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Celebrating a life devoted to broadening the study of medicine in Tasmania

A public memorial service will be held next Monday to celebrate the life of a professor who worked tirelessly to establish and consolidate the reputation of the University of Tasmania's School of Medicine.

Emeritus Professor Arthur Frederick Cobbold AM, OBE, Bsc, PhD London, died in Hobart on 19 December 2009, aged 89 years.

His memorial service will be held at the University of Tasmania's Stanley Burbury Theatre in Hobart on Monday, 11 January, 2010 - his 90th birthday.

Prof Cobbold arrived in Tasmania in 1964 from St Thomas' Hospital Medical School in London and quickly began to play a role in all aspects of the young School's operation, as Foundation Professor of Physiology and Head of the Department of Physiology for 21 years.

In 1965, with Foundation Professor Cyril Barnett, Professor Cobbold helped draft the first agreement between the University Council, the Minister of Health and the Hobart Public Hospitals Board to formalise clinical training at the Royal Hobart Hospital (RHH).

He also played an important role in the construction of the Medical Sciences Building on the University's Sandy Bay campus and the Clinical School building adjacent to the RHH.

Prof Cobbold was elected Dean of the School of Medicine in 1970, a position he held for a record thirteen consecutive years.

He continued as Head of the Department of Physiology until his retirement at the end of 1985 and was appointed a Professor Emeritus. In recognition of his services to medicine, Prof Cobbold was honoured with the Order of the British Empire and membership of the Order of Australia.

Monday's Memorial Service will start at 11am and include eulogies from several of Professor Cobbold's former colleagues and family. All welcome.

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