

DR ROGER EDWARD CLARKE

Roger Edward Clarke completed first year science at the University of Melbourne in 1960, then transferred to the University of Queensland and graduated BVSc in 1964. He established the Bundoora Veterinary Hospital in 1969. In partnership with Dr Brian O'Donohoe (since 1983), it has grown to a 14-person practice with 3 satellite clinics. It is one of three Emergency Clinics in Melbourne, operating 24 hours a day, and provides general and specialist veterinary services to the public in small animal medicine and surgery. It was one of the first practices to be accredited as part of the New Graduate Friendly Practice Program of the Australian Veterinary Association. This program provides support to veterinary graduates in their first years.

Dr Clarke has had a distinguished career as a veterinarian, educator, international consultant, and leader in the profession. The Australian Veterinary Association awarded him a meritorious service award in 1985 and made him a Fellow in 1995. The Australian Small Animal Veterinary Association presented him with a distinguished service award in 1985 and voted him practitioner of the year in 1988,

Dr Clarke is a Principal Fellow in the Department of Veterinary Science, participating in lectures, tutorials, practical instruction and oral examinations to undergraduate students. He is an active practice-based researcher, in the areas of orthopaedic and cancer surgery, and has a keen interest in practice management. He received the International Veterinary Ear Nose and Throat Association Award for the best scientific paper presented at the World Small Animal Veterinary Association meeting in Berlin in 1993. Dr Clarke has been the Veterinary Board member of the Industry/TAFE Advisory Committee on Veterinary Nursing from 1978. He was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to study veterinary nursing education in the USA in 1981.

Dr Clarke has made a very significant contribution to the profession at State, National and International levels. He has been an active member of the Australian Veterinary Association and its Divisions and Special Interest Groups since 1964. He has served on numerous committees, including periods as Secretary and as President of the Melbourne Metropolitan Practitioners' Branch, as President of the Australian Small Animal Veterinary Association, and as National President of the Australian Veterinary Association. Dr Clarke has also been a member of the Veterinary Board of Victoria 1983 to 1998, including a period as its Treasurer.

Dr Clarke helped to establish the Australian Companion Animal Health Foundation, a major source of funding for dog and cat research in this country in 1988. He has been Chairman of its Board of Trustees since then, and a staunch advocate of its importance to the profession. In recognition of these efforts, he was awarded the inaugural Macquarie Bank Prize for support of the Foundation by the Australian Small Animal Veterinary Association in 2002.

In 1991, Dr Clarke became a Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists by examination and, subsequently, a Registered Veterinary Specialist in Small Animal Surgery. The College and discipline of surgery have benefited greatly from Dr Clarke's enthusiasm and professionalism. He has been Secretary and Treasurer of the Surgery Chapter, and is an examiner at the Fellowship level. Dr Clarke has been a member of the Joint Advisory Committee of the College and the Australian Veterinary Boards Council on the Registration of Veterinary Specialists since 1992, working to achieve uniform standards for veterinary specialists across Australasia. He was one of the founding members, and the inaugural President, of the Association of Registered Veterinary Specialists in 1999.

Internationally, Dr Clarke is a member of many veterinary associations and has been International Liaison Officer for American Animal Hospital Association and President of the International

Veterinary Ear Nose and Throat Association. He has been Australian national representative to the World Small Animal Veterinary Association since 1980, Convenor of their Committee on Companion Animal Welfare since 1994 and Convenor of Continuing Education in Asia and the Pacific since 1996. In 2002, he was awarded the Association's Waltham Award for Service to the Profession for his work in continuing education.

In recognition of his substantial contribution to veterinary science in Australia and Asia, Dr Roger Clarke is a very worthy recipient of the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Science (*honoris causa*).