**AGENDA ITEM**

**OBITUARY**

**EMERITUS PROFFESOR STUART PHILLIP PEGG AM FRACS
GENERAL SURGEON
13 MARCH 1932 – 02 APRIL 2023**

Emeritus Professor Stuart Pegg AM has died peacefully at home at the age of 91.

He had a long association with the Royal Brisbane Hospital beginning in 1957 as a first year resident. After general surgical training he was appointed Surgical Supervisor in 1967 and his responsibilities included the care of patients with burns. At that time they were scattered throughout the hospital and treatment was variable and uncoordinated. He was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 1974 and visited many Burns Units abroad to study burn management. This led to the establishment of a dedicated Burns ward and later an internationally recognised Burns Unit now named in his honour. He was appointed Director of Surgery and Director of the Burns Unit in 1977.

Professor Pegg was a pioneer in burns management in Australasia introducing new measures including appropriate resuscitation, early debridement and grafting, prevention of sepsis and use of pressure garments to minimise scarring. He recognised the value of multidisciplinary care in burn injuries well before it became standard in many areas of practice. He also trained and developed the next generation of burns surgeons and multidisciplinary staff, ensuring ongoing excellence in burn care to this day.

During his career he received many awards and honours including being named a Queensland Great in 2022. However, he would say the greatest honour was the privilege of caring for patients with burn injuries and returning them to good health, consistent with his personal qualities of humility, compassion and service.

Professor Pegg will be remembered also for the support and assistance he gave to young doctors interested in a career in surgery. In the leadership roles he held, he used his authority and influence to give many an opportunity, regardless of sex or background.

*This obituary was provided Dr Barry O’Loughlin FRACS*