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Edmond A. Adler



University of Western Australia
BDS 1950
MDS 1953
FRACDS 1965.

Consultant Oral Surgeon

Edmond Arthur Adler was born in 1928 in Perth, the son of Sam Adler, a pastry-cook, and Vilmer nee Neiger. He attended Hale School and the University of Western Australia. He obtained his Masters degree in dental science in 1953 and in that year was appointed Consultant Oral Surgeon to the Royal Perth Hospital. He also held similar appointments at the Princess Margaret Hospital for Children from 1956 and the Repatriation General Hospital from 1960. Edmond Adler was a member of the RAAF Reserve with the rank of Wing Commander.

In 1964 Edmond Adler was sent to India by the Australian Government with a Plastic and Maxillofacial surgical team. In 1981 he introduced into Australia the titanium implant which is used as an anchor for teeth, noses, eyes and faces.

Edmond Adler married Cynthia Cohen in 1954. They have three sons; two are radiologists and the third is a physiotherapist.

Other interests include sculpture in metal and plastic.

Edmond Adler retired in 1976.



Douglas I. Annear



Universities of Adelaide and Cambridge
BSc (Adel) 1944
PhD (Cantab) 1956

Consultant Microbiologist

Douglas (Doug) Annear was born in 1921 in Peterborough, South Australia, the son of Frank Annear, a carpenter, and Blanche nee Chamberlain. Doug attended the University of Adelaide and graduated BSc in 1944. In 1952 he was awarded a three year studentship from the Medical Research Council and this was later supplemented by an 18 month John Lucas Walker studentship. This enabled Doug to study at Cambridge in the Department of Pathology where he gained his PhD in 1956.

Doug joined the Department of Microbiology at the Royal Perth Hospital in 1958 as a research officer. In 1962 he was appointed Assistant Microbiologist and later the word "Assistant" was removed from all Clinical Post titles. From 1975 to 1986 he was visiting lecturer at the University of Western Australia.

Doug was the Inaugural Chairman of the WA branch of the Australian Society for Microbiology and on his retirement he was made a life member in recognition of his contribution to both the Society and Clinical Microbiology. He is also a member of the Clinical Microbiology Group of WA and the Western Australian Society for Veneriology and has at one time been chairman of both organisations.

Much of Doug's professional career has been devoted to research and developmental aspects of clinical microbiology. He developed methods for measuring antibiotic sensitivity which were used in the department for 20 years. He was associated with the introduction of silver sulphadiazine for the management of infection in burn wounds and has done substantial original work on various aspects of staphylococci. He has had a major interest in the preservation and freeze drying of cells.

Doug has written a number of scientific papers and these have appeared in Nature, Lancet and the Medical Journal of Australia.

Doug married Jocelyn Lake in 1958 and they have two daughters.

Other interests include walking, cycling, swimming, literature, languages and ecological issues. Doug retired in 1986 and is now an Honorary Research Fellow at the University of Western Australia.



Sir George M. Bedbrook



University of Melbourne
MB BS (Melb) 1944.
MS (Melb) 1950 FRACS 1950
FRCS (England) 1951
DPRM (Sydney) 1970
Hon MD (WA) 1973
Hon FRCS (Edinburgh) 1981
Hon Doct of Technology (WAIT) 1984 Hon FCRM
1987

Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon and Head of Department

George Bedbrook was born in Melbourne in 1921, son of Arthur Bedbrook, a retired serviceman, and Ethel Nora nee Prince. He received his early education at the Coburg State School and the University High School, Melbourne. He graduated from Melbourne University obtaining honours in all subjects throughout the course.

From 1946 to 1950 he was a lecturer in anatomy at the University of Melbourne and then spent three years obtaining experience in orthopaedics in the United Kingdom. On returning to Australia in 1953 he joined Mr McKellar Hall in private orthopaedic practice and became a member of Royal Perth Hospital's orthopaedic service. It was he who developed a service for paraplegics and from 1954 to 1972 pioneered the Department of Paraplegia as well as providing service to the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at Royal Perth Hospital. From 1965 to 1975 he was the Head of the Department and its chairman from 1979 to 1981.

In recent years he has been the Director of the Spinal Injuries Programme and Clinical Sub-dean of the University of Western Australia (1988). George Bedbrook's contribution to the care of the paraplegic has received world wide recognition and many distinctions and honours have followed. He has been very active also in the rehabilitation of the injuries and the problems of road trauma. Anyone who knows him is aware of the presence of a human dynamo, a man who has high goals and an ability to achieve them.

His name appears in Who's Who (London), 5000 Personalities of the World (USA), Contemporary Personalities (Italy), The International Who's Who of Contemporary Achievements (Cambridge, London) and Debrett's Handbook (London). He has written 117 scientific papers and publications and two books - "The Care and Management of Spinal Cord Injuries" and "Lifetime Care of the Paraplegic Patient".

Honours include: Betts' Medalist, Australian Orthopaedic Association 1972; Medal of Honour, International Medical Society of Paraplegia 1978.

In 1946 Sir George married Jessie Violet nee Page. They have two sons and three daughters. Hobbies include music and the promotion of paraplegic sport. A list of Professional and Association Memberships shows clearly the extent of George Bedbrook's activities.

Sir George retired in 1981.



Gordon J. Bougher



**Universities of Western Australia and
Melbourne
MB BS 1954
D.O (Lond) 1960
FRCS 1960
FRACS 1961
FRACO**

Consultant Ophthalmologist

Gordon Bougher was born in Perth in 1931, the son of Arthur Bougher, a garage proprietor, and Anna nee Schwartz.

Gordon attended the University of Western Australia for one year and then transferred to the University of Melbourne. At that time Western Australia did not have a medical school. He graduated MB BS in 1954. In 1961 Gordon was appointed Consultant Ophthalmologist at the Royal Perth Hospital. He also held a similar appointment at the Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital. He retired in 1976.

Gordon has represented the State on the Qualifications and Education Committee of the Royal Australian College of Ophthalmologists and has also served as President of the West Australian branch. He has served as a consultant ophthalmologist to the RAAF Reserve with the rank of Wing Commander. He has been a board member of the Association for the Blind of Western Australia for many years and has also served as its President.

In 1954 Gordon married Marie (nee) Arnold. They have four children: two sons and two daughters. Two studied medicine; Suzanne is in general practice and Richard is an anaesthetist.

Non-medical interests include wilderness and backpacking treks, gardening and horticultural interests, tennis and golf.



Gwynne Brockis



University of Leeds
MBChB (Leeds) 1942
MRCS LRCP (London) 1942
FRCS (England) 1949
ChM (Leeds) 1952
FRACS 1958
MS (UWA) 1960

Consultant Urologist

Gwynne Brockis was born in Wakefield, England, the son of John Brockis, a local government officer, and a Welsh mother, Aylie Marianne nee Jones.

He received his early education at Silcoates, a Yorkshire private ('public') school and then attended Leeds University where he graduated with honours and with multiple prizes in 1942. From 1943 to 1946 he served with the RAMC in the Middle East and Italy. A year as a demonstrator in anatomy at Leeds University followed and thereafter he embarked on a long period of specialist training in Leeds, Newcastle, London and Cardiff. He obtained his FRCS (England) in 1948 and developed an interest in urology. He worked at St Peter's Hospital for Stone and with Professor Leslie Pyrah recognised as a pioneer in presenting surgery and particularly urology as an applied science.

Gwynne was of an enquiring mind and this showed in his career as one who liked to work on the frontiers of surgical knowledge. He was appointed to the medical school as Reader in Surgery in 1958 and at the same time joined the surgical staff of the University Department of Surgery at Royal Perth Hospital.

By 1962 he started research in animals on renal and hepatic transplantation and this resulted in him leading the team which carried out the first renal transplant in Western Australia in 1968 at Royal Perth Hospital. At that time he began to practice transplantation and urology exclusively and was made an Associate Professor of the University of Western Australia. In the 1970's he took a small team of doctors and scientists to Sumatra to investigate the problems of endemic childhood urolithiasis which found answers to that problem, and in the 1980's introduced to Royal Perth Hospital the use of ultrasound for destruction of kidney stones, a technique which has revolutionised urological practice. He retired in 1984.

He was happily married to Muriel nee Maney and they have one son, a dentist practicing in Perth. His hobbies include sailing - being once a keen dinghy yachtsman and with age, sailing larger yachts. He is a radio 'ham' and well known over the air waves. He has been an active member of the Uniting Church over the years.

He has written over 50 papers and edited two volumes on Urinary Calculus. He is the author of a book entitled "Scientific Fundamentals of Surgery".



After retirement from surgical practice, Gwynne became chairman of the State committee of the Save the Children Fund. He became a National Director and for 6 years served on their National Programme Advisory Committee.

He revisited the Padang Hospital in Sumatra and was delighted to find that the dietary advice given 12 years earlier on how to prevent bladder stones forming in infants had resulted in the virtual disappearance of the problem.

In 1988 his wife Muriel died suddenly while on a visit to Britain. Later he married Dorothy nee Paterson, a close family friend.

Gwynne pursued his knowledge of electronic engineering by attending courses and subsequently ran year long courses for the examinations that Radio amateurs must take to obtain a licence. His activities earned him the accolade from the Wireless Institute as Radio Amateur of the year in 1998. Associated with this interest in 2003 he completed a course for computer technicians.



Ralph J. Cato



University of Melbourne
MB BS 1931
FRCS Edin 1938
FRACS 1957

Consultant Urologist

Ralph Jackson Cato graduated in Melbourne in 1931 and immediately afterwards returned to Perth as an RMO at the Royal Perth Hospital.

From 1934-36 he served with the Royal Flying Doctor Service in Wyndham. In 1934 he obtained Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh.

His association with the Royal Perth Hospital was renewed in 1951 when he joined the Urology Unit. In this he served until his retirement in 1968.

He is known locally for developing a surgical operation to relieve incontinence in women. The technique has been subsequently copied elsewhere, but unfortunately the originator of the method has been largely ignored in the world literature.

He has given freely of his time to the Society of St John of Jerusalem obtaining high rank in that order.

Ralph has a son active in surgical practice in Melbourne.



Henry S. Cohen



University of Melbourne
MB BS 1947
DA (London) 1952
FFARCS 1954
FFARACS 1956

Consultant Anaesthetist

Henry Cohen was born in 1921 in Perth, the son of David, who worked in the clothing industry, and Rachel Cohen.

