



## AUCKLAND MEDICAL HISTORY SOCIETY

### 2023 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held at the next meeting on **Thursday 2 November 2023**. We need new committee members and a new President. Please send nominations to [secretary@amhs.co.nz](mailto:secretary@amhs.co.nz)

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2023

For the first year since the start of the Covid pandemic, the Society has been able to complete a full programme without interruption. Despite predictions from some quarters that the loss of the dinners would spell the end of the Society, it is pleasing to report that attendances have been as high as they ever have been. Eighty or more people attended the last meeting and the lecture theatre was full apart from a few vacancies in the front row. The good attendances can be explained by the excellent speakers and the *Special Interest Talks* which start at 6.15 p.m.. It has been especially gratifying to see plenty of new faces at the meetings. A group of students from St. Kentigern's College attended two of the meetings this year.

At our last meeting David Black gave an intriguing lecture on the medical history of telephony and George Foote delivered an outstanding lecture (without audiovisual aids) on advances in radiology over the last 50 years. Other highlights have been the James Newman Lecture by John Cullen, the usual excellent presentations from two medical students and Tony Mark's lecture on King George VI's pneumonectomy.

Special thanks to the members of the Executive Committee: Neil Pollock, Peter Stone, Pat Clarkson., Judy Murphy, Helen Taber and Tony Mark. Neil Pollock has been doing a sterling job as the Secretary and also took over the role of Treasurer when Pat Clarkson moved to Christchurch. Judy Murphy has continued to do an excellent job running the website and organizing the *Special Interest Talks*. Special thanks to Juliet Hawkins, the Curator of the Ernest and Marion Davis Library, for her continuing support of the Society.

Peter Stone has taken on the responsibility for organizing the programme for 2024. If you want give a lecture or know of a suitable speaker for a future meeting, please let Peter know at: [p.stone@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:p.stone@auckland.ac.nz).

Please remember to give a donation to the Society, either at the meeting or on line.

Neil Anderson

**President AMHS**

18 October 2023