

SPASM MUSE

Newsletter January 2022

Spasm HealthCare Museum Building 6 Victoria Rd Gladesville
No 1 gate house at the Crown Street bus stop on Victoria Road Gladesville



2022 begins a New Year and we cant help but reflect on the Newsletter written in **April 2020** when we first wrote about the museum closing to the public until further notice due to "Covid 19."

At that time all our scheduled tours were cancelled until further notice. However we have remained busy. We have maintained the museum, updated displays, purchased and installed new display cabinets, organised zoom meetings, attended the May 2021 OTA conference. We opened for a group tour in June 2021 then we closed again in July 2021 & cancelled our August face to face AGM. We organised two webinars with the assistance of Member Sally Sutherland Fraser and Corporate member Molyneck. We lent equipment and instruments for a netflix production and more recently are assisting the NSW State Library prepare for their planned upcoming display in July 2022.

Late last year 3 group tours were organised for 2022. But our Special Friday February 11 Group tour for the *National Parks Walking group* has now been cancelled by their organiser. We are hopeful that other groups scheduled for March 21 (*Probus*) April 9 (*Vintage Car Club*) & May 23 (*Photography club*) will be able to go ahead with appropriate precautions. Time will tell. We would appreciate your assistance on those three dates.

In late December we were thrilled to receive a **Swab rack** a donation from Concord hospital facilitated by Michelle Skirvanic. We started this year with acquisitions of obsolete **surgical instrument sets** - this time donated by Nepean Hospital, facilitated by member Debbie Dobbs. Photos of some of these acquisitions are also on page 2.

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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



This "swab rack" is safely tucked away in our store room area at the moment but will be moved to its new home when we reopen in February.



A Craniofix system in its unique and individual metal tray. These forceps were used to re-apply skull bone flaps, following a craniotomy.

Visiting the HealthCare Museum in real time or online.

Opening hours for the Museum is normally 11 am – 3pm on the 2nd Saturday and 4th Monday of each month - February to November.
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Entry to the Museum takes you to another era:



← How-Medica air powered dermatome

Resting quietly in its bespoke autoclavable tray. Considered obsolete, as most instruments now are battery driven not air powered, and much lighter in design.

Codman Cloward Bone Graft set. →

This set was used to gather a dowel shaped Autograft for treatment of Anterior Cervical Spinal fusions. The first ACF was performed in 1952

← Not 1 but 2 Craniotome sets

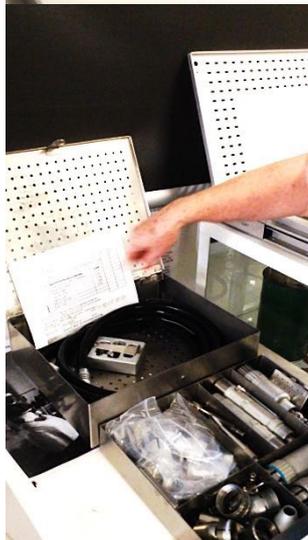
Also air powered and obsolete, last used in 2004, 2 craniotomy instrument sets with their hand pieces and air-powered cables in their metal autoclavable tray complete with tray lists.

Zimmer Herbert Screw Set (Incomplete) →

Last used in 2007 this elegant little set of instruments complete with its double headed non-cannulated bone screws positioned in their dedicated compartments was the workhorse of the hand & trauma surgeons many years ago. The compression screws were used for fixation of intra-articular and extra-articular fractures, avulsions, non union and osteotomies of small bones and bone fragments as well as arthrodesis of small joints.

← Richards pin and plate set & Zimmer Angle plates →

Neatly arranged in its very own autoclavable tray. This set demonstrates the efforts manufacturers went to in order to allow the easy identification of individual instruments that make up essential components of their unique fixation instrument sets.



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