



Supporting Medical Research and Patient Care at The Repat

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Remembrance Day Business Breakfast

Guests from various sectors of business, academia and community joined Foundation Daw Park for its Remembrance Day Business Breakfast in The Banquet Room at the Adelaide Festival Centre on Friday, 7th November 2008.

Channel 7 personality Mike Smithson hosted a wonderful morning that brought together representation from many elements of the community; Youth and Education; Military personnel and Veterans; Musicians and Business Executives.

As guests were seated, Year 12 Aberfoyle High School Student Ashleigh Bickerton performed the National Anthem accompanied by Heather Elliott on piano.

Chris Jenner, Foundation Daw Park Executive Director, welcomed everyone on behalf of FDP and highlighted the role of the

Foundation in raising funds for medical research and patient care projects at The Repat; and the importance of supporting the health and wellbeing of veterans and the older people of our community.

Keynote Speaker, Graham Cornes, Vietnam Veteran and Media Commentator spoke passionately about Foundation Daw Park and why we still commemorate Remembrance Day.

Lieutenant Colonel Susan Neuhaus, Commanding Officer, 3rd Health Battalion, Keswick Barracks (Veteran Health) highlighted the health needs of today's defence personnel and the importance of Foundation Daw Park

The highlight of the morning was the wonderful performance by the Bacchanalian String Quartet of "ANZAC", a stunning emotional composition by South Australian musician and composer, Grant Sheridan. ■

Repat Award

Congratulations must go to all the staff at Repatriation General Hospital: the hospital has won the Public Sector Leadership Award for Injury Prevention and Management.

Particular congratulations go to those who played leadership roles in the hospital's efforts to reduce both the number and severity of workplace injuries over the last decade. Initiatives, including the onsite physiotherapy treatment service, have helped deliver

above-average return to work and rehabilitation outcomes for hospital employees.

Approximately 700 people from throughout South Australia attended the SafeWork SA event. Judges from SafeworkSA, Business SA and SA Unions considered 42 entries, and then conducted site visits and examined workplace safety system documents in their assessment. The Repat is now a contender for the national awards to be announced in Canberra in early 2009. ■



ANZAC Commemoration Gala Ball

Following the successful inaugural 2008 event, the Foundation team is working on the plans for our 2009 event, with a theme of the times and music of "Vietnam". The night will be one of ceremony, excitement, fun and fund-raising.

Date: Saturday, 18th April 2009
Time: 7.00pm for 7.30pm – midnight
Venue: Grand Ballroom, Hilton International.

For further information, please visit our website: www.foundationdawpark.org.au or phone our office on 8275 1039 ■



Board News

Foundation Daw Park is pleased to announce the recent appointment of **mhm** Accounting Partner, John McCourt to the Board of Directors, following the Foundation's Annual General Meeting held on Monday 17th November 2008.

John McCourt joins FDP Board.

John, who is also on the Foundation Daw Park Governance Committee, specialises in providing business advisory, taxation and financial services to private and public sector organisations and brings to Foundation Daw Park a wealth of knowledge and expertise. ■

Foundation Daw Park Annual Grants 2008/2009



L-R: John McCourt and Darren Baile; James McLoughlin, Bob Willis and Anna Correll.

The Board of Foundation Daw Park is pleased to announce the recipients of its Medical Research and Non-Medical Research Grants for 2009.

Total value: \$139,000 - a substantial increase on last year's Grants allocation. Our ability to increase this funding is due to the combination of a bequest made to the Hospital from the Basil Thomas Estate, corporate philanthropy and our generous donors who are deeply loyal to The Repat and the Foundation.

The Board of Directors hosted a morning tea to meet and congratulate those who were successful in their applications for Grants. Also present at the morning tea were Commander Craig Pritchard from Navy Headquarters and Mick Clarke and Darren Baile from the 3rd Health Support Battalion based at Keswick Barracks.

