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Tales tell of a rich history of doctors at St John of God Health Care

St John of God Health Care today released a new book, ***Decades of Doctors***, in recognition of the doctors and Sisters who have helped shape the Australian health care group over 13 decades.

Decades of Doctors tells of the Sisters of St John of God who arrived in Australia in 1895 and the doctors who joined them in their quest to deliver health care in what was then considered an outpost of society with poor health care infrastructure.

The book chronicles decades of change in health care in Australia through two World Wars, the Great Depression and then later the technological advances that would enable health caregivers to not only manage symptoms but make diagnoses and offer more treatment options.

St John of God Health Care Group Chief Executive Officer Michael Stanford said ***Decades of Doctors*** provided a fascinating insight into the evolution of the practice of medicine and nursing care over the years.

"The book recognises many of the doctors who had made a significant contribution to hospital and health care delivery at St John of God Health Care," Dr Stanford said.

"What is evident in the book and remains constant today is the vital relationship between the doctors, the Sisters and hospital staff and the importance of this in caring for the sick," Dr Stanford said.



Dr Stanford said it was telling that some of the nation's best doctors practicing here in Australia in the new millennium use their skill and compassion to deliver hope through St John of God Health Care's Social Outreach services to the developing world that neighbours the now rich economy of Australia.

With more stories yet to be documented ***Decades of Doctors*** calls for doctors and their families, and others with relevant knowledge to add to this fascinating glimpse into Australian medical history.

Decades of Doctors is a significant historical account and keepsake to obtain a copy, email info@sjog.org.au

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About St John of God Health Care

St John of God Health Care is a Catholic, not-for-profit health care group operating 13 private hospitals (2,030 beds), 7 in regional areas, in New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia. The organisation reinvests revenue in improving the health of Australians by increasing facilities and services, investing in technology and providing a range of health services – at no or minimal cost – to people experiencing disadvantage.

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