

Obituary

Robert Peter Schmidt

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PETER SCHMIDT was born on 29 December 1922 in Beaudesert, Queensland, where his father managed a sawmill. He was the youngest of three children.

Peter attended St Joseph's Nudgee College in Brisbane and studied medicine at the University of Queensland. After graduating in 1945, he took up residency at the Mater Hospital in Brisbane. In 1948, he established a general practice in Greenslopes, Brisbane, which he maintained until he fully retired in 1996.

Peter had a long association with the Queensland Faculty of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP). In 1967, he became a member of its Board, where he served for over 20 years. In 1970, Peter gained Fellowship of the RACGP. He served on the medical education committee, was Chairman of the courses committee for several years before the formation of

the Family Medicine Programme in 1974, and was elected Chairman of the accreditation committee, a position he held with distinction until 1997.

From 1975 to 1996, Peter was Director of the postgraduate medical education committee of the University of Queensland.

The Australian Medical Association acknowledged his services to medicine when he was elected to Fellowship in 1984. In 1993, Peter was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia, in recognition of his services to postgraduate medical training and to his local community.

Peter died on 18 June 2011. He was predeceased by his wife Fay and is survived by his children Peter and Mary.

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