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# SPASM MUSEUM

## Newsletter DECEMBER 2021



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Members Sally Ros & Jo have been busy again developing another Webinar with the help of Molnlycke. This time it's about PPE. This subject is based on the contents of the October Newsletter. We will explore the different styles of materials and protective masks used through history. Please join us on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec at 230 pm or later on demand.

The open days in November were very successful. With a number of people visiting the museum. We have group bookings already arranged for 2022. On February Friday 11<sup>th</sup>-The National Parks Walking group; March Monday 25<sup>th</sup>-The Drummoyne Probus Group. Then on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April The Vintage car Club enthusiasts, lead by ex ambulance officer Les, will be visiting the museum and bringing their Vintage Cars to park in the Car Park. Do come along and join what will certainly be a festive occasion. **We always need extra volunteers on these days please let Ros know if you can assist us.**

Members from the NSW Library will be visiting in early December to borrow some surgical tools to display in their upcoming presentation. More about that in the next newsletter. Our newsletters are now on-line, accessed by a code given to members & friends:

<http://www.spasmuseum.org.au/newsletters.html>

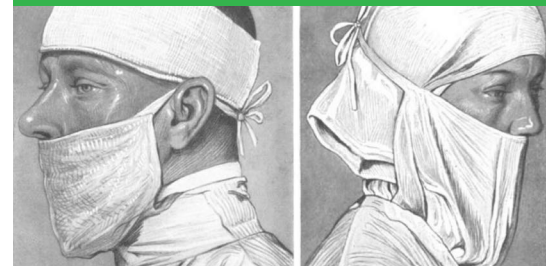
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Attendance at a Health Care Museum such as SPASM allows visitors to reflect on the past, to contrast with the present and contemplate the future



Please join us for the Webinar to be held Thursday 2nd December

### A brief pictorial history of the use of protective masks



Certificate of Attendance can be downloaded at the end of the webinar for CPD redemption.

With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, masks have been at the forefront of everyone's mind. Join us as we look back over the early days of masks discussing some unusual practices including The Plague Doctor Costume and the beak like mask claimed by some to have been worn during the Black plague in the 1600's. We look at different mask practices and construction as we move into modern day masks.

We've certainly come a long way in the development of masks.

Thursday 2nd December 2021  
02:30 PM AEST/04:30 PM NZDT

This webinar will be available on-demand for all registrants.

Duration: 60 minutes



Scan the QR code\* or visit <https://bit.ly/30WBDF1> to register for this webinar.

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## Visiting the HealthCare Museum in real time or online.

Opening hours for the Museum is normally 11 am – 3pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month - February to November.

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Entry to the Museum takes you to another era:



**Our volunteers Gary and Kerry rearranging the furniture again**

In the quest to improve the viewing pleasure for guests we have moved a number of items from the little back room that are not display objects.

Our intention is use that room for a specific purpose in the new year, once it has been renovated.

We have also moved the large EEG machine and the display of anaesthetic connections from a store room into a new Anaesthetic display area in building 1.

We have installed a new cabinet in the Gladesville Room of Building 1 **to better show the beautiful Purple Roman Catholic Chasuble that was previously used at Gladesville Hospital.**

Our curator Gary has generously donated a new large bookcase. We can now reallocate a number of books that we have. Many of the books have not been entered on the database. So we are looking for a volunteer who might be interested in helping us record these precious assets and perhaps reorganise them into their appropriate groups.

The new orthopaedic Cabinet display in Building 6 is almost complete as our volunteer Kate has brought items out of storage, from the collection of Dr. Bruce Shepherd, that had not been on show before.

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**The executive of the museum would like to wish a very happy Christmas and New Year to all of our members and friends. We hope to see you in the New Year at our open days or at a special luncheon day, to be organised, in the New Year. We wish you all a very Happy and Healthy Holiday and look forward to your company next year.**

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