Henry was appointed Consultant Anaesthetist at the Royal Perth Hospital in 1954 where he served until he retired in 1974. He also held similar appointments at the King Edward Memorial Hospital and the Princess Margaret Hospital between 1954 and 1963 and the Perth Chest Hospital (Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital) from 1954 to 1968.

In 1958 he married Judy nee Alexander and they have three daughters, one of whom is a nurse and another a physiotherapist.

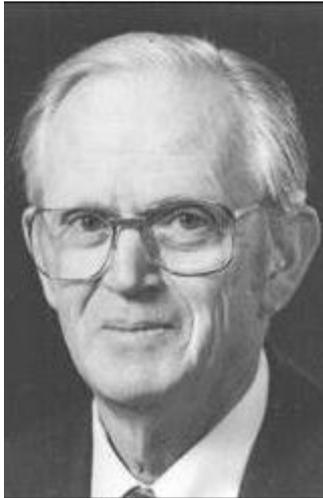
Henry Cohen has a number of firsts to his name. He delivered the first baby born to a mother with poliomyelitis in an "iron lung" at the Royal Perth (Rehabilitation) Hospital. He was responsible for administering the first intrathecal dose of penicillin to treat meningococcal meningitis at the Royal Perth Hospital in 1948 and he introduced a hypotensive technique with anaesthesia for neurosurgery at the Royal Perth Hospital in 1953.

He published a historical paper on "Gilbert Reynolds Troup" in 1975 which illustrates his interest in promoting the study of medical history particularly that of anaesthesia.

Other interests include golf and fishing.



Herbert A. Copeman



University of Queensland
MB BS 1951
MRACP 1957
FRACP 1969

Consultant Physician

Herbert Copeman was born in Brisbane in 1923, the son of Arthur Bradby Copeman, a school Principal and Regional Director of Education, and Ellen nee Briggs. His early education was at Toowoomba Grammar School.

In 1942, at the age of 19, he joined the Royal Australian Air Force and served as a fighter pilot in World War II in the United Kingdom and Europe, attaining the rank of Flying Officer.

After demobilisation he entered the Queensland Medical School and graduated MB BS in 1951, winning the MNA Prize in Clinical Medicine. After gaining the necessary experience he was appointed a consultant physician to the Royal Brisbane Hospital in 1957. For the next seventeen years he was extremely active in many aspects of medicine and at the same time was President of the Queensland Marriage Guidance Council from 1955 - 1965 and Vice President of the National Marriage Guidance Council of Australia between 1958 and 1968.

In 1975 he moved to Perth, having been appointed Coordinator of Postgraduate Studies in the University of Western Australia and Honorary Consultant in General Medicine and Endocrinology at the Royal Perth Hospital. In this capacity he influenced the careers of many graduates. He was sometime President of the Australian Postgraduate Federation in Medicine in Australia.

He has had considerable interest in the effect of hormones in the prevention or regression of atheroma and has published articles on this subject overseas. His real forté has been as a teacher and a caring physician.

He married Margaret Jean nee Hill in 1947 and they have three sons and a daughter. One son is a doctor and the daughter is a social worker.

In his private life, Herb has been a true sportsman with interests in rugby union, tennis and sailing.

After retirement from Royal Perth Hospital in 1988, he has continued to act as a Consultant Physician at the Albany Regional Hospital.



Peter I. Cromack



University of London
MB BS 1945
FRCS (Eng) 1952
FRACS 1958

Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon

Mr Peter Cromack was born in London in 1920, the son of a civil servant. Before attaining his English Fellowship in 1952 he gained surgical experience in a number of English hospitals. From 1955 - 1956 he was a graded specialist with the rank of Major in the Royal Army Medical Corps.

In 1956 he was first associated with the Royal Perth Hospital Orthopaedic Department and by the time of his retirement was the orthopaedic surgeon in charge of one of its divisions. He has had attachments to both Princess Margaret and Fremantle Hospitals. More importantly he served the Repatriation Hospital from 1956 - 1975 where he was responsible for developing a full orthopaedic service for that hospital. After his retirement from Perth hospitals in 1975, he developed an orthopaedic service at the Albany Regional Hospital where none had previously existed.

His interests outside the profession are in fishing and gardening. His writings include a paper on the mechanism and nature of the injury in dislocation of the elbow and a method of treatment in the ANZ Journal of Surgery, 1961 and a description of the rare mesenchymoma of the thigh in the British Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery.

He has a son and a daughter; the latter is involved in one of the medical auxiliary professions.



David W. Cullingford



University of London (Guy's Hospital Medical School)

MB BS (London) 1946

MRCS LRCP 1946

FFARCS 1954

FFARACS 1969

Consultant Anaesthetist

Dr David Cullingford was born in Leigh-on-Sea Essex, England in 1922, the son of Victor Howard Cullingford, a civil servant, and Dorothy nee Overton. He graduated from London University in 1946 and held resident appointments in the London area before joining the RAF Medical Service as a Flight Lieutenant in 1947. While in the RAF he spent some time in Egypt and the canal zone. On returning to civilian life, he trained as an anaesthetist and was appointed a consultant in that specialty by the Birmingham (UK) Regional Hospital in 1954.

From 1962 to 1963 he took leave and travelled to India to work at the Christian Medical College, Vellore, South India and this took him to rural hospitals with virtually no equipment. He found the fellowship of the doctors working in this Christian Centre one of the highlights of his life.

In 1967 he immigrated to Australia having been appointed Director of Anaesthetics at the Fremantle Hospital. In 1970 he began an association with the Department of Anaesthesia at Royal Perth Hospital and remained a consultant until his retirement by in 1988.

Since then he has continued to practice anaesthesia in private practice and regional hospitals.

In 1953, he married Avery nee Hancock. They have two sons, Graham and Robert; the former is a surgeon and the latter a physician.

His main hobbies have been sailing and music. He is currently a keen member of the University Choral Society.



Thomas B. Cullity



Universities of Western Australia and Adelaide
MB BS (Adelaide) 1947
MRACP 1950
MRCP (London) 1952
FRACP 1964
FRCP (London) 1975

Consultant Physician

Thomas (Tom) Cullity was born in 1925 in Port Adelaide, the son of Thomas Cullity, timber merchant and engineer, and Margaret nee Anglin.

He graduated MB BS from Adelaide University in 1947. Tom Cullity has had a long association with the Royal Perth Hospital. He was an RMO and Registrar in 1949 and was appointed Physician in 1953. He retired in 1983.

His major interest was in cardiology and his skill in this discipline was recognised by his appointment as Consulting Cardiologist to the Sir Charles Gairdner and Fremantle Hospitals as well as the Royal Perth Hospital.

Interestingly Tom was an Assistant RMO at the National Heart Hospital in 1953-54 with Paul Wood and his team when the clinical diagnosis of heart disease first evolved from ignorance, to the precision obtained from cardiac catheterisation and angiocardiology. He passed the first cardiac catheter (on a Fallot's Tetralogy) at the Royal Perth Hospital in 1953.

Tom married in 1956 and he and Veronica have four daughters. He married Eve Shannon in 1998.

He has many interests outside of medicine. He has played cricket and football for Adelaide University and has a half blue for football from UWA. He is still a great cricket fan.

Tom planted the Vasse Felix vineyard and so pioneered the production of quality white wine in the Margaret River area of the South West. He has written about this in a paper entitled "History of Margaret River Wine", held in the National Library, Canberra.

He has also translated Freycinet's "Voyage au tour du monde" into English, illustrating yet another of his interests.



David H. Curnow



BSc (WA) 1942
PhD (London) 1950
FRACI 1961
FAACB 1968
Hon FRCPA 1970
Hon DSc (WA) 1989
Appointed AO in 1987

***Foundation Professor of Clinical Biochemistry
and Head of Department***

David Curnow was born in Bunbury in 1921, the son of James, a farmer, and Sophia nee Gibbs. He is a member of a large family of Cornish descent. He graduated from the University of Western Australia in Science in 1942 and obtained a Doctorate of Philosophy from the University of London in 1950. David was appointed Head of the Department of Clinical Biochemistry on January 1st 1953. He retained this position for 20 years until 1974 when he retired to take up the position of Head of Combined Clinical Biochemistry Services at the Queen Elizabeth 11 Medical Centre. David built an outstanding Department of Biochemistry at the Royal Perth Hospital with an International reputation. In 1968 he was appointed Foundation Professor of Clinical Biochemistry at the University of Western Australia but retained his post as head of department at the Royal Perth Hospital. David was Visiting Specialist to the Department of Veterans Affairs from 1977 to 1985 and Honorary Consultant Biochemist to the King Edward Memorial Hospital.

David had a leading role in the formation of the Australian Association of Clinical Biochemists. He was its first Honorary Secretary and served two terms as President. He was made a Life Fellow of the Association and the David Curnow Plenary Lecture which is delivered annually was established in his honour. He has represented Australia on the International Bodies of Clinical Chemistry and has been Chairman of The International Committee of Education in Clinical Chemistry. He was appointed an Officer (AO) in the Order of Australia for service to science, particularly in the field of clinical chemistry.

David Curnow has written 90 scientific papers and was co-author of the text book "Metabolic Pathways in Medicine". A number of his papers dealt with results from the Busselton Population Studies and he played an important role in the planning and execution of these studies.

For many years David has served on the Executive Committee of the Red Cross (WA) and is also Vice-President of Friends of the University of Western Australia Art Gallery.

David married Norma Somers in 1952 and they have four sons.

He has wide ranging interests, including travel, sailing and music.



Richard E. Davis



University of Western Australia

MSc 1970

PhD 1974

AIMLS 1952

FIMLS 1955

FAACB 1980

Consultant Haematologist

Richard Davis was born in 1924 in London, the son of Harold Davis, caterer, and Edith nee Wall. He originally trained as a cabinet maker but at the age of 18 he was called for military service and it was in the army that he received his initial training as a laboratory technologist. After four years he became chief technologist at the Central Reference Laboratory for South East Asia which was located in India, with the rank of Warrant Officer. He was one of only two Warrant Officers with laboratory appointments in the British Army at that time. After the war, he spent two years with Professor Sir John Dacie at the Royal Postgraduate School and took his AIMLS and later his FIMLS qualifications.

