

GUEST SPEAKER for July

Professor David Gerrard

Hatfield's Beach resident David Gerrard will only just make our July meeting because he is flying to Japan soon afterwards if the 2021 Olympics go ahead, something that is looking increasingly likely.

David is an emeritus professor at the Otago Medical School in the Department of Medicine. His specialty is sport and exercise medicine. He retired from clinical and academic practice in April 2016.

He continues to Chair the World Anti-Doping Agency Committee for Therapeutic Use and leads many other sports organisations.

As an academic, David spent the bulk of his clinical career in undergraduate medical education, with research his focus at the Otago Medical School where he was also Associate Dean. He has published on topics including paediatric sports medicine, sports injury prevention, bioethics, exercise prescription and sports anti-doping with more than 120 peer-reviewed academic publications and book chapters.

A former national swimming and surf champion, David was a 1964 Olympian and a 1966 Commonwealth Games swimming gold and bronze medallist.

David has served as NZ Olympic Team Doctor, twice NZ Chef de Mission, and Medical Commission member over 10 Summer Olympic Games. His recent appointment to the FINA Medical Commission for Tokyo 2020 will return him to the scene of his first Olympic experience as a competitor in the 200m butterfly.