



A Healthy Balance



Innovative veterinary surgeon Colin Sherry (77) uses cutting edge technology in his ophthalmology referral practice and stem cell therapy vet centre.

Since graduating from Murdoch University Veterinary School in 1982, Colin has accumulated a vast amount of veterinary experience. In 1991, after completing a Certificate of Veterinary Ophthalmology at Headingly Vet Hospital in Leeds, Colin established a referral ophthalmology practice in Buckinghamshire before being invited onto the British Panel for Inherited Eye Diseases in dogs for the UK Kennel Club.

As an undergraduate Colin had met his future wife, Lesley, whilst she was studying at UWA. Their first son Matthew was born in Buckinghamshire in 1992. The following year they returned to Perth with Colin working at Wattle

Grove Vet Hospital where he started a referral ophthalmology practice and offered an inherited eye testing service for breeders of dogs.

In 1997 Colin and Lesley established their own Veterinary Hospital at Champion Lakes. Their second son Andrew was born the following year. Since then the hospital has grown from a half-vet clinic to a thriving, three-vet hospital. Cutting edge ophthalmology however was not enough for Colin and in 2012 he became the first vet in WA to perform stem cell therapy in private practice, treating patients with arthritis and degenerative joint disease. Referrals were soon coming from all over the State.

Colin has used finely tuned judgement, open-mindedness and critical thinking throughout his career and has also been able to keep a healthy balance in his life. In his student days he used skills gained at Bunbury Grammar to play Hockey for Murdoch University. Now he, Lesley and

both their sons enjoy playing competitive tennis and also love to travel. Colin believes that his family has been his most significant achievement. *“My family brings delight to every day of my life”.*

Thinking back to his time at School Colin acknowledges teachers including Ms Greta Cleghorn and Mr John Jeffreys as inspirational role models. The respect they engendered in the students was a particularly effective form of leadership. He also remembers a time when corporal punishment formed a part of school life and is pleased that more progressive attitudes have long prevailed at Bunbury Grammar.

Looking to the future, Colin intends to continue to enjoy his chosen career and more importantly enjoy the blessed life that he has been given with his wife and sons along with their wide, eclectic and supportive network of friends.

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