



FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE COLLECTION

**The Friends of the College Collection are dedicated to maintaining the history
of the specialty and women’s health**

The **College Collection** comprises the Frank Forster Library, Museum, Archives and the general collection of art, furniture and historical artefacts. It is situated at College House, 254-260 Albert Street, East Melbourne, the headquarters of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

The Library began in 1954 with an initial loan and subsequent donation from the RCOG of a small collection of rare antiquarian books. In 1987 Dr Frank Forster offered to donate his extensive medical history collection of books, pamphlets, instruments and artefacts to the College. An extension was added to the building to house the collection and the present Library was opened in 1988. The Museum also began in 1954 with a display of instruments at the opening of College House, 8 La Trobe Street, Melbourne. The present Museum was opened in 1997. The Archives, established in 1985, contain the records of the College and also personal papers. The College Collection incorporates a valuable resource for historical research into women’s health, obstetrics, gynaecology and the social history of medicine in Australasia. The collection continues to expand with the many generous donations received from Fellows, Members and Friends and it now ranks as one of the finest obstetrical and gynaecological collections in the world. Further donations are always welcome.

The **Friends of the College Collection** was established in 1990 to raise funds to support the ongoing costs of developing, maintaining and conserving the Collection. Membership of the ‘Friends’ by donation is open to College members as well as those in the wider community with an interest in history of medicine, women’s health, obstetrics and gynaecology. The Friends receive a newsletter of activities and are invited to functions at the College from time to time. I look forward to meeting you at these functions. Donations are tax deductible.

I recommend to you the **Friends of the College Collection**.

Geoffrey J Bishop, Honorary Curator of the College Collection

Application to become a Friend of the College Collection

Name:

Address:

..... Postcode:.....

I wish to donate: \$100 \$200 \$300 \$400 \$500 Other amount:..... to the Friends of the College Collection [please circle amount]

I enclose a cheque for \$..... (made payable to the RANZCOG), or

I wish to pay by credit card: Visa Card Master Card Bankcard

Name on card: Expiry date:/...../...../

Card number: _____ Amount paid:

Signature: Date:.....