He worked in Iran and Africa for a number of years and then joined the Colombo Plan and was sent to Bangladesh with Professor Shortt to reorganise the pathology services of that country. Richard came to the Royal Perth Hospital by invitation in 1955 as the first chief technologist in the newly formed Department of Haematology. He obtained his MSc from the University of WA in 1970 and his PhD in 1974.

In 1970 he was appointed Assistant Haematologist and later the word assistant was removed from all Clinical Staff posts. He has been a visiting lecturer at both UWA and WAIT (Curtin University).

In 1957 he was a member of a Government sponsored team, which included Professor Ida Mann, sent to study the health of the Aborigines. The team drove from Perth to Giles and this was recorded in a book written by Professor Mann "The Cockney & The Crocodile". In 1968 he spent nine months in the Department of Haematology at St Bartholomew's Hospital to advise on restructuring. Richard's major interests have been laboratory management, automation and research. He designed the first semi-automated system for the rapid processing of blood samples in 1967 and later developed automated systems for measuring a number of B group vitamins. He was a member of the team responsible for the development of a highly successful computer based data handling system for haematology. He was the first to set up routine hospital based screening for hepatitis B in Australia and the first to introduce a method for measuring glycosylated haemoglobin in this country.

During his time at the Royal Perth Hospital Richard Davis has received many hundreds of thousands of dollars in research grants. He has written nearly 200 scientific papers including six book chapters. He has regularly attended major International Meetings in Haematology and Biochemistry and has spoken at most of



them, often by invitation.

He is a life Fellow of the Royal Microscopical Society, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Health, an Associate Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australia and a Fellow of the International Society of Haematology. In recognition of his contribution to Haematology he was made a life member of the Haematology Society of Australia in 1989.

In 1960 Richard married Norma Mackinnon, a laboratory scientist, they have one son who is also a medical scientist. Other interests include cabinet making, electronics, philately and travel. Richard retired in 1988.

In 1998 Richard was invited to head a voluntary team at the Royal Perth Hospital to develop a website to provide a basis for the diagnosis, treatment and prophylaxis of malaria. Within a relatively short time the site was set up and while it was originally meant to serve Western Australia it was rapidly taken up worldwide. The site is now available in English, French and Spanish and has attracted more than 500,000 visitors from 150 countries. It is also available as a CD ROM.

His work in medicine and education was recognised nationally by being made a member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 2001 and by the award of the Australian Centenary medal in 2003.



Alec L. Dawkins



Universities of Adelaide & Liverpool
MB.BS 1927 MCh (Orth) 1936.
FRCS (Ed). 1931 FRACS 1935.

Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon

Alec Dawkins was born at Hamley Bridge, South Australia in 1905 the son of a medical practitioner. He attended Prince Alfred's College and then entered Adelaide University as a medical student in 1923. He was a keen sportsman and as Inter-Varsity Captain, he gained his Blue for lacrosse.

Following his residency at Adelaide Hospital, he did postgraduate work in London and Edinburgh and obtained his FRCS(Ed) in 1931. Returning to the Adelaide Hospital in 1932 he was appointed Surgical Clinical Assistant and then Honorary Assistant Pathologist. He obtained his FRACS in 1935 and in 1936 went to Liverpool where he obtained his MCh (Orth). Returning to Adelaide, he practiced as an orthopaedic surgeon and then in 1939 moved to Perth, as Honorary Assistant Orthopaedic Surgeon at both the Royal Perth Hospital and Princess Margaret Hospital for Children.

Alec Dawkins had a long association with the Army which dated back to 1923. He saw active service in the Middle East during the Second World War and in 1945 was Director of Medical Services, New Guinea, New Britain and Bougainville with the rank of Brigadier.

He had an association with the Order of St John dating from 1932 and was President from 1945-54 and Commissioner (WA) to 1966.

After the War he resumed his appointment at the Royal Perth Hospital and by 1953 was Senior Orthopaedic Surgeon. In 1960 a Department of Orthopaedics was formed at the Royal Perth Hospital and Alec Dawkins remained its Head until his retirement in 1965.

Alec Dawkins was President of the BMA (WA Branch) from 1953-54, President of the Australian Orthopaedic Association 1966, Chairman Honorary Medical Staff (PMH) 1954-56 and a member of numerous hospital advisory committees.

In 1940 he married Muriel, the daughter of the late Sir Ernest Lee Steere. They had five sons. Roger studied medicine and became the Inaugural Professor of Immunology at the University of Western Australia. John entered politics and became Treasurer in the Keating Labour Government.

Alec Dawkins died in 1975.



Ernest J. England



University of Western Australia and Adelaide
MB BS (Adelaide) 1951
FRCS (Edinburgh) 1958
FRCS (England) 1958
FRACS 1963

Consultant Urologist

Ernest (Ernie) England was born in Bunbury in 1927, the son of Ernest Roy and Bessie nee James. His older brother is Dr Ernest Bert England, a general practitioner in Rockingham.

Ernie was educated at Wesley College and the Universities of Western Australia and Adelaide, graduating in Medicine in 1951.

From school days when he was captain of Wesley College (Perth), he proved to be an outstanding sportsman representing both the States of South Australia and Western Australia in cricket and hockey. From 1946 to 1949 he played for the Combined Australian Universities at hockey.

After graduating in Adelaide, he became a resident medical officer at Royal Perth Hospital from 1952 to 1954. In 1953 he married Wendy nee Nunn. Like many young surgeons in training, he spent some time in England including a period at the Brompton Hospital with Mr Price Thomas in 1958. In that year he obtained both the Edinburgh and English fellowships of the Colleges of Surgeons.

Returning to Perth in 1958 he joined the staff of Royal Perth Hospital in Urology holding positions including that of its chairman by the time of his retirement in 1988.

In 1962 he spent a year with Professor Goodwin at the University College of Los Angeles. In 1985 he was the President of the Urological Society of Australasia.

His major contribution has been in the establishment of urology as an exclusive speciality in this state, and in the urological management of the paraplegic patient. On this subject he has been the joint author of a well recognised book.

Ernie has a son, Peter, who has followed his father into the speciality of urology.



Robert L. Finlay-Jones



MB BS (Sydney) 1943
Diploma in Clinical Pathology (Sydney) 1951
FRCPath 1969
FRCPA 1972

Consultant Pathologist and Head of Department

Robert (Bob) Finlay-Jones joined the staff of the Royal Perth Hospital as a Specialist Pathologist in 1957. His skill, judgement, and dry sense of humour were quickly appreciated by his colleagues and his services were much in demand both from within and outside the hospital. He was a visiting clinical lecturer in the Department of Pathology, University of Western Australia from 1957 until his retirement in 1980.

Bob was born in Sydney in 1920, the son of a Commonwealth Civil Servant.

Bob served as a Surgeon Lieutenant in The Royal Australian Navy in the South West Pacific Area.

In 1961 Bob Finlay-Jones was invited to spend a year at The Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington as a research scholar and this made a great impression on him. He also has the unusual distinction of being an Honorary member of the Association of Military Surgeons, USA.

He has written over 30 papers which have usually been published in Journals such as the New England Journal of Medicine, Neurology, American Journal of Clinical Pathology etc.

In 1946 Bob married Betty Sherin. They have three sons and two daughters. Two sons are doctors.

In his private life he is an enthusiastic bridge player and a very knowledgeable gardener.

Bob Finlay-Jones retired in 1980.



Robert F. Fleay



**Western Australian Institute of Technology and
Curtin University of Technology**

Dip App Sc 1959

FAIR 1961. FAIP 1965

BSc (WAIT) 1972

Hon FRACR 1976

MSc (WAIT) 1982

Consultant Physicist

Robert (Bob) Fleay gave forty years service to Royal Perth Hospital.

He was born at Mount Lawley in 1929 and received his schooling at Perth Modern School. In 1947 he joined the staff of Royal Perth Hospital as a cadet radiographer. On completion of the four year course he elected to undertake a special course in Radiotherapy Techniques at the Peter McCallum Institute in Melbourne - a course he completed with distinction. At the age of 23 he was appointed Senior Radiotherapy Technician in the Radiotherapy Department and in 1959 Chief Radiotherapy Technician. In that year he also completed a Diploma in Applied Science at Perth Technical College.

With the establishment of a Department of Medical Physics in 1960, he joined the staff of that department as Assistant to the Medical Physicist. The same year he was awarded the Watson Victor Medallion by the Australian Institute of Radiography for outstanding achievement in Radiography. He was also its Federal President in that year.

Always interested in new developments, he was awarded a Winston Churchill Memorial Fellowship, one of the first given in Western Australia, to study the use of radioisotopes in diagnosis and therapy at the Medical Research Centre Brookhaven National Laboratory, New York.

In his private life Bob was married to Fran, at one time also a member of Royal Perth Hospital staff. He has a son and a daughter and is a well known yachtsman and power boat owner being sometime Commodore of the Fremantle Sailing Club.

Bob retired in 1987.



Donald W. Fleming



University of Melbourne
MB BS (Melbourne) 1940
FRCS (England) 1948
FRACS 1957

Consultant Surgeon

Donald (Don) Fleming was born in the country town of Carnarvon, Western Australia in 1917, the son of a pastoralist. He received his early education as a boarder at Guildford Grammar School and then studied medicine at the University of Melbourne, winning the prize for clinical medicine.

From 1942 to 1945 he served with the RAMC, some of this time with the 105 Light Field Ambulance in Dutch New Guinea.

After the end of the war he trained in surgery and obtained the Fellowship of the English College of Surgeons in 1948. About three years in England at this time left a strong impression on the young Donald. He worked first at Oswestry at the Robert Jones Orthopaedic Hospital under many eminent orthopaedic surgeons including Sir Reginald Watson Jones, Sir Henry Osmond Clarke, Lloyd Griffiths and Reginald Rolt and Don could well have become an orthopaedic surgeon. After that as RSO at the Royal Masonic Hospital and All Saints Hospital he met a cross section of London's most distinguished surgeons including Sir Cecil Wakely, Mr Arthur (later Lord) Porritt and Terence Millin. The latter, the inventor of the prostatectomy operation bearing his name, was a hard working volatile Irishman who left a lasting impression on anyone who worked with him.

Donald returned to Perth in 1950 and was then appointed to the surgical staff at the Royal Perth Hospital which he served until his retirement in 1982 when he was a senior surgeon. A dextrous operator, he had a special interest in abdominal and urological surgery.

