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GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE PUBLIC LECTURE



DOCTOR KELVIN KONG

5:30pm - 6:30pm Monday 31st January 2011 Building 67.104 Light refreshments available from 4.30pm

"A personal journey of inspiration and encouragement"

Dr Kelvin Kong qualified as the first Aboriginal Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, specialising in Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery.

Kelvin hails from Shoal Bay and the Worimi people of Port Stephens, north of Newcastle. He completed his Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery at the University of NSW in 1999. He embarked on his internship at St. Vincent's Hospital in Darlinghurst and pursued a surgical career, completing resident medical officer and registrar positions at Westmead Hospital, John Hunter Hospital, Gosford District Hospital, Prince of Wales Hospital and the final year of his training completed at St. Vincent's Hospital, fittingly where his career started. Along the way, his has also been privileged in serving the rural community as part of secondments to peripheral hospitals. He is now a qualified Surgeon specialising in Adult & Paediatric Otolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery (Ear, Nose & Throat Surgery), being Australia's first (and currently only) Aboriginal Surgeon.

He is part of a strong, medical family, his mother is a nurse, his sister Marlene is a General Practitioner and her twin Marilyn, is Australia's first Aboriginal Obstetrician and Gynaecologist. Being surrounded by health, he has always championed for the improvement of Indigenous health and education. Complementing his surgical training, he has been involved in numerous projects and committees to help promote Indigenous education and health.