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John Pearn Collection

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Contents Material relating to the medical career and research of Professor John Pearn. Includes journal articles and papers presented by John Pearn, photographs, curriculum vitae, menus, programmes and other ephemera marking special events, and correspondence.

Date range 1982 onwards

Biography John Pearn (b. 1940) is Professor of Child Health and Paediatrics at the University of Queensland. His clinical interests encompass general paediatrics, medical genetics, clinical toxicology and accident prevention. John Pearn served as a doctor-soldier in the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps for 30 years. He was one of the founders of The Australian Society of the History of Medicine, and has received numerous medals for his work. John Pearn is the author of some 20 books and chapters in books on clinical medicine and the history of medicine.

Notes Open access

Box 1

A. Journal articles & papers presented

1984
John Pearn and John Thearle, “To live ... and serve the future hour’: Retirement of Professor John Rendle-Short’, *Australian Paediatric Journal*, 20 (1984), pp175-176

1985

1986

1988
1992

1993
John Pearn, ‘Genetic risks and preventive stratagems for at-risk pregnancies’, address at the 1993 Annual General Meeting of Family Planning Queensland, 3 Nov 1993, 5 p
John Pearn, ‘The changing face of childhood’, inaugural address on the occasion of the inauguration of the Sunshine Coast Paediatric Association, 28 Jul 1993, 9 p with attached agenda

1994
John Pearn, ‘Entering a profession: collegiate themes in the health and teaching professions’, occasional address on the occasion of the graduation ceremony for the faculties of Education and the Arts, and the Nursing and Health Sciences, 26 Mar 1994, 9 p
John Pearn, ‘Heredity, heritage and health’, the opening keynote address for the 7th Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Family History, 7 Jul 1994, 6 p
John Pearn, ‘Youth - the investment for the future’, the national symposium ‘Youth in Focus’ of St John Ambulance Australia and The Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia, 23-24 June 1994, 8 p
John Pearn, ‘Ethics and efficiency: the interactive world of medical administration and medical ethics’, the 1994 Cilento Oration, Royal Australian College of Medical Administrators, delivered 9 Mar 1994, 18 p
1995


1996

John Pearn, 'Hippocrates of Kos and Queensland', [1996], 9 p


John Pearn, ‘Some useful plan or beuk... or sang’: A Scottish Variorum’, address to the Annual Dinner, Sunshine Coast Branch of the Society of St Andrew of Scotland, 2 Nov 1996, 15 p

John Pearn, ‘Credibility, vitality and identity: an invited address to the annual Queensland small museums conference’, Samford, Queensland, 4 Aug 1996, 10 p


John Pearn, ‘Hippocrates of Herston’, *Trephine*, [1996], pp44-47


1997

John Pearn, ‘A loaf of bread: price and value’, modified from a paper read at the National Nutrition Symposium ‘Child nutrition today, health tomorrow’, Heinz Institute of Nutritional Sciences, St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne, 2 May 1997, 23 p

John Pearn, ‘The naming of living things’, a plenary lecture on the occasion of the 5th Biennial Scientific and Literary Conference of the Australian Society of the History of Medicine, 6-11 Jul 1997, 13 p

John Pearn, ‘Issues in medical ethics’, Quality of Life Seminars, Australian and New Zealand Medical Practitioners, Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, 15 Jul 1997, 1 p

John Pearn, ‘Volunteering’, an invited address to the volunteers of the Royal Children’s Hospital, Brisbane, on the occasion of National Volunteers’ Week, 16 May 1997, 6 p

John Pearn, ‘Naval medicine in Australia: some origins in northern waters’, *Naval Historical Review* 18, 1997, pp11-15
1998

1999
John Pearn, ‘Looking the world in the eye’, opening address at the Lions Children's Mobility Programme and the Maleny Lions Festival of Colour, 13 Nov 1999, 5 p
John Pearn, ‘Fields of remembrance’, The Legacy Flanders Poppy Festival of Faith, Remembrance Week, Nov 1999, 4 p

B. Curriculum vitae
John Pearn, Curriculum vitae, Aug 1994, 126 p [bound volume]

C. Photographs
Commemorative photograph: 75th Anniversary of the University of Queensland, Department of Child Health, Clinical Examiners, 1985
Faculty of Medicine, University of Queensland, Golden Jubilee, 1986 [with list of names of people in group photo attached]
Photograph of Centenary Medallion with copy of the Centenary Occasional Address given at the Centenary Church Service, Centenary of the Australian Medical Association in Queensland, 1994
‘Treasures of the Fryer Library’ [names of families represented in group photo written on frame]
D. Correspondence

