



On 12 April 2008, Dr Clarke Munro passed away peacefully at the age of 80 having fought bravely against melanoma for 2 years. Dr Clarke Munro had been a beloved friend and benefactor of the College. He was instrumental in establishing the Conjoint Fellowship Examination of the College with the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP), 20 years ago when he was the Chief Censor of the RACGP.

He was the sole voice in the RACGP Council to give green light to our College to start our first Conjoint Fellowship Examination in 1987. This move paved the way to shape the future of our College, enabling the discipline of family medicine to gain its deserved specialist status in Hong Kong.

Dr Clarke Munro's main interests were medical education, the standards of general practice and College Fellowship examinations. He contributed his whole life in promoting a high standard in the practice of family medicine through education, training and mentoring in Australia, Hong Kong and other parts of the worlds. His extensive curriculum vitae says it all.

Dr Clarke Munro had built up a long term relationship with our College when he organized the pre-examination course in 1987 in preparing the local candidates for the first Conjoint Fellowship Examination. He was also one of the first overseas examiners from the RACGP to help conducting the first Conjoint Fellowship Examination. He was the head of the General Practice Department at the Hong Kong University from 1988 – 1991. He was appointed the Chief Censor of our College during the period. He was the Sun Yet Sen Orator for the College in 2000. In appreciation of his contribution to the College, he was conferred the Hon. Fellowship of the College in 1991. On his return to Australia, he was appointed the Provost of the Queensland Faculty from 1992 to 1994.

Dr Clarke Munro had a profound influence on general practice training for both medical students and trainees during his period of working with our College. He demonstrated a longstanding commitment to the teaching of general practice. He was a towering icon of the medical profession, a role model for young doctors, a pillar of strength to his patients. He was a shining example of a compassionate, knowledgeable and skillful family doctor.

Dr Clarke Munro had a very successful life and harmonious family. During my short stay with Clarke and his lovely family at their home at Sunshine Coast in 2006 and 2007, Clarke had impressed me as a very able and caring husband. He helped Muriel, his wife, in all daily household activities making the home very neat, pretty, comfortable, warm and homely. It had been such a pleasant memory to spend time with Clarke and Muriel enjoying their super hospitality and the traditional authentic Australian homemade cuisines. Clarke's way of serving BBQ in the backyard was most delicious impressive. I like the daily 'Bar Time' at six o'clock in the evening when Clarke proudly opened his conventional, specially designed Scottish Bar which was a centre of attraction and social link for the families, guests, friends and neighbours. The atmosphere was so friendly, warm and relaxing. Clarke was very fond of the Bar where he kept on acting as a bar-tender till the end of his life.

Dr Clarke Munro is survived by his lovely wife, Muriel; daughter, Joyce and his sons Neil, Stuart and Grant. He was a devoted grandfather to Sophie, David, Alison and Hamish.

*Dr Stephen Foo*



## Highlight of an outstanding life and career

<b>1940 – 1944</b>	Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen
<b>1944 – 1947</b>	B.Sc. (Pure Science), University of Aberdeen
<b>1947 – 1948</b>	National Service in R.A.F. as a Pilot
<b>1948 – 1954</b>	University of Aberdeen – M.B., Ch B
<b>1955 – 1956</b>	Lecturer in Materia Medica, University of Aberdeen
<b>1956 – 1963</b>	General Practice in Coventry, Warwickshire, UK
<b>1963</b>	Emigrated to Australia
<b>1963 – 1975</b>	General Practice in Namour, Queensland
<b>1975 – 1976</b>	General Practice in Brisbane
<b>1986</b>	Chief Censor, RACGP
<b>1976 – 1988</b>	Senior Lecturer in Community Practice University of Queensland
<b>1988 – 1991</b>	Head of General Practice Unit, University of Hong Kong Chief Censor, HKCFP
<b>1991 – 2005</b>	Postgraduate Teaching (General Practice) Queensland and New South Wales

### **Higher Degrees – FRACGP, FRCGP, FHKCFP**

University of Otago, Christchurch, NZ  
 Queens University, Kingston, ONT, Canada  
 University of Southern California, USA  
 University of Harare, Zimbabwe, USA  
 McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada

### **Postgraduate teaching courses in:**

Australia, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Hong Kong, Philippines and Malaysia

### **Positions held at:**

#### **RACGP:**

State Censor, QLD  
 Chairman, Medical Education Committee  
 Censor-in-Chief

#### **HKCFP:**

Chief Censor  
 Chief Examiner  
 Dr. Sun Yat Sen Orator (2000)

### **Honor:**

“The Dr. Clarke Munro Conference Room’ named by Board members of the RACGP  
 Queensland Faculty