

Fitzroy History Society Annual General Meeting

7pm, Thursday 19 August 2021

at the Fitzroy Town Hall Reading Room

Life and Death at Charles Street, Fitzroy, in the 1870s

A talk by Dr Julie Cliff, AO

Julie Cliff has a family history which extends back to Charles Street, Fitzroy, in the 1870s. Her talk will commence from the family home just 150m south from the Town Hall Reading Room. Julie will explain her discoveries about life and death issues in the nineteenth century, with attention to infectious diseases, and an interesting sequel in the 1940s. She will draw on her life experience in Public Health and Epidemiology on a global scale.



JULIE CLIFF: Julie graduated MBBS from the University of Melbourne in 1967 and has London postgraduate qualifications in internal medicine, tropical medicine and community health. For almost forty years now, she has lived and worked in Mozambique, helping to build both the health system and its medical workforce. Julie Cliff has also made important contributions to the establishment and development of the Mozambique health system as a physician and epidemiologist at Maputo Central Hospital and with the Ministry of Health, and as a professor in community health at Eduardo Mondlane University in Maputo. Since her arrival in Mozambique, the medical workforce has increased more than tenfold; over a thirty year period most doctors were taught by Julie Cliff.

International recognition for her achievements in epidemiology and public health is widespread. She was an International Epidemiologic Fellow at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, USA, and has given the Annual Pumphandle Lecture to the John Snow Society in London. In 1996, she was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia and has been awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws from Monash University, and an Honorary Doctor of Medical Science from University of Melbourne.