



Foundation Daw Park Inc

Raising funds for medical research at The Repat

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Foundation Daw Park announces 2006/07 Research Grant Recipients

Foundation Daw Park has announced the recipients of its 2006/07 grants for medical research and patient care projects.

Medical research grants

Dr Stuart Baulk, Affiliate Research Fellow and **Catherine Hennessey**, Clinical Nurse both with the Adelaide Institute of Sleep Health at the Repatriation General Hospital are the recipients of this year's grants. In both instances the research is associated with Obstructive Sleep Apnoea (OSA); a common condition that impacts on quality of life, increases the risk of motor and other accidents, while also increasing risk in health areas such as cardiac failure and hypertension. It is estimated to affect 3-5% of the middle aged population.

Dr Baulk's research seeks an answer to the question: Does Obstructive Sleep Apnoea affect everyday driving; while **Catherine Hennessey** is conducting a study on the effectiveness of two variations of CPAP masks used by patients to in turn improve patient comfort and compliance.

Patient care project

Carlie Hopkins, Speech Therapist, Speech Pathology Department, Repatriation General Hospital received a grant for Group Therapy for Patients living with Communication Disability. This project will enhance the lifestyle of patients with communication difficulties resulting from medical conditions affecting the brain. It will provide a supported environment to practice everyday tasks involving reading and verbal communication.

The Foundation's Chair, Retired Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AO CSC, commented, "the Board is delighted to again be able to contribute to the outstanding research and patient care projects conducted on Repatriation General Hospital campus. There is no doubt in the minds of the Board

of Directors, that the hospital is a Centre of Excellence for health care services for veterans and older people in the South Australian community. This year's grant allocations reflect that belief."

Background

Foundation Daw Park is the fund raising arm of Repatriation General Hospital. For over sixty years the hospital has been a Centre of Excellence in the provision of health care services to veterans and their dependents, and increasingly to the wider older community.

The Foundation was established by veterans in the 1990's for the purpose of raising funds for medical research and patient care projects.

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