

# SENIOR SURGEONS PROGRAM

Convener: Allan Panting  
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*David Watters is a Past President of RACS (May 2015-May 2016) who since 2000 has been Professor of Surgery for Barwon Health in Geelong, initially with Melbourne (2000-2010), and then Deakin University (2011-). He is a general surgeon with interests in general, colorectal and endocrine surgery. He is actively engaged in advocating for global surgery, having spent almost 20 years in developing countries including Papua New Guinea, Hong Kong, Zambia and South Africa. He is an Edinburgh University graduate, and in addition to the FRACS, a fellow of the Edinburgh, Hong Kong, and East Central and Southern Africa Colleges of Surgeons. His research interests include history of surgery, surgical audit and performance, colorectal outcomes, perioperative mortality and global health. He was an author of the Lancet Commission on Global Surgery and has over 150 peer reviewed publications and 6 books; four on clinical topics in low-middle income countries and two on surgical history - Stitches in Time - Two centuries of Surgery in Papua New Guinea (Xlibris, 2012) and Anzac Surgeons of Gallipoli (RACS, 2015). Deakin University appointed him the title of Alfred Deakin Professor (August 2016) and he was awarded Life Membership of the Medical Society of Papua New Guinea in September 2017. He is an honorary Member of Asian Surgical Association (2015) and in recognition of his contribution to surgery and surgical training in PNG he was awarded the OBE (Queen's Birthday 2012), and Membership of the Order of Australia (AM, Queen's Birthday 2018) for his contribution to endocrine and colorectal surgery and professional organisations. In PNG, he was awarded Rotary's highest honour - a Paul Harris Fellowship in 2000 for his contribution to Rotary's Overseas Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC). In September 2017, he gave the Guthrie Lecture to the British Society of the History of Medicine, on "Daring to Dream of Equal Opportunity in Medicine" which covered the history of the struggle for women to train as doctors and specialists and to be treated with equity in the medical profession.*

## MONDAY 6 MAY

5:00pm - 6:30pm **CONVOCATION CEREMONY AND SYME ORATION (TICKETED EVENT)**  
World Ballroom A/B/C

6:30pm - 7:30pm **WELCOME RECEPTION (TICKETED EVENT)**  
Pre-function Area (L22)

## TUESDAY 7 MAY

8:30am - 10:00am **OPENING PLENARY SESSION  
GENERALISM**  
World Ballroom A/B/C

10:00am - 10:30am **MORNING TEA - TUESDAY**  
Bangkok Convention Centre A2

10:30am - 12noon

## **GENERALISM**

Lotus Suite 15

Chairs: **Graeme Campbell (Bendigo) and Robert Pearce (Erskine)**

*The challenge of maintaining and strengthening generalism to better meet the needs of acute service provision in the face of increasing sub-specialisation. A series of views, based upon practice in differing spheres of work, will be presented with a panel discussion to follow.*

10:30am

Generalism - Challenges for the Rural/provincial Surgeon  
**Phillip Carson (Darwin)**

10:42am

Generalism - Subspecialation, The Metropolitan Surgeon's View  
**Meron Pitcher (Melbourne)**

10:54am

Generalism and the Tertiary Centre Surgeon  
**John Windsor (Auckland)**

11:06am

**SS001**

Generalism - The View from the New Zealand Countryside  
**Richard Lander (Palmerston North)**

11:18am

**SS002**

Can Sub-specialised surgical practice support Rural/Provincial Surgery  
**Kik Maoate (Christchurch)**

11:30am

Discussion

12noon - 12:30pm

## **KEYNOTE LECTURE - GENERALISM: QUALITY AND SAFETY**

Lotus Suite 15

Chair: **Richard Lander (Palmerston North)**

Quality and safety - How important is the caseload?  
**Dr Catherine Ferguson (Wellington)**

12:30pm - 1:30pm

## **LUNCH - TUESDAY**

Bangkok Convention Centre A2

1:30pm - 2:00pm

## **KEYNOTE LECTURE**

Lotus Suite 15

Chair: **Allan Panting (Nelson)**

Transitions and stages in a surgical career - Competence and performance for senior surgeons

**Professor David Watters (Geelong)**

2:00pm - 3:30pm

## **GLOBAL INITIATIVES & FUTURE HORIZONS**

Lotus Suite 15

Chair: **Michael Hollands (Sydney)**

*Three surgeons will review their differing extensive experience in the provision of international surgical aid and offer some suggestions for the further development of this work. Three Past Presidents of the College will consider the future, based upon the changes in practice which have occurred through their career. Short panel discussions will follow each segment.*

2:00pm

Cardiac Surgical Services for Palestinian Children  
**Alan Kerr (Auckland)**

2:11pm

Plastic Surgery in East Timor and Indonesia  
**Mark Moore (Adelaide)**

2:22pm

Surgical education in Myanmar  
**James Kong (Hong Kong, China)**

- 2:33pm Panel Discussion
- 2:45pm A career of changing general surgery practice. What does the future hold for us?  
**Philip Truskett (Sydney)**
- 2:56pm Changing health care organisation and assessment of interventions  
**Anne Kolbe (Auckland)**
- 3:07pm Changes in the Provision of Trauma Care over the past 30 years and Possible Future Direction  
**Ian Civil (Auckland)**
- 3:18pm Panel Discussion

**3:30pm - 4:00pm AFTERNOON TEA - TUESDAY**  
Bangkok Convention Centre A2

**4:00pm - 5:30pm CHALLENGES OF PRIVATE PRACTICE**  
(Combined with: General Surgery)  
World Ballroom B  
Chairs: **Hugh Cooke (Wellington) and Allan Panting (Nelson)**

- 4:00pm **GS001** Why start private practice and pitfalls to avoid  
**Andrew Luck (Adelaide)**
- 4:15pm Audit and peer review, digital technology and advertising - maintaining professional standards in private practice  
**Richard Perry (Christchurch)**
- 4:30pm Keeping business practice ethical and fair  
**Nicola Hill (Nelson)**
- 4:45pm Practice organisation: group v solo- pros and cons  
**Susan Velovski (Lismore)**
- 5:00pm **GS002** Owning and managing surgical facilities: Business ethics, colleagues and conflicts  
**John Dunn (Auckland)**
- 5:15pm Discussion

**7:00pm - 11:00pm SECTION DINNER (TICKETED EVENT)**  
(Combined with: Younger Fellows, Trainees Association)

## **WEDNESDAY 8 MAY**

**12noon - 12:30pm SENIOR SURGEONS SECTION ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**  
Lotus Suite 14