**AGENDA ITEM**

**OBITUARY**

**PROFFESOR JOHN MACLEOD HUNN FRACS  
GENERAL SURGEON  
29 MARCH 1928 – 26 MARCH 2023**

It was with sadness that Tasmanians lost loved and respected surgeon, John MacLeod Hunn, on 26th March 2023.

John was born 29th March 1928 in Hobart.

His father was a Gallipoli veteran, and subsequently involved in several businesses including what was possibly Australia’s first supermarket.

John attended Cleme’s College Hobart (subsequently subsumed into the Friends School).

He studied Medicine at the University of Melbourne, where he met and married Beverley Isaac. After graduation John did his intern year at Launceston General Hospital. In the following year he and his new wife headed north to Charleville, where John worked with the RFDS.

A year later John and Beverley moved back to Tasmania, to Wynyard, where for the next 10 years John ran a very successful and diverse General Practice.

In 1963 the family (now with 4 boys) travelled by ship to the UK, where John had obtained a position to train in Surgery in Edinburgh.

A year later they were back in Wynyard, and the following year back in the UK, this time in London, where John worked and studied at Great Ormond Street, and gained his Surgical Fellowship.

Returning home to Tasmania, the family moved into a new house (built while they were away) and John commenced his surgical career, initially focussing on paediatric surgery, but gradually evolving to a predominantly adult practice.

The Tasmanian bush fires in 1967 were the impetus for him to become deeply involved in burns management, and John became a significant driving force in developing a world class Burns Unit at the Royal Hobart Hospital.

During his career, John was a major contributor to the teaching of medical students (becoming Emeritus Professor of Surgery at the University of Tasmania), to redevelopment stages of the Royal Hobart Hospital, in particular leading clinical input into the design and rebuild of the Day Surgery and Endoscopy Unit, and to surgical administration at the Royal Hobart Hospital. John was a steady, reliable, and wise colleague and mentor to young and old in the surgical profession.

He is sadly missed by the Tasmanian surgical fraternity.

*This obituary was provided by Prof John MacLeod Hunn’s colleague Mr Stephen Wilkinson FRACS*