**Dr Philip Hatch - biography**

Philip Hatch was born at the Mater Hospital, Crows Nest, on 5th July, 1951.

He grew up in Lane Cove, and attended Primary School at Mowbray Public, then at Chatswood Public for 5th and 6th Class. This was followed by High School at North Sydney Technical High School, where he finished his HSC in 1969 with Level I English and Science, Level 2F Mathematics, Level II French and Economics, and General Studies.

These results allowed Philip to be accepted into Medicine at Sydney University, where he graduated in 1976 with a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery.

This was followed by an Intern year at Royal North Shore Hospital, then two years as a Resident at St George Hospital, Kogarah. It was then that he decided to study anaesthesia as a specialty.

It was during his time at St George that he married Pamela, who he has now been married to for over 40 years.

Jobs for anaesthetic trainees were highly sought after at the time, but fortunately he obtained an Anaesthetic Registrar position at Waikato Hospital, Hamilton, New Zealand where he stayed from the beginning of 1980 until the middle of 1982. This was followed by several years in the Adelaide Teaching Programme, until the end of 1985. By this time he had successfully passed the required examinations and qualified as a specialist anaesthetist.

Philip and Pamela then moved to Camden, where they have settled. Philip is a Visiting Anaesthetist at Campbelltown Hospital, and at Southern Highlands Private Hospital.

While in Adelaide, he was exposed to a lot of Retrieval Medicine, mainly due to the example of Fred Gilligan, an Intensive Care Specialist at Royal Adelaide Hospital. It was no surprise that when the new CareFlight helicopter visited Campbelltown in 1986, he offered his services to the fledgling organisation. Phil worked for CareFlight for over 25 years and conducted more than 350 retrievals, either by road, fixed wing aircraft, or helicopter.

He is still an almost full-time anaesthetist, although looking at slowing down in the future.

His main anaesthetic interests now are in the history of anaesthesia, particularly the early days.

Other interests include travel, cycling, model aircraft, and gardening.

Pamela and Philip are the proud parents of Sarah, 35, Emily, 30, and Jacob, 25. No grandchildren have yet appeared.