which performed the first heart transplant.

In 1976 Geoffrey was appointed Physician with the Renal Unit at the Royal Perth Hospital and he came with his family to Australia. During this time he has had a major role in the development of a full range of treatments for end stage renal failure in Western Australia, including community based dialysis.

He has had some 35 papers published dealing with renal disease, dialysis and, transplantation.

Geoffrey has a gentle personality and is an excellent team player. This is an essential attribute for a member of a renal unit where a good relationship with colleagues and long term patients in renal failure is essential. His smile never far from the surface endeared him to everyone.

In 1957 he married Joan Mc Farlane. They have two sons and a daughter.

Outside of medicine Geoffrey is interested in bridge, golf and world travel.

On his retirement in November 1995 the Hospital Board of Management appointed Geoffrey Thatcher an Emeritus Consultant Physician.



Chen V. Thomas



Universities of Kerala & Melbourne
BSc 1951, MBBS 1958
FRACS 1966

Consultant Surgeon

Chen Thomas was born in Kerala India, in 1931 the son of C.U.Varki, a builder-contractor and farmer, and Aleamma (nee John). He graduated B.Sc. from Kerala University and then studied medicine at Melbourne University graduating in 1958. He was elected Fellow of the Royal Australian College of Surgeons in 1966.

Following a period at Darwin Hospital 1967-69, he was appointed Consultant Surgeon to the Royal Perth Hospital in 1969 and was also Consultant Surgeon at the Fremantle Hospital 1969-71, Princess Margaret Hospital 1969- 95 and Repatriation Hospital 1969-74.

He had a major role in the development of microvascular surgery in Western Australia, including the setting up of training facilities. He has had a number of papers published in the Surgical Journals and has presented papers in Australia and China.

In 1960 Chen Thomas married Rosmary Piggott and they had four daughters: Ranjeny MBBS, FRACP, MD a Rheumatologist working in Queensland, Catherine is an Occupational Therapist, Helen a B.Sc. majoring in micro-biology and biochemistry. Anna the fourth daughter works outside the medical field.

Outside of medicine Chen Thomas is interested in drawing, oil painting, tennis and golf. He retired on the fourth of January 1997 and in recognition of his service to the hospital was appointed Emeritus Consultant Surgeon.



Ian O. Thorburn



University of Melbourne
MB. BS (Melb) 1928
MD (Melb) 1931
MRCP 1933. FRCP 1959

Consultant Physician

Ian Thorburn was born in Perth, the son of Ernest Thorburn, an Estate Agent and farmer and Laura (nee Growse). He was educated at Guildford Grammar School and then proceeded to Melbourne University where he took his MB.BS with Honours in 1928. After working as a Resident Medical Officer at the Melbourne Hospital and at the Children's Hospital Melbourne, he obtained his MD in 1931. After a year at the Women's Hospital, Melbourne, he came to the Perth Hospital as a Registrar in February 1932.

The following year he went to the Royal Chest Hospital, London as a resident medical officer and then returned to Perth to spend two years (1934-36) as Medical Superintendent at the Perth Hospital. In 1936 he was appointed as a Physician, an appointment he held continuously until August 1963.

Ian Thorburn retired in 1963 but retained an appointment as Honorary Physician in Infectious Diseases. He was also appointed Emeritus Consultant Physician in General Medicine and Emeritus Consultant Physician in Infectious Diseases. His service to the hospital continued in this position until he ceased practice in January, 1984. He therefore gave 51 years of service to the hospital. During this time his clinical acumen, personal charm and dedication to the hospital were appreciated by all those who worked with him.

Ian Thorburn had an interest in the St John Ambulance Association which extended over 50 years and in 1969 he was made a Knight of St John of Jerusalem.

In 1936 he married Patricia May, a nursing sister he met in Melbourne. Ian and Patricia had 2 daughters, Sally Louise Brown (nee Thorburn) and Margaret Dagney Oriol Adams (nee Thorburn).

