

**Emeritus Professor Napier (Nip) Thomson AM**  
**MBBS, MD, FRACP, FRCP (Lond), FRCPI, FRCPS (Glas), FACP**  
**Member, joined 16 May 1972**  
**ANZSN Councillor; Honorary Secretary 1983-85**

Nephrology became the preferred career for Nip, when as a 5<sup>th</sup> year student in 1965, he met Peter Tiramarco the recipient of Australia's first successful renal transplant.

Nip was appointed as a research fellow at *Hopital Necker* in Paris in 1972 where he worked in transplantation immunobiology in the laboratory of Professor Jean Hamburger the father of French nephrology. From 1973 until 1975 he was a research fellow at Hammersmith Hospital with Professor Keith Peters and during that time completed his MD. Nip returned to Australia at the end of 1975 having been appointed the deputy director of Nephrology at Prince Henry's Hospital (later Monash Medical Centre) in Melbourne working with Bob Atkins. During those 17 years he established with Bob Atkins and other collaborators a successful research program largely in renal immunobiology but also in clinical nephrology. He was also appointed as the co-director of the newly established (1985) Victorian Paediatric Dialysis and Transplantation Service working with the late Margo McIvor.

In 1992 Nip was appointed to the chair of Medicine at Monash University centred at The Alfred Hospital in Melbourne, and subsequently Head of the Monash Central and Eastern Clinical School positions he held until 2010. He also held the appointments of Director of Renal Medicine and Head of the Professorial General Medical Unit at The Alfred during those 17 years. His research during that time was largely around the immunobiology of glomerulonephritis, progressive renal injury and transplantation (renal, heart and lung) resulting in over 150 published papers.

In 2010 Nip retired from the Chair of Medicine at Monash University subsequently being appointed as the Chairman of Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee a position he still holds. He continues to practice nephrology at The Alfred.

Nip has had a long standing engagement with the RACP, serving as Chairman of the examinations committee for several years, President of the Adult Division from 2002-4 and from 2006-2008 he was President of the College. During his tenure as President, the governance of the RACP underwent a major change resulting in the presidents of all the specialty societies (including ANZSN) becoming the governing body of the Adult Division of the RACP

Nip joined the ANZSN (then the ASN -Australasian Society of Nephrology) in 1971 and from 1983 -85 was the honorary secretary of the society. In 1977 in association with Bob Atkins, David Scott and Vernon Marshall and on behalf of the ANZSN and AKF, organised the first Dialysis and Transplant Workshop which was held near Melbourne.