

APPEAL

THE ARTHUR COBBOLD Memorial Lecture



No early alumnus of the UTAS School of Medicine needs an introduction to Arthur Cobbold. From 1964, when he arrived as Foundation Professor of Physiology, to his retirement 21 years later – with 13 of those years as Dean of Medicine – he very much shaped the School and the lives of many of those in it.

Professor Arthur Cobbold was an inspirational lecturer, a highly competent researcher, an excellent administrator and a noted humourist who delivered many memorable after-dinner graduation speeches. He was much loved by his students and over three decades had immense influence on all issues medical in this state.

It is a fitting memorial to the late Professor Cobbold that an annual lecture on contemporary medical issues will again influence medical thinking in Tasmania and that the support to endow this lecture in perpetuity will come from those who were themselves most closely influenced by his work and mentorship. Please join us in this endeavour by giving generously to fund a perpetual lecture in memory of Arthur Cobbold.

Dr Rob Walters, Chair of Appeal Committee



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Emeritus Professor Arthur Frederick Cobbold, OBE AM BSc PhD (Lond) Hon MD

11.1.1920 – 19.12.2009

Arthur Cobbold was born in post World War I London. Having begun work in accountancy, he enlisted at the outbreak of World War II, was invalided out in 1942 and commenced university study at University College Nottingham which seeded his love of physiology. He undertook a PhD under the eminent physiologist, Henry Barcroft, and began his teaching and research careers. He also involved himself in politics at various levels, honing skills which would be most valuable in Tasmania.

In 1964 Arthur and his family departed for Tasmania where he became Foundation Professor in Physiology in the newly established School of Medicine. His tenacity saw a Medical Sciences Building at Sandy Bay completed and he oversaw the development of clinical and teaching facilities at the Royal Hobart Hospital. In 1969 he was appointed Dean of Medicine, a position he held for a record 13 years. There is no doubt that his leadership, his determination and his great political skills turned the Medical School from humble beginnings into the success that it is.

Students found him an excellent lecturer who placed their interests to the fore and they formed close personal bonds with him. He was kind, compassionate and, above all, fair and pragmatic.

In tandem with University duties, he played a pivotal role in the development of health policy and facilities in Tasmania. He was a long-term member of the board of the Royal Hobart Hospital and its chairman from the mid-1980s.

Arthur received an OBE and AO for services to medical education and on his retirement became Emeritus Professor.

In 2000 he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Medicine by UTAS – fitting recognition for a great educator and university leader.

How it will work

Arthur Cobbold was motivated by medical education and students were his prime consideration. A perpetual lecture in his memory is an ideal way to carry on his legacy.

An annual lecture of interest to the general public will also encourage continuing education for the Tasmanian medical community including current students. The lecturer will have eminence in the medical sciences or in the medical profession generally.

The lecture will be managed by a small committee, established under the rules of a trust which will administer the funds raised through this appeal. The membership will include Dr Elizabeth Cobbold, Dr Lyndsay McLeod; Dr Robert Walters and the Dean of Health Science.

The rules will provide for replacement of retiring members and ensure there is continued representation of the general Tasmanian medical community.

The appeal committee is asking you to contribute towards a memorial for a remarkable man who did so much for the development of the Medical School and for medicine in this state.

Donations are tax deductible and donors will be informed each year of the lecture details.

The UTAS Foundation acknowledges the generous support of the Medical Protection Society of Tasmania Inc. in the presentation of the annual lecture.

“Arthur’s enduring gift to the Tasmanian community will not only be the hundreds of graduates he prepared for their medical careers but an annual lecture which will help to keep the community engaged with current thinking and practice.”

Rob Walters MD



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