John Pearn, Department of Child Health, University of Queensland, to Chris Harkness, 12 April 1991, 1 p

Chris Harkness to John Pearn, 21 March 1991, 1 p [handwritten]

C.G. Sheehan, John Oxley Library, to Chris Harkness, March 1991, with photocopies of press clippings and other publications enclosed

Box 2

E. Programmes, menus & other ephemera for functions & special events

Order of Service: Ronald Joseph Boscott, Memorial Service, 19 May 1983, Christ Church, St Lucia [F2403 [2]]

Memorial obituary for Ronald Boscott [F2403 [1]]

Programme for the unveiling of the portrait of Professor John Tyndale Rendle-Short, Foundation Professor in Child Health, University of Queensland, 25 Oct 1982 [F2353]

Faculty Dinner menu on the occasion of the retirement of Professor John Rendle-Short, Faculty of Medicine, University of Queensland, 15 Jun 1984 [F2257]

Medical History Society of Australia dinner menu, 1 Oct 1993 [2 copies]


‘The starting of the waters’: a symposium on the history of the Southern Darling Downs, Queensland’, Dinner, 22 Oct 1994, menu and registration form

St Andrew’s Day Dinner programme, The Society of St Andrew of Scotland (Queensland), 30 November 1994

Medical Graduation Dinner programme/menu 1994

Faculty of Medicine, University of Queensland, Golden Jubilee Reunion of the Medical Graduation Class of 1944, 11 June 1994


Queensland Branch of Australian Medical Association Centenary Celebration registration form and brochures

John Pearn, ‘Some Diary Dates – 1994’, 1 p

Programme: Unveiling of the Statue of Hippocrates, a gift of Mr Angelo Efstathis, CBE, The Medical School, University of Queensland, 30 July 1996


Draft programmes and logistic briefs, invitations, minutes of meetings and correspondence relating to the unveiling of the Statue of Hippocrates, 1996

The Society of St Andrew of Scotland (Queensland) 15th Annual Dinner program, 2 Nov 1996

The John Thomson Oration 1997 [program]
A Career in Paediatrics: UQMS Careers Night, Mayne Medical School, 31 Jul 1997 [speech program]

Tea...overlooking the Statue of Hippocrates on the occasion of the visit of Lindsey Peguas, Alumnus of the Medical School, Mayne Medical School, Herston, Brisbane, 12 Aug 1997 [program]

1997 Scouting Community Leadership Award Dinner menu, 22 Aug 1997

The University of Queensland Department of Paediatrics and Child Health, ‘A University Dinner in Honour of Associate Professor John C Vance on the occasion of his retirement’, 26 Aug 1997 [menu/program]

Luncheon to welcome Professor Jennifer Batch, the new Royal Children’s Hospital Foundation Variety Professor of Paediatrics, Tattersall’s Club, 31 Aug 1997 [menu]

Presentation of Rare Books: The Works of Ramon y Cajal by Dr Geoffrey Kenny to the Otto Hirschfeld Library of the History of Medicine, 3 Oct 1997 [programme and invitations]

‘The Patron’s Breakfast: A Collegiate Hour, overlooking Brisbane’, with Professor John and Mrs Vena Pearn, Patron, University of Queensland Medical Society, The Summit Restaurant, Mount Coot-tha, 4 Oct 1997 [menu/program]

‘Scout Association of Australia Outreach Breakfast: friends and neighbours’, 9 Oct 1997 [program]

1998

University dinner to honour Professor Tatyana Sorokina, Professor of the History of Medicine, People’s Friendship University of Russia, Moscow, on the occasion of her invited visit to Brisbane, University of Queensland, 26 May 1998

University dinner to honour Dr. Simon Churchill Latham on the occasion of his retirement and also Mrs Gemma Latham, University of Queensland, 22 Jul 1998

University dinner in honour of Associate Professor J F Leditschke on the occasion of his retirement, University of Queensland, Department of Paediatrics and Child Health, 1 Oct 1998

‘Greetings and salutations: Fred-schrift’, festschrift for Associate Professor J F Leditschke, Royal Children’s Hospital, 1-2 October 1998

