



# The STORK



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## KEMH Alumni Inc Newsletter

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### President's Message

Welcome to the December issue of The Stork – wishing all Alumni members, their families and dear ones a happy, safe and peaceful Christmas.

KEMH held a Christmas Market Day on Wed 14<sup>th</sup> December and staff were provided with a free lunch from of a number of food vans. There were also a variety of stalls on the front lawn including the Alumni. We were able to sell tea towels, books, marmalade made by Jenny Kennedy and succulents grown by Anne Rae, and also raised awareness of the Alumni. Many thanks to the fund-raising committee.

### SEPTEMBER SOCIAL EVENT

In September we once again enjoyed the fine food, wine and service at the Pines in Bentley. This has become a very popular event with more than 20 people in attendance. Below are pictures of just a few of those in attendance.



## NOVEMBER SOCIAL EVENT

In November we enjoyed a visit and lecture at the Royal WA Historical Societies headquarters in Nedlands. Wendy Lugg, their artist in residence, told of the adventures of travellers on ocean liners in the earlier part of the 20th century. Many who attended also found the historical society had a vast collection on the history of WA, and I am sure some plan to visit again to explore this some more.

## KEMH CHRISTMAS DANCE!

You might like to click on the following YouTube link to see the Christmas dance that was put together by KEMH staff this year. It will put a smile on your face.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7G2brx3reIM>

## JANUARY SOCIAL EVENT PRE-VIEW



There will be a tour of the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research in Hollywood on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January @ 10.30 am so put this in your 2023 diary now. More details to come.

## NORTH METROPOLITAN HEALTH SERVICE *Facebook page*

Congratulations to KEMH Clinical Midwife, Clare who was our October Employee of the Month. Clare was nominated by her colleagues for being a strong role model within the Labour and Birth Suite at KEMH and her nomination made reference to feedback recently received from a returning family.

Having cared for a lady a few years earlier during an incredibly difficult time, when she gave birth to a stillborn child, the lady's mother sought out Clare whom she said: "had a significant impact on her daughter's life,

resulting in her changing direction and her behaviours."

The lady went on to say the care Clare provided at the time, "helped her daughter in turning her life around and that she was responsible for her being here today." Congratulations Clare, in the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife, this is wonderful feedback and it highlights the impact our midwives can have on their patients.



## COVID YEAR 2020 – looking back at some interesting statistics

2020 wasn't just a busy year for the Emergency Centre and COVID-19 clinics, it was also the busiest year in 104 years at King Edward Memorial Hospital! There were 6431 babies born that year, with 200 sets of twins, 4 sets of triplets and even 1 set of quadruplets (pictured).



I don't have the exact number but I know KEMH went on to well and truly break this record in at least one year since then when there were **over 7000 births!!**