He served the hospital as a board member from 1962 to 1968 and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons as a Councillor from 1969 to 1981. He was sometime Chairman of the Board of General Surgery.

He married Elizabeth nee Cook in 1943 and they have two daughters, one of whom is a trained nurse, and a son who is a chemical engineer.

In his private life he has greatly enjoyed an association with the West Perth Football Club of which he is now an honorary life member. He grows orchids as a pastime.



Albert Gild



University of Adelaide
MB, BS (Adel) 1934
FRCS 1940
FRACS 1948

Consultant Surgeon

Albert Gild was born in Adelaide, the son of Louis Gild and Gertrude nee Adelson in 1912. He attended Adelaide University and graduated MB,BS. in 1934.

After resident appointments, he was made Lecturer in Histology at the University of Adelaide in 1937. The following year he was appointed Lecturer in Anatomy at King's College Newcastle upon Tyne. From 1940-42 he was a surgeon at the Essex County Hospital London. He then joined the RAMC as a surgical specialist with the rank of Major and served in Italy and in India, mostly in general hospitals, but also with a Field Surgical Unit. After demobilisation he returned to Australia and was appointed to the Surgical staff of both the Royal Perth and Princess Margaret Hospitals in 1947. He served the latter until 1970 and the Royal Perth Hospital until his retirement in 1974.

He is well known to generations of medical students as a good teacher of the fundamentals of surgery and after retiring from the Clinical Staff because of age, he continued to teach students at the Osborne Park Hospital where a teaching unit was established.

In 1939 he married Lily Rosenbaum, a dentist. They have three sons; two are Medical General Practitioners, graduates of the University of W.A.

Albert always had an interest in history particularly of the Middle East and since his retirement from surgical practice has spent a large part of each year in Jerusalem where he has tutored students at the Hadassah University Medical School.



Phillip D. Goatcher



University of Adelaide
MB BS (Adelaide) 1945
FRCS (Edinburgh) 1951
FRCS (England) 1952
FRACS 1954

Consultant Surgeon

Philip Goatcher was born in Perth in 1921, the son of James Goatcher, a painting and decorating contractor, and Margaret nee Healy. He spent his university years at Wesley College of the University of Adelaide. Later he went to England for some of his general surgical training and was a Senior Registrar in Urology at St Paul's Hospital, London, in 1952. In 1953 he married Dr Phyllis Cook and they returned to Western Australia in 1954 when he was appointed to the Honorary Consultant Staff in Surgery. From then until 1982, the date of his retirement, he made a major contribution to the Division of General Surgery and it is to be noted that in 1965 he performed the greatest number of surgical operations of any surgeon at Royal Perth Hospital and this was paralleled by similar service to St John of God Hospital, Subiaco.

He has been over the years a most valued contributor to many medical committees, not only at the Royal Perth Hospital but also for the BMA and then the AMA and the Medical Board of Western Australia.

He taught surgery not only to many generations of medical students but also to dental students and nurses, giving freely of his time. In his presentation a whimsical and gentle humour was appreciated by all.

He was the first West Australian to be appointed to the Court of Examiners of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and served in that capacity for ten years.

All his committee work left him little time for extra-professional interests which include membership of the West Australian Historical Society and painting. He and his wife Phyllis have a son and a daughter, the latter is a State Registered Nurse.

He has many publications to his credit in the British Medical Journal, the British Journal of Surgery, British Journal of Urology and the ANZ Journal of Surgery.



Phyllis M. Goatcher



**University of London (Royal Free Hospital
School of Medicine for Women)**

MB BS 1946

DCH 1950

MD 1953

FACRM 1980

Consultant Rheumatologist

Dr Phyllis Goatcher (nee Cook) was born in Chengtu, West China in 1922. Her father was subsequently the Archdeacon of Bath, England. She graduated from the University of London in 1946 and held resident appointments at the Royal Free Hospital, London, Royal United Hospital, Bath, The Children's Hospital, Sydenham and St Stephen's Hospital, London.

In 1953 she married Dr. Philip Goatcher and the two left for Australia that year. She was appointed to the staff of Royal Perth Hospital in 1954 which she served continuously until her retirement in 1985.

As a specialist in rheumatology and arthritis, she made an enormous contribution to the understanding of this disease by the profession and public as a whole.

Her gentle and persuasive manner was a major factor in the success of the Western Australian Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation. She was a member of its original steering committee and its first President.

She developed a 30 bed unit at the Shenton Park Rehabilitation Hospital for the treatment of arthritis and was named the Citizen of the Year in Western Australia in 1975 and was awarded the AO for her services to medicine in 1979.

She has a son and a daughter, the latter is a trained nurse. Her interests include membership of the University Choral and Music Societies, the WA Historical Society, the Royal Australasian Ornthologists Union and in her retirement is studying art.



Fredrick A. Hadley



**London University
MRCS. LRCP.
FRCS., FRACS**

Honorary Surgeon

Fredrick Hadley was born in Kensington, England in 1873, the son of a Barrister and QC. He graduated in medicine in 1899 and became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1905. He was a Foundation Fellow of the Royal Australian College of Surgeons.

He excelled at sport and played rugby for his college, rowed for his hospital and represented The West of England at tennis. In 1891 he was awarded the Life Saving Medal.

In 1891 he went to the Boer War with the Imperial Yeomenary and then was sent to West Africa to suppress tribal fighting. During the first World War he was Colonel of No 5 General Base Hospital at Fremantle.

He worked at the Sheffield General Hospital as a Surgeon and then in 1905 he moved to the Throat Hospital in Gordon Square.

In 1912 he came to Western Australia and took over Dr Newton's practice. He was the only doctor at the time who practiced only as a surgeon. He was an Honorary Surgeon to the Perth Public Hospital as it was then and senior surgeon after William Trethowne. He was one of the first surgeons to repair defects of the skull by bone grafting.

After his retirement he ran sheep at Riverdale on the Franklin River.

The Hadley Bequest continues to provide travel scholar-ships for young doctors.

Frederick Hadley died in 1960.



John A. Holt



University of Bristol
MB ChB 1947
MRCS LRCP 1947
DMRT 1955
FRCR 1957
FRACR 1969

Consultant Radiotherapist

John Holt was born in 1925 in Bristol England, the son of Herbert Holt, a schoolmaster, and Alice nee Elliott.

He graduated MB ChB from the University of Bristol in 1947. In 1953 John married Margaret nee Ellison and they have three sons; all did medicine at UWA and the two eldest are orthopaedic surgeons.

John was appointed Consultant Radiotherapist at the Royal Perth Hospital in 1961. He was also Medical Director of The Institute of Radiotherapy and Oncology of WA. He retired in January 1984.

John served in the Army from 1948 to 1951 and was in charge of the Families Hospital at Trieste. He held the rank of Major.

He has had more than thirty papers published, including a report on the first bone marrow transplantation following whole body irradiation to take place in the Southern Hemisphere.

John Holt was the first person to treat Hodgkins disease using extended (mantle) fields and this technique which he first used in 1962 was taken up by Stanford University in 1968 without acknowledgement.

In 1973 he proposed the theory that cancer cells are electrically different to normal cells and demonstrated that ultra-high frequency currents at 434 MHz interact with cancer cells by non-thermal resonance which creates a big increase in the cancer's sensitivity to irradiation. John also proposed that cancer was a disease of defective glucose metabolism and a paper on this appeared in Medical Hypotheses in 1983.

Other interests include small boat building and sailing. John is also a keen scuba diver.



Edward G. Hudson



**MRCS LRCP 1938
DA (London)
FFARACS**

***Consultant Anaesthetist and Head of
Department***

Edward (Ted) Hudson was born in England. He spent his student days at St Bartholomews Hospital, London and qualified in Medicine in 1938. He then went to the Far East almost immediately as a ships doctor. Whilst the ship was in Batavia, war was declared, a gun was placed on the ship and Ted appointed as gunner! From 1940 to 1946 he served in the Middle East and India with the RAMC. Returning to England he studied anaesthetics and shortly after married Lyn, a graduate of St Bartholomews. After a few years in practice in the London area they migrated to Malaya where Ted became anaesthetist and lectured on this subject in Singapore. In 1957 he came to Perth as Head of the Department of Anaesthetics and Lecturer in Anesthesia at the University of Western Australia.

With his colleague Ross Milne, he carried the banner of anaesthetic practice and development for the next twenty years. He was a first class administrator who was universally respected and liked. Some of his sayings have become local folklore: referring to dosage of drugs as a "dollop of this" or "a smidgen of that". A needle prick was a "jab in the paw, old chap!".

Ted was a caring person for his patients and his colleagues. His skill as an anaesthetist was recognised by all and in his special achievements he pioneered anaesthesia for open heart surgery and did most of the research for this and into hypothermia for neurosurgery.

Nevertheless his forté was as a "hands on" anaesthetist who believed in hard practical work and despised fine print. In his private life, he and his wife were passionate supporters of peace movements. They have three sons and a daughter.

In recognition of his contribution to Australia, he was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 1988.

He died in 1989.



Bruce A. Hunt



University of Melbourne
MB.BS (Melb) 1925
MD (Melb) 1928
FRACP (Foundation) 1938
MRCP 1928, FRCP 1951

Consultant Physician

Bruce Hunt was born in Melbourne in 1899, the son of Atlee Arthur Hunt, CMG. He was educated at Melbourne Grammar School and then went off to serve as a gunner in the 1914-18 war. After the war he studied medicine at Melbourne University and graduated with honours in 1925. Three years later he obtained his MD. and in the same year became a Member of the Royal College of Physicians.

During the Second World War, Bruce Hunt had an outstanding military career. He first served in the RAAF with the rank of Squadron Leader and later as a Major in the 13th Australian General Hospital. He was captured by the Japanese and worked on the infamous Burma Railway. For outstanding services performed on behalf of his fellow prisoners, he was awarded the MBE (Military Division).

He spent some time working in Britain and Vienna where he pursued his interests in diabetes and neurology. It was as a general physician with a special interest in these disciplines that he came to Perth where he was to practice for the rest of his life.