Thanks must go to the Research Management Committee, chaired by Dr John Costi, for its work in evaluating the medical research submissions. This is a huge task given their "day jobs" and the Foundation thanks them for their time and commitment. ■

Patient Care Projects

APPLICANT	PROJECT
Darren Renshaw	Upgrade and extension of closed circuit TV system to transmit annual commemorative services
Dr Steve Stranks	ECG machine for the Endocrine Diagnostic Unit

Medical Research Grants

APPLICANT	PROJECT
Dr Morton Burt	Continuous glucose monitoring of diabetes in hospital
A/Prof Peter Catcheside	The effect of repetitive low blood oxygen levels on increased breathing load sensations
Prof John Condon	Becoming a Grandparent; an ongoing study of mental/physical health and lifestyle changes
Dr John Costi	Are the discs in the spine more at risk of a slipped disc injury in the morning or at the end of day
Dr Robert Fraser	What causes food to stick in older patients with swallowing difficulties?
Mr James McLoughlin	The effect of a Foot-up device on walking and balance in Multiple Sclerosis
A/Prof John Power	The role of antioxidant enzymes in protecting the brain in chronic brain diseases
Dr Anand Rose	A study of breathing pauses during sleep in patients on long term opiate therapy
Dr Jennifer Walker	Characterisation of a unique population of dendritic cells from synovial tissue in Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) patients
Sharyn Chaplin	The effect of Robotic-Assisted Upper Limb Therapy on upper limb improvements following stroke
Anna Correll	Stroke patients who aspirate thin liquids – a comparison of outcomes of current and emerging practice
Dr Stacey George	The evaluation of rehabilitation of vision following stroke
Toby Hunt	Breathe easier during exercise – Can Heliox improve the sensation of breathlessness and increase exercise duration in people with COPD
Kate Laver	The effect of a new therapy approach (prism glasses and visual scanning practice) on functional tasks for patients with chronic stroke
A/Prof Ernst Shanahan	The safety and efficacy of suprascapula nerve block for chronic shoulder pain

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Thank You AET

The Foundation thanks Australian Executor Trustees (AET) for supporting the Foundation's 2009 Grants Program through their Discretionary Charitable Trusts with a donation of \$25,000. This funding has been an important factor in the Foundation's ability to support our Grants Program to the level we have this year. The specific projects funded by the AET are an upgrade and extension of closed circuit TV system to transmit annual commemorative services; an ECG machine for the Endocrine Diagnostic Unit; and funding for a study into slipped disc injury.

We appreciate AET's ongoing support and look forward to continuing our relationship with them into the future. ■



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Bariatric Beds

Australian Hotels Association (SA) – Hotel Care

Foundation Daw Park was delighted to receive funding for three bariatric beds for Repatriation General Hospital to the value of \$31,000 through the Australia Hotels Association (SA) – Hotel Care Community Projects.

Hotel Care Community Projects is funded by hotels with gaming machines through the Independent Gaming Corporation. South Australian hotels have a long and proud tradition of supporting the community and today can give more – thanks to gaming machines.

Foundation Daw Park would sincerely like to thank AHA | SA President Peter Hurley and Board members of Hotel Care. ■



'Australia' Movie Event

Foundation Daw Park hosted its very first movie event in December at Wallis Cinemas Mitcham. Over 120 guests enjoyed champagne and canapés before settling in to enjoy the Baz Luhrmann epic 'Australia'.

Thank you to Glyn Berry at Wallis Mitcham and everyone who attended; from all reports 'Australia' received a big thumbs up. Work is in progress on the next movie event coming later in the year. ■



Lorin Jenner, Lynn Kurcz and Chris Jenner

A Sweet Way to Help!

Next time you are visiting the Repat, buzz into the Foundation office and pick up a 1kg tub of delicious Beekeepers Choice honey for just \$9.50.

If you love honey, you'll love this Pure Australian Honey direct from the Beekeeper.

We have special honey samplers too – so try before you buy! ■

Defence Teaming Centre Golf Day

Foundation Daw Park was delighted to receive proceeds from the Defence Teaming Centre (DTC) Golf Day held at Mt Osmond on Friday 13th February. As the DTC Charity of Choice, Foundation Daw Park offered players the chance to buy a 'Mulligan' (an extra shot) for \$10 each, which was a welcome relief to some! Foundation board member Paul Merrow took to the greens for a gallant finish. Special thanks to Rita Emanuele and the team at DTC for their continued support of the Foundation. ■



L-R: Ian Pettinger, Paul Merrow, John Rowe and John Parkin.