Dr Thorburn died in 1985.



Oswald B. Tofler



University of Sydney
MB BS (Syd) 1950
MRACP 1954 FRACP 1959

Consultant Physician (Cardiology)
Head of Department of Cardiology

After graduating from Sydney University, Ossie as he was known, completed his residency years in local hospitals coming later in the mid 1950's to Western Australia. He then went to London and spent time as a registrar at the National Heart Hospital (now the National Heart Institute). Here he was imbued with the knowledge, wisdom and enthusiasm of one of the world's great cardiologists - Paul Wood.

Ossie returned to Perth in 1962 and established cardiac catheterisation units at both the Royal Perth Hospital and the Princess Margaret Hospital for Children.

One of his contributions to cardiology was in the field of hydrogen studies to detect intra-cardiac shunts and later his mammoth longitudinal study of "The heart of the social drinker", published in 1985.

Ossie proposed and promoted mitral valve prolapse auscultation as "the cardiac clatter", a methodology of weight reduction and an assessment of the quality of life calculated in Life Units.

He was a councillor of the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand for six years during the 1960's.

Apart from the practice of cardiology, undergraduate and postgraduate teaching, Ossie has had a committed involvement to communication as Editor-in-Chief since 1972 of the Maccabean Newspaper. He was also President of the Carmel School Board for nine years from 1975 to 1985.

Ossie Tofler was Head of the Cardiology Department from 1962 to 1973.

Ossie and his wife Tamara have four children, a daughter and three sons. David is a psychiatrist, Ian a paediatric psychiatrist and Geoffrey is a cardiologist.

Outside of medicine he is recognised as a formidable squash player.

He retired in 1991 and in recognition of his long and distinguished service to the hospital, the Board of Management appointed him an Emeritus Consultant.



Max Traub



University of Adelaide
MB. BS. 1952
MRCP(Edin)1957, MRACP 1964
FRCP(Edin)1971, FRACP 1972

Consultant Physician

Max Traub was born in Perth in December 1928, the son of Michael Traub, a jeweller and Ethel (nee) Catts.

He received his early education at Highgate and Perth Boys School, and graduated in medicine at the University of Adelaide. He was early attracted to the role of a physician and spent time gaining experience at the Postgraduate Medical School in London and also at the University of Cincinnati.

He was appointed a physician to the Royal Perth Hospital in 1959 and at the same time held similar appointments at the King Edward Memorial Hospital and the Repatriation General Hospital. Max was also a part time Clinical Lecturer at the University of Western Australia.

Max served from 1953 to 1984 with the CMF and was a Lt. Colonel on reserve. He was awarded the E.D. and R.F.D. for that service.

Max's special interest and expertise lay in gastroenterology and he introduced liver biopsies to the Royal Perth Hospital in 1959 and was the senior gastroscopist when only rigid gastroscopes were available. Always willing to be in the forefront of medicine he pioneered the use of a number of drugs at the hospital and the introduction of a number of invasive procedures both in cardiology and gastroenterology.

Outside of medicine Max has travelled widely and for years made an annual visit to an orphanage in Bali providing it with much needed medical supplies. He is a keen philatelist and a lover of music.

In 1975 Max married Alisa Rubin and they have two sons and two daughters. One daughter is a dietician whilst the sons are engineers.

Max retired in 1993 after 34 year service to the hospital and in recognition of this the Board of Management appointed him an Emeritus Consultant Physician.



Peter CE. Tresise



University of Melbourne
Mb. Bs (Melb) 1937
DDM., RCP & S (Lond)
F.R.A.N.Z.C.P, MRC. Psych.

Consultant Psychiatrist

Peter Tresise graduated at Melbourne University in 1937 and in January 1938 he was appointed Resident Medical Officer at the then Perth Hospital. In 1940 he left Perth for the United Kingdom where he held hospital appointments and also completed his higher degrees.