Bruce Hunt had an association with Royal Perth Hospital which extended over 33 years, from the time that he was appointed to the Honorary Medical Staff in 1931. He founded the Diabetic Clinic and maintained a close interest in it throughout his career. He also made valuable contributions to the administrative aspects of the Hospital's clinical services. He was on the Council of the Royal Australian College of Physicians for many years and always took a keen interest in College affairs. Bruce Hunt had a very persuasive manner and was politically astute, these were valuable characteristics which were used to good effect in the establishment of the medical school in Western Australia.

His outstanding service to the patients of Royal Perth Hospital and to the community at large was recognised by the Board of Management in Bruce Hunt's appointment as Honorary Consultant Physician when he retired in 1958.

Bruce Hunt died in 1964. The Bruce Hunt Lecture Theatre perpetuates the memory of an outstanding man.



Richard A. Joske



University of Melbourne
MB BS (Melbourne) 1948
MD 1952, PhD (WA)
FRACP 1962, FRCP 1982

Professor of Medicine

Richard (Dick) Joske was born in Melbourne in 1925, the son of Edmond Joske, a medical practitioner and Molly nee Roberts. He attended Melbourne Church of England Grammar School, having obtained a Rosa Elizabeth Millear Scholarship and took the matriculation in 1942 with honours in four subjects.

Dick graduated MB BS from the University of Melbourne in 1948 (A.M. White Scholar). After serving his residency at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, he was appointed a Drug Houses of Australia Fellow at the Clinical Research Unit, Royal Melbourne Hospital and the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute. From 1953-55 he was appointed as an Associate Assistant at these institutions where he worked with Sir MacFarlane Burnet and Sir Ian Wood.

In 1955 Dick Joske was awarded a Nuffield Dominion Fellowship in Medicine and spent a year at University College Hospital Medical School, London with Professor Lord Rosenheim. Following this he was awarded a Commonwealth Fund (Harkness) Advanced Fellowship in Medicine which enabled him to spend a year at the Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School. He returned to Australia in 1957 and came to the Department of Medicine, University of Western Australia as the Adolph Basser Fellow in Medicine, Royal Australasian College of Physicians. He was made Reader in Experimental Medicine, University of Western Australia in 1962, Professor of Medicine in 1968 and Dean, Faculty of Medicine from 1978.

Dick was a physician at the Royal Perth Hospital, the Fremantle Hospital, Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital and the Repatriation Hospital. He was a member of the Boards of Management of the Royal Perth Hospital and the Fremantle Hospital and of the St John of God Hospital Advisory Board of Management. He was a visiting examiner in Medicine to the Universities of Adelaide, Queensland, Malaysia and Singapore. He was a member of the University Senate 1971-74 and has also served on the Academic Council, the Raine Medical Foundation Research Committee and the Healy Medical Research Foundation Committee.

Dick Joske was President of the W.A. Branch of the A.M.A. from 1980-82. He has been a scientific referee for a number of organisations such as the National Health and Medical Research Council and an editorial referee for a number of National and International scientific journals. In addition to this editorial work he has published extensively himself and has been the co-editor of two books and has written



approximately 140 scientific papers.

Dick Joske married Enid Jocelyn Prudence Apperly in 1952 and they have four sons. David studied medicine and is a Clinical Haematologist.

Extra-professional interests include cricket, Australian Rules Football, philately, reading, walking and travel.

Richard Joske retired in December 1990.



George A. Kelsall



MB ChB (Edinburgh) 1937

Honorary Resuscitation Officer

The Kelsall family have had a long association with the Royal Perth Hospital, extending over 60 years. Dr Henry Kelsall, George's father, was Honorary Ophthalmologist to the Perth Hospital in 1917. George was Honorary Resuscitation Officer which carried responsibility for the blood bank, blood transfusion and the burns unit from 1945 until his retirement in 1960. Dr Robert Kelsall, George's son did his postgraduate training in laboratory medicine at the Royal Perth Hospital.

George was born in Perth in 1905. He went to Edinburgh for training in medicine where he graduated MB ChB, there being no medical school in this State at the time. George Kelsall also served in an Honorary capacity for more than 15 years at the King Edward Memorial Hospital and during this time he did the first exchange transfusion for Rhesus incompatibility in Western Australia.

During the second World War, George joined the RAAMC and held the rank of Captain. However, in 1942 he was "manpowered" from the army and given the task of organising the Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service. He was responsible for organising supplies of blood for the army and the whole of Western Australia.

George Kelsall wrote a number of scientific papers and many of these were published during the 1950s and 60s in the Lancet and British Medical Journal. Most of these papers were concerned with blood transfusion and original work with respect to the Rhesus factor.

In 1932 George married Gertrude Monkeith Rolland. They have three sons: one studied medicine (Dr GRH Kelsall) and is now a consultant pathologist.



Gordon King



University of London (London Hospital Medical College)

Hon MD (UWA) 1971

Hon LLD (Hong Kong) 1973

MRCS LRCP 1926

Foundation FRCOG 1929

FRACS 1957

FACOG 1979

Consultant Gynaecologist

Gordon King was born in London in 1900, the son of a Baptist Minister, Rev. Frederick Henry King. His medical undergraduate education was at the London Hospital Medical College.

As a young man he was attracted to work in China and from 1927 - 1929 he was Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Cheeloo University, Shantung, China, which was during the Sino Japanese war. Afterwards he became Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Hong Kong University (1936 - 1956) and from 1954 - 1956 he was Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and also Pro-Vice Chancellor.

After Hong Kong fell in 1941, he escaped the Japanese and went to Chung King where he and other colleagues established a Medical School which trained students until he was able to return to Hong Kong with the British forces in 1945.

In 1956 he was appointed the Foundation Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Western Australia and also Foundation Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, retiring from this office in 1965. During the period he was also an Honorary Consultant at Royal Perth Hospital.

After retirement, his services were called on from 1966 - 1969 to be the Foundation Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at University College, Nairobi, Kenya.

His contribution to the establishment of the Western Australian Medical School was considerable, chairing a group of young enthusiastic foundation professors.

In his career he was greatly supported by his wife, Mary (nee Ellison), who died in 1967. They have three daughters, Alison, Margaret and Ellen. Margaret is a Haematologist at the Royal Hobart Hospital, Ellen practices medicine in Canberra and Alison is a lecturer in English at the University of Western Australia.

Gordon married Bek-to nee Chiu in 1968.

He has a large number of scientific and medical papers to his credit particularly on the subjects of chorioepithelioma, hydatidiform mole and extra-uterine pregnancy.



Peter R. Leckie



**Universities of Melbourne and Western
Australia
MB BS 1951
MCRA 1962
FRACR 1973**

Consultant Radiotherapist

Peter Leckie was born in 1917 in Perth, the son of Alexander Leckie, a musician, and Hilda nee Tait.

He graduated MB BS from the University of Melbourne in 1951 and in 1956 married Margaret nee Smail.

Peter served with the AIF from 1940-45 and was posted to New Guinea. He held the rank of Lieutenant.

He was appointed Consultant Radiotherapist at the Royal Perth Hospital in February 1966 and retired in June 1982. During this time he also held appointments at the Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, the Princess Margaret Hospital, the King Edward Memorial Hospital and the Fremantle Hospital.



Robert Leedman



**Universities of Western Australia and
Melbourne**

MB BS 1942

MRACP 1948

FRACP 1971

Consultant Physician

Dr Robert Leedman was born in Kellerberrin in 1920, the son of Charles Leedman, surgeon, and Juliet Hannah nee Morris. Soon after graduating from Melbourne University he joined the RAMC AIF with the rank of Captain and saw active service in Borneo.

After demobilisation, he obtained Membership of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians and was appointed to the staff of Royal Perth Hospital in 1950. From that date he served the hospital as a physician until his retirement in 1985. He developed a special interest in gastroenterology and was also gastroenterologist to the Repatriation General Hospital from 1951 - 1985.

During his career he made major contributions to professional bodies being President of the AMA (WA Branch) in 1972, President of the Medical Board of WA from 1976 to 1981 and a member of the Board and Medical Advisory Committees of Royal Perth Hospital from 1976 to 1981 and he was also Chairman of the Division of Medicine at Royal Perth Hospital at its inception.

Undoubtedly his ability to hold together a meeting by persuasion and a saucy sense of humour will be long remembered.

In his private life he and his wife, Joan, have two sons, one of whom is now a physician.

He is an active member of a bowling club and a keen operator on amateur radio.



Richard B. Lefroy



Universities of Melbourne and Oxford

MA (Oxon) 1942

MB BS (Melbourne) 1946

FRACP 1951

FACRM (Founder Fellow)

Consultant Physician

Dr Richard Lefroy was born in Perth in 1918, the son of Edward Henry Bruce Lefroy, a pastoralist and a member of one of the long established families of Western Australia, and Beatrice nee Vincent. He was educated at Geelong Grammar School and the University of Oxford.

Having been invalided from the British Army, he went to Melbourne where he graduated in medicine in 1946.

Returning to Perth he was an RMO at Royal Perth Hospital from 1946 to 1948, a General Practitioner from 1948 to 1950 and rejoined Royal Perth Hospital staff in 1951 as Assistant Medical Superintendent in which year he also became a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians. Practising as a Physician since 1951, he became associated with the developing University Department of Medicine in 1957 and it's Associate Professor of Medicine and a Consultant to Royal Perth Hospital. Seeing the need of the community for a geriatric medical service, he joined the medical administration of the Hospital and Health Department of the State in 1964. From then until 1982, he pioneered the development of geriatric medicine in this state.

Richard Lefroy is a past President of the Australian Geriatric Society and at the time of writing, President of the Australian Association of Gerontology.

His writings illustrate this well: Medical Care of Elderly and Disabled People in "Changing Disease Patterns and Human Behaviour", Academic Press, 1980, eds Stanley and Joske, and, History of the Australian Geriatric Society in Wiseman J, ed, "To Follow Knowledge", Sydney RACP, 1988.

In his private life he was greatly supported by his wife Betty (Elizabeth nee Lee Steere) and, after her death, by his second wife Jennifer (nee Page). He has five children: two agricultural scientists, two teachers and a social worker.



John S. Lekias



**University of Queensland
MB, BS. (Qld) 1946
FRCS, FRCS (Edin)
FRACS**

Consultant Neurosurgeon

John Lekias was born in Northern the son of Sios and Despina Lekias. He received his early education at Christian Brothers College (Perth W.A) and later the University of Queensland.

