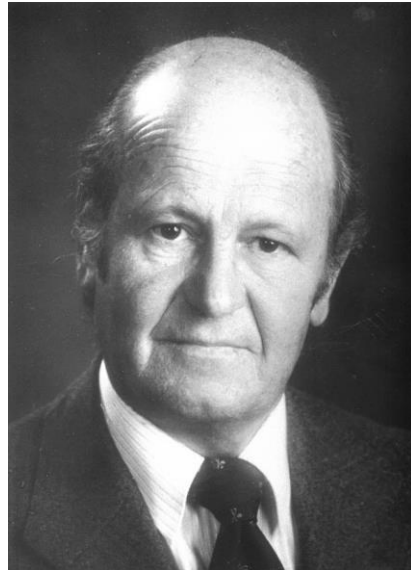


**Donald Robinson**  
**1924 - 2000**



Donald Neil Robinson was a plastic surgeon in Adelaide, South Australia. He was born on 28 October 1924 in Salisbury, South Australia. His father, Edwin Alexander Robinson, was a bank manager; his mother was Mary Robinson née Nicholson.

From 1939 to 1941 Robinson attended Scotch College in Adelaide and then went on to Adelaide University to study medicine. At university, he played tennis and football. He qualified in 1948. After junior posts, he went to the UK, where he trained in plastic surgery at Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, Wiltshire under John Netterville Barron from 1955 to 1957. He gained his FRCS in 1954 and his FRACS in 1957. On his return to Australia, he was a visiting plastic surgeon at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, where he founded and headed the plastic and reconstructive surgical unit, and also a visiting surgeon at the Adelaide Children's Hospital. He was a board member of St Andrew's Hospital, Adelaide from 1988 to 1992. For ten years, from 1982 to 1992, he went on annual visits to Brunei and Malaysia with the Adelaide Children's Hospital.

He was a member of the court of examiners in plastic surgery at the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons from 1972 to 1982. He was a foundation member of the Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons and chairman (from 1972 to 1975), and a foundation member of the Australian Hand Surgery Society and president (from 1976 to 1977). Outside medicine he played golf: he was captain of the Royal Adelaide Golf Club in 1980 and 1981, and president from 1991 to 1994. He also enjoyed bridge, water sports, skiing, sailing and fishing. He farmed and was a member of a race horse breeding syndicate. He was a council member of his old school, Scotch College, from 1970 to 1979. In February 1955, he married Eunice Brooke, a nurse and midwife. They had four children – Stuart James, Jennifer Jane, Mary Ann and Susan Elizabeth. Donald Neil Robinson died on 7 August 2000. He was 75.

***Credit: Obituary for Robinson, Donald Neil (1924 - 2000), Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. Source: Plarr's Lives of the Fellows***