M. B., B. S. Graduation Dinner 1998


Queensland University Regiment 50th Anniversary Parade, 9 May 1998

1999

‘Presentation of the Governor-General's Banner to the Institute of Aviation Medicine’, Royal Australian Air Force Base, Edinburgh, South Australia, 10 Feb 1999, 17 p [program]


‘Lunch for graduates of 50 or more years standing’, University of Queensland, 17 Jul 1999

Australian Medical Association (NSW) 1999 Oration and Presentation of Awards, University of Sydney, 26 Jun 1999
Book Launch: Of heart and mind: a biography of James Owen Pearn (1904-1965) by John Pearn, University of Queensland, School of Dentistry, Faculty of Health Sciences, 6 Sept 1999

Royal Brisbane Hospital Research Foundation: luncheon programme: Nov 1999

‘A service of remembrance and thanksgiving,’ The Australian Service Nurses National Memorial, Duntroon ACT, 3 Oct 1999

‘All creatures great and small: music about feathers, fins and fur’, Pro Musica Singers, St Mary’s Anglican Church, Kangaroo Point, 13 Nov 1999

‘Broad outreach: a tribute to the contributions to military health and malaria prevention by Major J E R (“Jock”) Clarke MBE’, Army Malaria Institute, Gallipoli Barracks, 29 Nov 1999

The Dungarees March Re-enactment Association, ‘The story of the dungarees’, 1 p

F. Publications, press clippings, brochures


Royal Children’s Hospital and Royal Children's Hospital Foundation, Annual Review 1996


Publication: ‘Scouting the way to success’, Five Dock, NSW: Scouts Australia, 1997

Press clipping: ‘Children’s Therapy Centre celebrates the official opening of its new building’, Sunshine Coast Daily, 1 Aug 1997


Excolatur: the news bulletin of the Medical Alumni, The University of Queensland, Vol 1 no 9, Aug 1997


‘The Patron’s message – 1997’

Brochures: Amphion Press Releases and new publications

Ethics Committee of the Royal Children’s Hospital, Brisbane, ‘A guide to research, clinical life, and ethics in a children's hospital’, [1992], 6 p


Scouts Australia, ‘Scouting: the way to success’, 2 p

G. Conference & lecture programmes & ephemera & miscellaneous items

Seminar in Medical History, Medical History Section, Victorian Branch (Australian Medical Association), 2 Oct 1993

Noosa District Heritage Symposium, 30 Oct 1993

Greenslopes Repatriation Hospital - Hospital Week, 8 - 12 Nov 1993

The University of Queensland Medical Society, E S Meyers Memorial Lecture, 2 Mar 1994

AMA Queensland Centenary Celebrations, ‘Milestones in Medicine’, 7 May 1994 [brochures, menu, registration form, opening ceremony, seating, programme, music score and medal]

‘Using the hospital’s ethics committee: a case presentation’, Weekly P/G case presentation meeting, Royal Children’s Hospital, Brisbane, 12 Jul 1995

The University of Queensland Medical Society, E S Meyers Memorial Lecture, 12 Sept 1997 [booklet]

Director Health Services, Regional Health Support Agency - South Queensland, Exercise 1997, ‘Hospitals and Hippocrates: service hospitals in contemporary and future operations’

John Pearn, ‘Aspiration and Fulfilment: a sesquicentenary ascent of Mount Egmont - the great enigmatic mountain ‘Taranaki’ which has given inspiration to all who gaze upon him’ [booklet]

The Royal Historical Society of Queensland, ‘An Afternoon...at Auchenflower’, 1 Jun 1996

‘Seeing the forest through the trees’, Ipswich Hospital Conference 1998

M B B S graduation dinner 1998

The John Thomson Oration, 1998

Southern Queensland Rural Division of General Practice, ‘Adolescent suicide module one: raising the issue’, 13 p

Australian Health Ethics Committee Program, NHMRC Workshop Brisbane, 26 Aug

Dr Mike Toole, E S Meyers Memorial Lecture 1999, ‘Public Health Responses to Humanitarian Crises’

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, 42rd annual general meeting academic session, 26 Oct 1999

Director Health Services Queensland, Casualties of Combat, Exercise 1999

H. Video Cassettes

Archival interview with Professor John Rendle-Short with Professor J. F. Leditschke (1986)

Memorial Service with eulogy of the late Associate Professor Robert Edean, a lifetime member of the University staff and international authority on marine toxicology

I. Additions to Collection (March 2001)

Invitation to Exhibition: ‘Vignettes of Health & Heritage 1901’ at Mayne Medical School, 19 Mar 2001

