



THE CONCORDIANS

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Bringing together past and present staff of the hospital to share and exchange experiences in a collegial, supportive and relaxed atmosphere.

Our Mission is to embrace and articulate the origins and history of the hospital, to promote its unique culture of communications and compassion and to nurture and support our members

Welcome to the first edition of The Concordians Newsletter.

We hope that these newsletters, which will be produced four times a year, will give all Concordians the opportunity to catch up on the news and happenings in our club as we celebrate the heritage and culture of our much loved hospital.

A new structure for The Concordians.

To ensure the continuing growth of our club, The Concordians has recently been incorporated as a not-for-profit entity. This allows The Concordians to have independent and auditable bank accounts and requires us to have an annual general meeting and maintain company records.

2023 Annual General Meeting

The 2023 Annual General Meeting was held in the hospital education centre on Friday the 12th May with more than 50 members present. As well as the business meeting, we enjoyed a convivial night with finger food and an address by Danny O'Connor (former general Manager). Professor Peter Haertsch who has been our very successful and diligent President for more than 20 years has decided to take a break and Assoc. Professor John Cullen was elected in his place.

A new committee was also elected: Jan Bell – Deputy Chair, Alice Kang OAM – Secretary, Lloyd Ridley - Treasurer, Greg Watters – History & Newsletter, Jennifer Collins AM – Governance, Meg Green AM – Museum, Robert Wilson - Sponsorships

End of Year Get Together

Don't miss the gala social event of the year!

our next meeting will be at the fabulous Liu Rose on 30 November starting at 6 pm



Concordian's Social Event

2023

TO ALL CONCORDIANS PAST AND PRESENT

Join us for an evening of

Friendship and Nostalgia at Liu Rose

When: Thursday 30 November 2023, 6:00pm

Where: Concord Road, North Strathfield

Cost: \$60 pp Banquet

RSVP: By 20 November 2023

Please let us know if you are attending through email at Theconcordians@outlook.com

or by mail to Jan Bell, PO Box 3116 Waremba 2046.

Payment of \$60 per person should be made by direct debit to:

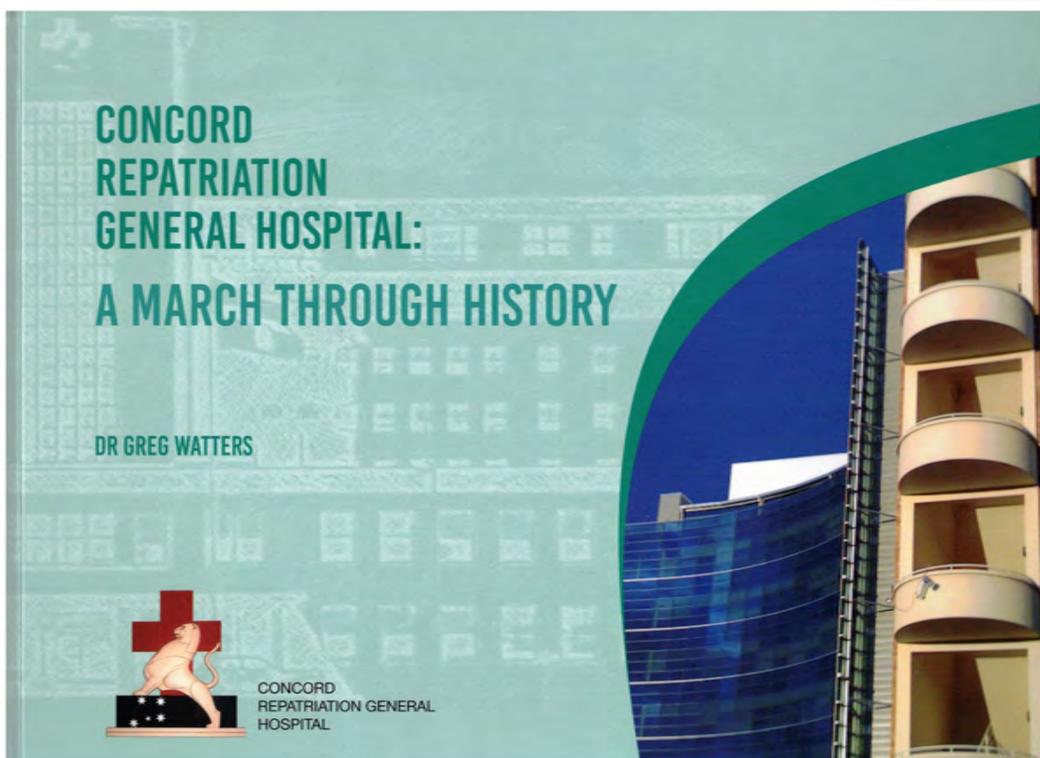
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Concord History

The hospital history , “Concord Repatriation General Hospital: A March through History” is rapidly becoming a collector’s item. The book concentrates on the hospital’s years as an army camp and Repatriation Hospital and how the staff and patients managed work and play in a truly unique institution Make sure you get your copy before they run out. <https://www.theconcordians.com/book-publication/>.



Spread the News

The Newsletter is a great way to let fellow Concordians know what is happening. Let us spread the word on any approaching reunions or personal milestones. We also welcome any personal reminiscences of life at the hospital

Contact us at: theconcordians@outlook.com



Preliminary Training School (1978) - first day in uniform. Do you recognise anyone?

EM (Stalky) Lane Nurses' Museum

Due to the restrictions necessitated by the Covid-19 pandemic the museum has been closed since 2020 and the exhibition items have been in storage

Fortunately we have now passed the epidemic and plans are underway to re-open with new displays and possibly a larger space. There will be more news in the next newsletter

WATCH THIS SPACE



Part of the museum display

Vale

The Concordians have been notified of the recent passing of the following members:

- Dr Brian Pollard—Director of Anaesthetics from 1973 until 1982. Brian then founded the first full time palliative care service at Concord Hospital which he directed for five years . He was admitted to the Concord Hall of Fame in 2016
- Dr John Hollinshead—General surgeon who trained at Concord and became the Head of Department of Upper Gastro-intestinal Surgery
- Dr Tom Karplus— Vascular Physician who helped establish the hospital’s vascular laboratory and was a very generous contributor to the Concordians

We extend the club’s condolences to the members’ family and loved ones

Contact Us

Please give us your news, stories and feedback

The Concordians can be contacted at theconcordians@outlook.com

Website

The Concordians website is regularly updated and can be found at: <https://www.theconcordians.com/>

All the best, until we meet at the Liu Rose on 30 November

