



## Awards and Prizes

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### Citation for Life Membership

#### **Brian August Starkoff, FIR**

Brian Starkoff began his career as a cadet radiographer with the private practice of Dr Fred Schubert and partners in Brisbane in 1965, and qualified as a radiographer at the end of 1967 with the awarding of a "Certificate of Competence" issued by the Conjoint Board.

Brian remained with the Schubert practice after graduating and through work he met and later married Mary-Jean who had begun work at the practice in 1968 as a cadet radiographer. In 1972 he was appointed Chief Radiographer where he took charge of the then three practices and eleven radiographic staff. In 1977, Brian commenced training in ultrasound completing a short training program at the Flinders Medical Centre in Adelaide during that year. He continued working at the practice combining his radiographic and administrative duties with his passion for ultrasound. In 1983 he attended a CT training course at Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Adelaide. He added CT to his clinical and admin duties at the practice which had since grown to include Southernx Pty Ltd at the Wesley Hospital.

Brian made a partial career change when he left the role of chief radiographer to take up the position of part-time Lecturer in Medical Imaging at the Queensland University of Technology in 1992. Brian brought his talents in clinical ultrasound training and radiography to new generation of students, and his passion for physics and its applications in ultrasound is well known. This fractional appointment at QUT allowed him to continue his clinical ultrasound with Southernx on a part-time basis. He remained at QUT until the end of 2006 when he entered semi-retirement. He continued to work as a part-time clinical sonographer with Southern X-ray Clinics for several years after leaving QUT. Brian has continued to provide guest lectures and seminar presentations whenever opportunities arise, including travelling to Malaysia to lecture on ultrasound physics. He has the reputation of being a great lecturer who loves teaching physics and students find his classes entertaining.

During his career Brian always had an interest in gaining knowledge and over the years added a Diploma of Applied Science, Graduate Diploma in Medical Ultrasound and Masters in Medical Ultrasound to his qualifications. He was awarded the Fellowship of the AIR in 1996 at Bathurst.

He later went on to serve as a member of the Fellowship Panel.

Brian sought to encourage as many people as possible to aim for this highest level of membership and promoted Fellowship whenever possible. It was during his time on the Panel that the idea of adding a Fellows get-together to the activities at the annual AIR conference came into being.

He has participated in the AIR at State level as Honorary Secretary to the Qld Branch in the early 1970's, and later as a PAEC member and convening committee member for several national conferences and state seminars. The most memorable being AIR's Rock in 1998 and the 2010 ISRRT World Congress on the Gold Coast. His skill with computers and technology has

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made him the “AV man” on many occasions. At the Federal level he served as Warden of the Fellowship Panel from 2005 to 2007.

Brian has attended and presented papers at many conferences and meetings both in Australia and overseas, even in the snowy wilds of Canada where he assisted in organising the scientific program for a series of Imaging conferences. Even though Brian has now retired from working clinically, he has continued to provide guest lectures and seminar presentations on a voluntary basis whenever opportunities arise, including travelling to Malaysia to lecture on ultrasound physics.

Brian has shown his commitment to the medical imaging profession throughout his career and a willingness to contribute and participate whenever the occasion arises. We wish him well in his retirement.

On the recommendation of the Queensland Branch of the AIR, the Board is pleased to grant Life Membership of the Australian Institute of Radiography to Brian August Starkoff.



Citation for Life Membership  
**Martin Gerard Buckley**

Martin Gerard Buckley commenced training as a cadet therapy radiographer at the Queensland Radium Institute (QRI) on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January 1973. He completed his Associate Diploma in Therapeutic Radiography in 1975 and was appointed to the position of therapy radiographer at the QRI on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December 1975, a position that he held until April 1977 when he resigned to travel overseas. He worked at St Mary's Hospital in London and returned to the QRI in May 1978. He left QRI again in August 1982 to work in Tasmania where he worked at the Peter MacCallum Centre in Launceston until January 1984.

He recommenced working at the QRI in February 1984 and rose to the position of Charge Radiographer. In November 1987 he resigned this position and moved to help start-up the new Wesley Cancer Care Centre in a leadership role in charge of the treatment section.

In January 1989, QUT had its first exposure to his unique lecturing style teaching Megavoltage Therapy 1 to the QUT Bachelor degree Course students. He supervised clinical practice sessions using the linear accelerator equipment at the Wesley on his rostered days off. For some reason, he thought that the experience was for a higher good and the need to assess each session was not warranted. It resulted in one such case of students having wheel chair races up and down the corridor. This was a huge mistake never to be repeated again. But he managed to keep this up for several years.