He joined the Royal Perth Hospital as a Resident Medical Officer in 1946. After undertaking further studies in the United Kingdom, he returned to the Hospital in 1954 as Clinical Assistant Neurosurgeon. In 1974 he was appointed Senior Neurosurgeon.

John Lekias was a member of the Hospital Board of Management for six years and served on a number of the Board's Advisory Committees. He was Chairman of the Clinical Staff 1973-75 and President of the AMA (WA Branch) 1976-77 and a member of the Federal Council at that time.

John retired in 1983 when, in recognition of 30 years outstanding service to the hospital he was appointed Emeritus Consultant Neurosurgeon.

John married Delecia Narracott in 1946 they have two sons Roger Maurice and Michael Simon.

John Lekias died in 1983.



Leslie E. Le Soeuf



University of Melbourne
MD Hons (Melbourne)
Hon LLD (UWA)
FRCS (England) 1929
FRACS

Consultant Surgeon

Leslie Le Soeuf was born in South Perth, the son of Ernest Albert Le Soeuf and Ellen Grace nee Hagenoxer.

He graduated from the University of Melbourne in 1922 and gained experience as a resident at Royal Perth Hospital and later at hospitals in England including St Mark's and the West London Hospital. He became a Fellow of the English College of Surgeons in 1929 and soon after returned to Perth to enter into specialist practice in association with Mr Frank Gill. His first appointment to Royal Perth Hospital was a clinical assistant in Orthopaedics whilst awaiting an appointment in General Surgery.

During the Second World War he served overseas from 1941 to 1945, first in Libya and Greece being in command of the 2nd/7th Field Ambulance in Crete where he was taken prisoner by the German Army. For his efforts he was mentioned twice in dispatches and was awarded the Medaille d' Honneur du Service de Sante Militaire and the Medaille de la Reconnaissance Francaise.

From 1956 to 1959 he was the Deputy Director of Medical Services Western Command with the rank of Colonel. The development of specialist plastic and burns units during the war in Europe led him to interest himself in these fields and soon after returning to civilian life he pioneered these concepts in Western Australia.

He established plastic and burns units at both the Royal Perth Hospital and the Princess Margaret Hospital in 1948 and was one of the prime movers in establishing the West Australian Medical School. He always showed great interest in education and was a member of the University Senate from 1936 to 1977 (excluding the war years) and was Warden of Convocation from 1965 to 1968.

Amongst his many other activities, he was the Honorary Secretary of the BMA in 1930, Co-founder of the Anti-cancer Council and intimately involved in the development of University Colleges.

He married Marjorie nee Chapple in 1947. This successful partnership undoubtedly contributing to a highly successful career.



Robert G. Linton



Universities of Melbourne and Edinburgh
MB ChB (Edin) 1938
Dip Ophthalmology (Melb) 1948
FRACO
FRACS

Consultant Ophthalmologist

Robert Linton was born in Melbourne, the son of Sir Richard and Lady Linton. He received his early education at Melbourne Church of England Grammar School and later at the Universities of Melbourne, Edinburgh and London.

In 1939 he enlisted in the A.I.F. 2/4th Field Ambulance and served throughout the whole of the Second World War. On demobilisation he trained at the Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital in ophthalmology and came to Perth in 1948, where he entered private practice as assistant to Dr Barnard and was appointed to the Honorary staff of the Royal Perth Hospital. By 1956 he had become the Senior Ophthalmic surgeon of the Hospital and in all served the hospital some 28 years. Beyond his ordinary responsibilities, Robert showed himself to be a man with broad horizons. He was the driving force in the formation of the Western Australian Division of the Australian Foundation for the Prevention of Blindness in 1965 and was its executive director. About the same time he joined the Lions International charter club of Perth. It was this double association that through the years proved so successful, for Lions supported his ideas to the hilt and in 1967 a mobile clinic was established to detect early glaucoma and by 1970 167,000 people had passed through the testing procedure and the sight of many people was saved as a result. Lions subsequently set up a Save Sight Foundation to further develop Ophthalmology in the State and raised the funds to establish the Lions Eye Institute headed by a Professor of Ophthalmology. Behind it all was Robert Linton. His contribution was recognised by Life membership of the Lions International, Lions highest award, and the Melvin Jones Fellowship and Membership of the Order of Australia.

As an ophthalmological surgeon he was well recognised by his colleagues and was National President of the Australian Society of Ophthalmologists in 1963.

In 1938 he married Betty Dickson Halbert of Perth and they have a son and a daughter.

With all his professional activities it would be thought that he had little time for anything else but for years he was Chairman of Directors of APT Shipping and associated companies and has always been a keen golfer.



Harold K. McComb



University of Melbourne
MB BS (Melbourne) 1947
FRCS (England) 1952
FRACS 1956
FACS 1960

Consultant Plastic Surgeon

Harold McComb was born in 1924 in Brisbane, the son of Rowland McComb, who was involved with civil aviation, and Kathleen nee Earnshaw.

He graduated MB BS from the University of Melbourne and in the same year married a fellow graduate, Athol nee Hockey. They have four sons. The eldest, who graduated from the University of Western Australia in Medicine, is now Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in Vancouver, Canada.

Harold determined to train as a plastic surgeon and was greatly influenced by Benjamin Rank in Melbourne, himself a pioneer in plastic surgery.

In 1955 the family moved to Western Australia and Harold joined Mr Leslie Le Soeuf in developing a plastic surgery and burns unit at Royal Perth Hospital. Harold was the first fully trained plastic surgeon to come to Western Australia.

He was also appointed to Princess Margaret Hospital from 1955 to 1989 and Fremantle and Sir Charles Gairdner Hospitals from 1955 to 1965.

His contribution to plastic surgery has been enormous and he has never failed to assist in the development of plastic surgery in overseas countries. He has worked in India, Afghanistan, Bougainville, Vanuatu and Mauritius.

A member of the Court of Examiners of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons indicates in itself his high professional standing.

His writings include: "Primary repair of the Cleft Lip Nose" in *Reconstructive Plastic Surgery* (1989), "The Nasal Deformity in Clefts" and "Primary Treatment of Cleft Lip Nasal Deformity" in *Cleft Lip and Palate: A System of Management* (1989), "Anatomy of Unilateral and Bilateral Cleft Lip Nose", "Primary Unilateral and Bilateral Cleft Lip" and "Nose Reconstruction" in *Multidisciplinary Management of Cleft Lip and Palate* (1990).

Harold has many interests outside medicine.



Arthur A. Merritt



University of Melbourne
MB BS. 1931
Foundation Member CRA 1949
FCRA. 1956

Consultant Radiologist

Arthur Albert Merritt was born in Boulder, Western Australia in 1907, the son of Albert Ralph Merritt, a miner and Amy nee Druscilla. Both hailed from Victoria.

Arthur was a keen sportsman and was awarded a blue for hockey whilst at Melbourne University.

After graduation he practiced in Pinjarra and being interested in surgery he would travel to Perth to assist in operations at the Perth Hospital. During those early years he was active in the St John's Ambulance Association and was made a life member in 1942.

After the onset of the Second World War, he joined the Army Medical Corps and served with the 4th Australian Field Ambulance holding the rank of Major. He was twice mentioned in dispatches and was subsequently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. On leaving the services he decided to make a career in Radiology and developed a special interest in Neuroradiology. He was appointed to the staff of the Royal Perth Hospital as a radiologist in 1946 and retained that position until 1960.

Arthur showed considerable interest in Medical politics and became a member of the British Medical Association in 1933 and of its branch Council in 1946 and its President in 1957. He was made a Fellow of the Australian Medical Association in recognition of his work. Over the years he gave freely of his time sitting on a number of State Committees particularly those concerned with the treatment of cancer.

Arthur married Freda Scanlon and they have two sons, one a Mineral Chemist and the other a lecturer in History at the Australian National University, Canberra.



William B. Muston



University of Sydney
MB BS (Sydney) 1947
MRCP (Edinburgh) 1954
FRCP (Edinburgh) 1965
FACD

Consultant Dermatologist

William Muston was born in South Grafton, New South Wales in 1923, the son of William Keith Muston, a medical practitioner, and Gwendolen Barnes nee McFarlane, who was a nursing sister at the Sydney Hospital from 1920 to 1922.

After graduating in Sydney, he gained specialist experience in dermatology in the United Kingdom. He was appointed to the staff of Royal Perth Hospital in that specialty in 1953 and also gave help as a clinical assistant in Radiotherapy for some years. He remained a Consultant in Dermatology until his retirement in 1978.

From 1954 to 1966 he was also a dermatologist at the Princess Margaret and King Edward Memorial Hospitals. During his career he was also a clinical lecturer in Dermatology to the University of Western Australia and for six years was a censor and examiner for the Australasian College of Dermatologists. He was also Consultant Dermatologist to the RAAF with the rank of Wing Commander.

He has a wide range of interests, ranging from tennis and bush waling to history and the preservation of the environment, being a member of the Tree Society and National Trust. He is also a student of the Japanese language and a lover of the theatre.



Alan M. Nelson



MB BS (Melbourne) 1939
DDR (Melbourne) 1945
DR (Therapy) Sydney 1946
FRACR 1959

Consultant Radiotherapist and Head of Department

Alan Nelson was born in Victoria in 1917, the son of an engineer. He received his medical training in Melbourne and came to Perth in 1946 when he joined the staff of the Royal Perth Hospital as a Consultant Diagnostic Radiologist and Radiotherapist. He was also appointed Consultant Radiotherapist to the Repatriation, Fremantle and Sir Charles Gairdner hospitals. Before coming to Perth he had spent the previous six years (1940-1946) in the Army holding the rank of Major as a specialist radiologist. Alan saw active service during the war years with the AIF in Papua New Guinea and New Britain.

Alan was responsible for the introduction of radiotherapy under hyperbaric oxygen at the Royal Perth Hospital in 1970 and he was also involved in the introduction of clinical microwave therapy for cancer in 1974 with the controversial Tronado machine. He had a vital role in the design and building of the comprehensive cancer centre which included the first cobalt irradiator in this State at the St John of God Hospital.