Returning to Western Australia in 1942 he served in the Australian Army with the rank of Major. In 1943 he was appointed Consultant Psychiatrist to the Repatriation Department and a Counsellor and Adviser to the Child Welfare Department. Other appointments included that of Wing Commander, Royal Australian Air Force Medical Services.

In 1950, Peter Tresise was appointed Honorary Psychiatrist at Royal Perth Hospital, and Senior Psychiatrist in 1964. His long association with the hospital as a member of the Clinical Staff continued until his retirement in 1978, spanning a period of 28 years and in recognition of that service and his substantial contribution to the work of the hospital, he was appointed an Emeritus Consultant. He will long be remembered for his enquiring mind and his ability to ask penetrating questions of speakers at clinical meetings.

Outside of medicine he found relaxation in painting and he was responsible for the painting of Roy Newton which is in the hospital's collection. Characteristically he painted the portrait on the back of a shirt.

Peter Tresise died in 1986.



William Trethowan



**MB. ChM. (Aberdeen)
FRACS**

Honorary Consultant Surgeon

William Trethowan was born in 1860 at Creswick, Victoria and received his early education in Ballarat. After leaving school he worked in a bank for ten years saving money to go to medical school. At the age of 28 he entered the Aberdeen Medical School and in 1892 graduated with 1st class Honours and the John Murray Gold Medal in Surgery.

After a resident appointment in Aberdeen he went to the Rotunda Hospital in Dublin and then came to Perth where he was appointed Surgeon to the Perth Hospital. At the turn of the last century he was regarded as the leading figure in surgery in Western Australia. Apart from serving the Perth Hospital for 25 years, he was also surgeon to the Perth Children's Hospital and the Home of Peace. He is regarded still by St John of God Hospital, Subiaco as the father of that institution.

There is a story told of how in the early days of aviation he flew in an aircraft - a two seater Bristol biplane piloted by Charles Kingsford Smith - to Carnarvon to perform an emergency tracheotomy.

He was active in many other ways. In 1907 he was the President of the West Australian Division of the British Medical Association and was the treasurer for ten years. He was President of the St John Ambulance Association (1907). William Trethowan was one of the founders of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and was a foundation Fellow.

In 1915 he saw service in Lemnos and in Egypt as a surgical specialist with the rank of Major, returning to Australia with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Outside of medicine William Trethowan was a good golfer and a keen yachtsman, becoming Commodore of Perth Yacht Club in 1913. Later he was elected President of the South Perth Golf Club.

William Trethowan died in 1929.



Gilbert R. Troup



University of Melbourne
MB BS (Melb) 1922
MRCP 1930 FRACP 1938
FFARCS 1950 FFARACS 1952

Consultant Anaesthetist

Gilbert Troup was born in Christchurch, New Zealand in 1896. He was educated at Melbourne Grammar School and then studied accountancy. After a spell in Ceylon learning the art of tea planting, he eventually decided to enter the medical profession and graduated MB BS from Melbourne University in 1922.

After serving as a RMO at the Royal Perth Hospital, he commenced private practice in Subiaco. General medicine was his interest and he was soon appointed a junior honorary physician. In 1930 he gained his MRCP. Whilst a respected physician he was also interested in anaesthetics. His commitment to the Royal Perth Hospital and anaesthetics took most of his time.

In Great Britain he came under the influence of Ivan Magill who was recognised as a master of anaesthetics and was the first person to introduce his methods to Australia. At the Mayo Clinic he studied the methods of JS Lundy, then director of anaesthesia, and recognising the importance of cyclopropane, introduced this closed method to Australia.

He was appointed vice-president of the section of pharmacology, therapeutics and anaesthesia, BMA in 1935. Three years later he was elected FRACP and President of the Australian Society of Anaesthetists as a foundation member. In 1950 he was elected FFARCS becoming a foundation Fellow of the Faculty of Anaesthetists of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons becoming a member of the board of examiners. He was honorary director of anaesthesia at the Royal Perth Hospital; honorary consultant anaesthetist at the Childrens Hospital, the Repatriation General Hospital and the tuberculosis branch of the Public Health Department. At this time he still held the appointment of honorary inpatient physician to the Royal Perth Hospital.

