



# KEMH Alumni Inc Newsletter

## President's message

At the AGM on 20 July 2017 our treasurer Brian Austin announced that the KEMH Alumni had cleared all debts associated with our contribution to the KEMH Centenary year. Our association is now 'in the black' and can move forward into new areas of interest for our members and KEMH. Your Alumni Committee thanks the Fundraising Sub Committee, as well as the generosity of members in giving their time, donations for raffles and support for fundraising events. If you have ideas for future initiatives please e-mail these to our Secretary, Brigitte.

Our sincere thanks go to Lesley Fleay who has volunteered to produce our newsletter, THE STORK. Lesley is the mother of one of our midwives, Emma Vosnacos, and is my friend and neighbour. We hope you enjoy this first edition. Anne Rae

## Financial achievements 2010 - 2017.

The KEMH Alumni was formed at an initial meeting on 22 November 2010 when 10 members present paid their subscriptions. From that humble beginning the Alumni has gone on to finance and publish the history of the hospital. In the period July 2013 to December 2016, \$188,000 was paid to historians Jenny and Bevan Carter for "King Eddies: a history of Western Australia's premier women's hospital 1916-2016". This was financed by grants and donations from the Hospital Special Purpose Account, RANZCOG, the College of Midwifery, Mr and Mrs Rear, Millenium Minerals, Heytesbury and others as well as funds raised through sales and functions. A short term loan through WIRF enabled the Committee to meet final payment deadlines. It was a tremendous effort from what was essentially a small group that produced a memorable product.

Over the time our Alumni has had a financial turnover of over

\$240,000 and after paying all the costs of the publication of the book and other costs, is still in the black. We are debt free and ready for new initiatives which meet the objectives of the Alumni.



## Tribute to Julie Rakic

Julie Rakic, the inaugural President gets a big thank you from us all for her strong leadership in the first years of our Alumni. Driving from Chittering for early morning meetings, or from Midland on busy afternoons was just the beginning of Julie's enthusiasm. Julie led a hard working committee to oversee the logistics and fundraising required for the Alumni's contribution to KEMH Centenary celebrations. A standout is probably the

Centenary Rose production, which saw Julie mount a formidable case at the production nursery. Julie's no nonsense approach with a big dose of humour facilitated numerous successes in our first years as an organisation.

## Summary of KEMH Alumni Inc. Fundraising Events 2013-2017

The focus of our fundraising has been for the "History of KEMH Centenary Project"- the "King Eddies" book. Our



fundraising efforts began in 2013-2014 with the KEMH Centenary Rose - a tea rose grown just for the Alumni. These 500 roses sold out very quickly!

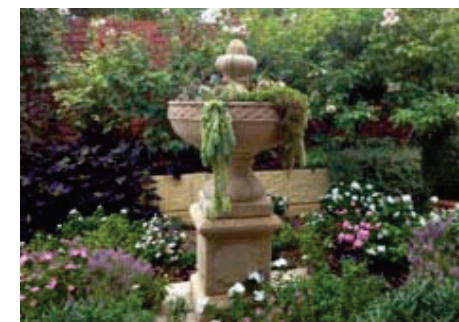


We also had **Centenary Aprons & Tea Towels** designed with the King Eddies stork motif. They are a smart accessory in any kitchen! The tea towels have sold out but if you get in quickly there are some aprons still available.

An **Open Garden** was held on Saturday 14 November 2015 at the home of Margaret Kneebone,



one of our Alumni members. A gorgeous garden appreciated by the many who tolerated the extreme heat on the day & enjoyed a Devonshire Tea and



the lovely music provided by the flute ensemble of Leanda Verrier & Sam Stoddart.

We have been lucky to have had two opportunities for an Exclusive Private Viewing of the **Wesfarmers Art Collection** - one of Australia's top corporate

collections - arranged for the Alumni by Kate McGurk. Tickets sold out quickly for the two events held on 10 December 2015 and again on 23 May 2017.



A special thank you must go to Wesfarmers and the curator Helen Carroll for their invaluable support.

Two fundraising **movie nights** have been held at the Windsor Cinema - the movies were "Bridget Jones' Baby" and "Hidden Figures".

A **comedy night** was held at the Charles Hotel in October 2015 - a fun night filled with laughter!

A **High Tea** was held in October 2015 in conjunction with the **KEMH Rewards, Recognition & Wellness**

**Committee** and was a very successful event. Lots of fun, laughter and calories! It was held at the home of Marie Brown with a wonderful "Melbourne Cup" theme. Marie has kindly agreed to hold another High Tea for us later this year!