

# Foundation Daw Park

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## Remembrance Day Business Breakfast

Foundation Daw Park's Annual Remembrance Day Business Breakfast was held on Wednesday 10 November, at the InterContinental Adelaide. For the fourth consecutive year, the Australian Israel Chamber of Commerce (AICC) partnered with the Foundation to present this breakfast.

In excess of 150 people attended the breakfast to pay tribute to past and present service personnel. After an outstanding introduction by MC Mike Smithson, attendees were treated to an inspirational key note address by Group Captain Reg Carruthers, Commander Aerospace Operational Support Group, who spoke about

the "The importance of the Australian commitment to conflicts on the world stage". With over 29 years in the Royal Australian Air Force, including overseas deployment, Group Captain Carruthers shared with the audience some of his experiences. He also provided a perspective on just how well the Australian Defence Force is perceived overseas. We are extremely grateful to Group Captain Carruthers, who stepped in as the Key Note Speaker at short notice, as the Hon Alexander Downer's UN Commitments were extended and he was unable to attend.

Special thanks go to Jock Statton OAM (President, Returned & Services

League of Australia, South Australian Branch) for reciting The Ode, Warrant Officer Alwin Kidney (Member of the Australian Army Band) for playing The Last Post and The Rouse, and to His Excellency, Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR Governor of South Australia for his attendance.

The Remembrance Day business breakfast is an opportunity for the corporate world to come together and take some time out to remember those service personnel who have fallen, as well as celebrate the positive and long lasting achievements which have been gained.

*Thank you*

to the sponsors of this event, for without their generosity, this event would not have been possible.



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## From the *CEO*

The last few months have been a very busy period for Foundation Daw Park.

As we approach Christmas and the end of 2010, it is wonderful to reflect on the positive support provided to the organisation by our supporters, corporate sponsors and volunteers. Without this support we wouldn't be able to undertake the work we do.



It is also fitting we acknowledge Remembrance Day, the anniversary of the armistice which ended the First World War in 1918. Each year Australians observe one minute's silence at 11 am on 11 November, in memory of those who have lost their lives or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts. On behalf of the Foundation, we would also like to acknowledge current service personnel and honour them for the contribution they are making today.

On Wednesday 10 November, Foundation Daw Park in conjunction with the Australia Israel Chamber of Commerce held our Annual Remembrance Day Business Breakfast. The morning was an opportunity for the business community to take time out and reflect on the sacrifice made by our Veterans. See page one for more details on the Remembrance Day Business Breakfast.

At the October Board Meeting, the Board of Foundation Daw Park approved \$150,000 of Research Grants which will benefit Veterans and the wider community. The Foundation is thrilled at the quality of the research which is being conducted and we truly believe that this research will make a difference to the lives of Veterans and many others (see adjacent article for further details on Foundation Daw Parks Research Grants).

On behalf of the Board and staff of Foundation Daw Park, I wish all our supporters, volunteers and the many friends of the Foundation a very happy Christmas and a safe, healthy and prosperous 2011.

*Ed Scanlon*

## 2010-2011 Foundation Daw Park

## *Research Grants*

At the October Board Meeting, the Board of Foundation Daw Park approved \$150,000 of research grants.

The money is being distributed amongst 13 South Australian research projects, covering issues in a wide range of medical conditions which not only impact veterans but also many other people in the community.

Each year a number of medical breakthroughs are achieved by research and Foundation Daw Park is proud to be associated with so many different areas of research which will ultimately improve the quality of life of Veterans and many others in the wider community.

The thirteen research projects approved include:

- Self management support for people who have both obstructive sleep apnoea and obesity
- Investigating the relationship between calcium supplements and cardiovascular disease
- Patterns of morning salivary cortisol secretion in untreated versus treated sleep apnoea
- A study to compare how well patients do with treatment after undergoing full monitoring in a sleep laboratory versus simplified sleep study recordings to test for possible obstructive sleep apnoea
- What determines an individual's preferences for colorectal cancer screen tests
- Investigating the usually induced Postural Sway and Falls Risk in patients with dizziness
- Determining the rate of persistent infestation of the gut parasite *Strongyloides Stercoralis* in South Australian Vietnam Veterans
- The effect of exercise training on fatigue in people with multiple sclerosis
- Chemical signalling in Prostate Cancer
- Effective treatments for breathlessness in people with emphysema and high back pressure through the blood vessels of the lungs
- The effect of increased carbon dioxide on breathing stability during sleep
- Exercise in advanced cancer
- Rheumatoid arthritis treatments based on analysis of a biopsy of the involved joint lining

Over the next few years, the range of research being funded by Foundation Daw Park will hopefully lead to new ways of treating numerous medical conditions, making a real difference to the lives of many.

## Repatriation General Hospital *Golf Day*



The Vines at Reynella was the location for the 2010 Repat Golf Day. Held on Friday 22 October, the day was an opportunity for hospital staff and sponsors to get together and enjoy good company and a round of golf, all in aid of supporting Foundation Daw Park.

Weather conditions were ideal, with players teeing off with a shotgun start at 8.00 am. The drinks cart was kept busy throughout the day keeping everyone well hydrated.