Publications have included "Blackwater fever" (1943), "Combined microwave therapy" (1978), "X-ray therapy for vesical papillomatosis" (1953), "Contribution of radiotherapy to treatment of cancer of the bladder" (1955), "Results of treatment of cancer of lip, mouth, tongue and of breast" (1955) and "Treatment of the common wart by radiotherapy" (1955), all of which appeared in the Medical Journal of Australia 1943. He has also published in the Journal of the College of Radiologists and has written six books on biblical subjects: "Lofty Viewpoint", "Springboard", "Story Starting In The Garden", "This Is The Life", "Options" and "How Do You Relate".

Alan has been an invited speaker at a number of International Conferences held in Buenos Aries, Jakarta, Marseilles and Paris. He is one of the few people to have delivered his lecture in the language of the country, ie. French at the Paris meeting. He has also been a delegate to many other conferences in Great Britain, Canada, Singapore and Davos.

Alan has been a long standing member of the Cancer Council of WA and has been chairman of its Leukaemia and Allied Disorders Panel. He has also been chairman of the Christian Medical Fellowship of WA.

In 1943 Alan married Mavis Louise Sadler. They have five children. David and Hugh studied medicine and are in general practice.



Alan has been a lay preacher in the Uniting Church for many years. He is a member of the Rotary Club and has been President of the YMCA. He has also been involved in the Prison Fellowship of WA for four years.

Alan Nelson retired on 3 April 1982.



George S. Pestell



**University of Melbourne
MB BS (Melbourne) 1945
FRCS (England) 1952
FRACS 1957**

Consultant Surgeon

George Pestell was born in Perth in 1921, the son of a bank manager. He attended Perth Modern School and then went to Melbourne University to study medicine.

After resident appointments in Melbourne and some time in the United Kingdom, he returned to Perth and in 1953 was appointed Assistant Medical Superintendent of Royal Perth Hospital. George served a seven year surgical apprenticeship with Mr B.W. Nairn at the Royal Perth Hospital, to whom he modestly attributes much of his own surgical skills.

From 1954 to 1975 George gave freely of his time as a surgeon at Royal Perth Hospital. He was well known for this thorough and conscientious work and many generations of medical students have cause to be grateful to him as a teacher of surgery.

In 1975 he resigned to become the first Director of Surgical Studies at St John of God Hospital, Subiaco. In 1977 he was appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Queen on her visit to Perth.

George sacrificed much to his professional career and work associated with it. He was sometime chairman of the State Committee of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, a member of the Medical Board of Western Australia, a member of the Medical Advisory Committee of Telethon and Chairman of the Clinical Staff, Royal Perth Hospital.

He encountered Berry nee Marum, who was a theatre sister at Royal Perth Hospital, in 1954 and married her. They have two sons and a daughter. Mark is a social worker at Royal Perth Hospital, Richard is a physician now in Melbourne and Jane is an internal decorator involved in hospital interiors.

His hobbies include astronomy, electronics and photography.



Norman Robinson



University of Melbourne
MB.BS (Melb) 1928
FRCS 1933, FRACS 1945
MD (Melb) 1931

Consultant Surgeon

Norman Robinson was born in Albany, Western Australia in 1905, the son of an Albany GP.

He studied medicine at Melbourne University and graduated MB.BS. in 1928. He was a registrar at the Royal Melbourne Hospital in 1929 and then went to England to further his studies.

He entered general practice in Perth in 1935 and joined the Honorary Staff of the Royal Perth Hospital in the same year. He served on the Hospital Board of Management and was Chairman of the Honorary Clinical Staff and the Medical Advisory Committee.

Norman Robinson joined the Army on the outbreak of the Second World War and held the rank of Lt. Colonel and C.O of Surgical Divisions at Australian Hospitals in the Middle East and Pacific Islands.

He was a competent and well respected surgeon, but a man of very few words.

Outside of medicine his interests were golf and farming.

Norman Robinson retired in 1961 after 26 year of service.

He died in December 1966.



Marie Sadka



University of Oxford
BM BCh 1947
MRACP 1955
FRACP 1967

Consultant Neurologist

Marie (Mercy) Sadka was born in Singapore in 1923, the daughter of Sassoon Samuel Sadka, a business man, and Sarah Sadka.

Mercy graduated BM BCh from Oxford University in 1947. She was a resident medical officer at the Royal Perth Hospital in 1948. In 1953 Mercy joined Professor Ida Mann in an extensive tour of the Kimberley and North West regions. The aim was to determine the cause of the high incidence of blindness in the Aboriginal population. Ida Mann was an Ophthalmologist with an international reputation; she also liked writing and a description of what must have been in those days a most exiting trip are to be found in her book "The Cockney and the Crocodile", written under the name of Carolyne Gye.

In 1955 Mercy spent two years at Harvard the first year as a Fellow in Neurology and the second year as a Fellow in Neuropathology. In 1959 she was appointed Consultant Neurologist at the Royal Perth Hospital and also held the position of Clinical Lecturer at the University of Western Australia. Mercy retired in 1988.

During almost 30 years as a neurologist at the Royal Perth Hospital, Mercy has had an important role in the development of neurology. She introduced EEG into WA, first at the Royal Perth Hospital, and then at the Princess Margaret Hospital and Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital (1959; 1965; 1970). She was also responsible for initiating the modern technique in neuropathology of brain sectioning at this hospital in 1959 and started the Stroke Rehabilitation Unit at the Royal Perth (Rehabilitation) Hospital in the same year.

Mercy is Vice Patron of the Muscular Distrophy Research Association, a member of the Brain Foundation and a supporter of various self-help neurological bodies. In 1988 she received an AO for services to the community.

Mercy Sadka has had a number of papers published and in 1980 was commissioned by the Australian Council for Rehabilitation of Disabled to write a monograph "Stroke Disability - Whose Responsibility".

Mercy is a keen East Perth supporter and has been Vice Patron of the East Perth Football Club since 1978.



Eric G. Saint



University of Durham
BSc Hons 1939, MB BS Hons 1942
MD (Dunelm) 1949, MRACP 1950
FRACP 1956
LLD Hons (Qld) 1978
FRCP 1971, FACMA

Professor of Medicine

Eric Saint was born in Newcastle upon Tyne, England in 1918, the son of Thomas Gallon and Dora Agnes Saint. He received his education at the Royal Grammar School, Newcastle upon Tyne and King's College at the University of Durham. His undergraduate career was distinguished with honours and distinctions in medicine but he somehow found time to be involved with the Choral Society, edit the students magazine and row in the Junior College crew.

From 1942 to 1946 he served in the Royal Air Force in India, Burma and Thailand. After the war he became a research assistant in the Department of Industrial Health in Newcastle for a couple of years. In 1948 he joined the Royal Flying Doctor Service based in Port Hedland, where he was to spend next three years. In 1951 he moved to Melbourne to become a research assistant at the prestigious Walter and Eliza Hall Institute. Following this appointment, he returned to Western Australia in 1953 as Director of the new Medical Research Unit at the Royal Perth Hospital. His obvious talents were soon recognised and when the University Medical School was opened in 1956 he became the Foundation Professor of Medicine based at the Royal Perth Hospital.

Eric was a brilliant speaker with a remarkable command of the English language, a quick thinker and a very discerning physician. He gave a great deal of his time during his years in the chair not only to students and patients but also to the planning of the Perth Medical Centre. For a time he was also the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine. A whole generation of medical students are indebted to his clear and lucid teaching and will remember his tall figure with a slight stoop and ready smile.

In 1968 he sought new fields to conquer and became Dean of the Faculty of Medicine in the University of Queensland and its Deputy Vice Chancellor in 1977. He eventually returned to Perth as a physician at the Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital with an appointment to the WA Alcohol and Drug Authority. He had a strong social conscience which is illustrated by his presidency of the WA Council of Social Services from 1960-68 and of being a WHO Consultant in South Korea in 1972.

Eric married Catherine O'Grady in 1941 and they have two sons and a daughter. His publications and writings are numerous and range from commentaries on the poetry of T.S. Eliot to learned articles in prestigious medical journals. It is typical of the man that he never retired and died suddenly of a heart attack in 1988.



Krishnanmurthi Somers



MB BCh (Witwatersrand) 1950
DCH 1952
MRCP (London) 1954
FRCP (London) 1969
MRCP (Edinburgh) 1967
FACC 1968
FRCP (Edinburgh) 1972
FRACP 1975

Physician and Associate Professor of Medicine

Professor Krishnamurthi (Krish) Somers was born in Durban, South Africa in 1926 and graduated from the University of Witwatersrand in 1949. He left South Africa to work in London from 1952-57. This was followed by a distinguished career in medicine at Makerere University, which was terminated by the military coup in 1971. Krish was appointed Physician and Associate Professor of Medicine at Royal Perth Hospital in 1974. Professor Somers major interest has been cardiology, particularly the cardiomyopathies and he has made significant contributions in this area. He was one of the pioneers in the technique of intracardiac biopsy.

Krish Somers active research interests are reflected in the large number of scientific papers which he has written. One hundred and twenty six papers and eight book chapters. He has been the recipient of many awards and honours including:

- Wellcome Foundation Fellowship (1960)
- German Academic Exchange Service Fellowship (1968)
- World Health Organisation Fellowship (1970)

Krish has spent time as a visiting Professor at the University of the West Indies, Ministry of Health, Government of Pakistan, Aga Khan University College of Medicine, Karachi, Pakistan and St Georges Medical School London.

Editorial Consultant Appointments have included:

- Medicine Today
- The East African Medical Journal
- The South African Medical Journal
- Tropical Cardiology
- Heart and Vessels
- Cardiomyopathy

Professor Somers retired at the end of 1989 from his hospital and University appointment.



Robert W. Stanford



MA (Cantab)
F Inst P
FAIP
FACPSM
Hon FRACP
Hon MRCR

Consultant Physicist and Head of Department

Robert (Bob) Stanford was born in the United Kingdom, graduating as dux of his school and proceeding to Christ's College, Cambridge where he graduated BA in 1939. During World War II he was commissioned in the Royal Artillery and was active in Britain's anti-aircraft radar programme and was Deputy Assistant Director of Mechanical Engineering at the war office.

Following the war he became a senior physics master at Felstead School but left there in 1948 to become a lecturer in physics at Guys Hospital. Whilst there he made a report on the genetic hazards of radiation which received world wide recognition.

In 1958 he was offered and accepted the post of Head of Department of Medical Physics at Royal Perth Hospital.

