



# RADIUS

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## Editorial

Welcome to this interim edition of *Radius*. The *raison d'être* for this mailout is to give notice of the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 26 July. However, it also provides an excellent opportunity to inform members of upcoming reunions and events, which we regard as one of the MGA's most important functions.

Of particular note is the upcoming Lambie–Dew Oration on Tuesday 18 July, this year given by the current Editor of *Radius*, Professor Ann Sefton. Ann has played a key role in the MGA, since helping to establish it in the 1980s. She was also responsible for starting the tradition of the annual Lambie–Dew Oration. It is both fitting and poignant that she gives the oration in her last year at the University before retirement.

The final point to make is in regard to Active Membership subscriptions. Last year was the first time we made a membership appeal and the response was very heartening. Despite some difficulties with our database, all members should now have receipts for the 99-2000 financial year. On the reverse side of the enclosed notice and nomination form for the Annual General Meeting is a subscription for the 2000-2001 financial year.

We would urge that you become active members for this period to enable the MGA to realise the many projects which have been started with the funds donated last year. These projects include a membership benefits program, additional MGA scholarships and a very active role in facilitating the organisation of reunions.

The next regular issue of *Radius* will be out in late September.

Dave, Andy and Nick.

## 1970 Medical Graduates Reunion

*by Stuart Spring, 1970 Graduation Year*

The spirit of 1970 was more than adequately recaptured by over 230 graduates and partners in the Great Hall on Saturday, 18 March 2000. The carillon rang, the quartet played and it was as if nothing had changed.

One professional female graduate — attending her first reunion — remarked “what are all these old people doing here?” Our one *special* guest was Emeritus Professor Ruthven Blackburn who, at the time we started Medicine, was younger than our current average age.

We took pride in the fact that over twenty members of our year held professorial positions in various Universities — particularly Nic Saunders who has been Professor of Medicine in Newcastle, Dean of Medicine at Flinders University and now Dean in the Monash Medical School.

Six attended from overseas — including Pat Flight and Richard Martin (USA), Virginia Hood (USA), Vella Karrupiah (Singapore), Mary Gillin (Canada) and Wendy Hoy (USA) and over forty from interstate. Warren Kinston (USA) missed the reunion by a couple of days due to commitments, but a few of us caught up with him the following week.

The evening was essentially on automatic pilot and an impossible task for the “Venue Collection’s” excellent and patient serving staff. The only moment of peace being when a brilliant young soprano, Anna Fraser, demonstrated her skill and artistry finally leading us in “Gaudemus Igitur” — but then we always were a fine band of singers at year dinners. The next day forty hardy souls continued to reclaim the years over lunch at the Dolphin Hotel — opposite the old Crown St Hospital Site... more nostalgia.

Sadly, those who can never make a reunion were acknowledged — Graeme Burns, Robert Pillans, Glen McIntosh, Ian Locke and Stuart Wynter.

On a positive note, the surplus generated from the evening, including individual donations, has permitted a donation of \$1500 towards the Medical Graduates Association and \$3500 towards the Medical Benevolent Society.

The 40 year reunion is scheduled for Saturday, 1 May 2010 — planning has commenced — please note your diary.

## Upcoming Reunions

Note that the "year of graduation" is the year in which your **graduation ceremony** was held. For most Sydney University Medical Graduates, the graduation ceremony was held in March, April or May of the year following their final examinations.

### 60 Year Reunion (1940 graduation year)

The 1940 Medical Graduates are holding a Reunion in October 2000. The exact date is yet to be confirmed.

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### 50 Year Reunion (1951 graduation year)

The 1950 Medicine VI Reunion Committee is holding a 50 Year Reunion luncheon for Medical Graduates of 1951 on Friday, 17 November 2000.

Enquiries to: Dr Eleanor Dawson  
5 Greendale Avenue  
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### 45 Year Reunion (1956 graduation year)

The 1956 Medical Graduates (Final Year in 1955) are organising a "45 Year" Reunion. (They will celebrate their Final Year rather than the year of graduation). The Reunion is a luncheon to be held on Saturday, 7 October 2000.

The organiser is: Dr John Alam  
Phone: (02) 9389 7976 or (02) 9130 5678

### 35 Year Reunion (1966 graduation year)

The Graduating Class of 1966 are having their 35 Year Reunion, at this stage planned for Saturday, 27 January 2001. The venue is yet to be decided.

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### 30 Year Reunion (1971 graduation year)

The 1971 Medical Graduates are having a 30 Year Reunion, to be held on Saturday, 10 February 2001.

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## The 2000 Lambie-Dew Oration

The Lambie-Dew Oration will be delivered by

### Professor Ann Sefton.

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### "The Reflections of a Life-Long Learner"

With her remarkable career drawing to a close, Professor Ann Sefton is giving her own account of the changing face of medicine. From student activism to the rise of women in medicine, the trials and tribulations of student life to the emergence of 21st Century medical education, an unparalleled insight into medicine in the past, present and future.

### 7:00pm Tuesday 18th July The Great Hall, University of Sydney

Please note that the oration itself is free of charge and does not require booking.

A post-oration supper will be held in the Nicholson Archaeology Museum immediately after Professor Sefton's address. Tickets for the supper are \$27.50 (GST incl.), available at the MedSoc Bookshop, Blackburn Building, Sydney Uni, and via credit card through the Bookshop on (02) 9351 2482 or fax (02) 9351 6197. All enquiries to the Bookshop please.

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