In 1994 he was appointed to start up the Tugun treatment centre at the John Flynn Hospital as part of the expansion program of the Wesley Radiation Oncology, later to become Premion. He took up the role of Radiation Therapy Manager for the Tugun centre in 1995 with the Medical Director Dr Michael Jackson. This position evolved in title and responsibility over the following decade until Martin's retirement in 2014.

Martin has always been a willing and active participant for conference organising committees at both the national and state levels. This includes involvement in:

- 1988 Gold Coast 6<sup>th</sup> RTS
- 1994 Gold Coast 12<sup>th</sup> RTS
- 1998 Ayers Rock 16<sup>th</sup> RTS
- 1999 Queensland RT Weekend
- 2006 Queensland RT Weekend
- 2009 Queensland RT Weekend
- 2010 Gold Coast ISRRT World Congress

Martin held the role of Honorary Treasurer for the Queensland Branch of the AIR for a number of years.

Martin retired in August 2014 to enjoy the Gold Coast lifestyle to which he had become accustomed over his many years of working on the coast. On the recommendation of the Queensland Branch of the AIR, the Board is pleased to grant Life Membership of the Australian Institute of Radiography to Martin Gerard Buckley.



Citation for Life Membership  
**Neville James Cooper, MIR**

Neville commenced his radiographic career as a Trainee Radiographer at Glenelg Base Hospital Hamilton Victoria in 1965. Neville accepted a role as “Radiographer - Angio Suite” at Royal Melbourne Hospital in 1968 and moved to Tasmania in 1970 where he accepted a position as “Radiographer at Private Practice” Macquarie St Hobart.

He practiced Radiography part time from 1973 then in 1975 accepted a position at the Royal Hobart Hospital in Angiography. After 8 years as Tutor Radiographer he became the Chief MI/Deputy Department Manager, Medical Imaging, a position he held until 1994.

In those years, Neville was a very active and vigorous member of the Tasmanian Branch serving as:

- 1977 Editor of the “Irradiator”
- 1977 - 1994 Member of the Branch Committee
- 1978 - 1980 Chair of the Branch
- 1981 - 1987 Tasmanian Delegate to Federal Council
- 1984 - 1985 President - Australian Institute of Radiography
- 1981 - 1986 Chair, Education Advisory Panel to Council
- 1986 - 1992 Member Professional Accreditation and Education Board (PAEB) of the AIR
- 1991 - 2003 Member/ Chair Overseas Qualifications Assessment Panel (OQAP)

The time and effort Neville applied to his role on Council, as President of the AIR and roles on PAEB and OQAP must be applauded. Neville was a stickler for detail and never cut corners, professional always!

Neville could see the value in information systems. He led the User Group for the McDonnell Douglas information systems for Tasmanian Public Hospitals. During this time he was also representing the Branch and the profession on various state boards and committees as Health Professional representative on:

The Executive of the Department of Community & Health Services - Southern Region

- 1982 - 1984 Member - Royal Hobart Hospital Board, Chair - RHH Staff Advisory Committee
- 1986 - 1995 Radiation Advisory Council Tasmania
- 1991 - Tasmanian Health Professionals Council. Inaugural President 1991 – 1993
- Commissioner for Declarations (Tas)

In 1994, Neville moved to Queensland as the Director, Medical Imaging Services, Logan Hospital. Under his direction, the Logan Hospital Medical Imaging Department grew and transformed to meet the needs of the fastest growing areas in southern Queensland. Stage 3



expansions saw the department double in size and capability.

Multi slice CT, Ultrasound and CR and extended hours of service were introduced, to meet the ever increasing service capability and demand.

In 2001, Teleradiology links were established with Beaudesert Hospital and Princess Alexandra Hospital to provide after-hours CT reporting.

Neville oversaw the planning and installation of MRI unit in 2005 with the MRI unit being hoisted through the roof to its resting destination.

2006 saw the installation of a PACS system and the contracting of Radiology reporting services.

With all this happening, he continued his active contributions to the professions through his involvement in many state based panels and committees.

1997 – 2008 Member Diagnostic Imaging Services Advisory Panel (Health Dept. Qld)

1999 – 2003 Member Radiological Advisory Council of Queensland

1997 – 2008 Member/ Chair Association of Medical Radiations Directors (Qld)

Providing a consultancy for the Imaging facilities on Lihir Island PNG

Neville retired from a very busy professional life in 2008.

As with his professional life, Neville had the same passion for sailing. He owned and raced a yacht "Okka". He participated in the Sydney to Hobart Yacht race in 1979. For a week or so, during the summers of the 80's and early 90's, Neville would share his passion with the 'Motley crew' of Tassie radiographers, cruising the waterways of Southern Tasmania on "Bindaree".

On the recommendation of the Queensland Branch of the AIR, the Board is pleased to grant Life Membership of the Australian Institute of Radiography to Neville James Cooper.