

of-life care. I feel like I'm where I wanted to be, and I'm relieved to discover that I actually enjoy doing it. I have no clear picture now of what I will be doing in ten years – I think I'll always work as a GP, as I still think general practice is the best job in medicine, but I'm hoping that my work and life will continue to provide new opportunities within and around that. I'm a little older now and excited by my life in general, not only my work in particular.

PN: I have always been interested in technology but in 1999 health information technology was a relatively fringe area of interest, particularly in Australia. As the sector has developed, so have the opportunities. It is an exciting place to be as our understanding of Health IT's ability to improve safety, efficiency and efficacy of health care delivery continues to evolve.

CS: In 1999 my "dream job" did not exist. I was probably sub clinically depressed and totally overwhelmed by the degrading effects of the hours undertaken by interns. There was no "dream career" just survival. My perception of a "dream job" is always evolving but the common motifs have always been: a part time clinical component, flexibility, creativity and the ability to develop personally. Through continuing education I have met incredible people involved in health both locally and in the international arena. Personally I am working towards working in developing countries and being involved in humanitarian work – focusing on women's health in particular. I would love to head back to Burma/Myanmar in this capacity – watch this space!

### Your best memories of medical school?

PR: Easily - the people. From my fellow students who endured all manner of lectures, prac classes and subsequent practical jokes in prac class to the stoic and unwavering lecturers who battled-on under such adverse circumstances. The administration staff who kept things running smoothly at all times except when things weren't running smoothly, and the clinical

tutors, some of whom are now my esteemed colleagues. Memories of great moments always involve the great people that made them so.

TS: Perhaps it's because ten years have passed that I have sufficient distance to feel overwhelmingly positive about my time in medical school. It's hard to remember how tedious or grueling much of it was – instead I feel ridiculously sentimental about Bosch lecture theatres, chemistry pracs, brutal exam periods, the Med Revue band, surgical tutes, heart murmurs, writing discharge summaries, free lunches at grand rounds – the works.

PN: Medical School was amazing time. Being exposed to the full gamut of human experience and scientific advancement through a degree of such breadth is a rare privilege. To have shared this with so many fantastic teachers and fellow students over six formative years made it a life changing experience. These feelings have only been reinforced by recent involvement in the belated production of our cohort's Senior Year Book ahead of our 10 year reunion in October.

CS: Much of medical school was a blur. The memorable moments for me – were the moments discovering that there was more to medicine than medicine!

Looking back - I now realise what a privilege and incredible opportunity it was to have studied medicine - at Sydney University. Not only has it provided the chance to be involved in a plethora of challenging roles - it has really provided the means to embrace a vocation which is personally rewarding and enriching. Having seen first hand the poverty of opportunities and education which the majority of young people in developing countries face - I think having a safe environment to form friendships, develop mentorships and to learn - is something all of us I'm sure appreciate deeply. *radius*

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### GRADUATING YEAR OF 1946

When: Friday, 25 September 2009  
Where: Concord Golf Club, Majors Bay Road Concord NSW  
Time: 11am for 12noon  
Cost: \$75  
Contact: [alanyoun@bigpond.com](mailto:alanyoun@bigpond.com)

### GRADUATING YEAR OF 1970

When: Saturday 20 February 2010  
Where: The Great Hall, The University of Sydney  
Time: 6pm  
Cost: TBA  
Contact: [d.lovegrove@usyd.edu.au](mailto:d.lovegrove@usyd.edu.au)

### GRADUATING YEAR OF 1948

When: Friday, 25 September 2009  
Where: University Art Gallery followed by lunch in the Withdrawing Room, Holme Building, University of Sydney  
Time: Art Gallery from 11am, lunch from 12.30  
Cost: \$85

Contacts: Harding Burns [fhardingburns@bigpond.com.au](mailto:fhardingburns@bigpond.com.au) or 02 9328 5707. Peter Harvey [hpbharve@tpg.com.au](mailto:hpbharve@tpg.com.au). Judy Weaver 02 6331 5074 Tom Nash 02 9247 4950

### GRADUATING YEARS OF 1990 AND 1991

NOTE DATE CORRECTION  
When: Saturday 27 February 2010  
Where: The Great Hall, The University of Sydney  
Time: 6pm  
Cost: TBA  
Contact: [reunion1990@live.com](mailto:reunion1990@live.com)

### GRADUATING YEAR OF 1960

When: Saturday 13 March 2010  
Where: The Great Hall, The University of Sydney  
Time: 6pm  
Cost: TBA  
Contacts: Ann Sefton and Steven Kovacs (via) [d.lovegrove@usyd.edu.au](mailto:d.lovegrove@usyd.edu.au)

### GRADUATING YEAR OF 1965

When: 30 January 2010  
Where: The Taronga Centre, Taronga Park Zoo  
Time: 11am  
Cost: Further details available in Oct/Nov by email. Send contact details to [r.wines@hcn.net.au](mailto:r.wines@hcn.net.au)

### GRADUATING YEAR OF 1955

When: Saturday 10 April 2010  
Where: The Royal Sydney Golf Club  
Time: 11:30am  
Cost: TBA  
Contact: John Wright [rebjohj@netspace.net.au](mailto:rebjohj@netspace.net.au)

### GRADUATING YEAR OF 1999

When: Saturday 24 October 2009  
Where: The Anderson Stuart Courtyard  
Time: 5pm  
Cost: TBA  
Contact: [d.lovegrove@usyd.edu.au](mailto:d.lovegrove@usyd.edu.au)

### GRADUATING YEARS OF 1980

When: Saturday 1st May 2010  
Where: The Great Hall, The University of Sydney  
Time: 6pm  
Cost: TBA  
Contact: [d.lovegrove@usyd.edu.au](mailto:d.lovegrove@usyd.edu.au)

### GRADUATING YEAR OF 1964

When: Saturday 24 October 2009  
Where: The Great Hall, The University of Sydney  
Time: 6:30 pm  
Cost: \$130  
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