Convocation XI, Noosa Lakes Resort, 25 Jun 2000

2000 E S Meyers Memorial Lecture, Mayne Hall, 3 Nov 2000

16th Annual Tess Brophy Lecture, St Joseph’s College, 9 Nov 2000

Annual AMA Awards, Customs House, 1 Jun 2000

Basic Life Support Conference, Bardon, 2 Jun 2000

James Cook University, School of Medicine, Official Opening, 5 Dec 2000

Tribute Farewell to Prof Bryan Campbell on the occasion of his retirement,
Mayne Medical School, University of Queensland, 31 Jan 2000
University Dinner in honour of Dr W R McWhirter on the occasion of
his retirement, Staff & Graduates Club, University of Queensland, 7 Mar 2001
ADA Queensland 73rd Annual Dinner, United Service Club, Brisbane,
1 Dec 2000
Director Defence Health Services Tasmania, Annual Dinner, Anglesea Barracks, 24 Nov 2000
Plaque Dedication Service, 2/12th Field Ambulance, Australian War Memorial,
22 Oct 2000
“To share…the lifting of the mists”, dedication of the memorial plaque to
the 2/12th Field Ambulance and to HMAHS Centaur, Australian War Memorial, 22 Oct 2000
Amphion Press Releases, 1 Jul 2000

J. Additions to Collection (May 2001)
John Pearn and Maureen Ross, ‘De Rosae Medicorum: ten Australian roses whose names
commemorate the crusade against disease’, 10 p
‘Diary Date—Aviation Medicine and History’, 26 April 2001, 1 p
pp1-4
John Pearn, ‘A pilgrimage to the sources of fluoridation: a first-hand account by the Surgeon
General’, 8 p

K. Additions to Collection (September 2001) Invitations and Programs:
School of Medicine Official Opening, 5 Dec 2000
University Dinner in honour of Dr W R McWhirter on the occasion of his
retirement, 7 Mar 2001
‘The Century of Federation: A Medical Perspective’, Marks-Hirschfeld Museum of Medical History,
19 Mar 2001 [invitation]
‘Vignettes of Health & Heritage—1901’, Marks-Hirschfeld Museum of Medical
History, 19 Mar 2001 [invitation]
Defence Health Services Queensland, Consultant’s Dinner, 31 Mar 2001
‘Bush Foods and Bush Medicine: A Celebration of the Bicentenary of the
Circumnavigation of Australia with Surgeon Robert Brown’, 20 Apr 2001
Anzac Tribute, 24 Apr 2001
Centaur Memorial Service, 14 May 2001
‘The Radiance of Hippocrates’, a lighting-up ceremony to celebrate the illumination of the Statue of Hippocrates, 30 May 2001
Queensland Branch of Australian Medical Association, Presidential Inauguration and Annual AMA Awards, 1 Jun 2001
Australasian College of Tropical Medicine—Convocation XII, 10 Jun 2001
‘Volunteers—Widening the Net’, seminar program, 21 Jun 2001
‘Aviation Medicine and History’, Mayne Medical School, 29 Aug 2001

**L. Additions to Collection (December 2002)**
Dinner book launch of *Medicos and Memories*, 18 Jul 2000
‘Volunteers—Widening the Net’, seminar programme, 21 Jun 2001
Australian Red Cross, 87th Annual General Meeting, 20 Oct 2001
‘Physiotherapy in Queensland’, 29 Jan 2002 [program]
South Australian Women’s Memorial Playing Fields Trust 60th Anniversary,
Bangka Day Memorial Service, 17 Feb 2002
2002 E.S. Meyers Memorial Lecture, 29 Aug 2002
Letter from John Pearn to Ms Cathy Leutenegger, Fryer Library, 5 Apr 2001
‘Bush Foods & Bush Medicine’, an invitation to lunch and two 10 minute papers, 20 Apr 2001
Anzac Tribute, 24 Apr 2001
John Pearn and Maureen Ross, ‘De Rosae Medicorum: ten Australian roses whose names commemorate the crusade against disease’, 10 p [signed copy]


Amphion Press Releases, 1 Jul 2000

**M. Additions to Collection (June 2003)**

Launch of The Australian Medical Pioneers Index Website, 28 Apr 2003, at The University of Melbourne, 5 p


