



## Dr Maxwell Coleman

After 14 years of dedicated service to the St Vincent's Clinic Foundation as one of its Trustees, Dr Maxwell Coleman will be leaving the Board of Trustees at the end of July.

With over 50 experience in the medical and the research fields, Dr Coleman brought valuable expertise and devotion to the St Vincent's Clinic Foundation. He first came to St Vincent's Hospital as a 4th year medical student in 1966. Apart from 2 years in England doing post graduate surgical studies, the remainder of his career has been spent on the St Vincent's Hospital Campus. Dr Coleman spent 3 years doing research at the Garvan Institute of Medical Research. He spent time on the Animal Ethics Committee of the Institute and 21 years on the Research Ethics Committee of St Vincent's General Hospital.

The Foundation greatly benefitted from his perspective as a former surgeon on the St Vincent's Campus and Program Director in Surgery of St Vincent's General Hospital. In 1979 he was appointed Visiting Surgeon to St Vincent's General Hospital Sydney, a position he held until 2007. He then became Honorary Surgeon and from 2006 to 2008 and was Programme Director of Surgery. His surgical interests included Upper Gastrointestinal Tract and Breast Surgery. He also had an appointment at St Vincent's Private Hospital and Chaired the Centenary Committee of St Vincent's Private Hospital. Dr Coleman was among the first to have consulting rooms in St Vincent's Clinic. He currently serves on the Archives Committee of the St Vincent's Campus.

Dr Coleman was also active within the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. He served on the NSW State Committee of the RACS and became Chairman of the Regional Training Committee. He subsequently Chaired the Regional Training Committee of the Division of General Surgery of the College. He introduced rotation of Surgical Registrars between different hospitals to widen their surgical outlook. Dr Coleman was coopted to Council of the College from 1997-2007 representing the Division of General Surgery.

In 2018 Dr Coleman, together with some Surgical Colleagues published a book 'The Doers' A Surgical History of St Vincent's Hospital Sydney 1857 – 2007. The profits of which have been donated to developing a Heritage Center for the Campus. He dedicates his book to *'the Sisters of Charity who started the dream and have kept it alive, to the historians who have researched and told the story ... and to the families of the surgical team whose support has enabled St Vincent's Hospital's surgical reputation.'*

Dr Maxwell Coleman has been an asset to the St Vincent's Clinic Foundation Board of Trustees, and I whole-heartedly thank him for his commitment and his wonderful contribution to the work we have accomplished. Dr Coleman's own dedication to St Vincent's and its Darlinghurst campus over many years has undoubtedly added to its current reputation and we wish him the very best in all his future endeavors.