During the 1939-45 war he served as DADMS Western Command 1940-41, and then 1941-43 as officer commanding the medical division of the 2/12 Australian General Hospital in Ceylon with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

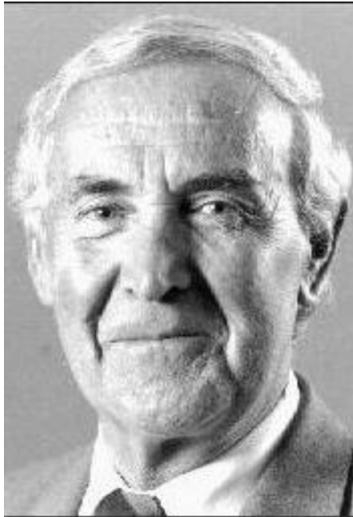
Beyond his family, social activities held little attraction and he always shunned publicity. Although rheumatoid arthritis limited his activities, he acted as anaesthetist to the first thoracic surgical team to visit Papua and New Guinea in 1956.

On retirement Dr Troup was appointed Emeritus Consultant Anaesthetist.

Gilbert Reynolds Troup died in August 1962.



John F. Varey



University of Melbourne
MB BS 1953
FFR 1960
FRACR 1976

Consultant Radiologist

John Varey was born in 1929 in Melbourne, the son of Joseph Varey, a physicist, and Grace nee Hutton.

He graduated from the University of Melbourne in 1953 and in 1962 married Yvonne nee Rutledge. They have one son and two daughters.

John was trained in radiology at St Vincents Hospital, Melbourne, the Middlesex Hospital, London and the Hospital for Nervous Diseases, Queens Square. He has a special interest in neuroradiology. In 1962 he was appointed Consultant Radiologist at the Royal Perth Hospital. He was also visiting radiologist to the King Edward Memorial Hospital.

John retired in 1989.



Thomas E. Water



**University of Queensland
MB BS 1956
MRACP 1961, FRACP 1971.**

Consultant Gastroenterologist

Tom Waters was born in Gympie, Queensland in 1931, the son of Mathew Waters, an engineer and Enid (nee Tucker). He studied medicine at Queensland University qualifying MB BS in 1956.

In 1962 Tom went to the Gastroenterology Department at the Central Middlesex Hospital, London where he was Clinical Assistant to Sir Avery-Jones. This was followed by a period as Fellow in Gastroenterology at St Mark's Hospital and then he joined the Medical Research Council's Gastroenterology Research Unit at the Central Middlesex Hospital. He was supported here in part by a Jubilee Grant from the Royal Australasian College of Physicians.

Tom came to Perth in 1964 and was appointed Assistant Physician at the Royal Perth Hospital, Clinical Assistant Physician at the Fremantle Hospital and Visiting Physician (Gastroenterology Research) at the Repatriation General Hospital. From 1964 to 1966 he was also Consultant Physician to Australian Paper Manufacturers. In 1965 Tom was made Physician and in 1969 Physician in Gastroenterology at the Royal Perth Hospital. In 1974 he was appointed Head of the Department of Gastroenterology, a position he held for nearly 11 years. This was followed in 1985 by his appointment as Senior Visiting Gastroenterologist. Tom had a major role in the development of gastroenterology at the Royal Perth Hospital but in addition to this he has given his time in other areas. He was a member of a number of committees including the Drug Committee.

Dr Waters has had many papers published in key journals and in more recent years these have been in association with Marshall and others, focusing on their work with *Campylobacter pyloridis* infection.

In 1957 Tom married Elaine Harry, who is also a medical practitioner. They have two children, a son and a daughter; both studied medicine. The son is a urological surgeon and the daughter a pathologist. Outside of medicine Tom is interested in bowls, cricket and local history.

