



ALBERT BENCSIK

Class of 1948

Albert Bencsik (1944-48) graduated from the University of Sydney in 1956. In 1967, Bert joined the Australian orthopaedic training scheme, and in 1970 commenced private orthopaedic practice in Chatswood and Kogarah, and later also in Canterbury and Bankstown. He was an Honorary Medical Officer, subsequently Visiting Medical Officer, at St George and Canterbury hospitals. He developed a special interest in hand surgery and was secretary of the New South Wales Hand Surgery Association. Together with Bill Cumming, almost 40 years ago, he founded the St George Hospital hand clinic, which gradually developed into a first-class trauma unit.

Positions Bert held included honorary convenor of the Papa New Guinea orthopaedic registrar training program, examiner for the Australian Orthopaedic Association Board of Studies, and founding honorary secretary of the Med-Law Association of NSW. Bert was a careful, unhurried, caring clinician whose demeanour instilled great confidence in his patients. After retiring from elective surgery in 1997, he continued to consult, particularly in medicolegal matters.