At the conclusion of play, everyone enjoyed a hearty meal and the awards and raffle prizes were announced. For the record the winning team was: Leanne Bell, Patrick Campbell, Phillips Simonds and Richard McDougall.

This year's Repatriation General Hospital Golf Day raised \$9222 for Foundation Daw Park to benefit medical research and patient care projects at The Repat - a stunning result and a wonderful day for all who joined in the fun! Our sincere thanks and appreciation go to the organising committee comprising of Neil Penno, Stuart Shaw, David Kemp and Randy Jones.

The day would not have been possible without our major sponsor Repat Radiology. Other sponsors on the day included Defence Health, Metron Design Building Services, Symbion Hospital Services, Spotless, Yellow Couriers and Keith Bowden Electrical.



## *Remembrance Day at the Repat* 11 November 2010

Remembrance Day has significance to all Australians; however Remembrance Day at the Repatriation General Hospital holds an even greater meaning to Veterans and their families.

At 11am on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, the Annual Remembrance Day Service was held at the RGH Chapel, with approximately 200 people in attendance. The ceremony featured readings from the Repat's Chaplains, a bugler and a minute's silence to reflect on those people who have given their lives so we can have the Australian lifestyle we all know and love.

As the last remaining Repatriation Hospital in Australia, there is a special meaning to attending the Remembrance Day Service at the historic Repat Chapel. It was a moving and fitting tribute to Australia's Veterans of all ages.

## Foundation Daw Park –

### *2010 Annual General Meeting*



Foundation Daw Park's 2010 Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 15 November.

The terms of Board Members John Rawson, John McCourt and Ellie Hamilton were up for renomination. All three Board Members renominated and were elected unopposed for a further two year term.

In the absence of the Chairman, Bob Willis, the Deputy Chair, Peter Croser provided the meeting with a Board update. This was followed by the Treasurer John McCourt providing a summary of the financial status of the Foundation including trends seen over the last 12 months.

Ed Scanlon, CEO of the Foundation also gave an update on the operations of the business and informed attendees on the goals of the Foundation for the coming 12 months.

Congratulations go to John Rawson, John McCourt and Ellie Hamilton for being re-elected to their Board positions.

## Australian Hotels Association (SA) provide funding for vital equipment

Through the generous support of the Australian Hotels Association (SA) Hotel Care, Foundation

Daw Park has purchased a \$30,000 Ohmega Ambulatory Impedance-pH Recorder for the Repatriation General Hospital.

This new piece of equipment is being used by The Oesophageal Function Laboratory, Investigation and Procedures Unit which is based at the Repatriation General Hospital.

The Oesophageal Function Laboratory, Investigation and Procedures Unit provides oesophageal function testing to patients with dysphagia (difficult and painful swallowing), heartburn and/or gastro-oesophageal reflux disease.

Despite the use of acid-suppressive medications, many patients are admitted to the Oesophageal laboratory with symptoms of 'volume reflux'. These patients suffer from regurgitation and aspiration of non-acid fluid after meals and at night.

Oesophageal impedance testing is a new technique that measures both acid and non-acid reflux, which is helpful in making this sometimes-difficult diagnosis.

Patients presenting with symptoms of volume reflux were usually on-referred to the Royal Adelaide Hospital for testing, but now this new piece of equipment will ensure patients at the Repat can be tested without being referred to other hospitals.

Foundation Daw Park would like to acknowledge the generosity of the Australian Hotels Association (SA) Hotel Care.



## Supporter Morning Tea

On Wednesday 13 October, Foundation Daw Park held a morning tea in appreciation of its regular donors.

The morning tea commenced with an address by the Foundation's Chairman Commodore Bob Willis RANR, followed by an update on Foundation Daw Park's recent activities by CEO, Ed Scanlon.

The Guest Speaker for the Morning Tea was Group Captain Reg Carruthers, Commander Aerospace Operational Support Group and Senior Defence Force Representative - SA.

Group Captain Carruthers talked about the new equipment being purchased by RAAF and the expansion taking place at the RAAF Base Edinburgh due to the relocation of 7RAR from Darwin to Adelaide. It was evident from his presentation that this is having a very positive effect on the defence industry in South Australia.

Finally, Group Captain Carruthers talked of the great work being done by Foundation Daw Park and how important it is for medical research to continue in relation to veterans' health issues.

Foundation Daw Park would like to extend its sincere thanks to Group Captain Carruthers for taking the time to address our supporters at the Morning Tea. His presentation was well received and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

## Australian Executor Trustee

# \$10,000 Grant

The Foundation thanks Australian Executor Trustees (AET) for supporting the Foundation's 2010/11 Grants Program through their Discretionary Charitable Trusts with a donation of \$10,000.

We appreciate the Australian Executor Trustees' ongoing support and look forward to continuing our relationship with them into the future.



## Upcoming Events

Saturday 9th April, 2011 ANZAC Commemoration Gala Ball

## Foundation Daw Park Incorporated

CEO	Ed Scanlon	
Board Members	Bob Willis (Chairman) Peter Croser (Deputy Chairman) John McCourt John Rawson A/PROF Susan Neuhaus	Paul Merrow Donny Walford Ellie Hamilton Jackie Howard
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