Channel 9 Telethon Pick A Prize Lottery

What prize can you see yourself picking in the 2009 Channel 9 Telethon Pick A Prize Lottery?

Two lucky winners will get the chance to pick their prize from a choice of prizes on offer, valued at **\$25,000** each - or take a cash prize of **\$20,000** - in this year's **Channel 9 Telethon Pick A Prize Lottery**.

Also up for grabs will be 20 Telstra Next G Mobile phones!

Tickets are \$5 each or a book of 6 tickets for \$25.00 – buy a book and you could win the special book buyers prize!

Books or individual tickets can be purchased via our website: www.foundationdawpark.org.au or by calling the Foundation office on (08) 8275 1039

Foundation Daw Park is a proud Channel 9 Telethon Charity! ■



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Executive Director's Message



Chris Jenner
Executive Director

The Foundation continues to grow, and with that growth we have experienced both success and new challenges. Right now, it's "tough times" due to the current global financial crisis that has affected everyone, including us. Having said that, when the times are tough it's about staying focussed on what's

working, while also seeking new opportunities - and that is what we are doing!

Annual grants

The good news is that through the generosity of our loyal supporters and donors, we were able to fund our Annual Grants Program to the value of \$139,000 in 2008. The funds have been distributed to the researchers and project leaders and we look forward to reporting on their progress on our website.

Veteran medical research

In my last newsletter I mentioned that in addition to our existing Grants Program, and as part of our strategic future, we are committed to funding medical research projects directly associated with the health and wellbeing of veterans (old and young). As I write, we are in the progress of organising a Veteran Medical Research Paper Day to be

hosted by Foundation Daw Park at Repatriation General Hospital on Saturday, 18th July 2009. We look forward to reporting on this event in our next letter, but will also be keeping our website up to date with the latest information and news on that event.

While on the topic of our Veteran Medical Research focus, we are keen to start building our funds for this exciting new area of our work and we are already seeking donations from past and current military personnel and the corporate sector.

Events and campaigns

Our corporate events such as the Remembrance Day Business Breakfast and our ANZAC Commemoration Gala Ball, profiled earlier in this newsletter, are proving to be very successful for us in continuing to build our profile across the industry, business and academic sectors. Our

Repat Appeal and Channel 9 Telethon Lottery activities were also successful for us in 2008 – a big thank you goes to all of our donors and lottery ticket buyers for their continuing generosity.

Charity of Choice

We are the Charity of Choice for the Defence Teaming Centre (DTC), the Defence Industry organisation, and the Australian Israel Chamber of Commerce (AICC). We were the beneficiaries of the DTC's golf day in February, and the AICC managed our Remembrance Day Business Breakfast for us. They are great partners to work with!

In closing, a final thank you to everyone for their commitment to the Foundation as we continue to support medical research and patient care at Repatriation General Hospital. ■

Consider a gift to Foundation Daw Park

When you give a gift in your will to Foundation Daw Park you enhance the Foundation's ability to fund medical research and patient care projects at Repatriation General Hospital.

Gift giving is not difficult; it can be general whereby the Foundation Board allocates the funds wherever the need is greatest, or it can be specific - you select the specific area of medical research, or nominate a special project that is important to you and your family.

For more information about giving a gift in your will contact the Foundation office on: 08 8275 1039 or visit our website: www.foundationdawpark.org.au.

Giving a gift through your will is a very strong gesture of trust in our organisation which we value highly.

In Memoriam Gifts

We gratefully acknowledge gifts recently given in memory of the following:

Ms Norma Blackmore
Mr Thomas William Bonnily
Mr John Edward James Canton
Mr Bryan Clark
Mr Kevin John Devlin
Mrs Lorraine Eadie

Mrs Ebert
Mrs Doreen Flynn
Mr Jack Frederick Gaetjens
Mrs Melva Galpin
Mr Mervyn Hatch
Mr Patrick McCrorey

Mr George Merritt
Mr John McCrone Murray
Mrs Rachel Palmer
Mr Gordon Price
Mrs Annie Melvina Roberts
Mr Edwin Robertson

Mr Frank Stevens
Mr Eric Tetlow
Mrs Shirley Wahlheim

Our care for our fellow man includes the hope that our efforts in this life may bring benefits to others long after we are gone.