Tom Waters retired in 1996 and in recognition of his service to the hospital over a period of 32 years, the Board of Management appointed him Emeritus Consultant Physician.



Barbara M. Watson



**Universities of Melbourne and Western
Australia
MB BS 1962
FFARCS (England) 1966
FFARACS 1971**

Consultant Anaesthetist

Dr Barbara Watson was born in Perth in 1937, her father a business manager and her mother Vera (nee Riley).

She graduated from the University of Western Australia in 1962. She became interested in the practice of anaesthetics and took a number of training positions here and overseas, the result of which she obtained appropriate higher qualifications in her specialty. From 1965 to 1970 she worked in a number of countries including the United Kingdom, Denmark, United States of America and Papua New Guinea.

In 1971 she married and has two children, one who is now an engineer. From 1970 to 1987 she served Royal Perth Hospital as a consultant anaesthetist during which time she became associated with Sir GM Bedbrook in the establishment of respiratory care at the Spinal Unit of the Rehabilitation Hospital.

Apart from her work at Royal Perth Hospital, from 1987 onwards she has worked for the Cancer Foundation in Palliative Care and for many years has served the community through the Red Cross and Aged Persons Support Service.

Her extra-professional interests apart from her family include choir singing, golfing and tennis.

She has contributed short papers on anaesthesia and analgesia and made a contribution to the book of "The Lifetime Care of the Paraplegic Patient" ed by GM Bedbrook.



Stanley H. Watson



University of Melbourne
MB BS 1948
FRCS 1951
FRACS 1959

Consultant Urologist

Stanley (Stan) Henry Watson was born in Melbourne in 1924 the son of Henry Edward Watson, an accountant and Sophia Anne (nee Hester). He graduated MB BS from the University of Melbourne in 1948.

After holding resident appointments in Melbourne, Stan spent some time in Britain studying for the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons whilst also working in Nottingham Hospitals. He returned to Australia for a while but decided to specialise in urology and returned to the UK in 1955 where he worked as a registrar in the urological unit of Richard Mogg at the Cardiff Royal Infirmary.

In 1957 he obtained his FRCS in urology and came to Perth where he entered private practice in this speciality with Mr Eric Kyle.

He was appointed to the Urology Unit at the Royal Perth Hospital in 1957 and subsequently obtained appointments to the Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital in 1961 and the Repatriation Hospital in 1966.

His main contribution to urology was in the development of a urological service at the Sir Charles Gairdner and Repatriation Hospitals. He had a reputation as a quick, dextrous operator with a very forthright approach to his speciality.

Stanley Watson was a member of the Royal Australian Naval Reserve and served in the Korean war. He held the rank of Surgeon Lieutenant.

In 1952 Stan married Jill Wilford and they have four children: two boys and two girls, one of whom is a physiotherapist.

Stanley Watson retired from urological practice in 1989.



Neville J. Way



MB BS (Adelaide) 1948
FRCS (England) 1953
FRACS 1955

Consultant Surgeon

Neville Way was born in Boulder, Western Australia in 1924, the son of a doctor. He received his early education at the Goldfields High School, after which he served for a couple of years in the Royal Australian Navy before going to Adelaide where he graduated MB BS in 1948. He was the top student of the final year and a prize and medal winner.

For the next few years he held appointments at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and was also an anatomy tutor in the university.

He spent 1953 and 1954 in the United Kingdom gaining experience during which time he became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Neville returned to Perth in 1955 and was to serve Royal Perth Hospital as a general surgeon for 34 years and was sometime Chairman of the Department of General Surgery.

At the inception of the Medical School in 1957 he held a temporary appointment as Senior Assistant to the University Department of Surgery.

In his younger days Neville was a keen Australian Rules footballer and played from 1945-1950 for Norwood and the State of South Australia.

In later years he became interested in horse racing and was chairman of the West Australian Turf Club from 1987-1990.

He married Margaret in 1955 and they have one daughter.

Neville retired in 1989.

