



# HUMANS OF THE ROYAL

## Professor Ian Gough AM



Ian was appointed as a consultant general surgeon in 1978, at the age of 30, and developed special interests in endocrine and breast surgery, and became Head of the relevant surgical units within the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital.

He has always been an active member of the community, starting at University where he served in the Royal Australian Air Force Squadron, and in later life continued to be a member of many Committees. He worked in the UK during 1973 to 1975 before returning to Brisbane.

In 1991 he was appointed Clinical Professor at the University of Queensland. He holds a Doctor of Medicine degree by research thesis which was entitled *Palliative Interventions in Advanced Malignancy with Particular Reference to Patients' Quality of Life*

He was awarded an Order of Australia in 2015 "for significant service to medicine as a clinician, to education as an academic, researcher and author, and through medical advisory roles". When the Royal Alumni, for the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, was established he chaired the steering committee and was the inaugural Chairman from 2016.

He was President of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) and prior to that served as Senior Examiner in general surgery, Chairman of the Court of Examiners, Censor in Chief and Senior Editor of the ANZ Journal of Surgery.

**He was instrumental in transforming the Surgical Education and Training programme for all specialities.** Ian was also influential in establishing the RACS Academy of Surgical Educators and was the inaugural Chairman of the Board.

He has been a visiting Professor in all State and Territories of Australia and 14 overseas countries, with a strong involvement in Asia and particularly in surgical education and training in Thailand. He trained and mentored many already qualified surgeons in endocrine and breast surgery.

**He is a Fellow or Honorary Fellow of 5 international surgical colleges, and a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London – a rare achievement for a surgeon.**

Ian and his wife Ruth (a retired psychiatrist) support surgical education scholarships via the RACS and medical education scholarships via the University of Queensland Medical School.



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