

# Foundation Daw Park

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# News



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Welcome to Foundation Daw Park's Spring Newsletter. It has been a very busy time for the Foundation over the last few months, and we would like to share some of our recent events, activities and successes with our supporters.

Based at the Repat Hospital, Foundation Daw Park relies upon community fundraising, donations and corporate sponsorship and support, so that it can provide funding for the Repat Hospital and for Veterans' Health. Foundation Daw Park is an unique Foundation, helping an unique hospital – The Repat is now the only repatriation hospital left in Australia, and provides an amazing legacy to the whole community.

## 2011 South Australian Defence and Veteran Health Research Paper Day

Foundation Daw Park's third annual SA Defence & Veteran Health Research Paper Day was held on Friday 5 August 2011 at the Repatriation General Hospital.

This event, organised by Foundation Daw Park, showcased the medical research being undertaken in the important field of Defence & Veteran health. It provided a valuable opportunity for medical researchers from across the State – and indeed, from across Australia - to come together at The Repat to present updates on the research they are conducting. It also gave researchers a great opportunity to network with colleagues in the Veterans and Defence industry, and to discuss

current and future projects.

The two key note speakers - COL Stephanie Hodson CSC, and LTCOL Richard Mallet - drew particular praise for their presentations.

COL Hodson, who is the Director of Strategic and Operational Mental Health for the Australian Defence Force, spoke on the mental health issues that are arising in our current Veterans. Today's soldiers face a very different battle from the wars of old, and this is resulting in an increase in the number of Veterans returning with Mental Health conditions as a result of their service.

LTCOL Richard Mallet gave a presentation on the "Soldiers Wounded, Injured and ill in Battle Program" – also known as SWIIP. It provides support

to soldiers who have been injured on the front line, and assists them with their rehabilitation – including coming to terms with the injuries they have sustained. SWIIP gives as much focus to the mental health state of injured soldiers as it does to their physical wellbeing.

The sessions which followed these two key note speakers included the presentation of nine key research Abstracts, along with a briefing of new and up coming research and programs highly relevant to Defence and Veterans.

At the conclusion of the day, Dr Ching Li Chai-Coetzer of the Adelaide Institute for Sleep Health based at the Repatriation General Hospital, was awarded the **Best Scientific Paper**. Research

Fellow, Delyth Lloyd of the Australian Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health, in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Melbourne was awarded the **Best Defence & Veteran Health Paper**. Each Award came with a cheque to the value of \$1,000, sponsored by Veterans' SA.

Foundation Daw Park is sincerely grateful to our sponsors for this event who helped to make such a successful day possible. Our thanks go to Repat Radiology, Flinders University, The Government of South Australia – Veterans SA, The RSL (SA Branch), Defence Health, Defence SA, The Defence Teaming Centre and Grant Burge Wines.



Dr Ching Li Chai-Coetzer and Research Fellow, Delyth Lloyd, who presented the winning papers at the 2011 FDP Research Paper day.



LTCOL Richard Mallet, A/Prof Susan Neuhaus CSC and COL Stephanie Hodson CSC at the FDP Research Paper Day.

# Changes to the *Board* of Foundation Daw Park

The annual election of Office Bearers occurred at the June Meeting of the Board of Foundation Daw Park.

It is with great pleasure that we announce Paul Mellow as the new Chair of Foundation Daw Park. Paul has been on the Board of Foundation Daw Park for the past 6 years and brings a wealth of experience from the defence industry, including being the CEO of a key supplier of defence components. Paul has taken over the chair from Commodore Bob Willis, RANR, who has been the Chair of our Foundation for the past three years. Bob has done a stellar job of providing strategic leadership of the Foundation during his tenure.

The position of Deputy Chair has gone to Associate Professor Susan Neuhaus CSC. Susan, who has been on the Board of Foundation Daw Park for over 2 years, has extensive experience in Defence and Veteran health – she is not only a leading surgeon and oncology specialist, but also reached the rank of Colonel in the Australian Defence Force Reserves, and has seen service in Afghanistan, Cambodia and the Solomon Islands.

The position of Treasurer has remained with John McCourt. John, a Partner with Deloitte Private, will continue to bring a wealth of knowledge and experience in financial management and sustainability.

It is with regret that we announce the resignations of Donny Walford and Peter Croser from the Board of Foundation Daw Park. Due to work commitments, they have both decided it is the right time to step down from their Board positions.

Foundation Daw Park would also like to welcome Prof Alexander (Sandy) McFarlane AO from CMVH to the Board. Sandy brings a wealth of experience in the Veteran field.



Paul Mellow



A/Prof Susan Neuhaus CSC

The Foundation Daw Park Board now consists of:  
Mr Paul Mellow (Chair and Member of Finance and Audit Committee)  
A/Prof Susan Neuhaus CSC (Deputy Chair)  
Mr John McCourt (Treasurer and Member of Finance and Audit Committee)  
Commodore Bob Willis RANR (Member of Finance and Audit Committee)

Miss Ellie Hamilton  
Ms Jackie Howard  
Prof Alexander (Sandy) McFarlane AO

# *Remembrance Day* Business Breakfast

Foundation Daw Park, in conjunction with the Australia-Israel Chamber of Commerce, is holding its Annual Remembrance Day Business Breakfast on Thursday 10 November at the InterContinental Hotel in Adelaide, commencing at 7.30am.