**Box 3**

**N. Additions to Collection (September 2003)**

Papers relating to the Matthew Flinders Bicentenary, 1999, commemorating the voyage of Matthew Flinders to Moreton Bay [John Pearn established and chaired the Committee which organised the Bicentenary celebrations]

2 photographs of “The Norfolk” off Stradbroke Island

**O. Additions to Collection (October 2003)**


‘Unveiling of the Photographic Portrait of Associate Professor John Frederick Leditschke, AMKSTJ’, The Department of Paediatrics and Child Health, University of Queensland, Royal Brisbane Hospital, Brisbane, 9 Oct 2003


‘Volunteers: widening the net’, Australian Red Cross, 21 Jun 2001

The Australasian College of Tropical Medicine, ‘Convocation XIV’, 13 Sept 2003


‘The Centenary of the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps, 1903-2003’, 8 May 2003

**P. Additions to Collection (January 2004)**

Original lecture notes of Dr. David C. Jackson, First Assistant (Foundation Appointment) in Paediatrics and Child Health, University of Queensland, appointed Jan 1949, 21 lectures
Q. Additions to Collection (January 2004)


John Pearn, ‘Life Rekindled’, The Sidney Sax Oration, James Cook University, the Anton Breinl Centre and The School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, James Cook University and the Public Health Association of Australia, Queensland Branch, delivered at the Padua Lecture Theatre, School of Medicine, James Cook University, 21 Nov 2003


R. Additions to Collection (June 2004)


‘Tribute Luncheon to honour Professor Geoffrey Cleghorn’, 26 Mar 2004

‘AMAQ Presidential Inauguration’, 4 Jun 2004

‘Tribute to Seven Members of the General Staff of the Department of ‘Paediatrics and Child Health University of Queensland and The Royal Children’s Hospital Brisbane, Unveiling of Photographic Portraits’, 15 Dec 2003

‘The Transit of Venus observed by a group of staff, friends and patients of The Royal Children’s Hospital, Brisbane’, 8 Jun 2004

‘Lessons from Childhood: an account of the formative years of John Simpson Kirkpatrick (1892-1915) Australian Army Medical Corps and Hero of Gallipoli by John Pearn’, 2004

S. Additions to Collection (December 2004)

Pearn, ‘Arthropods and disease, the evolution of knowledge about Vector-borne disease’, 39th International Congress, International Society of the History of Medicine, Bari, Italy, 2004

Pearn, ‘The iconography of medicine and health’, 39th International Congress, International Society of the History of Medicine, Bari, Italy, 2004


Pearn, ‘Medical ethnobotany of Australia, past and present’, a paper read to the Linnean Society, Piccadilly, London, 30 Sep 2004 [incomplete copy]

Pearn, ‘How long does it take to become fit’, *British Medical Journal*, vol 281, 1980
Pearn and West, Radley, ‘A pioneer military pharmacist’ [article on Gwyneth Jane Hulsen, first woman pharmacist of the Australian Army Medical Corps], *Pharmacy History Australia*, vol 2, no 24, 2004

Photograph of John Pearn and library staff at Customs House Presentation to John Pearn as Alumnus of the Year [from left: Lisa Kruesi, John Pearn, Grace Saw, Deborah Stumm and Andrew Heath], with accompanying note to Lisa Kruesi, 24 Oct 2004

Order of proceedings and menu for Customs House Presentation to John Pearn as Alumnus of the Year, 24 Oct 2004, 2p

T. Additions to Collection (November 2005)


Programme for *Vitae Lampada: an open symposium: a festschrift for Professor John Pear*, 9-10 June 2005, Royal Children’s Hospital, Brisbane.

U. Additions to Collection (June 2009) Ephemera with medical themes.

Invitations to functions (2002-2007) (7 items)

Brochure on Kenneth James McPherson Foundation

‘Miss Lindel Thelma Frazer 1931-2007’ by John Pearn, 2007 (8 l.)

‘Succour, security and salvage’ by John Pearn 2007, 29 l. (Includes biographical details of Professor Pearn)


‘Enduring exhortations’ by John Pearn 2007, (23 l.) (Includes biographical details of Professor Pearn)


‘History and the health professions’ by John Pearn 2007 (7 l.)

‘The greatest thing since Linnaeus’ by John Pearn 2007, (21 l.)

V. Additions to Collection (October 2009) Memorabilia and historical items.

Invitations to various functions (2004-2009) (22 items)

Brochure on Kenneth James McPherson Foundation

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