



# The STORK



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## KEMH Alumni Inc Newsletter

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### President's Message

Welcome to the eighth issue of The Stork. COVID is no longer a stranger and seems to have settled in to stay long term. The border we might have thought we could simply put up with for a while, is now here to stay! Here in Western Australia, we are now getting ready to open up our doors to the rest of Australia and the world, all the while trying to find the best way to also protect our own population. A difficult balancing act. We are all learning what works best for ourselves and our families to keep safe while at the same time getting on with living our lives.

### NMHS COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic



The vaccination team was front and centre for the City of Perth Skyshow this January 26 offering first, second and booster vaccinations

to the general public across the afternoon and early evening.

Lead by the senior nurse for the NMHS COVID-19 Vaccination Program, Ann Andrews, the team consisted of four nurse vaccinators, two administrative staff and an onsite pharmacist. Over 100 vaccinations were given, with 13 first doses, 11 second doses and 80 boosters.

It was a great day according to Ann, "The clinic ran very smoothly thanks to a fabulous team and the public were very receptive to obtaining information and receiving their COVID-19 vaccinations."

And as an added bonus the staff were able to view the sky show from a first-class location.

### Social Evening Dates

We usually meet on the fourth Thursday, every second month but there will be some changes, as follows:

March: **Cancelled** due to current COVID restrictions in the hospital  
May: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>  
July: **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>**  
September: **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
November: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

The dates in July and September had to be altered as the room wasn't available on the third Thursday as we usually have.

## January Social Evening

China painting from the 1880's by Dorothy Erickson. Dorothy is the author of several books on art, design and history in Western Australia. She has been writing about the crafts since the mid 1970s and is a Fellow of the Royal Western Australian Historical Society. She was also awarded the State Heritage Award for an Individual for her documentation of Western Australian built and portable heritage. Many thanks to Dorothy for sharing her knowledge and expertise on this topic.

## 30 years of education at KEMH



After 30 years, **Midwife Educator Janice Butt** is saying goodbye to all the incredible people she has worked besides in her time at the Women and Newborn Health Service (WNHS). Janice, HOD for Department of Nursing & Midwifery Education & Research (DNAMER) and Coordinator Midwifery & Nursing Staff Development, said that she has thoroughly enjoyed her career as a Midwife, predominantly in education at King Eddie's Memorial Hospital (KEMH) and Curtin University.

“It has been a privilege to work alongside so many amazing people during my 30 years at KEMH, after emigrating from the UK in 1992. I can hardly believe that so much time has passed so quickly and that I have been involved in so many changes in the health service, during that time.

“Working in a health service that truly values education and research, recognising the significant contribution made to the clinical and psychological outcomes for women and families has just been the best.

“The collaboration between disciplines and respect for midwifery as a distinct profession. I have received a considerable amount of personal as well as professional support from my line manager and other staff across the organisation, that I will always be tremendously grateful for. My own daughter gave birth to her daughter in water at KEMH in 2021 with an amazing continuity of care midwife – the absolute highlight of my involvement with the health service!”

Janice is looking forward to her new ‘unpaid’ role as “... Nana to my beautiful one year old granddaughter.”

## KEMH Alumni Cookbook and Tea Towels

These are still available via our KEMH Alumni webpage. We can arrange to mail these to you or if you prefer, we can arrange for them to be picked up from KEMH.

Cook books \$30 each & and Tea Towels \$15.

Email us if you would like to know more at:

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