



# HUMANS OF THE ROYAL

## Emeritus Professor Graham Cooksley

William Graham Earnshaw Cooksley was the first Director and Professor of the RBWH Clinical Research Centre.

He has made substantial contributions to the knowledge of viral hepatitis (especially hepatitis B), drug metabolism in liver disease, liver transplants and the impact of molecular biology on the science of liver and gastrointestinal disease.

Graham graduated in medicine in 1963 and his career before RBWH included, specialisation in internal medicine (FRACP), a research doctorate (MD Qld) and then won the Nuffield Travelling Fellowship for Australia in the Medical Sciences where he worked at the Clinical Research Centre at Harrow, UK where he studied precise liver function using the isolated liver perfusion in 1973.

He was appointed as Senior Lecturer in Medical Biochemistry at University of Queensland, at St Lucia from 1975 to 1979 where Professor Chev Kldson said he must work on the most important problem in his discipline where he changed to hepatitis B.



He worked on hepatitis B as visiting scientist at the National Institutes of Health, in 1981 Bethesda, Maryland, USA where they have supported over 100 Nobel Prize winners. Graham was promoted to Associate Professor in 1979.

In 1987 Graham commenced as Director and Professor of the Clinical Research Centre as he had an extensive background experience in clinical biochemistry and was an expert in molecular biology and cellular immunology. He soon gathered other active researchers around him. Working closely with RBWH Foundation staff, Graham was part of the team that achieved one million dollars in donations, from outstanding community support, for the Clinical Research Centre. In 1990 the Clinical Centre was officially opened and by this time, Graham was responsible for over 30 staff working in the areas of liver disease, neuroscience and lipid metabolism.

Graham has given many invited lectures at international and national meetings including 92 in 50 countries from 2000-2010. His research publications have been cited in the international literature more than 11,000 times.

He was described as "...quick, encyclopaedic, wittily good-humoured..." in the book, "History of the Brisbane Hospital", by J H Tyrer and is well respected amongst his peers. He was given the title of Emeritus Professor on his retirement.



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