In subsequent years the department developed from a staff of four to approximately 50 when he retired in 1980. It is a testament to his tenacity and his determination to place the physical sciences on a sound footing in Western Australia. As a lecturer in the Faculty of Medicine in Physics he made the teaching of physics relevant to the practice of medicine and dentistry. Tied with this was his conviction that scientists working in a hospital setting should be recognised as professionals with clinical standing. His national and international standing is reflected in his membership of the Australian Academy of Science, the NH & MRC Radiation Health Committee and as elected Federal Chairman of the Biophysics Group of the Australian Institute of Physics. He was also invited by the British Government to review technological development in the Physical Sciences and their application to medicine in 1972.

In his personal life he had a happy marriage to Mary and they have one son, Simon who is a qualified engineer and business executive. His spare time was devoted to the sea, for which he had a great love. He was at one time Vice Commodore of Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club and very active on its committees.

For years he fought a brave personal battle against cancer and in this he showed the same determination with which he waged a successful battle to establish the Medical Physics services of Western Australia.

Robert Stanford died in 1986.



Neville F. Stanley



**University of Adelaide
BSc., DSc (Adel)
FRACP (Hon)., FRSTMH.
FRNZAAS., MASM., FIBA.**

***Foundation Professor of Microbiology and Head
of Department***

Neville Stanley was born in Papua New Guinea in 1918, the son of Evan Richard and Elizabeth Stanley. Evan Stanley was the first Government geologist in New Guinea.

Neville went to Adelaide University and graduated BSc in 1942 and DSc in 1953. Following appointments as Demonstrator in bacteriology at Adelaide University and Assistant Bacteriologist at the Prince Henry Hospital, Sydney, he was appointed Senior Research Officer at the Institute of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine and Director of Bacteriology, Prince Henry Hospital, Sydney. Two years later in 1948 he was made Acting Director of the Institute and in 1954 he was appointed Director.

In 1956 Neville Stanley was appointed Foundation Professor and Chairman, Department of Microbiology at the newly established School of Medicine, University of Western Australia and Director of Microbiology, Royal Perth Hospital. He was also Consultant Microbiologist to the Department of Health and Director of the Virus Diagnostic Laboratory.

In 1973 the University Department of Microbiology moved to the new campus at Hollywood and Professor Stanley then became a consulting microbiologist to this Hospital. Under Neville's direction Microbiology in this State rapidly advanced. He was a man full of ideas and full of energy and had the ability to get things done.

Neville's services were much in demand. In 1964 he was visiting Professor of Biology, University of Notre Dame, Indiana. In 1966 guest Lecturer to the Ciba Foundation, London. 1968 saw his appointment to the NHMRC Council's standing committee on Scholarships for a period of five years and at this time he was also invited to join the WHO expert advisory panel on Immunology also for a period of five years. He served as member of the Fellowships Selection Committee, International Agency for Research on Cancer, WHO, Lyon, France for a period of 4 years. He was an external examiner to the Universities of Singapore, Otago and Malaya. These were only a few of the many expert bodies on which he served.

Neville was a prolific writer. He had published in excess of 170 original works including 20 chapters/reviews and wrote three books:

- "Man-made Lakes and Human Health" with M.P.Alpers.
- "Changing Disease Patterns and Human Behaviour" with R.A.Joske.
- "The First Quarter Century (1957-1982)" N.F.Stanley editor.



In 1943 Neville married Muriel Eileen MacDonald. They had three children, two daughters and a son.

Fiona Juliet graduated in medicine and is now Professor of Paediatrics at the University of Western Australia and Director W.A. Research Institute for Child Health. Evan Richard is Professor of Immunology at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Bryden Jane is a senior lecturer in Veterinary Surgery At The Royal Dick Veterinary School.

Although Neville had an exceptionally busy and productive professional life he still had time for a number of sporting interests and hobbies. He was a keen tennis and cricket player and was Vice-Patron of the University Cricket Club and Vice-Patron of the University Tennis Club. He enjoyed wood turning, carpentry and boat building and built four boats.

Neville Stanley retired in December 1983 and was appointed Emeritus Consultant Microbiologist.

He died in 1984.



Edward Strahan



University of Melbourne
MB BS 1939
FAustCA 1970
FAmerCA&I 1985

Consultant Allergist

Dr Edward George Strahan was born in Hawthorn Victoria in 1915, the son of Archibald Strahan a Civil Servant and Hilda Nellie nee Briggs.

He served with the Royal Australian Air Force and transferred to the Reserve in 1945 with the rank of Squadron Leader. He retired from the RAAF Reserve in 1970 with the rank of Wing Commander.

He was Foundation Chairman of the Board of The Asthma Foundation of Western Australia 1965-1967 and Senior Vice President 1968-1978. He is a member of the Aviation Medical Society of Australia and New Zealand and a Member of the Aero Space Medical Association.

Dr Strahan has written many papers on Allergy and has also written a "History of Allergy in Australia" which appeared in the College Journal. He also contributed to Alex Roth's book "Allergy in the World".

Edward Strahan was appointed Consultant Allergist at the Royal Perth Hospital in 1950.

He married Maxine nee Clark in 1967 and they have five children: three sons and two daughters. One daughter is a graduate nurse.

Outside of medicine he is interested in classical music, general history particularly Maritime and Aeronautical History. He has also been active in the development of the Hotham Valley Tourist Railway.

Dr Strahan retired in 1968.



Kenneth Sutherland



University of Melbourne
BDS 1939 **LDS** 1939
MB BS 1950 **MDS** 1953
FDSRCS (Edinburgh) 1954
FICD 1954
FDSRCS (England) 1960
FRACDS 1966. **FACD** 1977
Hon DDS (WA) 1982

Consultant Oral Surgeon

Born in Melbourne where his father, George Alfred Sutherland was an electrical contractor, he attended the University of Melbourne. He graduated in both dentistry and medicine, the latter after having served in the RAAF during World War II as a dental officer reaching the rank of Squadron Leader.

At the age of 35 he was appointed Professor of Dental Science at the University of Western Australia, a position he continued to hold until his retirement in 1982. For many years he was the Dean of the Faculty of Dental Science. In association with his academic position he was made a Consultant in Dentistry to the Royal Perth Hospital and also the Princess Margaret Hospital.

His wide experience was much sought after and he served the dental profession on the Dental Board for 34 years and was its President for 16 of them. Widely known and respected in South East Asia, he was Chairman of an Expert Panel on Dentistry, a committee to assess overseas dental qualifications, and Chairman of the Australian Dental Association, the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgery, the Australian and New Zealand Society of Oral and Maxillo Facial Surgeons and the International Association for Dental Research.

Recognition of his efforts in the whole field of dentistry has come by the award of an Honorary Doctorate of Dental Science by the University of Western Australia and Membership of the Order of Australia.

His contributions to the literature are to be found in the Australian Journal of Dentistry and the Australian Dental Journal from 1948 to 1982. Amongst approximately 26 papers and scientific articles the more important were:

- A scientific evaluation of vitamin K therapy as a routine haemostatic measure.
- Oral medicine in general practice.
- The fractured tooth root - a systematic approach to its removal.
- Oral surgery under general anaesthesia.
- Pathology and treatment of diseases of the palate.
- Medical conditions affecting treatment planning.
- Medico-dental dilemmas.
- Muco-periosteal flaps

He also contributed a chapter on dentistry in the book "Campus in the Community", UWA, 1963 - 1987.



Philip Thomas



MB BS (Melbourne) 1931
DRCOG 1936
MRCOG 1947
FRCOG 1959
FRACOG 1984

Consultant Gynaecologist

Philip Thomas was born in Northam, Western Australia in 1908, the son of Horace Thomas, a school teacher, and Elizabeth nee Tudehope. He received his medical training in Melbourne but returned to Perth to be appointed to the Honorary Staff of the Perth Hospital as it was then known in 1937. At the outbreak of the second world war he enlisted with the rank of Captain and saw service in Palestine, Libya, Greece, Crete, Syria and New Guinea. He was discharged in 1947 by which time he held the rank of Lt-Colonel.

He resumed his appointment at the Royal Perth Hospital after the war and for a period 1947-49 also held the appointment of Assistant Gynaecologist at Fremantle Hospital. He retired from the staff of the Royal Perth Hospital in 1964.

Philip Thomas is a keen sportsman and was Captain of Queen's College (Melbourne) Football Team in 1930 and member of the Queen's College Rowing Crew 1927-30. He has been active in small boat sailing and tennis and is a past President of the Cottesloe Tennis Club.

He has written two books, "Army Doctor" published in 1981 and "A Doctor Looks Back" published in 1984.

In 1976 Philip Thomas spent some time working as a gynaecologist in Bangladesh.

He has five children, three sons and two daughters. One son is a gynaecologist practising in Melbourne and one daughter is a Medical Laboratory Scientist at Curtin University.



Brian A. Vivian



University of Adelaide
MB BS 1950
FRCS 1955
FRACS 1960

Consultant General Surgeon

Arthur Brian Vivian was born in Albany in 1925, the son of Alfred Ernest Vivian, a general practitioner, and Lilian Ellen nee Newman. After schooling in Perth he studied medicine in Adelaide and graduated MB BS in 1950.

Following resident and registpointments at the Royal Adelaide Hospital he went to England and was Senior House Officer at the Royal Northern Hospital, then Surgical Registrar to Mr W.W. Davey at the Whittington Hospital until 1957. In that year he became Registrar to Professor L.N. Pyrah of Leeds a pioneer in the development of Science in the practice of Surgery. A year as Resident Surgical Officer at St Mark's Hospital for rectal diseases followed and in 1959 he returned to Australia where he began a long career at the Royal Perth Herth Hospital. Soon after his return he was appointed an Assistant to the Professor of Surgery and was subsequently a Reader and Associate Professor.

Brian was a very competent General Surgeon and his forte was in teaching. Many undergraduates learnt the art of surgery from him and trainee surgeons learnt surgical practice by example at the bedside and by his patiently assisting them in the operating theatre.

He had the misfortune to be dogged by serious disability in the last few years of his life, he accepted with great courage. He continued to the end in his role of teacher and guide.

Brian gave much of his spare time to the committees of the hospital but he was also a keen golfer, playing at Lake Karinyup, and a supporter of Cottesloe Life Saving Club.

He was very much a family man and in this he received great support from his wife Marie nee Bridges who was a trained nurse. He had three sons one of whom Justin, graduated in medicine in 1990 at the University of Western Australia.