The Remembrance Day Business Breakfast is a great opportunity to join with leaders in the South Australian business community to acknowledge and honour our past and present day Veterans.

The key note speaker for this year's event will be SGT Craig Hansen, Sniper Supervisor / Rec Platoon Sergeant, 7RAR.

SGT Hansen grew up in country NSW and enlisted into the Army on 25 July 1994. He joined the



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Infantry Corps, and reached the rank of Sergeant. SGT Hansen deployed a number of times to East Timor and Afghanistan; while in Afghanistan, he was seriously wounded in action when the Bushmaster in which he was travelling struck an Improvised Explosive Device.

After 11 operations, with more pending, Craig continues with his rehabilitation for the injuries he sustained. He is currently employed within 7RAR at Edinburgh Defence Precinct as the Reconnaissance Platoon Sergeant and Sniper Supervisor after recently re-locating to Adelaide; specialising in Reconnaissance and Sniping, he is using his skills to assist 7RAR in raising their Recon and Sniper capability.

Don't miss your opportunity to attend this prestigious event and show your support to past and current day Veterans, whilst supporting the work of Foundation Daw Park.

Date: Thursday 10 November 2011  
Time: 7.15am for 7.30am – 9.00am  
Venue: The Ballroom  
InterContinental Adelaide  
North Terrace, Adelaide  
Dress: Lounge Suite, Day Dress,  
Awards and Medals may be worn.

Tickets are \$70 per a person, or tables of 10 for \$700.

Bookings can be made by going to <http://mybookingmanager.com/aiccsa101111>

## Supporter Morning Tea

On Thursday 25th of August, Foundation Daw Park held a Supporter Morning Tea at the Repat. The guest speaker for this event was Dr. John Costi, who is the Senior Lecturer in Biomechanical Research at Flinders University. John has been working as a Biomechanical Engineer in the field of Orthopaedics since 1991 and undertook his postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Vermont, USA - one of the most prestigious international biomechanics research centres. He has presented more than 75 papers, both nationally and internationally, on a wide range of biomechanical topics. His major research interests are to understand the mechanisms of spine disc degeneration and tissue injury, and bone and soft tissue mechanics across their hierarchical scales.

John gave a presentation on a new piece of equipment that has been

developed at Flinders University called the Hexapod Robot. This machine, developed by John and his team, enables complex testing of bones, joints, soft tissues, artificial joints and other medical and surgical devices.

Foundation Daw Park, together with Australian Executor Trustees, provided the seed funding for the early stages of the development of this ground breaking equipment. Whilst research outcomes can take many years to eventuate, we must remember that many of the day to day treatments and cures that we take for granted today are all the result of research that has occurred in the past.

Foundation Daw Park is excited at the development of this equipment and looks forward to sharing in future breakthroughs that will ultimately improve the quality of life for patients and Veterans alike.



Dr John Costi speaking at the Supporter Morning Tea

## Foundation Daw Park announce 2011-2012 Grants

In August, Foundation Daw Park released its grants funding allocation for 2011/12. For this round of grants, the Foundation has allocated \$150,000 to go towards medical research which benefits Veterans, medical research based at the RGH and support projects that benefit the Veteran Community. Successful grant applications will be announced in December.

For further information on Foundation Daw Park Grants, please visit the Foundation Daw Park website:  
[www.foundationdawpark.org.au](http://www.foundationdawpark.org.au)

## Soul Deal

Do you love eating out at great restaurants, meeting friends, and relaxing at spas and salons? Do you enjoy cutting edge theatre and blockbuster movies, outdoor activities, events, travel and fashion?

You now have the opportunity to save money on a great range of fantastic experiences and products, and at the same time contribute valuable funds to Foundation Daw Park.

Just go to [www.souldeal.com.au](http://www.souldeal.com.au) to sign up for the latest deals to be sent to you - the more you save, the more money Foundation Daw Park receives. How good is that?!

A win for business, a win for Foundation Daw Park and a win for you!!



## Channel 9 Telethon Take 9

# Wallis Movie Card

**Do you enjoy going to the Movies? Well here's an opportunity that will save you money and provide support to Foundation Daw Park!!**

Sponsored by Channel 9 Telethon, Wallis Cinemas and Robern Menz, the Take 9 Movie Card offer is valid until the end of February 2012.

- See two movies for free
- Includes 9 movies for only \$9 each for two people (surcharge applies for 3D and special Event movies)
- A bag of Menz Fruchocs
- Available all sessions (unless sold out)
- Over \$150 savings for ticket purchases
- A chance to win a Wallis Gold Pass for 2012

All this for just \$19!!

To secure your Take 9 Movie card, contact Sal on 8275 1039.



## Christmas Cards

With only three months until Christmas, it's time to start thinking about ordering your Christmas Cards.

Foundation Daw Park is selling packs of 12 Christmas Cards for \$10. Packs of cards can be purchased at the Foundation Daw Park office or individually at the Charity Card Shop (7b Southern Cross Arcade Adelaide).

As well as standard Christmas Cards, Foundation Daw Park is also offering our corporate supporters a special opportunity to have personally tailored Corporate Cards. These cards will include a design of your choice, along with your selected wording and corporate logo. For information on pricing and design, please contact the Foundation on 8275 1039.



Corporate cards

General cards

## Foundation Daw Park Incorporated

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