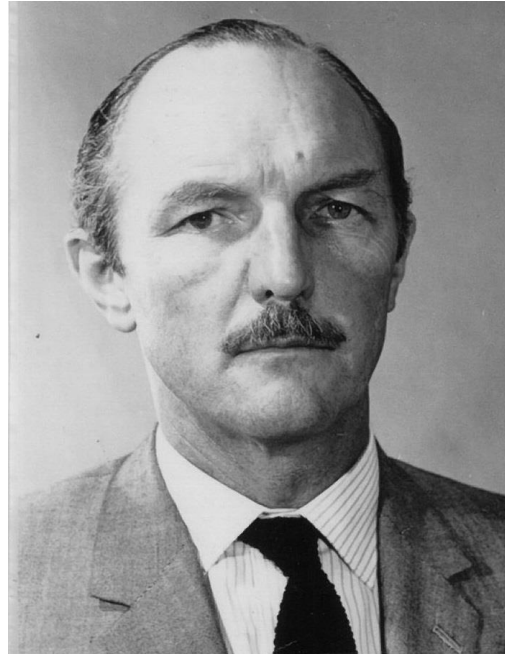


**Edward William Gibson
1920 - 2011**



Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon 1920 - 2011

Ted Gibson was a great force in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery in Sydney.

He attended school at Fort Street High and then graduated in Medicine from Sydney University. He then immediately went to New Guinea as a Medical Officer with the Australian Forces in the Second World War. In 1948 he went overseas to England to study Plastic Surgery at East Grinstead in Sussex.

On returning to Sydney he practised in Macquarie Street Sydney, mainly working at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and St Luke's Hospital at Darlinghurst.

In his time, he was President of the Australian Society of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeons. He was head of the Department of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. He was Chairman of the Section of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. He was Chairman of the Medical Board of Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

Ted was always keen and enthusiastic. He loved sport including tennis and skiing. He enjoyed good jokes and one that he sometimes told at meetings he chaired was:-

There was a special Committee of the Ecumenical Conference discussing the subject of "When does life begin?" The Catholic Bishop said that "Life begins at conception", the Anglican Bishop said "Life begins at the 28th day" and the Rabbi said "Life begins when the kids leave home and the dog dies".

Ted's wife Barbara pre-deceased him by some months.

Ted is survived by his daughters Amanda and Edwina and his six grandchildren. He is remembered with great respect and affection by all who knew him.

Credit: Dr Allan Meares

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