

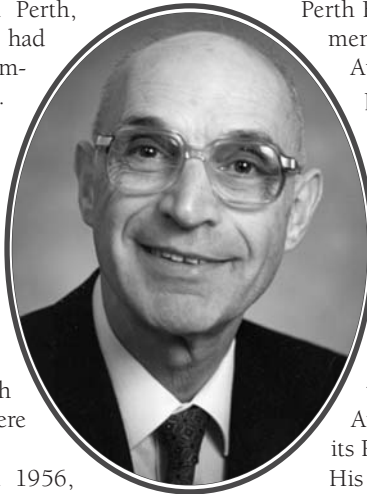
Philip Kessly, MB ChB, FRACGP

PHILIP KESSLY died on 18 August 2004 in Perth, Western Australia, after a long illness. His career had been one conspicuous by his dedication to his community, family, and the art and science of medicine.

The eleventh of 12 children, Phil was born in London on 22 February 1922 to Jewish migrants who had fled pogroms in their native Ukraine. He was educated in London, Merseyside and Manchester. In 1937, he took an apprenticeship in pharmacy, which he completed in 1940.

During the war, Phil enlisted voluntarily in the British army, where he worked on radar. His service included a period in India, from where he returned in 1946. After demobilisation, he went to Edinburgh to study medicine, his great passion in life. It was there that he met Lilian, who later became his wife.

Phil migrated with his family to Australia in 1956, where he joined a practice in Mt Hawthorn, WA. He later established a very successful practice in Yokine, in suburban Perth. He continued in general practice until 1986, when ill health forced him to seek out a quieter practice in Como, where he continued to work until shortly before his death. In addition to running a very busy general practice, he involved himself in other aspects of medicine. He was a clinical assistant in dermatology at the Royal



Perth Hospital (1960–1972) and a lecturer in the Department of Social Work at the University of Western Australia (1977–1979). He realised the importance of passing on his skills, and was a foundation member of the Department of General Practice at the University of Western Australia.

Phil was also actively involved in many political aspects of Australian medicine. He served on the WA Branch Council of the Australian Medical Association (AMA) (1972–1982) and was President in 1975. He was elected a Fellow of the AMA in 1979. He saw the need to recognise general practice as a special discipline, and was instrumental in establishing the WA Faculty of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, serving as its Provost from 1976 to 1978.

His regular appearance at Beatty Park Aquatic Centre in white robe, snorkel and mask will be sadly missed, as will his sharp intellect, his encyclopaedic knowledge and his commitment and compassion in medical practice. Australian medicine was fortunate to have had the contribution and enthusiasm of such a gifted and exceptional man.

Peter M Winterton

Robert Trevor Anderson, MB BS, DPM, FRANZCP

TREVOR ANDERSON was born in Camberwell, Victoria, on 20 July 1941. The son of an army officer, he attended Melbourne High School before studying medicine at the University of Melbourne (1961–1966). In 1964, he joined the army, and, after completing his residency, was assigned to the Royal Australian Regiment as a Medical Officer in 1968.

On 21 July 1969, in South Vietnam, Captain Anderson flew in to assist with treatment and evacuation after a landmine had killed and injured members of a platoon. As this process ended, another mine exploded, killing a corporal and causing further casualties. Trevor was blinded and wounded in the legs and abdomen.

After rehabilitation, Trevor trained in psychiatry at Royal Park Hospital, Melbourne, and the Parkville Psychiatric Unit, studying with the help of his wife Janice. In 1976, he became Psychiatrist in Charge at the Elizabeth Street Clinic, remaining for 28 years as the clinic moved to become first the Ellery Clinic, in Carlton, then the Waratah Clinic, in Moonee Ponds. There he developed community psychiatry, trained young psychiatrists and inspired medical students. He also pioneered psycho-oncology, starting a liaison service to the Peter McCallum Cancer Institute.

Trevor had a profound respect for individual rights. He never lost sight of the fact that our services are there to serve patients. His opening gambit to patients, “How can I help you?”, repre-



sented the ethical core of his practice philosophy. He was described by one colleague as “magic with difficult people”.

Trevor served on numerous Department of Veterans’ Affairs committees and won the 1991 Returned Servicemen’s League Anzac of the Year award. He was President of the Victorian Blinded Soldiers’ Association, served on the board of the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind, and, as president from 1999, oversaw an amalgamation with Vision Australia and the Royal Blind Society of NSW. He was a member of the Victorian Psychological Council and an adviser to the telephone counselling service Lifeline.

No portrait of Trevor would be complete without mention of his extraordinary family. Married in 1968 to Janice Biggs, the home shared with their four children was an epicentre of activity and love. Despite his blindness, he sailed, canoed, skied, and rode a tandem bicycle on numerous excursions.

After facing pancreatic cancer with characteristic courage, Trevor died on 29 October 2004. He is survived by Janice and his children Penelope, Hamish, Virginia and Emily.

David Ames

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