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Emeritus Professor Dr Stuart Pegg AM



The Professor Stuart Pegg Adult Burns Centre is the major referral centre for Queensland, Northern New South Wales, Northern Territory and the Pacific Islands.

The Centre is named in recognition and honour of Stuart Pegg, a pioneer in burns surgery.

His correct title is Emeritus Professor Dr Stuart Pegg AM MBBS(HONS), MD, FRACS, FRCS (England), FRACMA. For those non medical staff FRCS stands for Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons.

Stuart studied at The University of Queensland and obtained his MBBS (Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery) in 1956 with a State Fellowship. He then became an intern at Brisbane General Hospital in 1957.

Being bonded for seven years under the State Fellowship he became Medical Superintendent of Julia Creek Hospital with private practice. Julia Creek is a tiny outback town in Queensland's northwest where Stuart saw his first burns case and realised that nobody could advise him what to do and that burns patients weren't treated well.

It wasn't until he commenced as a surgical supervisor for the Royal Brisbane Hospital in 1967 that he started his career in burns care.

In 1974 he was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to visit the world's leading burns centres in the UK, Europe and the USA, bringing back what he learnt to Queensland.

1977 he became the Director of Surgery and the Director of the Burns Unit of the Royal Brisbane Hospital.

In 1980 he became the Chairman of the Division of Surgery within the Royal Brisbane Hospital and the Director of the Burns Unit of the Royal Children's Hospital. In 1991 he became the Clinical Professor of Surgery within his old alma mater, The University of Queensland.

He was the 1st registrar at the Princess Alexandra Hospital to obtain a FRACS on the job and the only Australian to win the G Whitaker International Burns Prize from Palermo Italy in 2003.

He was the 2nd Australian to gain the distinction of being awarded the Everett Idris Evans Memorial Lectureship Award of the American Burns Association in 1989 (**pictured above**). Stuart was also made an Honorary Fellow of the American Association of the Surgery of Trauma in the same year.

Stuart retired in 2006 after more than half a century as a doctor. As 2017 Courier Mail article states "Pegg's name is not as recognisable to Australians as ... the late eye specialist Professor Fred Hollows ... But it probably should be. To Queenslanders who have suffered the horror of burn injuries – and to those he has worked with – he's just as revered, and not only for the skill with which he wielded a scalpel. "Friend", "mentor", "saviour", "a champion of women surgeons", "world-renowned". All have been used to describe Pegg ..."



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