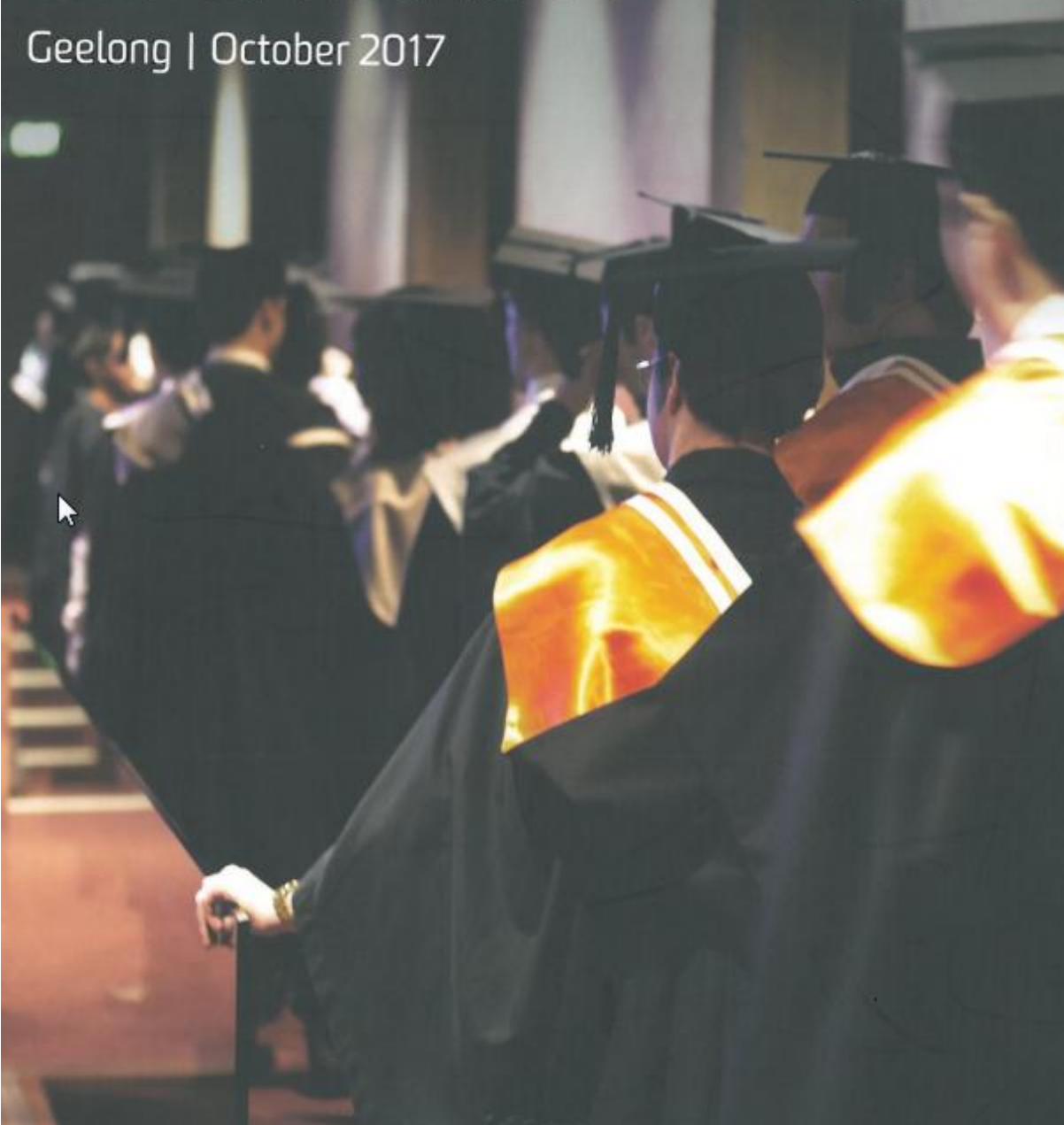


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Alfred Deakin Professor

Council established the title of Alfred Deakin Professor to recognise members of Deakin University professoriate who have made a sustained, high level contribution to research at Deakin. The title is the highest honour the University can bestow on a member of academic staff.

The title of Alfred Deakin Professor will be conferred upon Professor David Watters OBE.



Zambia (1985-1990) and South Africa (1982-1984). He is an Edinburgh University graduate. He is also a fellow of the Edinburgh, Hong Kong, and East Central and Southern Africa Colleges of Surgeons. His research interests include Global Health, trauma, history of surgery, surgical audit and performance, colorectal outcomes and perioperative outcomes. He has over 150 peer reviewed publications and book chapters as well as seven books.

In recognition of his contribution to surgery and surgical training in PNG he was awarded the OBE (2012), and Rotary's Paul Harris Fellowship (2000). As Professor of Surgery in Papua New Guinea in the 1990s, where trauma comprised up to 50% of the surgical caseload, Professor Watters championed the development of subspecialist training for surgeons. Within RACS, he was Director of the Pacific Islands and PNG Tertiary Health Services Programs (2002-2012). He was one of the authors of the Lancet Commission for Global Surgery (2015).

Professor Watters has been one of the key authors of RACS guidelines on Surgical Audit and Peer Review (1st to 4th Edition), Surgical Competence and Performance (1st and 2nd Edition) together with a Multi-Source feedback tool, the Code of Conduct, and Becoming a Competent and Proficient Surgeon. He has taught in the DSTC course since 2000 and is a founding faculty member of the Management of Surgical Emergencies Course (MOSES) run by GSA, and RACS' Competency Standards and Clinical Decision Making Courses. He was elected to College Council in 2007 served as Chair of External Affairs and the International Committee (2007-2012), now called RACS Global Health, before two years as Chair of the Professional Development and Standards Board (2012-2014), Vice-Presidency (2014-2015) and President (2015-2016).

Professor David Watters OBE

The Occasional Address will be delivered by Professor David Watters OBE.

Since 2000, David Watters has been Professor of Surgery at Barwon Health in Geelong, initially with Melbourne University (2000-2010), and now Deakin University since 2011. He was President of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in 2015-2016 at a time when the College was active in responding to discrimination, bullying and sexual harassment in surgery. This was also a period in which international collaboration and advocacy achieved the passing of the first World Health Assembly Resolution on Universal access to emergency and essential surgical care.

Professor Watters is a busy general surgeon with clinical interests in general, trauma colorectal and endocrine surgery. His interests and skills in global surgery result from having spent almost 20 years as a surgeon in developing countries, including being Professor of Surgery in Papua New Guinea (1992-2000) as well as academic surgical positions in Hong Kong (1991),